

The Heartbeat of Mountain District Christian School

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Year 5/6
Melbourne Gaol
& Parliament House Excursion

From the Principal...



We had an interesting start to the week this week, as did much of the Monbulk community and beyond. The wind over the week-end caused issues for a number in our community. There are still some without power. Please keep in your prayers businesses and schools that are still without electricity.

Due to the power out on Monday we have postponed the **Whole**

School Assembly. This will now happen this coming Monday, period 3. We will have the opportunity to explore the final word in our series of words that we have been unpacking with the students throughout the course of 2016. What does it mean to be **successful**?

Tonight we are holding our annual **Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)**. I'm looking forward to the evening where we will hear from Jonathan Finlay and some of our Year 12

students, who will share on their time at MDCS. We will also share the educational and resource plans for 2017 and set the budget for next year. All this will be celebrated amid a '**splash of red**' with delicious Chinese food from our local, Fairy Mountain Chinese Restaurant. All are welcome to attend the evening. It will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with our Year 12 students as they reflect on their time here.

Tomorrow is the celebration day for our **Year 12 students**. This is the culmination of

thirteen years of schooling and a great way to acknowledge their school journey, as a community. I would encourage you to attend and rejoice with them, if you are able. The day begins at 9.00am. Next week the Year 12's will participate in tutorial classes before their final exams commence. Please keep them in your prayers and thoughts as they head towards these.

Have a great week

Jason Riding



Year 12 Last Day TOMORROW!

Come and be part of the fun that is the Yr 12 Last Day Celebrations.

The Farewell Assembly will begin at 9.30am in the Gym; BUT, come early and see the costumes, as we dress up and rejoice with our wonderful students!

COMING HOME THIS WEEK:

- Primary Production Supper flyer
- Year 3/4 Supper note
- Year 7/8 Volleyball (select students only)

REMINDERS:

- THE LUNCH BOX WILL BEGIN TOMORROW!



Daniel

A Hard Act To Swallow



PRIMARY PRODUCTION

Wed 19th & Thurs 20th October.

7.00pm Supper—7.30pm start

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!

Tickets available from the office:

Family Ticket \$20

Adult Ticket \$10

Child/Conc Ticket \$5



Term Dates for 2017

TERM 1

Prep & Year 7 start - Monday 30th January

Whole School start - Tuesday 31st January

Labour Day Holiday - Monday 13th March

Parent Teacher Meetings (Friday student free day) - 23rd & 24th March

Term 1 ends - Friday 31st March

Good Friday - Friday 14th April

TERM 2

Easter Monday - 17th April

Students start - Wednesday 19th April

Anzac Day Holiday - Tuesday 25th April

Queen's Birthday Holiday - Monday 12th June

Term 2 ends - Friday 30th June

TERM 3

VCE Students start - Wednesday 19th July

Whole School start - Monday 24th July

Parent Teacher Meetings (Friday student free day) - 14th & 15th September

Term 3 ends - Friday 22nd September

TERM 4

VCE Students start - Monday 9th October

Whole School start - Wednesday 11th October

Melbourne Cup Day Holiday - Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th November

Term 4 ends - Tuesday 12th December

Christmas Day - Sunday 25th December

EGM Dinner *A Splash of Red* TONIGHT

*The theme is to dress with a splash
of red*

7.00PM—MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

COOKING ON GAS

SECONDARY STUDENTS ONLY

*The year 9/10 students are planning a sausage sizzle!
We are running a sausage and cans event. This event
will be held in the gym courtyard on:*

Tuesday, 18th October during lunchtime

We are selling

- Sausages: \$2.00
- Icy pole : \$1.00
- Soft drink : \$2.00

*We look forward to you coming to our event and
enjoying some sausages and drinks we hope to see you
there.'*

GASTRO ALERT

Parents please be aware that there is a strong viral gastro in the community. **If your child is showing signs of sickness, please keep them at home until they have shown no symptoms for at least 24hrs.** Hand washing and good hygiene are the best defense against this highly contagious illness. Please remind your children to wash their hands after using the toilet and before they eat.

Community Levy Reminder - Just a friendly reminder to those that have not listed their hours in the Community Levy Folder. Please do so before 18th November. The Community Levy Folder can be found in reception.

Working Bee Thanks

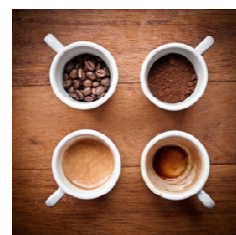
Thank you to all those that attended Saturday's Working Bee. The weather was amazing, the company was splendid and the food was nutritious!!

On top of that, families connected while they cleaned classrooms, spread mulch, swept paving, washed windows, whipper snipped grass and completed many more jobs.

