

Year 9 Experience Work days





It is the mid-point of the final term. I am continually encouraged by the efforts of our students and the many ways in which we can celebrate their achievements, efforts and determination. Recently our senior art students displayed their work at the Emerald Art Show and many fantastic pieces were presented. Congratulations to the three students who won awards: Juzzlyn Perry Dubbeld for her work "Conceptualisation" winning

best in show; Catherine Jewel for her piece "Isolation" which won best in her age group (under 19) and Shania for "Pol" winning the People's Choice Award.

In addition students have attended various sporting days including Inter-school Athletics, where MDCS won the Merit award. This award is very difficult to win as a school's total number of points won is divided by the number of students in the school. This means that our students won the most points per person, thus demonstrating fantastic teamwork.

I want to commend our Year 12 students to you. They have been studiously completing their final exams. A number of them have finished completely while there are still some with a few to go. The Unit 3/4 exams that are still to come include Studio Arts, Food Studies and Indonesian (written). The Year 11's have also been completing their exams this week and our Year 9/10 students will complete

theirs on Monday and Tuesday next week. Please continue to pray for them over this time.

Coming up over the next few weeks are a number of events including the Year 8 Snowy Camp, Year 6 Celebration dinner, Prep orientation, a trip to Science works, the Year 6 aquatic excursion, VCE retreat and whole school orientation.



I encourage you to follow some of the celebrations shared above by 'Like'-ing MDCS on Facebook where all these celebrations can be viewed.

Other news

This week we welcome a new Year 3 student, in Mrs Williams class, to the school. We look forward to getting to know her and her family over the coming weeks and years.

It is with some sadness that I share that Mrs Knight has decided to explore other opportunities next year. She has decided to finish up at the end of 2017. We have appreciated her dedication and commitment to the task of teaching students over her six years here. She will be missed. This position has been advertised recently and we

will inform you about the new appointment as soon as possible.

Have a great week!

Jason

On Monday, at the Secondary Assembly, the Christian group TEAR (which stands for transformation, empowerment, advocacy and relief) shared with students the global needs of poor communities. TEAR partners with agencies and community based organisations to care for the poor and victims of injustice. The presentation was a great conclusion to many of the themes and issues being discussed in class this term. This has included victims of slavery, for whom the Year 9/10 Social Justice students raised money through the Pong-a-thong fundraiser. Also, victims of injustice, which has been a focus in the Year 7 and 8 General Studies unit this term; students explored this concept further through a simulation activity which was also run by TEAR.

Empowering students to be active global citizens grounded in God's call to serve Him through actions of love and justice gives us real reason to love our neighbour.

Janita Bratton
Deputy Principal
HoS Years 7-9
Year 5/6 Class Teacher



THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD, AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD:
AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM,
NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN.
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.
LEST WE FORGET.



REMEMBRANCE



LAST FRIDAY, WE
GATHERED AT THE
FLAGPOLE TO
REMEMBER THOSE THAT
HAD GIVEN SO MUCH
FOR US AS A NATION,
AND TO PRAY FOR
THOSE WHO STILL SERVE.

Parents please note...

A brief reminder to parents that fee invoices for next year (2018 fees) have been sent out. Please advise the office if you have not received any details. The early payment discount of 8% is available on the tuition fees if paid by 8 December 2017. The bus fees are not part of the early payment discount. Please return your payment plans including direct debit arrangements, bus forms and indicative working bee attendance by the end of November so that planning for next year can be finalised.

I also note that we have received payments from a Bendigo Bank account for fees without any reference details. If you have been making payments in this manner please contact the office so we can allocate the receipts against your account.

Ross Ingram
Business Manager

END OF YEAR LIBRARY DATES:

17 November	1 st overdue notices go out
1 December	2 nd overdue notices go out
4 December	Last day for return of resources – All Staff & Students
5, 7-8 Dec	LIBRARY CLOSED for stocktake
7 December	Final overdue notices go out for the year. Any books not returned by 12 December will be invoiced in January.
12 December	Last Day available for HOLIDAY BORROWING
12 December	Last Day of School – Bon Voyage



Term Dates 2018

TERM 1

Prep & Year 7 start - Monday 29th January
Whole School start - Tuesday 30th January
Labour Day Holiday - Monday 12th March
Parent Teacher Meetings (Friday student free day) - 22nd & 23rd March
Term 1 ends - Thursday 29th March
Good Friday - Friday 30th March

TERM 2

Students start - Monday 16th April
Anzac Day Holiday - Wednesday 25th April
Queen's Birthday Holiday - Monday 11th June
Term 2 ends - Friday 22nd June

TERM 3

VCE Students start - Wednesday 9th July
Whole School start - Monday 16th July
Parent Teacher Meetings (Friday student free day) - 13th & 14th September
Term 3 ends - Friday 21st September

TERM 4

VCE Students start - Monday 8th October
Whole School start - Wednesday 10th October
Melbourne Cup Day Holiday - Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th November
Term 4 ends - Thursday 13th December
Christmas Day - Tuesday 25th December



As you all know, here at **M.D.C.S** we have some very talented kids, so on the 28th of November in the MPR during lunch we will be having a **Talent Contest!** The winner of the talent contest will win a prize. There will be a gold coin donation to get in and there will be food to purchase as well.

