

## The Heartbeat of Mountain District Christian School



As we head into the final stages for our Year 12 students and reflect upon their learning throughout their time at MDCS, we are reminded that their education has been larger than any academic success they may achieve. Students have been given a grounding in their faith through an education that is centered on Christ.

As Christ-led with a servant heart, we are continuing to develop strong leaders of tomorrow by instilling particular characteristics in our students. These

include attributes such as:

### Faith:

- Students having a personal faith and a commitment to Christ-centered leadership, which is defined according to Jesus' example of non-judgmental guidance, calmness, fearlessness, empowering of others, humility, honesty, sacrifice, selflessness, patience.

### Commitment to Learning:

- Students maintaining a high level of diligence towards learning, and particularly in the context of MDCS, their studies as they seek to achieve their best.

### Support of Extra-Curricular Activities:

- Students participating and/or encouraging participation in a variety of extra-curricular activities, even those which they personally may not be gifted or have a high level of interest.

### Discipline:

- Students being role models to other students and displaying a willingness to help guide and disciple others, through their own actions.

### Welcoming:

- Students being respectful of others and fostering a sense of inclusion among the school community.

### Servanthood:

- Students demonstrating a willingness to serve the school community whenever possible.

It has been a pleasure seeing our Year 12s embodying aspects of these in leading the school community. We are seeking to implement a school leadership program in the

coming year. The first action in implementing this is the selection of two school captains. These will be people who will lead the student body by example in developing these key characteristics listed above and seeking to have the mind of Christ in their task. As well as being role models, these school captains would have key responsibilities in school events and will be supported through mentoring by teachers.

As students complete their final stages of secondary schooling,

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the world tells them of all the possible options and there is so much uncertainty about the future. However, the Bible is clear that there is a

path laid out for each and every one of them. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, in Jeremiah 29:11. Our prayer for our students at this time is to understand this and to honour God in following the path he lays out before them.

Paul Lock  
HOSS, VCE Coordinator

### Student Leadership Program

It is exciting to see our Year 12 and current Year 11 students embracing the leadership opportunities. As Paul outlined in his editorial, we are implementing a school wide leadership program. The first instalment of this is identifying two Year 12s to take on the role of school captain. Over the coming term you will see this extend into other year levels, creating a formal leadership program. This will provide students with opportunities to lead, be mentored and trained, and allow those with leadership capabilities to extend themselves in this area in ways to enhance school community and culture. Keep an eye out for more information about this next term.

### Expressions of interest...

As mentioned in previous editions of the Pulse, Anne and Cath will be completing their time in the **Lunchbox (Tuckshop)** at the end of the year. As such we are seeking expressions of interest to take this on for 2019. The ladies have documented comprehensive routines to ensure a smooth transition. There is also the offer of a handover into the new year to assist. If you feel this is an area you would like to contribute, we would love to hear from you. Please email Ross Ingram at [r Ingram@mcds.vic.edu.au](mailto:r Ingram@mcds.vic.edu.au) to express your interest.

Jason Riding

### COMING HOME THIS WEEK:

- Yr 1/2 End of Term Class Party
- Year 7 End of Term Class Party
- Year 7/8 Food Tech Elective Information
- Year 7/8 Term 4 Elective Preference

- Yr 8 Hobbit Party
- Year 11 School Captain Information
- Year 7-9 Mums CC Event flyer

### REMINDERS:

- SCHOOL BANKING TOMORROW

### Learner Driver Reminder:

Parents note, Learner drivers are not permitted to drive on the school property during school hours (8.30am till 4pm)



Parents please note...

**POLAROID FOUND!**

A Polaroid Instax mini 8 camera has been found on the school's mini bus. Please contact the office if you are the owner.



**WORKING BEE**

**Change of Date**

The date of the last Working Bee for this year has been changed to **Saturday 13th October**

We would love you to be a part of this community event as we complete some tasks around our beautiful school. This is the last Working Bee for 2018!  
Ross Ingram - Business Manager

**REMINDER  
STUDENT  
FREE  
DAY  
TOMORROW**

**TEAR Useful Gifts:**

In response to our study of the problem of poverty last semester, the Year 9/10 Geography class decided raise money for those in need by running a TEAR 'Useful Gift' stall. Every gift you buy from TEAR's Useful Gifts represents a contribution to a long-term development project, helping people gain the skills and resources they need to address local problems and come up with sustainable solutions. It's the original way to buy a goat and other poverty-fighting gifts! If you would like to make a purchase to support people living in dire need, catalogues and order forms are available at the front desk. Alternatively, please contact me directly for more information.



Thank you, in anticipation of your support. - Judy Miller  
Year 10 Class Teacher

**TRADE SCHOOL OPEN CAMPUS**

VCAL for YEARS 10, 11 & 12 SEPTEMBER 19th 1.00 PM - 7.00 PM



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VCAL TEACHER AWARD

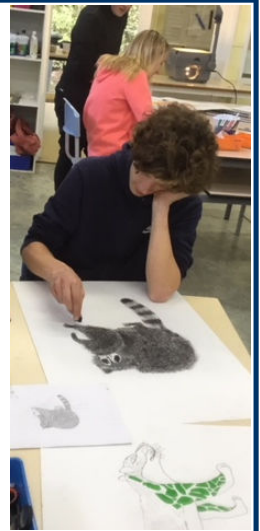
**CALLING ALL ARTISTS!**

Our Photo Ark exhibition needs you!

As you may be aware, our students are all very busy making wonderful creative works for exhibition and sale in fourth term on October 23rd. More details to come as the date draws nearer.

You are also being invited to contribute your own art around the theme of celebrating our creatures and their environment.

Direct any questions you may have to Lia Burke or Antonia Chaney.



**Community Corner**

**WAR ROOM**



**Prep to Year 3  
Mums Movie Night**

Come along for a movie and a cuppa, glass of wine, cheese and of course, chocolate!

**Date:** Monday, 17th September

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Where:** Alex McMasters house  
Please RSVP to Alex on 0407 259902 by 12th September

Please bring a bean bag if you have one!

**Year 7-9 Mums Dinner**

*It was so much fun last time, that we are going to do it again!*

**Where:** Earthly Pleasures  
1627 Burwood Hwy,  
Belgrave

**When:** Sat, 29th Sep  
@ 6pm

**RSVP:** Wed 26th Sep  
to Dawnyele, MDCS  
Year 7-9 C/Connector  
0434 948 258 (txt or call)



**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**SEPTEMBER**

- 13th - 14th Parent Teacher Meetings \* \*(Students in Secondary to attend with Parents)
- 14th - STUDENT FREE DAY \*
- 17th - Yr 6 Poetry Slam Presentations
  - Secondary Assembly
  - Yr 7-9 Girls AFL Day

- VCE Unit 2 PE exc
- 18th - Yr 3-12 Poetry Workshops
- Y 9/10 3D Art Resource Rescue exc
- 20th - Yr 5-12 Poetry Workshops
- 21st - TERM 3 ENDS

**OCTOBER**

- 3rd - 5th VCE Unit 3&4 Trial Exams