



The Heartbeat of Mountain District Christian School

Year 8 Snowy Camp

...with SNOW,
no BLUFFING!



From the Principal...



"There was movement at the station, for the word had passed around

That the colt from old Regret had got away..."

Last weekend, twenty-two Year 8 MDCS boys and girls proved themselves young men and women

on our 'Man from Snowy River Camp'! Whether it was horse riding along the hilltop boundaries of the Alpine National Park, hauling themselves up precipitous cliffs to reach the 1700 metre summit of The Bluff or trudging across the icy plateau whilst snow fell around them, our students can be proud of their cheerful stoicism and self-reliance.

Joining our camp at Sheeppyard Flat were a group of stalwart parents who contributed a variety of helpful skills. Our thanks to Tanya Hardidge, Marina Stewart, Amanda Reid, Frank Rossi, Steve Tinsley, Will Van Bremmen, Martin Vegt and Tim Stebbing. Faithful staff on camp were: Jason Riding, Charlie and Maryanne Schroder, Evonne and Phil Diprose, Judy Miller, Will Baird and Libby Fensham.

Our Year 8 students, parents and staff ate five star meals on camp. Amanda Reid and Marina Stewart created a mouth-watering menu of organic food – much of it from Marina's Organic Grocery shop. I doubt if any one of us will eat the like again when we are out in the bush!

Of the many highlights of the camp, some that leap to mind are: the sight of girls fishing in the rain from the riverbank; holding our breath whilst Mr Baird and Charlie Schroder supervised a group of boys hauling on a rope to hoist another student



(seated astride an improvised trapeze) up a tall tree; standing together under the bush-kitchen awning, rain hitting the canvas, hearing Charlie Schroder read Psalm 8, 'O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your

name in all the earth!'; moments up on The Bluff when the swirling clouds parted and, in awe, we watched the majestic mountains rippling into the distance and heard a reading of psalm 121, 'I lift my eyes to the hills...'; reaching the sanctuary of Bluff Hut to be greeted by hot drinks, wholesome food and a crackling log fire; sitting round the campfire whilst Jacinta Stewart recited 'The Man from Snowy River' by heart; walking beside the tumbling Howqua River to historic Fry's Hut; lying at night in our tents, listening (just as Clancy of the Overflow did) to the 'murmur of the breezes and the river on its bars'.

After some sixteen years, this camp has become a dearly loved part of our school's traditions. We know God has blessed every

person who has ever attended it. Certainly, all 'Snowy' camp adventurers, past and present, have been provided with a lifetime of exciting yarns.

Elizabeth Fensham



COMING HOME THIS WEEK:

- Year 10 Health Club visit

REMINDERS:

- Tuckshop tomorrow
- School Banking



Volunteers Thank You Afternoon Tea

Monday, 7th November

3:30 – 4:15 pm

Staff Room

Come and be part of the fun and blessing as MDCS Staff say THANKS for all your support during 2016.



Parents please note...

The 3D elective Art block needs a working large microwave.

Please contact Lia Burke if you have one to donate.

Thank you in anticipation.



Experience Year 7 Day

What a great day our 2017 Year 7 class had on 'Experience Year 7 Day' last week. As part of our orientation program our 2017 Year 7 class had a day tasting what Year 7 will look like at MDCS. It was great to see new students and current Year 6's bond and enjoy Science experiments, Art drawings, Sport classes, Music lesson, an MDCS Tour, a Scavenger Hunt and much more. This helped the class familiarise themselves with each other and their new environment. We look forward to welcoming and teaching these new secondary students, in 2017!

Mel Ashton - Enrolment Officer



Australian Mathematics Competition

MDCS Students awarded certificates for their participation in the Australian Mathematics Competition 2016. Their results were outstanding,

- 2 Distinction
- 3 Credit
- 2 Proficiency
- 5 Participation

Congratulations to our students and thank you for your support in encouraging our students to engage with such activities that enrich their school life and personal journey for excellence.



NOVEMBER

2nd - 4th Year 11 Study Break

7th - 11th Year 11 Exams

7th - Volunteers Afternoon Tea

- Primary Assembly (Prep/1)

9th - Primary Interschool Athletics day (Year 3-6)

