



10th September, 2018 Newsletter No. 8

**STUDENT PROGRESS INTERVIEW DAY
THURSDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2018
STUDENT-FREE DAY**

**END OF TERM 3—EARLY DISMISSAL
Friday 21st September, 2018
Students dismissed at 1:22pm—Buses depart 1:30pm
TERM 4 COMMENCES MONDAY 8th OCTOBER, 2018**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

On Saturday 18th August and Saturday 8th September, we held our two annual Presentation Balls at the Melrose Reception Centre, our 30th consecutive year for these events. Seventeen then twenty-five pairs of students, together with family, friends and College staff showcased splendid celebrations in two wonderful College and community events. Congratulations to organisers, Jennie Siede and Leanne Johnson, who have now run our Presentation Balls for 23 years and they always produce a quality event. Also another big thank you to Julie Ryan, who has taught the 'dance moves' to our debutantes for the past 28 years, and on these two Saturday evenings, presented them again in spectacular fashion.

On Friday 24th August the 'House Off', our annual house competition talent quest was held and it proved to be a most successful event. This event certainly showcased some amazing artistic and stage talent of our students and that also of many staff members who teamed with the students in their respective houses. Congratulations to Leading Teacher, Kim Faulkner, and Assistant Principal Mark Lohrey who once again worked tirelessly to ensure such a high standard and level of achievement and entertainment by everyone involved. A special thank you to those staff who worked with the students in the four houses to put together such an impressive program, namely Hamish Yule, Stephanie Short, Georgia Robinson, Samantha Shelton, Michelle Clark and Bronwyn Mackey.

I would really like to acknowledge the outstanding work of our Year 11 VCAL students and their Literacy teacher, Gemma Pearson. They have worked closely with a group of Victorian Vietnam Veterans to put together individual portfolios and 'Stories From My Life' for many of these returned servicemen. On Monday 3rd September I was fortunate enough to attend the presentation of this work by each of the students at the Montmorency RSL. These students were outstanding in the research and presentation of the biographies they had crafted and it was wonderful to witness this important and very emotional link between the students, the veterans and their community.

On Tuesday 4th September we had another highly successful and both informative and educational whole school assembly organised and conducted by our Senior School student leaders. The assembly was opened by our Concert Band who performed two pieces that saw them awarded a Bronze plaque at the recent Melbourne Schools Band Festival. There was also a very impressive presentation by our student leaders in relation to an upcoming event for students, 'The Colour Run.' this is in relation to the Student Representative Council (SRC) leading the College in fundraising for Cystic Fibrosis research, a serious condition that has affected some of our students and their families.

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On Friday 10th August we held a Curriculum Day which again provided valuable professional development for our whole staff. This was organised by Assistant Principal, Clara Di Biase and Leading Teacher, Glenn Blackmore and there were two teams from the Department of Education Training presenting to our staff. The first presentation was in relation to Respectful Relationships and was presented by Brigitte Walker and Maryanne Panucci. The second presentation focussed on Koorie Education and Cultural Understanding and was presented by the Koorie Education Support Officers (KESO) team of Katie Lovett, Shakara Montalto, Frawcie Komen, Sonya Foster, Ralph Bamblett and Alf Bamblett. Both sessions were very insightful and provided staff with a lot of updates and directions of government policy and educational protocols to include in our curriculum planning and practice.

Another highly impressive event took place on Friday 31st August, the 'Wheelchair for Kids' fundraiser sponsored by the Interact Club of Montmorency Secondary College. Congratulations to our Interact Club and the President, Kyra Krukowitch, together with teacher Ian Toohill for their wonderful effort that raised \$10,500 which will provide fifty life changing wheelchairs for children in developing countries in the South West Pacific region.

