



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

END OF TERM 3—EARLY DISMISSAL

Friday 22nd September, 2017

Students dismissed at 1:22pm—Buses depart 1:30pm

TERM 4 COMMENCES MONDAY 9th OCTOBER, 2017

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

On Saturday 19th August and Saturday 9th September, we held our two annual Presentation Balls at the Melrose Reception Centre, our 29th consecutive year for these events. Sixteen then twenty pairs of students, together with family, friends and College staff, have again showcased splendid celebrations in two wonderful College and community events. Congratulations again to organisers, Jennie Siede and Leanne Johnson, who have now run our Presentation Balls for 22 years and they always produce a quality event. Also a big thank you to Julie Ryan, who has taught the 'dance moves' to our debutantes for the past 27 years, and on these two Saturday evenings, presented them in spectacular fashion.

On Saturday 16th September our College was well represented at this years Victorian State Schools Spectacular performance at Hisense Arena. Students were selected from all over Victoria for this premier artistic event and 35 of our students performed as part of the team this year. Sixteen of our students were in the mass choir and sixteen of our students were in the mass dance. Impressively we also had three of our students chosen for principal roles and congratulations on this fine effort to singers Abby Keenan of Year 8 and Ava Keiper of Year 7, and also Eloise Durrant of Year 7 who was a skater. The performance was televised and a special broadcast with behind the scenes highlights will air in December of this year on Channel Seven in Victoria.



Ruby Panozzo

I would like to mention the outstanding achievement of Ruby Panozzo, Year 12 student, and one of our College Captains, who has been awarded the 2017 'Lew Hall Award' by the Northern Football League. This is a most prestigious community award and its purpose is to encourage leadership in young people through unselfish contributions to the betterment of a club, the league and community. Once again, congratulations to Ruby, and we are very proud of her achievement.

The \$14 million refurbishment and redevelopment of the College is making steady and noticeable progress. We are almost at the handover stage of the new Science wing and the builders will then shift their focus onto C Block. The major redevelopment on the side of the Gymnasium/Hall will take a little more time, but already the early landscaping that is taking place looks impressive. The purpose-built Drama and Art Rooms have also made steady progress.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL cont...

This week we held our annual Term 3 Student Progress Interview Day and Evening on Wednesday 20th September. This was very well attended and was an excellent opportunity for parents and guardians to receive valuable feedback on the progress of their child's learning and school experience.

During the past four years the College has had a number of teaching staff in contract positions due to staff movement and student enrolment growth. Over the past two years our Year 7 enrolments have increased considerably as has the profile of our College in the community. This has given us the opportunity to award ongoing status to a large number of staff who have been on limited term contracts, and they are most impressive teachers and their appointments have been well deserved. These teachers are:

- Belinda Bell (Maths/Science)
- Stephanie Short (English/Humanities)
- Jessica Franklin (Maths/Science)
- Hamish Yule (Japanese/Humanities/Psychology)
- Stephen Minglis (English/Humanities/French)
- Lee Thompson (PE/Humanities)
- Peter McCoy (PE/Outdoor Ed/Humanities)
- Samantha Shelton (PE/Maths/HHD)
- Ben Sowden (Maths/PE)
- Rebecca Culnane (Legal Studies/Humanities)
- Gemma Seymour (Humanities/Psychology/English)
- Anna Sangmeister (English/Humanities)

Teacher Jason Mill has also been appointed to a 15 month advertised position at the College for Drama/Theatre Studies/Dance, and he will commence in the role next term.

Regards

Allan Robinson
Principal

PRIDE IN ACHIEVEMENT

Most of you will be familiar with our College motto, *Pride in Achievement*. In accordance with this motto, the College would like to establish a register of high achievement so that we can acknowledge those students who qualify and share their accomplishments and celebrate this with the Montmorency Secondary College community.