10th - Prep Nurse visit

11th - Yr 2 Sleepover

14th - VCE Unit 3 begins

- Year 10 PE, Gym excursion

- Secondary Assembly

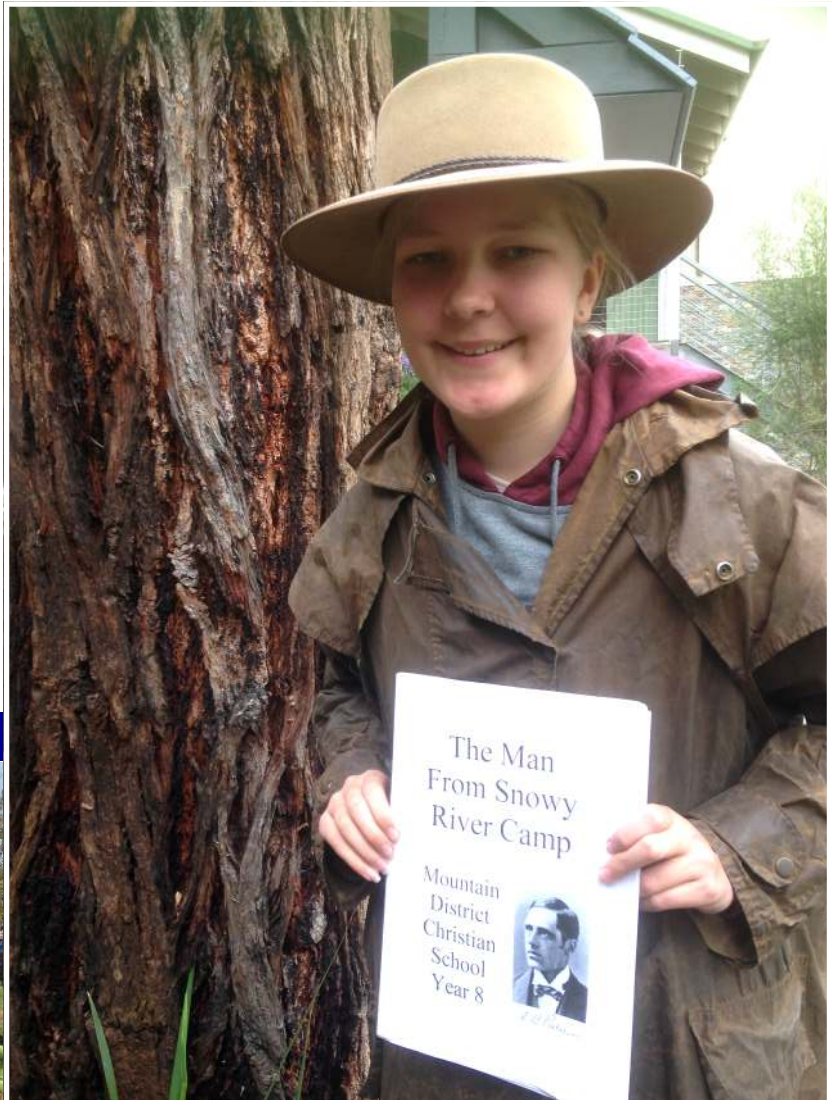
15th - Year 9/10 Anatomy, 1st Aid Training



Congratulations Jacinta!

Jacinta, Year 8, will be receiving the annual trophy that is awarded to the student or students willing to learn the entire ballad of 'The Man from Snowy River' and give a public recitation. In school assembly, the day following our challenging 'Snowy' camp (where students really did hike in the snow), Jacinta flawlessly recited all thirteen stanzas of the famous ballad, delivering her lines with riveting drama. Jacinta's remarkable achievement means that our school has a now unbroken tradition of at least one Year 8 student each year learning this ballad by heart!

Janita Bratton
Deputy Principal



Community News...



Making MONBULK a Safer Place

Monbulk residents are invited to a discussion on the Monbulk Bushfire Fuel Management Plan

Tuesday 15th November
7.30 to 9.00pm

Monbulk Living & Learning Centre
21 Main Road, Monbulk

This plan has been developed by a working group of community members, CFA, Yarra Ranges Council, Melbourne Water and Parks Victoria.

The Monbulk plan provides guidance to land owners on how to manage vegetation for the protection of the Monbulk township and includes protection for high value ecological sites.

Please come along to discuss your role in the Monbulk Bushfire Fuel Management Plan.

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Community Landcare Group



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Come and join us at:
All Stars After School Club
Theme: Who's got the X Factor?

For: Years 5-6
Where: St Marks, 1-3 Church Street Emerald
When: Monday nights
What: November 7 AthletEX Factor
November 14 AcademEX Factor
November 21 ArtistEX Factor
November 28 FamlEX Factor and Dinner
Time: 6 pm – 8 pm
Cost: \$6 (Dinner included)
Contact: Sue on 0433 024 626

Secondary Volleyball Days....

VOLLEYBALL DAYS

On Monday 24th & Thursday 27th October, our Secondary students competed in their annual Interschool Volleyball days. However, this year there was a slight twist. Students played Indoor Beach Volleyball. Selected students also had the opportunity to demonstrate their skills in tennis. Both days were full of breathtaking rallies and close games. During our Year 7/8 day, all our teams tasted victory, with each team winning at least one game. Congratulations to our Year 8 boys for their phenomenal performance in their Grand Final; coming from behind to win a nail-biting game, 32-30.

A huge congratulation to Holly Surridge from Year 7 who was crowned the Year 7 Female Singles Champion in tennis. Holly executed her shots with ease and confidence. Well done, Holly. Mr. Baird

Congratulations Year 8 boys 2016 Beach Volleyball Champs



Congratulations Holly, 2016, Year 7 Singles Tennis Champion



Year 9/10 Event Management elective...

