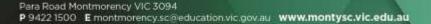
# Montmorency Secondary College NEWSLETTER





16 September, 2024

STUDENT PROGRESS INTERVIEWS— Thursday 19 September, 2024

END OF TERM 3—EARLY DISMISSAL—Friday 20 September, 2024
Students dismissed at 1:22pm—Buses depart 1:30pm

FIRST DAY OF TERM 4—MONDAY 7 OCTOBER, 2024

#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### **VALE: Allan Robinson**



It is with great sadness that we inform our College Community of the previous Principal, Allan Robinson's passing.

Allan was an experienced and passionate English Teacher who committed 50 of his years to government education. He was recognised by the Department of Education for his service in 2019.

Starting his career at Broadmeadows Secondary College in 1973, Allan has worked with some of the most disadvantaged students and watched them grow and succeed. Allan was a skilled basketball player and valued the positive impact sport could have on students, founding the Broady Tech Basketball Club. It was through this commitment to education and love of basketball that he has made a difference in the lives of so many.

Allan continued his career at Craigieburn Secondary College before joining Montmorency Secondary College in 1993. It was here that he grew in his career and further love of Basketball flourished. Coaching teams and students, teaching English, then Assistant Principal and eventually Principal in 2011.

Allan committed his life to public education and was a huge advocate for the College. He recognised that our students deserved the best

facilities to learn in and played a pivotal role in the school redevelopment in 2018, the construction of Stadium 2 in 2008 and then the Allan Robinson Courts in 2022. In 2024, he was awarded an Order of Australia Medal on the Australia Day Honours List.

Allan's wife, children, and grandchildren played a huge role in his life. They have been supportive and inspirational to him in his work as a teacher, and as a Principal. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Pam, his wife, his children Shane, Jess and Tanya, and grandchildren.

#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### Year 12: Practice Exams - September School Holidays 2024

During the September school holidays, we will again be running practice exams for all Year 12 students (and those Year 11 fast tracking studies) undertaking a Unit 4 exam. The exams are externally set and assessed; and invigilated by external supervisors to produce the closest likeness to the official external examinations. It is imperative that all students attend and are involved, as preparation is the key to success. Feedback will be provided on these exams, and to teachers, to aid students in their further revision and study preparations.

#### **Charlie & The Chocolate Factory**

Wow... what a performance?! It was such a delight to see so many students engaged and involved in the performances of Charlie. Each character took on their own persona and was an integral part of the show. The students performed a mammoth 7 shows in a row and should be congratulated on their efforts. We all know that the final performances are a culmination of the efforts that have gone into rehearsals, both individually and then in groups to then make the show happen. And without the support of the wonderful staff, the production would simply not happen. Thank you to the staff for providing students with an opportunity to grow, practice and develop their performance skills. Thank you to the students for taking risks and being involved. And finally, thank you to the parents and families for your support of our students!

#### **Curriculum Day - Thursday 5th September**

On Thursday 5th September the College ran its final Curriculum Day for the year, with a focus on teaching and learning development. We worked with Glenn Pearsall around classroom management techniques, questioning to illicit knowledge and a range of feedback strategies to aid formative assessment and knowing where our learners are at in classes. Staff also spent the afternoon working in Professional Learning Teams exploring the implementation of the College-wide instructional model. These targeted approaches form the directions within the Annual Implementation Plan and will help further align the improvement of teacher practice to student learning outcomes; and a further step towards a consistent approach. Thank you to teachers for their involvement, learning and application of strategies and knowledge to improve learning opportunities for students.

#### **Year 8 Wellbeing Day**

The Year 8 Team ran a wellbeing day for all Year 8 students on Tuesday 3rd September, with a focus on mindfulness, mental health and respectful relationships. Thank you to the students and teachers involved and the learning that took place for students on the day. FISO 2.0 aligns learning and wellbeing as priorities for educational outcomes for students and taking the time to proactively teach and support learning strategies is vital for our students.

#### **Science Week**

Science Week at Monty will kick off on Monday 16th September, with a Year 7 Reptile incursion where students will see and experience a range of different reptiles connected to their learning in Science in Year 7. On Wednesday Year 9's will engage with the program "Bad Science" which encourages students to think critically about who they can believe, and what science they can trust. The show packed with magic, science, and comedy, features award-winning science communicator Nicholas J Johnson, who will demonstrate the placebo effect by hammering a five-inch nail into his head, explore causation and correlation by walking on broken.

