

## The Heartbeat of Mountain District Christian School



At the Secondary assembly on Monday, I had the opportunity to share with the students Psalm 139: 13-14 which states, "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made". This Psalm speaks volumes about the identity we have in Christ, our maker, saviour and redeemer.

Counter to the biblical view, is the world's view of identity which can be set by the trends of our time. Likes on twitter, numbers of friends or followers on Facebook and photos that share perfect lives are superficial when it comes to building secure identities. Our digital native teenagers not only need wisdom and discernment in navigating technology, they require encouragement to develop a secure sense of self-worth. This was summed up at Assembly by sharing that identity based on what others think will inevitably lead to feeling unsure, identity based on what you do will leave one seeking to achieve more or wanting to please others. However, identities based on what God thinks, offers a real sense of hope and freedom. God tells us that we are His children, His new creation, His masterpiece and we are loved!

A highlight of the Assembly was the Year 11s sharing their thoughts on their identity and what has shaped them. The

encouragement that the students received to be certain of their own gifts and talents, to find people who will support and to step into all that God has for us, was a blessing. One student reminded us that God is waiting for us to step into a relationship with Him. To see such a level of reflection, awareness of their world and insight was an inspiration.

Additionally, this week the school celebrated its annual Soiree Night. What a wonderful way to share the gifts and talents of

musical, poetic and artistic abilities. We even had a ventriloquist! The confidence displayed and the enjoyment we received in sharing the learning journeys of the students was memorable. It is our desire to see all students confident in who they are and willing to engage to their very best. Let us continue to uphold our students in prayer.

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May they know the goodness of His purpose and plan for their lives.

Blessings,

Janita Bratton

Deputy Principal

Head of Secondary Year 7-9

Year 5/6HB Class Teacher



### Policy update

Recently we have updated two policies. The Anaphylaxis Communication Plan which is available in the office as a handout. In addition,

we have made available the Grievance policy, titled, "What to do when there is a disagreement". This is available on the MDCS website and as a flyer which can be obtained from the front office.

Both of these policies clearly communicate the school's response or procedures for both situations.

The Grievance Policy, is based on the Biblical principles found in Matthew 18: 15- 17. In the event that you have concerns about anything in the school we will encourage you to make sure, in the first instance, you have talked to the person you have concerns with. I would encourage you to familiarise yourself with both policies.

Jason Riding

### Chess Club...





VCE Exams are currently in progress at the school. Please keep VCE students in your prayers as they enter their exam period. We have included the exam timetable adjacent for your reference. THANKS!!

### HAVE YOU CONSIDERED SCHOOL BANKING?

Has your child got a long wish list? Bike, game, CAR!?! We all know it's never too early for our kids to start learning about the benefits of budgeting and saving.

If you would like to open an account, forms are available from the office.

**FRIDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING DAY!**

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## Missing Pottery Wheel



We have recently discovered that a pottery wheel is missing from the Art Room. Please contact the office if you have any information to help us locate it.

## VCE EXAM TIMETABLE

| DATE                                     | SUBJECT & TIME                                   | SUBJECT & TIME                        |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><b>1st November</b>  | 9.00am—12.15pm<br>English                        |                                       |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><b>2nd November</b>   | 9.00am—11.45am<br>Psychology                     |                                       |
| <b>Friday</b><br><b>3rd November</b>     | 9.00am—11.45am<br>Biology                        | 2.00pm—3.45pm<br>Further Maths Exam 1 |
| <b>Monday</b><br><b>6th November</b>     | 9.00am—10.45am<br>Further Maths Exam 2           |                                       |
| <b>MELBOURNE CUP HOLIDAY</b>             |  |                                       |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><b>8th November</b>  | 9.00am—10.15am<br>Math Methods Exam 1            | 3.00pm—5.15pm<br>History: Revolutions |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><b>9th November</b>   | 11.45am—2.00pm<br>Math Methods Exam 2            | 3.00pm—5.15pm<br>Physical Education   |
| <b>Friday</b><br><b>10th November</b>    | 11.45am—2.00pm<br>Health & Human Develop         |                                       |
| <b>Monday</b><br><b>13th November</b>    | 9.00am—10.45am<br>Dance<br>Product Design & Tech | 11.45am—2.00pm<br>Literature          |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br><b>14th November</b>   | 9.00am—11.45am<br>Chemistry                      | 2.00pm—3.45pm<br>Vis Comm Design      |
| <b>Friday</b><br><b>17th November</b>    | 9.00am—10.45am<br>Studio Arts                    | 11.45am—1.30pm<br>Food Studies        |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><b>22nd November</b> | 11.45—2.00pm<br>Indonesian                       |                                       |

## FOSTER CARERS NEEDED

If you have thought about foster care, please get in touch and ask the questions you have always wanted to.

Ring: Key Assets 1800 932 237 or 1800 WE CARE

Email: [info@keyassets.com.au](mailto:info@keyassets.com.au)

Web: [canifoster.com.au](http://canifoster.com.au) or [keyassets.com.au](http://keyassets.com.au)

Interested families would receive a brochure, information and no pressure!

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

3rd - Yr 9 Experience Work Day

6th - 7th **MELBOURNE CUP HOLIDAY**

8th - 10th Yr 11 Study Break

9th - Yr 7/8 Volleyball

10th - Yr 2 Sleepover

- Yr 9 Experience Work Day

13th - 17th Yr 11 Exams

13th - Secondary Assembly

15th - 17th Yr 8 Snowy River Camp

15th - Yr 5 Scienceworks excursion

20th - Primary Assembly

- Yr 11 Exam Feedback

20th - 21st Yr 9/10 Exams

21st - End of Yr 11 Break