Over the last two weeks there have been two events organized by the Year 9/10 Event Management class. These events were entirely student driven and carried through from planning to completion by the students.

Each team had to organise their entire business. This started with coming up with a suitable idea and then writing a mission statement. They then had to create a time line for what needed to be done to achieve their goals, including a financial plan in order to apply for a loan to finance their business.

Luke Fras, Nick Hodgson and Aaron North ran Cooking on Gas, a lunchtime sausage sizzle for the secondary students. Their aim was to bless the students through offering hot food at a time of cooler weather.

Zara, Chelsea Vanderaa, Amy Surridge and Hannah Taylor organized the Lion's Den Café for the Primary Production. They wanted to offer a service to the busy parents and families. Their barista coffees and delicious and extensive variety of food certainly hit the spot.

All their customers were united in declaring their businesses successful! The students are to be congratulated for their hard work and dedication to carrying these events through to completion.

Thea Maguire



Year 8 Snowy River Camp...




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Each year the Year 8 students study the ballad, 'The Man From Snowy River' which culminates in our annual Snowy River Camp. This fantastic camp has become an MDCS tradition for many years (16, I believe!) and each year I come back refreshed, sore and all the richer for the experience, which changes every year. And this year, as usual, did not disappoint!

This year proved challenging on a number of levels but each obstacle was met with humour, teamwork and a lot of laughing. Our trail riders all looked the part as they rode off along the mountain tracks and dinner was a welcomed, steaming pot of ginger and pumpkin soup and spaghetti (thank you Glen Gemmill!!)

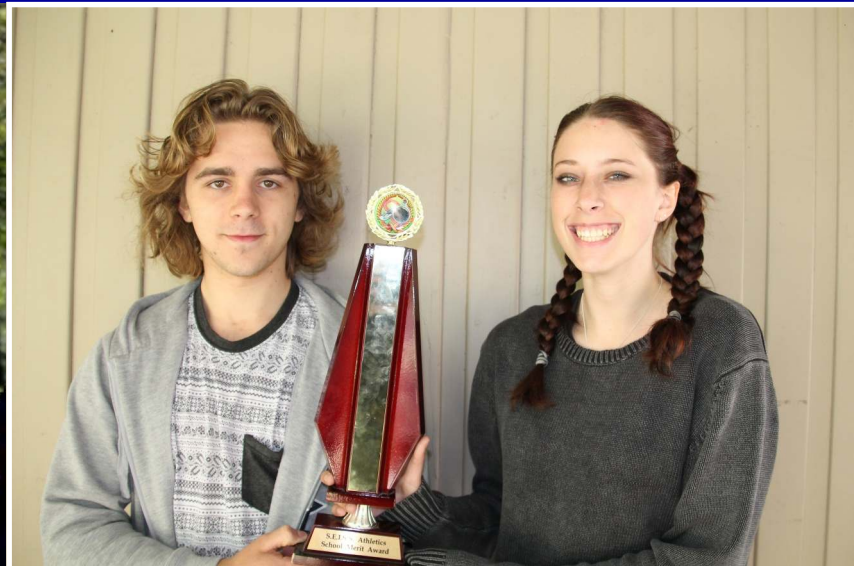
The day of the hike was upon us...and so was the snow. To see the mountains transformed into a Winter Wonderland (in October!) was pure magic and nothing, not even the bitter wind or wet, streaming track could dampen spirits as we were all in awe of the 'show' God put on for us. What a blessing a warm fire, a hot Milo and the noise of stories being told by relieved and happy campers are amidst a flurry of powdery white snowflakes and snow.

To be able to have shared this experience with the students, their parents and the staff who came along was a privilege and one that will not be easily forgotten. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this time away a huge success...and to the ultimate Woman from Snowy River herself, Mrs. Libby Fensham, for her unending enthusiasm and ability to inspire others as her '...pluck (remains) undaunted, and (her) courage (always) fiery hot...'.




Secondary Interschool Athletics Day.....MDCS students breaking records!!

MDCS also won this year's prestigious Merit Award, which calculates the amount of points each school wins per student in their Secondary cohort. Considering our small numbers, this is a remarkable achievement that all students that attended the day ought to be proud of. Well done, Team.



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On Thursday the 20th of October, selected students from years 7-11 travelled to Knox Athletics track for our Interschool Athletics Carnival. All our students performed exceptionally well throughout the day and many PB's were beaten.



We had a few particular students who did well in the interschool carnival this year, and I would like to acknowledge their efforts.

Juzzlyn won the Open Girls age group champion.

Holly W broke the 14yr Long jump record (3.82m)

Phebe TB broke the 13yr Javelin record (15.72m)

Shania broke the Open Girls 100m record (14.5s)

Sierra M broke the 13yr high jump record (1.25m)

And Juzzlyn also broke the Open Girls 200m (31.17) and Javelin record (19.37)