#### Student Progress Interviews - Thursday 19th September

The final round of Student Progress Interviews are scheduled for Thursday 19th September. Bookings are available on Compass and we encourage students to attend with their parents to discuss their learning, improvements and celebrations.

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#### Colour Run - 16th October

Once again the Colour Run will occur on Wednesday 16th October, and is a student-organized fundraising event, with all proceeds going to the Cancer Council. Participants will be showered with food-grade cornflour and food dye as they cross the finish line.

#### Fairwork Australia: Right to Disconnect for Schools

An amendment to the Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Closing Loopholes) Act 2023 came into effect mid-August 2024 where the new provisions will be adopted alongside the department's existing industrial and employment obligations, including occupational health and safety commitments.

What this means for schools is that staff can have the right to refuse contact outside of their normal working hours, unless this is unreasonable; and are not expected to respond to communications outside of these hours.

As previously noted in communications, staff are often teaching and planning and at times their ability to respond to messages, calls and emails takes time; and you can generally expect a response within 2 working days. If you have questions or concerns, please raise them with the Principal team.

#### **Whooping Cough**

Unfortunately we have been managing a spate of illness, and in particular Whooping Cough throughout the College. As each individual case is reported (and please continue to report these into the General Office), a notification is sent home so that families are aware. Please note we have been in discussions with Public Health and they are watching our cases and assisting in the management of this.

Please monitor the symptoms of Whooping Cough, including a blocked or runny nose, tiredness, mild fever and severe bouts of coughing which are often followed by a 'whooping' sound on breathing. If your child is unwell, please see a doctor for a diagnosis and treatment. Please see Compass for additional information.

Thank you for your ongoing support through Term 3, as we ready for Term 4 and the planning that takes place for 2025!

Frances Ibbott Principal



Thank you to Year 9 student Amy, for designing and creating a blanket for the College First Aid Room.

#### **TERM 4, 2024 AT A GLANCE**

Monday 7 October Term 4 begins

Monday 21 October—7:30pm Arts Alive Music Concert

Tuesday 22 October—6:00pm Arts Alive Opening and Awards

Tuesday 29 October— Wednesday 20 November Year 12 Exams

Wednesday 30 October—Friday 1 November Year 9 Camp

Tuesday 5 November Melbourne Cup Day

Monday 18—Thursday 28 November Year 10 & 11 Exams

Friday 29 November Professional Practice Day—Student Free Day

Monday 2—Friday 6 December 2025 Year 11-12 Orientation Program

Monday 2—Friday 13 December 2025 Year 8-10 Orientation Program

Tuesday 10 December Grade 6 Orientation Day

Friday 13 December Last day of term 4—early dismissal 1:22pm

Tuesday 17 December MSC Awards Evening—7pm

#### **MUSIC NEWS**

#### INTRODUCING: Guitar teacher Justin Bernasconi

Hi I'm Justin,

I'm a professional guitarist and singer-songwriter and have also been teaching the guitar for over 20 years. I started lessons at Montmorency Secondary College in February this year. I love teaching and have a wealth of experience to offer. In my classes I provide a relaxed, engaging, nurturing, and safe learning environment for all students.

I teach private lessons, group lessons and two guitar ensembles at Monty. Our junior ensemble is currently learning The White Stripes *Seventh Nation Army* and our senior guitar ensemble is piecing together the epic *Stairway To Heaven* and *I Love Rock n Roll* for their concert later this year.

Some professional career highlights:

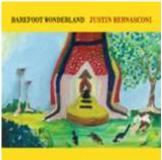
- Multiple critically lauded albums
- Toured Australia and the UK
- Being played on radio including being playlisted on the ABC
- Having my songs feature in a Netflix film
- Having my song featured in a TV commercial

I'm also a dad to a three old boy, four and half year daughter, plus carer of guinea pigs and a dog.

I have places available for those eager to learn the guitar from a qualified instructor.

Inquires can be made via the music coordinator, Mrs Cooke <a href="mailto:sha-ron.cooke@education.vic.gov.au">sha-ron.cooke@education.vic.gov.au</a>







## **MUSIC NEWS**

#### **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

As we come to the end of a very busy term in the music department, rehearsals are well underway for the final Terms performances for the school year.

Please check the dates below with your child to see if they are involved in performances, and mark them on the C Events.