Many of our students continue to impress at a high level in both sporting and community achievement. Ryan Gardner of Year 11 has just been selected in the under 17 Futures Game which will be a curtain raiser to the AFL Grand Final at the MCG this year. Ryan is a bottom age player for the Northern Knights Under 18 Team and has impressed this season to earn his place in this prestigious event. Due to selection in this elite squad Ryan has earned a position in next years AFL Academy. Ryan had a very serious broken ankle injury in 2013 which required surgery in 2016 and remarkably has fought his way to the top in this elite squad of AFL athletes. He recently competed for Victorian Metro in the Under 18 National Championships who defeated the Victorian Country team. Ryan will be a top age player in 2019 and hopes to be selected at the AFL draft. Ryan began his football career with Montmorency Junior Football Club playing in the Under 9 Team with his brother Patrick. Well done Ryan on this fantastic achievement.



Ryan Gardner



Libby Fisher

Many of our community have seen the 'Pride of Australia' awards nominations advertisements in the Herald Sun and Leader newspapers in recent weeks. Year 7 student, Libby Fisher is the face of this campaign after being awarded the 'Pride of Australia Medal' in 2017 in recognition of the countless hours she has spent helping rescue organisations care for injured and orphaned wildlife. Libby's work for wildlife has also been recognised by the Diamond Creek Traders who have given her their showcase space in the main street of Diamond Creek to display her work in wildlife and koala rescue and conservation. The community is invited to go along to this display and details of this are included in this newsletter.

A reminder for parents and visitors to the College who are bringing students to school. The remodelled Dobson Road carpark is now open again and there is a designated drop off zone for students identified by a broken white line and lettering on the bitumen. Our stadium carpark area has become quite congested at the beginning and end of the school day and the Dobson Road entrance now provides another alternative.

Regards

Allan Robinson
Principal

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 their Level Coordinator, who will then sign the note and return it to the student.
3. The student can then present the note to their class teacher when they need to leave.
4. Once the student leaves the class they 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, they should 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 them to class.
- Students who do not provide an acceptable reason for the lateness in a note may be given a detention.

SICK BAY AND FIRST AID

Students who become ill should advise their classroom teacher that they are feeling unwell and receive permission to go to Sick Bay which is located in the General Office. Students will be attended to by the School Nurse and if necessary parents will be contacted. It is important that a current emergency phone number is listed on each student's school record. Any change to the home address, work address, telephone numbers or emergency contact should be provided to the Office immediately.

We encourage students not to use their mobile phones to contact parents directly during class time, and for the convenience of all involved ask students to follow the above procedure.

Allan Robinson—Principal

Montage 2018

The 2018 edition of the Montmorency Secondary College Yearbook, *Montage* is currently in production and will be distributed to students in Term 1, 2019. The College only purchases the number of copies that have been pre-ordered. Thank you to those families who have already paid to receive their copy. If you have not yet paid, but would like to secure a copy of ***Montage 2018***, please pay \$25 to the College Cashier no later than Friday 16th November, 2018

SAVE THE DATE

FOR THE
Montmorency Secondary College



Thursday 20th December, 2018
Planetshakers Centre
360 Main Road, Lower Plenty
6.45pm for a 7pm Start

Student Progress Interviews Thursday 20th September, 2018

Student Progress Interviews will be held on **Thursday 20th September** between 1pm—5pm and 6pm - 8.30pm.

Regular classes do not run on this day but students are expected to accompany their parents/guardians during the afternoon or evening.

Student progress reports will be emailed to parents on the 13th September. Parents are asked to ensure the College has an up-to-date email address. If you have not supplied the College with a current email address, or would like to update the one we have, please contact the General Office on 9422 1500.

The College will once again use the online booking system for interview times. This process is quite straightforward enabling parents to make appointments easily. Details of the booking procedure will be emailed with the reports.

Mark Lohrey
Assistant Principal



Lower Plenty Shopping Centre
is now...
BIGGER & BETTER!

The Lower Plenty Traders invite you to **WELCOME** our newest **LOCAL** Traders, with a family day of roving entertainment throughout our **EXISTING** shopping centre and the **NEW** Aldi Complex and Lower Plenty Liquor

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15
Family Entertainment from 10am-2pm
with **Official Welcome at 12.30pm**

PLENTY OF PARKING
MUSIC ROVING
FACEPAINTING GIVEAWAYS
WALL MURAL
PLUS **BIG SURPRISE** at 11.30am

Partners: 9422 1500
Liquor: 0427 383 430

How to apply for a tax file number (TFN)

1. Complete the online application form.
2. Print the online form summary
3. Book an interview at a participating Australia Post outlet
4. Attend your interview with your printed online summary and proof of identity documents.

