

The Heartbeat of Mountain District Christian School



This week, at the Secondary Assembly, we welcomed and blessed the final three successful student leaders in Junior Secondary Year 7-9: Grace Diprose, Janiya Foots and Asher Megee. Along with leaders across Primary and Senior Secondary these students will now join a Student Representative Council.

Student leaders for 2019:

School Captains – Abi Kotnik and Jared Hanna

Year 11 Student Leaders (portfolio responsibilities) – Luke Allisey (Sport), Winton Boot (Maths/ Science), Sarah Vegt (Arts) and Sam Ashton (English and Languages)

Year 10 Student Leaders (House Leaders) - Amber Sheppard (Hanscamp), James Bridges (Ridgway) and Krisi Karananos (Stone)

Junior Secondary Student Leaders – Grace Diprose (Year 7), Janiya Foots (Year 8), Asher Megee (Year 9)

Primary Student Leaders –Caleb Greenfield (Year 4), Teagan Flanagan (Year 5), Brendan Ellis (Year 6)

When you ask students to define leadership you will often hear words like charisma, capabilities, elitism and popularity. And, it is no wonder as we only have to look at media or sporting and fashion industries to see this expressed. We live in a time where even our expectations of leaders are driven and measured by scores, data and success (defined as being 'the best'). The oxford definition of leadership states that it is the action of guiding or

leading a group. As the model of leadership has unfolded at Mountain District Christian School we have looked to an alternate view. We have sought God's data (His Word) and Jesus' example for what makes an effective leader. A comprehensive understanding of the gospel message calls leaders to do what is right and God honouring. Student leadership should therefore be about serving, initiating ideas, looking for ways in which to encourage and empower others and seeing beyond self to the bigger picture. It will be about creating a strong community. Leaders will equally be

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challenged to develop their own character to make wise choices, treat others respectfully and uphold the ethos of the school.

We are blessed to be part of such a strong school community and we have had an overwhelming response of student volunteers wanting to serve the school and develop their leadership capacities. I was personally touched by comments which resonated with the above goals as well as with our school vision for Christian Education, "to develop the gifts and talents of all, for a life of active service". That life starts now whether you are in Prep or Year 12! Please join us in praying for our Student Representatives as well as the broader student body as they are challenged and equipped.

Janita Bratton
Deputy Principal

COMING HOME THIS WEEK:

Whole School Parent Teacher Meeting Information (mailed home)

School Photo Day Order Forms

Yr 1/2 Monbulk RSL exc

Yr 6 Commemorative Windcheater Oder form

Yr 7-12 Maths Extension Program (selected students)

Yr 7-12 Interschool Swimming Carnival (selected students)

Yr 9-12 Indonesian exc

Yr 9-10 Work Experience Information

Yr 12 Math Methods exc

REMINDERS:

Return Year 7/8 Camp Forms
School Banking tomorrow



COMPETITION WINNERS - MDCS 40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:

WATERMELON CRUSH GUESS - 1st: Zara Wilkie, Year 12

JELLY BEAN JAR GUESS - Tie for 1st: Zac Mitchel, Prep

Nathan Greenfield, Year 1



NATURE TRAIL QUIZ:

- Mr Baird's RED Tour - Kate Riding, Year 1

- Mr Van Boxtel's GREEN Tour - Olivia Boyle - ex student

- Mr Grace's YELLOW Tour - Ashlee Scott-Strudley, Year 7



Parent Teacher Meetings

26th—28th March

You will receive a letter this week in the post about the upcoming Parent Teacher Meetings. Please note, PTO will open for bookings on Tuesday 12th March at 9.00am where you can generate your own pin to login. If you have any trouble logging on or making your bookings, please ring the office and we will help!

Parent reminder: 29th March is a STUDENT FREE DAY due to Parent Teacher Evening Meetings



The Year 9 students are continuing to enjoy their hike in the Otway Coastal Park, and are appreciating some spectacular views. Continue to keep them in your prayers as they travel back tomorrow. Full report coming next week!

LOCAL TOP ARTS AT BURRINJA

Four students from our VCE Studio Art class have been chosen to exhibit their folios and final Art pieces at the VCE showcase at Burrinja.

Congratulations to Rebekah Remminga, Ben Conry, Nicholas Sheppard & Meg Strainic who will all have work in the exhibition.

The show opens on Friday night the 18th February and runs through till 19th March.

This is a great exhibition with quality artwork and an opportunity to support our students and our school.



NOT SURE IF MATHS
PROBLEM IS EASY

OR I'M DOING
IT ENTIRELY WRONG

Feeling unsure about Maths? Want to challenge your Mathematics knowledge further? Want to get your Maths homework done before going home?

Then M&M's is where you need to go! M&M's (Maths and

M&M's) runs **every Wednesday lunchtime** in **Room 12**. Whether you're after some help understanding, or just want a good place to get some Maths work done, come along with your Maths work and Mr Mahoney will be available to help you out with any questions you might have! The best part is — students will receive an M&M for every Maths question they get correct during this time! Mo' Maths means mo' M&M's! See you there! Tom Mahoney

SCHOOL CALENDAR

MARCH

- 7th - New Parents Dinner
- 11th - LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
- 12th - Yr 11/12 Touch Rugby/Netball
- 14th - Yr 5/6 China Town excursion
- 15th - Yr 10-12 Formal
- 18th - Secondary Assembly

- 18th - 22nd Yr 7/8 Wilson's Prom Camp
- 21st - Yr 1-2 Monbulk RSL visit
- 25th - Yr 7 Immunisations
 - Primary Assembly
 - Yr 12 Mathematical Methods exc
- 26th - SEISS Interschool Swimming (select students)
 - Parent Teacher Evening Meetings
- 28th - Parent Teacher Evening Meetings