Sharon Cooke Music Coordinator

Date	Activity	Time	Location
Monday 21 October	Arts Alive Concert All instrumental students and ensembles Student to wear all black Students arrive at 6:30pm to setup and warm up Free event for the school community	7:00 – 9:00pm	Auditorium
Tuesday 22 October	Arts Alive Art Display The school community is welcome to attend an Art show of student work. The display is open for you to wander around at your leisure. Students performing wear casual clothes	6:00 – 7:30pm	Old Gym
Friday 8 November	Pizza Performance Day All instrumental students	Periods 3 & 4	Auditorium
Friday 22 November	Primary School Tour Junior Band / Junior Strings / Junior Guitar Intermediate Band / Intermediate strings/ vocals	8:45am – 3:00pm	
Saturday 30 November	Lower Plenty Shops Christmas Busking	10:00am – 1:00pm	Lower Plenty Shops
Wednesday 11 December	View Club Carols Lower Plenty Hotel Christmas Carols—selected students	12:00 – 1:45pm	Lower Plenty Hotel
Tuesday 17 December	Awards Night Pre awards carols— 5:00pm practice for a 6:30pm start	7:00pm	Allan Robinson Courts



#### YEAR 8 CAMP

#### **Excellent Experiences in Echuca**

In August this year, the Year Eights were off to camp. After a long bus ride, we arrived at the campsite and were immediately greeted by the lovely Billabong Ranch staff. We quickly ate our lunch and launched straight into our activities. We were carefully instructed on how to mount and ride a horse, and practiced around the arena, walking and trotting. Although it was a scary and new experience, we all had a go, and had heaps of fun.

Not long after, we were served delicious lasagna, salad, and chips for dinner. We then headed outside for a movie, which was shown on an awesome truck with a projector in the back! But we didn't last long in the cold, most of us heading back to our cabins ready to keep our teachers up all night!

The next day we were woken bright and early, and quickly ate our breakfast, ready for another action-packed day of activities. These included bouldering, mini golf and our personal favourite, beach volleyball. Most groups spent hours on the court ready to beat the other team. Our teamwork skills were put to the test in a campsite trivia walk, but we were all distracted by the many animals around the ranch.

On the last day, after we had packed all our belongings, we got on the bus and drove into the town of Echuca. There we were met by tour guides, who gave us a glimpse into the history of the port of Echuca. We learnt about the trading history of the town, the significance of redwood, and about steam engines and how they've affected the trading economics of Echuca. We then had the opportunity to get on a real life steamboat, and rode along the Murray River. After such an amazing experience, sadly we had to say goodbye. We ate our lunch and hopped on the bus ready to head home.

Holly Henry & Charlotte Smallwood 8F



















## **FOOTY DAY—6 SEPTEMBER**

September brings the start of the AFL finals series and to celebrate this time of year, the SRC ran a casual clothes day where students were allowed to come in their AFL or any other sport colours. This year it was great to see so many students come in their sports colours to raise money for the Fight MND foundation. Founded in 2014, FightMND was established with the purpose of finding effective treatments and ultimately a cure for motor neurone disease.

In addition to the gold coin donation, this year we wanted to run an extra activity at lunch time, inspired by Fight MND's own "Big Freeze". Students were able to donate \$5 for two chances at hitting a target to then dunk a teacher with a bucket of water. This was a huge success which saw many students across multiple year levels come to Simms Rd Oval to watch their fellow students take shots at dunking their teachers. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated to such a great cause, and thank you to the students and staff who helped run our very own Monty "Big Freeze". A special thanks to Ms Shelton, Mr Martin, Mr Boulton, and Mr Turner, who all braved the Big Freeze and ultimately received at least two buckets of water each!

#### **College Captains**











#### CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

This year I had the privilege of being a member of the cast of our school production, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We performed to well over a thousand people this year, two full dress rehearsals, a show for our Year 7s, and a huge four-show season. As it was my first time joining the production, I was nervous and excited to try something new. As a part of the ensemble, I witnessed how everything worked, and the cast helped me get settled and find my way around. I made new friends, and the experience of learning the dances and songs and helping to create the set was very fun. During our full-day rehearsals and tech rehearsals, I got to experience the way the production worked, and how everything came together. During our week of dress rehearsals and performances, I got to know what it was like to perform for a live audience. It was both nerve -wracking and exciting to perform for my friends and family during our final shows, but I was extremely proud of everyone in the cast and quite emotional when it was time to go. I was incredibly happy I joined the cast and tried something new. The production was an incredible experience, and everyone was so supportive and fun to perform with.

Leia Gibbs









# **TERM 3 SRC EVENTS**



#### WELLBEING WEEK

Led by our Student
Wellbeing Ambassadors
and Wellbeing team,
lunchtime activities were
open for all to attend and
included; mindfulness
colouring, just dance,
basketball, chalk drawing,
and board games.