Your TFN will be mailed to you within 28 days of attending the interview.

ato.gov.au/getTFN

BOOK WEEK

On the 28th of August, as part of Book Week celebrations, Spoken Word and Slam poet, Manal Younus presented to all our year 8 and 9 students.

Manal is from East-African descent and used examples of her own work to explore what poetry can be – creating poetry from one word triggers, demonstrating freestyling and showcasing performance techniques. Manal used her own poetry to discover and strengthen her identity and hoped that students would be inspired to find their unique voices through poetry.

Manal is a two-time National Poetry Slam finalist and has performed throughout Australia. She talked about how she came to enter the Slam Poetry competition and where this has all led to.

Manal represented Australia at the Georgetown Literary Festival in Malaysia.

Ivanka Sapina
Resource Centre Manager



TERM 3 & 4 AT A GLANCE

Thur 20 September	Student Progress Interview Day
Fri 21 September	End of Term 3—Early finish 1:22pm
Mon 8 October	Start of Term 4
Mon 22 October	Whole School Assembly & Year 12 Celebration Day
Wed 24 October	School Council—7:30pm
Thur 25 October	Year 12 Graduation
Mon 29 October	Year 7 Immunisations Arts Alive Music Concert—7:30pm
Tue 30 October	Arts Alive Opening and Awards Night
Wed 31 Oct—23 Nov	Unit 4 Exams
Wed 31 Oct—Fri 2 Nov	Year 9 Camp
Tue 6 November	Melbourne Cup Day
Mon 19 Nov—Wed 28 Nov	Year 10 & 11 Exams
Wed 28 November	School Council—7:30pm

YEAR 10 SNOW TRIP

On Friday 31st August, forty Year 10 students, together with myself, Ben Sowden, Rebecca Culnane, Peter McCoy and Grant Dowler attended the annual Mt Buller ski/board trip. We left school at the early hour of 4am and arrived at Alzburg Resort in Mansfield at 6:30am, where students were provided with equipment including, clothing, boots, skis or a snowboard. After everyone changed into their snow clothes and stowed their equipment under the bus, we enjoyed a buffet breakfast to give us energy for the big day ahead. Once students arrived at Mt Buller Village Centre, they received a 1.5 hour ski or snowboard lesson and then had a couple of hours to practice their new-found skills in quite testing snowy and windy conditions. Despite the inclement weather, all students were keen to get back onto the slopes after lunch and continued practicing, which was great to see. By the end of the day, many students were asking if they could just do "one more run" as we were getting ready to leave the mountain. After a three-course dinner in Mansfield, staff and students boarded the bus with weary smiles on their faces and made the journey back to the College that evening. It was a pleasure taking out such a fun, well-mannered and resilient group of students. Thanks to the staff members who braved the early morning to accompany us on this trip. A lot of fun was had by all!



Gemma Pearson



BRADY DOUGLAS

Brady Douglas of 8B recently competed in the challenging Reef to Reef RRR MTB race in Port Douglas, Queensland, over the weekend of August 17-20th. Over fairly rough terrain, the RRR (Rural, Rainforest, Reef) challenges riders to demonstrate their skill, speed and stamina. It should really be called the SSS – RRR! This was Brady's first major race; he (and his proud parents) were pretty delighted with how well he performed. Out of 441 participants Brady placed a highly respectable 170th in 1 hr. 56 min. 06 sec. A fantastic effort, Brady!

Krista Durham
Middle School Leader



LIBBY'S KOALA & WILDLIFE CRUSADE EXHIBITION

Come and learn from 13yo Libby how you can **HELP SAVE KOALAS** & ways to live with our wildlife.

CUBE Z

28 Main Hurstbridge Road,
Diamond Creek

* GRAND OPENING DAY *

**SAT August 25
to Sept 18**



Opening times on website-

libbyskoalacrusada.weebly.com

Show Some Respect



On Wednesday the 29th of August, the Year 9's attended a Show Some Respect session, in the Auditorium.