\$2.00 for Sausages

All donations will be going to an event or something in our community. There will also be a few games in which you can win prizes. Hope to see u there!

YEAR 9 BAKESALE—TOMORROW!

Muffins: \$1—\$2
Choc Chip Cookies: 50c



COMING HOME THIS WEEK:

- Year 9-11 Early Commencement Program

REMINDERS:

- Return 2018 Bus Request forms
- Return VCE Retreat Forms
- School banking tomorrow

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

15th - 17th Yr 8 Snowy River Camp
20th - Primary Assembly
- Yr 11 Exam Feedback
20th - 21st Yr 9/10 Exams
21st - End of Yr 11 Break

23rd - 24th 2018 VCE Retreat
27th - Secondary Assembly
- VCE 2018 Unit 1 & 3 Commence
28th - Volunteers Afternoon Tea
29th - Prep 2018 Orientation #2
30th - Yr 6 Celebration



WE'RE IN TOWN

Roll up your sleeves
and give blood



Lilydale Mobile Donor Centre

Baptist Church Complex, Cnr Hull & Swansea Rds, Lilydale 3140

Appointments available:

Monday 27 November	12.30 pm – 7.30 pm
Tuesday 28 November	12.30 pm – 7.30 pm
Wednesday 29 November	2.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Thursday 30 November	12.30 pm – 7.30 pm
Friday 1 December	8.30 am – 3.30 pm

Make an appointment today.

Call 13 14 95 or visit
donateblood.com.au



Australian Red Cross
BLOOD SERVICE

Monbulk Cricket Club in conjunction with MADCOW presents

MONBULK FUN RUN 10 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

2017 COLOUR RUN

"Run to the G"
4km & 8km Run / Walk

Date: Sunday 26th November, 2017
Place: Start / Finish - 'MCG' Monbulk Cricket Ground
Time: 8 - 8.30am registration for a 9am start (sharp)
Entry Fee: \$10 School Kids / \$20 Adult / \$40 Family
Face Painting Double Shot Coffee Van
Rotary BBQ Monbulk Produce Market
Belgrave Big Dreams Market
For more information email Kelly at kellybellish@hotmail.com or register Online at www.eventbrite.com.au

Proceeds from Fun Run go to Monbulk Relief Fund and MADCOW Community Projects
Proudly Sponsored By Monbulk & District Community Bank & Monbulk Produce Market



Free Dental Care each is not just for Health Care Card Holders.

Children and youth who **attend public dental clinics** will **NOT incur out of pocket expenses** with the Child Dental Benefit Schedule
NO FEES ~ YOU WILL BE BULK BILLED!

More information available at the school office.



James Bridges, Year 8, and Holly Williams, Year 9, won the Sportsman/woman of the Year Award and were presented the trophies at the Secondary Assembly this week. These awards are given to MDCS secondary students who throughout the year have displayed excellence, success and faithfulness in all their efforts in sports lessons and school sporting events. This award will be presented annually in two categories, best male and best female. Well done James and Holly!

Year 7/8 Volleyball & Badminton...

Last Thursday, the Year 7/8 students journeyed to Casey Leisure Centre to participate in their inter-school Volleyball and Badminton rally day. Students showed great intestinal fortitude as they battled to reach their goal of participating to the best of their ability, and their quest to win the flag. Arwen commented of her



team's (Year 8 girls' volleyball) effort, "We played so well as a team!" while Amber (Year 8 girls' badminton) quipped, "When I get sweaty, I just feel sweaty!" This in response to the heat of the day! Both girls' teams won their grand final with relative ease; 72 - 25 against MECS for the volleyball team, and 55 - 38 against Bayside for the badminton team.





Year 2 Sleepover...

The Year 2 Sleepover was a wonderful evening. We enjoyed lots of games, friends and food. We practised new skills such as setting up a tent, putting four (or more) different colours on your dinner plate and sitting still and quiet for five minutes on the Nature Trail (this was a challenge!). We enjoyed a movie together and even had some sleep! Many thanks to the students for being brave and participating in every activity, and to the parents who came and helped make it such a successful evening.

Mrs Nissa Heading

On Friday after school it was the Year 2 Sleepover. It was awesome fun. When we got to the gym with all our stuff we went to get some tents. Me, Luka and Angus were in a tent. It had a hole in it. When all the year 2s got back most of us played piggy. I wasn't it the whole time! It was really fun. I was really, really happy. After 5 or 10 minutes we had some food. I was very hungry so I got 3 pieces of watermelon, 2 pieces of apple and 2 pieces of pear. After everyone had fruit we had popcorn. When it was 7 o'clock we did our night walk. Stephen Clowes