### **SRC FUNDRAISING**

This term, the SRC ran three fundraising events and are proud to share total funds that have been raised by Montemorency over this past term.

- Push up Challenge raised \$633 for the Push for a Better Foundation with 56,734 push ups completed
- Production Canteen raised \$1,183.85 for the RSPCA
- Footy Day and Monty's Big Freeze raised \$880.05 for FightMND

# YEAR 8 WELLBEING DAY AND R U OK DAY

Student leaders volunteered their time to assist with activities during the year 8 wellbeing day.

R U Ok Day was recognised with warm chocolates served to all students. Thank you to the SRC volunteers and the Wellbeing Team who organised the milk and milo.





#### WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

College Captains led two Whole School Assemblies on Friday 16th August and Tuesday 17th September. Many students shared reports from their clubs and extra curricular events.

# LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SESSION

Year 11 students were invited to attend an interview skills workshop in late August, prior to the 2025 College Captain applications opening.

# PRODUCTION HELPERS & CANTEEN

During the production, 19 student leaders assisted with greeting guests, aisle ushering, handing out programs and running the fundraiser canteen during the intermission. Thank you to the students and staff members who gave up their time to help.

## SRC LEADERSHIP POSITIONS NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATION

We encourage all students to apply for a 2025 leadership position that interests them. Available positions include; Middle School Captains, Senior Leaders, House Captains and Student Wellbeing Ambassadors. Please see Compass news items for information on how to apply.

Written by: Stefanie V, Mila VW, Rosemary V and Hiroki W, Middle School Captains

## MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE

# PROUDLY PRESENTS

A SHOWCASE OF STUDENT TALENTS IN THE AREAS OF ART, DESIGN, DANCE, MEDIA, MUSIC, PHOTOGRAPHY AND TECHNOLOGY.

# ARTS 2024 ALIUE 2024

Music Performance Night Monday 21st October 7pm, Auditorium FREE ENTRY
ALL WELCOME

Art Exhibition and Arts Awards Night Tuesday 22nd October 6pm, Gymnasium



#### **LANGUAGE NEWS**

**Languages Faculty** 

In Term 2, the Languages Faculty organised a fantastic Cultural Diversity Day filled with fun activities led by our French and Japanese teachers and Language Ambassadors. Students enjoyed a delicious French crêpes stall (merci Marine from "La Louche" for the yummy crêpes), and our talented music students, under the guidance of Ms Sharon Cooke, played beautiful French songs at lunchtime. The day also featured a scavenger hunt, a Japanese tea ceremony, and Suikawari—a traditional Japanese game where participants split a watermelon with a stick while blindfolded. It was a wonderful celebration of cultural diversity, and we would like to thank all the French and Japanese teachers, Language Ambassadors, music students, and everyone involved in making the day a success!













## **LANGUAGE NEWS**

#### French Faculty

At the beginning of Term 3, we organised a special Bastille Day performance led by renowned variety performers Philippe and Jacques. Our Year 7 and 8 students had a lot of fun exploring the culture, history, and significance of the French national day through an educational and interactive theatre performance featuring French music, dance, and drama. This event enriched the French curriculum and celebrated the connection between language, culture, and identity.









#### **CAREERS NEWS**



## Key dates: year 12 students 2024/25

#### JULY

#### 29 July 9am

- Applications open
- SEAS and Scholarship applications open

#### AUGUST

Get started! Create your VTAC account, submit a course application and submit SEAS and scholarship application

#### SEPTEMBER

#### 20 September 5pm

· SEAS and Scholarships preliminary review guarantee closes

#### 30 September 5pm

 Course application deadline (change of preference still open)

#### **OCTOBER**

#### 11 October 5pm

· SEAS and Scholarship applications close

#### NOVEMBER

Make sure you've registered for the VCE Results and ATAR service at www.resultsandatar.vic.edu.au

#### DECEMBER

#### 12 December 7am

ATARs released

#### 14 December 12pm

· Change of preference closes for Dec. round

#### 17 December 8am

IB results release

#### 23 December 10am

 December course offers released

open for Jan. round

#### JANUARY & FEBRUARY

#### 10 January 2pm

- · January round 1 course offers released
- Further change of preference and offer rounds in January & February



For a full list of dates, please scan here

#### 23 Dec 2pm - 24 Dec 4pm

· Change of preference



Make sure you apply for special consideration (SEAS) and Scholarships.

Every applicant is encouraged to consider a SEAS & Scholarships application, so read through requirements on the VTAC website.