It was presented as an interactive performance, so everyone was kept interested and nothing got too overwhelming, even though the subjects discussed were of a serious nature.

We learnt about giving and receiving respect, our responsibilities as friends and classmates, what is consent, how to be respectful in all types of relationships and how to make the right decisions. It was important that we attended this session, because we need to know how to be responsible and show respect, but also that we deserve the right to receive respect. After attending 'Show Some Respect' I know my rights as a person, a friend, a classmate, and I learnt some good techniques that will be if it me in the future.

Chloe West 9A

2018 PRESENTATION BALL No. 1



Olivia Kerrison & Samuel Joseph, Ellie Davis & Callum Dorsett, Mary Tivanis & Ryan Leaper, Chayla Reeves & Davidson Yue, Jessica Coleiro & Lockie Wilson, Kierley Green & Darren McDonnell, Rachael Dooley & Mitch Paterson, Tiana Campbell & Julian Vanderzee, Lily Chan & Gabriel Keam, Felicity James & Nicholas McLennan, Michaela Fernando & Caleb Hallett, Lily Boyd & James Recchia, Victoria Mitchell & Nathan Gale, Indiah Critsilis-Davis & Jason Le, Eden Boyd & Jack Penrose, Alaska Nixon & Kyle McLauchlan, Isabelle Ristevski & Joshua Rigby

2018 PRESENTATION BALL No. 2



Haylee Cauchi & Levi McCormick, Molly McCormack & Dillon Pote, Kyla Trewella & Ryan Siede, Jemma Sciberras & Jaym Brown, Madelin Paisley & Kyle Hingert, Tegan Chakar & Matt Jurkovic, Simone Rizza & Nathan Fothergill, Macy Attard & Ross Hayes, Grayson Malloy & Jack Jordan, Claudia Panozzo & Phil Tomozic, Ella Reeves & Jack Andrew, Keira Gillottie & Cooper Broderick, Abbey Hughes & Fraser Jones, Julia Dionisio & Dylan Ratkovic, Macy Evans & Ryan Patmore, Ella Shering & Samuel Easthope, Tia Page & Sam Kamolins, Casey Rock & Jono Thompson, Ebony Harris & Duncan O'Connor, Georgie Wright & Josh Rofe, Clara Stolzenburg-Manning & Riley Curry & Campbell Smooker, Chloe Robinson & Ben Crick, Tinika Ven De Wilekcamp & Heath Morelli, Tess Dillon & Nik Cox

SHARE THE DIGNITY

This year, a group of SRC students have been raising money, collecting donations and raising awareness for a charity called Share the Dignity who's aim is to help and support the homeless women and teenage girls, who can't afford sanitary items. In 2018, the team at Monty have partnered up with Share the Dignity to help this worthy cause. We have run events, such as the Teacher Faculty Dance Boss, Lip Sync battle and the very successful August Donation Drive.

On behalf of the SRC Share the Dignity team, we would like to thank everyone who helped to support this amazing charity.

Thank you, the Share the Dignity Senior Leaders

Sarah van Putten, Lauren Giles, Isabelle Hall and Charlotte Chlopek



YEAR 11 VCAL – “STORIES FROM MY LIFE”

Over the past five weeks, the Year 11 VCAL students have taken part in a program called “Stories from My Life”. This program aims to connect different generations in our local community and was completed as part of the Intermediate VCAL Personal Development Skills course. Every Monday, the students walked up to the Montmorency RSL where in small groups of two to three, they met and interviewed a local Vietnam War veteran. They took notes as they asked questions about the veteran's family, hobbies, work life and their experience of war. Back in the classroom, students put together a PowerPoint presentation about the life of the veteran they had been interviewing. A celebration day was conducted on the 3rd of September, when each group presented their work to the veterans, their peers, teachers from the College, members from the Banyule/Nillumbik LLEN and Principal Allan Robinson. It was a very positive experience for everyone involved in the program, and one the students have expressed they won't forget.

