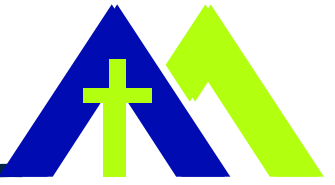


Pulse



The Heartbeat of Mountain District Christian School



From the Special Needs Coordinator....



You might be surprised to read of the strength of determination, expressed by the founding fathers of Harvard University, to make Harvard a place of learning that honours God above all other endeavours. The first mission statement of this institution states that its students be "plainly instructed", and required to "...consider well, that the main end of ... life and studies is, to know God and Jesus Christ."

As a Christian School we have no higher reason to exist than this very same desire, that our students receive a "Christ-centred", "biblically-directed" education (MDCS Vision and Mission).

The founders of Mountain District Christian School gave themselves wholeheartedly to establishing a school in which their children would receive a biblically directed Christ-centred education to develop their gifts for service in God's world. The school Association was formally constituted in 1978 and is still operating strongly today, maintaining its purpose of nurturing and furthering the Vision and Mission statements that ensure that we remain strongly committed and directed towards this end.

In October, there was excellent attendance at the Association EGM dinner. I am sure that the Board members, who are elected from the membership of the Association, were encouraged by the supportive turn out and the keen interest in

keeping our direction strong. We are connected to a national association of Christian schools under the banner of Christian Education National. They offer an introductory one-day short course for going deeper into what it means to be a Christian school. Several of our school parents attended this course for the sake of expanding their thinking about how our own Vision and Mission unfolds in the school setting. I heard good reports about the day; that it encouraged deeper thinking but was also practical with its "feet on the ground" rather than "airy-fairy." I hope the news spreads amongst more MDCS families that this is a worthwhile experience to consider for next year.

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Today, Harvard University is primarily a secular institution. I, for one, was surprised to hear that the early mission statement was so similar to our own. It made me stop and think how our own goals can change over time without constant vigilance to acknowledge, embrace and nurture our vision, and actively support and enact our mission.

This is a communal task. We can all consider ways that we can be involved. Perhaps joining the school Association could be a step you might consider.

For more information about the School Association, you might like to watch the following video that Christian Education National has put out. It can be found at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cl69xpu5_NQ

Stephanie Hanscamp
Special Needs Coordinator & Year 5/6HB Class Teacher

VCE Art Pieces Win Show!...

Our senior students entered the Emerald Art Show last weekend and we celebrate with all of them their exquisite art work. Three of our students took home awards:

Juzzlyn for her work "Conceptualisation" won Best in Show.

Catherine Jewel for her work "Isolation" won Best in Age Group— Under 19; and Shania for her work "Pol" won the People's Choice Award.

Thanks to all those students who entered.

Lia Burke
Secondary Art





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

FAMILY and PET CHRISTMAS PHOTO

Come along and have a lovely Christmas photo
taken with you and your pet/s.

Signpost Fundraiser

November 25th 10.00am - 2.00pm

St. Mark's, 1-3 Church Street, Emerald

\$10 per sitting

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b.y.o. USB stick for later
collection.

Bookings 5968 2855

email: editor@signpostmagazine.org.au

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Owners responsible for any mess from their pet.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

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



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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

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St George's Anglican Church
Main Street, Monbulk

With the Monbulk Car Show

Sunday 12th November 2017

From 10 am to 4 pm

Contact Marlene 0400 787 831
by 10 November 2017. \$20 per car

MONBULK RANGES SOCCER CLUB 2018 GIRLS TRIAL DATES



SESSION 1 – UNDER 14 &
UNDER 16

Wednesday 15/11/2017 @
7pm – 8:30pm

SESSION 2 – UNDER 14 & UNDER 16

Wednesday 29/11/2017 @ 7pm –
8:30pm

WHERE : MONBULK SOCCER COM-
PLEX, OLD EMERALD ROAD, MON-
BULK.

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST :

juniordoordinator@monbulkrangers.org.au

Or Samantha Wilson - 0448819368

Last Thursday, 40ish talented Secondary Students loaded onto the buses and set off for Knox Athletics track to compete in our 2017 SEISS Athletics Carnival. The day was full of outstanding performances and the moral among students was positive. All students competed bravely and gave their best to the events for which they had been selected. We saw a number of standout performances on the day, including two age group champions, Hugo Fountain and Asher Magee.

Additionally, the following four students also broke SEISS records:

- Hugo: 1500m, 400m
- Asher: Triple Jump
- Jake F: Javelin
- Shayla: 1500m

MDCS also walked away with the SEISS Merit award, which is the award given to the school that earns the most carnival points per student. This is an outstanding achievement and reflects the high calibre of athleticism that our students possess.

Will Baird
Sports Coordinator



Year 9/10 Social Justice - Ping Pong-a-thon...

The Pingpongathon was held at MDCS on the 27th of October. The event was an amazing chance for students to have some fun with their class playing some table tennis games, but also able to consider the real impact and existence of human trafficking. This gave students across the school an opportunity to reflect and value our blessings here, and to raise funds towards organisations working on the ground. The Year 9/10 Social Justice class did a fantastic job facilitating the day with decorations, games, food and fun. Thanks also to Mr Baird for his organisation work. As a school we've been able to raise over \$3000 which will support the rescue of at least two young people in South-East Asia. Well done MDCS community! If you would still like to donate, you still can in November at pingpongathon.com.au - Stefan van Boxtel, Secondary Science & VCE O&ES

#12 MONBULK, VIC
#11 CANNING VALE, WA
#10 HELENSVALE, QLD
#9 SCORESBY, VIC
#8 NAMBOUR, QLD

2017 PONG
CONFIRMED VENUES



Soiree...

Congratulation to all the students involved in the Whole School Soiree. It was a wonderful night filled with musical items, poetry reading, short story recitals and more. It was encouraging to see all abilities on display. The younger students were inspired to keep learning, and the older students able to reflect on how far they have come. It was particularly exciting to have some new performances; the bagpipes and ventriloquism were two such unique items.

Hannah Denny
Music Teacher