In order for us to be able to acknowledge all those students who qualify, including those achievers who might otherwise go unnoticed, we have a special request for all Parents/Guardians: If your child has been selected or chosen at **State** or **National** level for any personal or team achievement, be it academic, artistic or sporting, please advise Rose Taranto in the General Office on 9422 1500. We do try to acknowledge students achievements in our Newsletter. Also, as our 2017 Awards Evening will be held on Thursday 21st December, we believe it would be an ideal time to acknowledge students' out-of-school accomplishments, so if you believe your child qualifies, please let us know as soon as possible.

Allan Robinson
Principal

SAVE THE DATE

FOR THE
Montmorency Secondary College



Thursday 21ST December, 2017
Planetshakers Centre
360 Main Road, Lower Plenty
6.45pm for a 7pm Start

Meningococcal W Secondary School Vaccine Program

The Banyule City Council Immunisation Service is conducting a one-year free school-based vaccination program for Meningococcal W for students in Years 10, 11 and 12. Year 12 students at the College were immunised on Monday 7th August. Year 10 and 11 students will be immunised on Monday 23rd October, 2017. Please be aware that all students in Years 10 and 11 have been given an Immunisation Consent Card to take home to parents to complete, sign and return to the College by the end of Term 3 (22nd September, 2017). All consent cards must be returned to the College, even if you do not wish to have your child immunised. If you have not received the information or consent card, spare copies are available from the General Office.

Diamond Valley Vietnam Veterans Sub-Branch Community Memorial Service

On Saturday the 12th of August, Mr Robinson, Mr Lohrey, two fellow students and myself attended a commemoration for the Vietnam Veterans who fought in the Vietnam war. The service was filled with people from veterans to citizens, schools and scout groups to local politicians and it had a fantastic attendance. The service was to commemorate a war that was never won and never honoured. I was their on the behalf of my school and my grandfather who served in Vietnam. The service was very moving. It made me think of how these people felt then and now. I laid a wreath with Macy and Ben on the behalf of Monty. This was a very special honour and I would hope that more people from Montmorency come next year.

Spencer Waymire 7C



DOES YOUR CHILD NEED TO LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY???

Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds during the school day without permission. It is expected that students will make dental, medical and other appointments outside school hours wherever possible. However, we understand that this is not always possible. If your child needs to leave school early for any reason, we ask that you follow College procedure set out below:

1. Please provide your child with a note requesting permission for your child to leave school at the specified time.
2. Upon arrival at school, the student is to take the note to his/her Level Coordinator, who will then sign the note and return it to the student.
3. The student can then present the note to his/her class teacher when he/she needs to leave.
4. Once the student leaves the class he/she will present the note to the General Office staff and sign the "Early Leavers" record. The office staff will retain the note for attendance recording.
5. If your child needs to return to school later in the day, he/she is to report to the General Office and sign in.

It is important for all students and teachers that class interruptions are kept to a minimum. Wherever possible, parent/guardians are asked to avoid telephoning the College in order to have their child paged or dismissed from class and follow the above procedures instead.

ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

- Students who arrive after the class roll has been taken (after Home Group) should report to the "Time Out" room and sign in the Late Arrivals book.
- If students arrive after Period 1 (10.05am) they should report to the General Office and sign in the Late Arrivals book.
- A note from a Parent/Guardian explaining the lateness should be provided to the office staff.
- The late student then collects a "Late Slip" which will admit him/her to class.
- Students who do not provide an acceptable reason for the lateness in a note may be given a detention.

Allan Robinson
Principal

ATHLETICS

The **Diamond Valley Athletic Club** invites any student interested in a season of **Track & Field athletics** to come along to a **TRIALS AND REGISTRATION AFTERNOON** on Saturday 23rd September 2017 at Willinda Park, Greensborough (Melways 21 A4) beginning at 1:00pm.

The club also welcomes interested athletes to join in club training sessions at Willinda Park on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 5:00pm. Athletes will find qualified coaches on hand to assist with their preparation.

For further information, check out the club website www.valleyaths.org or contact Max Balchin on 0409 350 280.

The season of competition with Athletics Victoria commences on Saturday 7th October 2017 and is open to women and men from Under 14's through to open age.