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#### **WELFARE NEWS**





Join Jesuit Social Services to learn how to navigate school refusal in teens.

#### Delivered online, this one-hour session will cover:

- Factors that may lead to school disengagement
- School-based strategies for re-engaging a young person with
- External strategies to support a young person to re-engage with school
- Jesuit Social Services programs that support young people to re-engage with school
- Question and answer discussion

This session is for parents, carers and families of teenagers

Tuesday 10 September 7pm ONLINE via zoom

Contact Jess Sayers 94579983 Bookings essential jessica.sayers@banyule.vic.gov.au



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# Inclusive Employment Program

Our Inclusive Employment Program supports local people experiencing harriers to employment with a six month job opportunity at Banyule City Council in a role tailored to an individual's areas of interest, goals, strengths and ability.

















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#### Who can apply?

You can apply for this program if you;

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  reasingful employment

  Identify as a member of size or more of
  the following community group:

  Acongress and Tomes Streat Islander peoples
- Culturally and linguistically diverse people People living with disability
- Young people (age 16-25)

Barvule City Council recognises that within these targeted community groups, people may have overlapping identifies or experiences, LOSTIQA+ people, women, older adults, carers, veterans and people impacted by the justice system are encouraged to apply

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#### What next?



To find out if this program is right for you: Attend: An upcoming information session Friday 13 September, 10em - 11:30em. Level 4 - 1 Flintoff St. Greensbarough



Or scan the code below To apply for this program spolication by 29 Sept 2024

will start on: 7 February 2025



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## DISGUSSION GROUP

Use your lived experience to promote positive profiling of young people with all abilities.

Join our group! Bring your expertise and lived experience to guide how Banyule Youth Services use social media to advocate for better visibility of young people with neurodivergence and how we promote all of the awesome stuff you are doing and are capable of!

#### For more information:

Complete our form by using the QR code or contact our Jets Inclusion Officer Leza

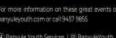
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#### **WELFARE NEWS**





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Banyule Youth Services acknowledges that these events will be held on the land of the traditional owners, Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people of the Kulin nation. We pay our respects to their elders and leaders - past, present and emerging

#### **BANYULE YOUTHFEST** Sun 15 Sept 12-5pm **Macleod Park**

Live music & performers across multiple stages, rides, henna, a free clothing grab sports activities, giveaways & prizes, food trucks, inclusive activities and HEAPS more! COST: FREE!! youthfest.com.au

#### SLIDE NIGHT

Fri 20 Sept 6-9pm Watermarc, Greensborough

Unlimited rides on the Tantrum Alley & Pipeline Slide, try your skills on the giant with our team will taking song

Ages: 10-17 years

Cost: \$3

#### TRADITIONAL **GAMES & ART**

Tues 24 Sept 11.30am- 1.30pm Barrbunin Beek,

**West Heidelberg** 

Experience traditional Aboriginal games & art activities, including traditional beading and sand art.

Ages: 10-17 years

Cost: FREE!! includes plaza

Backings essential or banyaleyouth com-this event is a portrostio with Barchison Berk

#### WARHAMMER

Thurs 26 Sept 1-4pm **Watsonia Library** 

This tabletop game is lots of fun, easy to learn & great to play with mates. For both beginners & experienced players.

Ages: 12-18 years

Cost: FREE!

Bookings essential at barrysleyouth com-This event is a partnership with Yarra Plenty Regional Library

#### BACKYARD SPORTS

Thurs 26 Sept 3.30-5.30pm Malahang Park, West Heidelberg

So much to do Basketball. coffee cart & bike but open for repairs to bikes, scooters & music playing your requests all

#### Cost: FREEH

#### THE WILD ROBOT"

Fri 27 Sept 1-3.30pm

Ages: 12-18 years

Cost: \$8 includes ticket 5 gift mag Bookings essential at corporing with con-

#### **IMMERSIVE WORLDS**

Tues 1 Oct 1-5pm Ivanhoe Library

Explore new worlds through board games, Dungeons & Dragons "one shot" games & Nintendo Switch on the BIG screen!

Ages: 12-18 years

Cost: FREE!!

Bookings essential at baryuleyouth com this event is a partnership wi farra Plenty Regional Library

## PAINT & TEA (BUBBLE TEA)

Thurs 3 Oct 2-4.30pm Jets Studios, Bundoora

Create a canvas for you to take home. We provide everything (gouache, watercolour & acrylic paints to choose from) Sip along with new friends with your own bubble tea as well.

Ages: 12-16 years

COST: \$5

Bookings essential at baryweyouth com-