Gemma Pearson



WHEELCHAIR FOR KIDS

On Friday 31 August the Interact Club ran it's third Wheelchairs for Kids fundraiser at WILLINDA Park from 2 till 4:30 pm. True to form it decided to rain intermittently, but that did not dampen the spirits of the 120 students from year 7 to 12 who dressed up to participate. In the weeks prior to this a wheel chair basketball match between staff and senior students helped to promote the event.

Senior students from the music department provided a range of popular music and the Canteen did a roaring trade, selling out by the end of the event. Teams pushed each other around the track, in the 20 chairs provided. There were also several wheelchair races, with novelty prizes and movie gift cards for the team with the best theme costumes. One team raised just under \$500 and received a gift card each.

\$3,700 was raised at the event and when combined with money donated by Teachers, Rotarians and the Casual Clothes Day the total so far is just over \$5000. A local business person is doubling this amount, bringing the final figure raised to approximately \$10, 500. This will match that raised last year. Congratulations to all those involved. All the students had a great time and we are happy knowing that another 50 life changing wheelchairs will now be made and given to children in developing countries in the South West Pacific, who would otherwise live life on the ground.

This is a testament to the community spirit of our college community.

Kyra Krukowitch
President
Interact Club of Montmorency Secondary College
2018



WHEELCHAIR FOR KIDS



My name is Lauren Giles and I am a student representative from our school in the Youth Advocacy Council run by Vicki Ward. As part of this council, we are working on a project to help address the mental health of youth within the community. To do so, we have conducted a survey, and it would be greatly appreciated if you could please complete it and send a photo of it to the email address on the bottom of the survey.

Thank you

Eltham

2018 Youth Advisory Council: Mental Health Services Survey

Q1. Do you feel you know when to refer your child to mental health services?

- Very much
- Mostly
- Somewhat
- Not at all

Q2. Do you feel you know how to refer your child to mental health services?

- Very much
- Mostly
- Somewhat
- Not at all

Q3. How confident are you that your child can navigate the mental health services offered in the school environment?

- Very much
- Mostly
- Somewhat
- Not at all

Q4. How clear and accessible do you think mental health services are for your child

- Very much
- Mostly
- Somewhat
- Not at all



Take a photo of your completed
survey and send it to
lcarr-riddell@optusnet.com.au

Thank you for completing this survey!

Primary School

Art Competition 2018



CALLING STUDENT ARTISTS GRADES 4, 5 & 6!

Primary students are invited to submit an artwork and take part in the **Primary School Art Competition** to be exhibited in Montmorency Secondary College's annual ARTS ALIVE 2018 exhibition, 30th October - 1st November 2018.

Twenty finalists will be selected for the exhibition, and awards for outstanding artworks will be presented at the opening night launch on **Tuesday 30th October, at 6:30pm.**

1st PRIZE: \$100 voucher for Greensborough Plaza
2nd PRIZE: \$50 voucher for Greensborough Plaza
3rd PRIZE: \$25 voucher for Greensborough Plaza

The artwork must be A3 or A4 size and can be created using 2D, 3D or ICT media (i.e. painting, drawing, pastel, collage, photography, mixed media, printing, sculpture, animation).

ICT media and animation need to be submitted on a CD.

The 2018 theme for the artworks is:

My Community

Submissions are to be sent or dropped off to the General Office at Montmorency Secondary College by Friday 12th October, 2018.

Finalists will be notified by letter by Monday 22nd October, 2018

All submissions will be returned to the Primary Schools after the exhibition.

**For enquiries or more information please contact
Montmorency Secondary College General Office on: Ph 9422 1500**

All finalists will be invited to attend an art workshop run by selected Montmorency Secondary College art teachers and students in November this year.



MONTMORENCY
SECONDARY COLLEGE

Primary School Art Competition 2018

ENTRY FORM

Please fill in the information below and attach this form with your submission. Make sure your artwork is clearly marked on the back with your name and primary school. All submissions will be returned to the Primary School after the exhibition.

Student Artist Name: _____

Primary School: _____

Grade: _____

Student Address and Postcode: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

How does your artwork represent **My Community?**