TERM 4 AT A GLANCE

Mon 9th October	Term 4 Begins
Fri 20th October	Last Day of Year 12 Classes
Mon 23rd October	Whole School Assembly—Year 12 Farewell Year 12 Celebration Day
Wed 25th October	Year 10/11 Music Performance Night—7:00pm
Thur 26th October	Year 12 Graduation
Mon 30th October	Arts Alive Music Concert—7:30pm
Tue 31st October	Arts Alive Opening and Awards Night
Wed 1st November	Arts Alive Viewing School Council Meeting—7:30pm
Wed 1st—Fri 24th November	Unit 4 Exams
Tues 7th November	Melbourne Cup Day
Wed 8th—Fri 10th November	Year 9 Camp 1
Mon 20th—Tues 28th November	Year 10 & 11 Exams
Mon 20th—Wed 22nd November	Year 9 Camp 2
Thurs 23rd November	Year 12 Formal
Tues 28th November	2018 Year 7 Information Night—7:30pm
Wed 29th November	School Council Meeting—7:30pm
Fri 1st—Fri 8th December	Year 11 & 12 Orientation
Thur 10th December	Swap Shop
Tues 12th December	2018 Year 7 Orientation Day
Wed 13th—Fri 15th December	SRC Conference
Tues 19th December	Year 7, 8 & 9 End of Year Excursions
Thurs 21st December	Awards Evening—7:00pm
Fri 22nd December	Term 4 Ends

2018 VCAL/VET/SBAT APPLICATIONS

In 2017 we have over 45 students enrolled in our VCAL program. All students undertake units in: Personal Development, Work Related Skills, Literacy, Numeracy & the option of VCE Units. VCAL students complete their Industry Specific Skills strand one day a week. This is achieved through the completion of a Certificate II or III **VET** course, or **SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIP OR TRAINEESHIP**.

Students are enrolled in TAFE courses as varied as: Building & Construction, Music, Business Administration, Shop fitting, Engineering, Hairdressing, Beauty and Automotive. School Based Apprentices have been placed in Childcare, Building & Construction, Hospitality and Business Administration. Please refer to the link regarding VET courses in the Northern Metro Cluster:

<http://www.montypathways.com/vet-courses-and-sbats.html>

Any student undertaking a VET/SBAT will need to acquire a USI (Unique Student Identifier). This is completed online and you will be given a 10 digit code.

VCAL students also undertake **WORK-PLACEMENT** in industries aligned with their TAFE certificates.

We are seeking expressions of interest from students at this early stage to establish VET/SBAT opportunities that arise. Students who will be moving into Year 11 or 12 in 2018 interested in undertaking VCAL, VET or SBAT next year need to collect an expression of interest form from Mr Weeding in the VCAL Office.

Anyone wishing to discuss the program with please contact:

Michael Weeding
VCAL/VET Coordinator
Montmorency Secondary College.
9422 1625

LAPS FOR WHEEL CHAIRS

The night had finally arrived for the Interact Club's event at Willinda Park. Wheel Chairs for Kids Victorian chapter had provided 20 wheel chairs for student teams supported by Eltham Rotarians and Eltham Scouts to do laps of the track raising funds for much needed chairs for developing countries in our region. The only problem was a heavy rainstorm just before the fun was to start.

Despite this, teams began arriving at 5pm just as the deluge passed and the track began to drain. With the Eltham Rotary BBQ van providing free snags complimented by delicious soup donated by the College canteen, the race was on to complete as many laps as possible. The College junior and senior rock groups supported by local band Care Factor Zero, which includes current and ex-staff members, provided entertainment. In addition, a fire-eater and juggler thrilled spectators and participants. Wheelchair races provided an interlude with great prizes won. There were also prizes for the best team costume, won by a team of year 11 girls and a raffle prize of chocolate delights.

All in all the night was a resounding success despite the weather, with teams donating a total of almost \$2500. Together with the approximately \$800 donated by College staff and a similar amount by Eltham Rotarians the fundraiser will have raised over \$4000. This figure is being doubled by a pledge from a business, which wishes to remain anonymous, bringing the final total close to \$8500. This will provide more than 40 rugged wheelchairs for children in need.

