Each morning the staff gather together to participate in a time of devotions. A roster system is in place whereby each member of staff has the opportunity to share with the rest of the staff an encouragement to others, or what God is revealing to them and how He is working in their lives. Yesterday, Ms Judy Miller shared with us and, with her permission I wanted to share some of her thoughts with you.

C.S. Lewis wrote, ‘I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen; not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else’.

Judy shared with us the encouragement she has found from working here. ‘God has placed me here and has been speaking to me constantly – every day – through the relationships I’m building with staff and students. He even speaks to me through the curriculum I’m teaching. It’s not just about being in a nice, safe environment where everyone is lovely; it’s more about living in a genuine community where we have a shared faith and purpose. He’s given us the gift of being a part of a community committed to Christian teaching – our faith is a natural part of who we are. It’s awesome to be able to live that out every day! Everything we do and discuss in class is shaped by a biblical perspective. Our relationships with each other and with students are an act of service to God – fulfilling our purpose. Ian Ridgeway (the founding Principal of MDCS) said, “Everything we do is in service to the Lord”. Even when things get tough – exhaustion from writing reports, exams and marking – there is still a deep sense of fulfillment underpinning that. We are doing something meaningful, serving God. We’re not just doing a “job”, we are transforming lives through our calling to be Christian teachers’.

I was greatly encouraged by Judy’s devotion with us yesterday for a number of reasons. It is fantastic that our staff recognize that God has called them here to serve; they recognize their task here as service to Him and finally, it is encouraging to hear that the staff wrestle with what it means to teach Christianly, regularly. While Judy shared this with us yesterday, we hear similar reflections and encouragement from other staff when they lead devotions each morning.

Have a great week!

Jason Riding.

CHAPLAIN’S CHAT
Hello Mountain District Christian School community. I trust you and your household are travelling along well.

As teachers and parents we are interacting with the most tech-savvy generation ever. The challenge for us as adults is to be cyber aware – to know what safety guidelines we need to implement whilst allowing our children and students the opportunity to learn and communicate in the online world.

To help us with this task, we have enlisted the expertise of two skilled Christians, Nathan Want and Sharon Witt. Sharon and Nathan shall be here at MDCS on Monday, July 28th. Nathan Want is from Discovery Church and will run sessions with our Year 5—12 students throughout the day. Nathan’s sessions will focus on safe, responsible use of social media. Sharon Witt, author of the Teen Talk series and a teacher at Mt Evelyn Christian School, will join Nathan to run a parent information session that evening, including a question and answer time. We anticipate these cyber awareness sessions will be helpful for us all, so put the date on your calendar!

As we head off into the term break, I pray God’s blessing upon you and your household for a safe and restful break. Rich blessings til next term.

Elissa White
Chaplain

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What’s coming up in Term 3:
August
• 8th - Yr 5/6 Social & Sleepover
• 12th - Grandparents Day
• 16th - Working Bee
• 18th - 22nd - Primary Book Week
• 23rd - OPEN DAY
• 29th - Yr 10/11 Formal

September
• 4th - 5th Yr 9 Production

NOW...TIME TO CONNECT.

Meet the Chaplain

Monday 28th July
Time: 7.30pm

A Seminar for Parents, Educators & Youth Leaders
Forms & Letters sent home this week:
• Yr 7 Movie Excursion
Reminders:
• Tuckshop & School Banking Tomorrow

Coming next term
Lock the date into your diaries!!!
Parents please note...

**YEAR 7, 2015?**
As announced by Mr Riding at the recent AGM and in the ‘Pulse’, MDCS will begin double streaming Year 7, in 2015. **If you know of any family looking for Year 7 next year,** we are now taking enrolment applications.

This is such exciting news for our school!

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**SHOPPING TOUR next term:**
**Saturday - 30th August**
Get ready for the fun!
Grab your handbags ladies and set this day in ROCK in your diaries....

**Maintenance Grounds Position Available**
MDCS is seeking an experienced Part-time Maintenance/Grounds person. The job will be 2-3 days per week depending on experience and availability.

**Essential Requirements**
- Fit & Healthy
- Experience in general maintenance
- Team Player
- Servant Heart
- Experience or aptitude for doing small building projects & repairs
- Hold a current Working with Children Check or be willing to obtain

Having experience in some or all of the following would be helpful to the applicant:
- Mechanical Knowledge
- Bus Driving
- OH&S qualifications and/or knowledge
- Working in a school environment
- Working with Sound Systems
- Competent in operation of small power tools
- Competent Computer Skills

The successful applicant will need to be in agreement with, and actively commit to, the Christian ethos of MDCS. A Full Position Description is available from Barb Sutherland. Phone 9756 7244 or email: mdcs@mdcs.vic.edu.au

Applications close 5pm Friday, 27th June, 2014.

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**Tax Deductible Building Fund Donation**
As a school, we are committed to the continual development of facilities and are in the process of putting together a 10 year Master-plan. In this plan we intend to build a number of state-of-the-art buildings. We will need support from donations from the community as well as government grants to be able to see the plans come to fruition.

We appreciate that many have already donated at the start of the year with the $292 voluntary payment. If you want to donate any further amounts, contact Tony Drummond or simply transact an internet transfer into our bank account.

Mountain District Christian School
BSB 033-326
Account 342482
Reference BFund-Surname

You will need to do so by the end of June to get a tax deduction in the 2013-14 year. A tax receipt will be sent out to all donors by early in July.

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**Meals Needed!**
Could you, would you, bake a cake; pasta, curry or rice dish make??
Could you, would you, freeze and bring; & make some families evening ZING!!

At school, we sometimes supply frozen meals to families that are going through a rough patch & could do with some support. BUT, Currently the freezer is depleted!! If you can help, please contact the office.

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**CALLING 7-10 YEAR OLDS! CHALLENGE YOURSELF - COME AND TRY CUB SCOUTS BUSH TUCKER NIGHT**
(With special guest presenter)

**When:**
Monday 23rd June from 6.30 pm
BBQ 6.30 to 7.00pm
Guest speaker and activities from 7.00pm

**Where:**
Cockatoo Scout Hall, Pakenham Road, Cockatoo, next to the skate bowl in the park.

**Contact:**
Any enquiries, please email Andrew at Andrew.Seen@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you!!

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**JUNE**
16th - 20th Yr 11 Exams
23rd - 27th Yr 10 Transition Week
23rd - VCE Unit 2 Begins
- Secondary Assembly (various)
26th - Immunisation Yr 7 + Yr 9 boys

- Yr 7 Excursion
27th - Midyear Reports sent home
- TERM TWO ENDS

**JULY**
14th - VCE classes Commence
21st - Term Three Begins (Whole School)