I congratulate Interact Club president Bridget Dorizzi, Vice President Natasha Jones and all Club members who worked over the past month to achieve this fabulous result.

Ian Toohill



LAPS FOR WHEEL CHAIRS



CYSTIC FIBROSIS FUNDRAISER

As one of the Cystic Fibrosis fundraiser ideas a milkshake day was organised and held on Monday 11th September to help raise money for the worthy cause.



The day was a huge success with many milkshakes being sold, either chocolate or strawberry flavoured, at \$3 each. At the conclusion of recess, a total of \$526 was raised and almost all supplies had vanished.

Without the help of our amazing students and staff at Montmorency Secondary College this day could not have been possible. At the end of the day a total of \$745 was raised.

On behalf of the Cystic Fibrosis team, we would like to extend our thankyou's out to all parents and staff who donated milk, ice cream and/or cups.

Chayla Reeves 10E
On behalf of the CF Senior Leaders

SHARE THE DIGNITY

As part of our Endeavour project we have been working to support the work of Share the Dignity. From the money raised from a range of activities, we were able to go to Costco and buy over 5,000 tampons for Share the Dignity. Share the Dignity will pass these on to homeless teenagers and women who don't have access to these items. Our Share the Dignity drive was extremely successful with the Montmorency community generously donating many sanitary items. Please see photos of the items we were able to donate and collect.



Sarah, Chloe, Makayla, Brooke and Bronson
Year 9 Endeavour students

YEAR 9 FRENCH EXCURSION

This year, our Year 9 French students went on excursion to Breizoz, Fitzroy, where they enjoyed a two course crêpes meal with a serve of cider. This is a typical meal from the area of Bretagne. Breiz means Bretagne in Breton (the local language) and Oz is, of course, Australia, hence Breizoz. Needless to say, students had to order in French if they wanted to eat. It was amazing to see just how much French motivation and hunger can teach!

It was hard to say what students liked most: the galette (savoury) or the crêpes (sweet).

Following this enjoyable meal was a fashion treasure hunt in Myer. Student had to find out specific information about fashion brands, which enabled them to recycle their acquired vocabulary from past units for work this year. But they also got a chance to check out the exhibition “Australia Lives Here”, which offers display items dating as far back as 1900. This enabled students to see how things have changed throughout times.

Thank you Mégane and Ms Sapina for coming along with us.

Mme Créta.



2017 PRESENTATION BALL No. 1



Amy Bugg & Nicholas Blennerhassett, Charlotte Chlopek & Jeremy Reichenbach, Georgia Kamolins & Tim Coleiro, Caitlin Chin & Jack Charles, Jordan Harvey & Brad Bartlett, Katherine Smith & Matthew Sipple, Mia McDonald & Bailey Hardy, Chloe Giles & Jake Graham, Annie Mackie & Nicholas Frost, Georgia Pearce & Adam Kates, Holly Greig & Jhai Davis, Kyra Krukowitch & Jacob Shaw, Bridget Dorizzi & Lachlan McKenzie, Emily Carroll & Cooper Houghton, Phoebe Pritchard & Nicholas Buhagiar, Maddison Justice & William Devine

2017 PRESENTATION BALL No. 2



Courtney Park & Daniel Tzelepis, Abby Francis & Connor O'Keefe, Grace Powell & Daniel Wendt, Lauren Grech & Thomas Razmovski, Rita Slewa & Riley Sheriff, Isabelle Hall & Shaun James, Shenae Norden & Ryan Fiddes, Maddison Dyer & Troy Coleman, Sally Offerman & James Bujas-Wilson, Melanie Lele & Kody Keane, Shelby Lizzul-Nicolini & Jac Rountos, Abby Stiles-Burnham & Corey Potter, Olivia Jones & Gabe Walker, Georgia Thomson & Lachlan Wearne, Macy Houghton & Van Page, Georgia McDermott & Matthew Mikola, Ashleigh Jones & Benjamin Jurkovic, Chloe Cook & John Hoysted, Alecia Fuller & Joshua Boulton, Taylor Lloyd & Khyl Miller