A special thanks to Gill who made a fresh batch of scones with jam and cream for morning tea and to Charlie, Phil and Andrew for co-coordinating a fulfilling day.

Primary Production Supper

On the 19th and 20th of October, the primary production will be held. A group of students from Year 9/10 Event Management will be catering for this event. There will be a wide variety of savoury and sweet foods; there will also be drinks, and coffee and hot chocolates from the coffee machine. They will be at a small cost ranging **from \$1-\$5**.
Cafe will run from 7.00pm-7.30pm



TERM FOUR, 2016

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WK							
1	2 OCTOBER	3 Work Break VCE Unit 3 & 4 Classes begin	4 Work Break VCE Unit 3 & 4 Classes running	5 TERM 4 BEGINS Board Meeting	6 Yr 7 Immunisations -final round	7	8 WORKING BEE
2	9	10 WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY	11	12	13 EGM Dinner Year 8 Media Excursion	14 Yr 12 Last Day	15
3	16	17 Yr 12 Tutorial Sessions Secondary Assembly	18 Yr 12 Tutorial Sessions Yr 9/10 Art Exc	19 Yr 12 Tutorial Sessions Primary Production	20 Yr 7-11 Interschool Athletics Primary Production	21 Yr 8 Snowy River Camp	22 Yr 8 Snowy River Camp
4	23 Yr 8 Snowy River Camp	24 Yr 9/10 Volleyball	25	26 VCAA Exams Commence	27 Yr 7/8 Volleyball Experience Yr 7 Day	28	29
5	30	31 MELBOURNE CUP HOLIDAY	1 NOVEMBER MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOL	2 Yr 11 Study Break Board Meeting	3 Yr 11 Study Break	4 Yr 11 Study Break	5
6	6	7 Yr 11 Exams Volunteers Afternoon Tea Primary Assembly Prep/1	8 Yr 11 Exams	9 Yr 11 Exams Primary Interschool Athletics	10 Yr 11 Exams Prep Nurse Visit	11 Yr 11 Exams Yr 2 Sleepover	12
7	13	14 VCE Unit 3 Begins Secondary Assembly	15 Prep Literacy Project Yarrs Valley Cluster	16	17 Yr 12 Valedictory	18	19
8	20	21 Yr 9/10 Exams Primary Assembly Year 6	22 Yr 9/10 Exams	23 VCE Unit 1 Begins Prep Orientation	24	25 Yr 11 Last Day	26
9	27	28 Secondary Assembly Unit 2 Ends	29 Whole School Soree	30 Prep Orientation	1 DECEMBER Yr 6 Graduation	2	3
10	4	5 Whole School Orientation Primary Assembly Year 5	6	7 Yr 10 Last Day	8	9 Year 10 BBQ	10
11	11	12	13 TERM 4 ENDS	14 Staff Break Up	15	16	17

Year 9/10 Event Management lunch...

Team 1, the Aperitif Café group, held their event as part of their Year 9/10 Event Management elective last Tuesday.

The café put on a two course luncheon for staff, with a choice of a Thai Green Curry and rice or baked Chilli Tortillas for main course and either a lemon tart or chocolate brownie with chocolate fudge sauce for dessert.

As part of the unit, the students spent time planning and organizing their event. This groups Mission Statement was to bless the staff with a hot meal, and they carried it out with aplomb. Judging by the happy buzz of conversation and smiles among the staff, the food was very much appreciated. The students are to be commended on the diligent way they went about the cooking, serving and cleaning up in order for the event to run smoothly.

Thea Maguire

Event Management Teacher



Year 5/6 Old Melbourne Gaol & Parliament Excursion...

"Such is life" were the last recorded words of the outlaw Ned Kelly. On the last day of term, the Year 5/6 classes visited the Old Melbourne Gaol and State Parliament as a celebration of our Unit on Government. At the gaol we discovered that not all people in the cells were dangerous criminals. Indeed some were petty thieves, homeless and mentally ill. One of it's most famous stories is that of Ned Kelly. The site of his death was eerie and gruesome. We were all relieved to know that the law was changed and people are no longer executed. Sir Edmund Barry was the presiding judge over the Kelly case. A statue of Edmund Barry is located outside the State Library for his contribution to society and allowing people to come into his home in the evenings and read books until a public library was build.

After a short lunch break in what was the exercise yard of the goal, we walked up to Spring Street to explore the place where laws are made and the wishes of the people are represented. The building itself was impressive, with over 14 million dollars of gold etched into the elaborate architecture. We entered the Legislative Assembly and sat where Daniel Andrews currently sits and had the opportunity to debate and pass a law regarding the advertising of junk food. As the "here, heres" flew across the assembly, the debate became quite passionate with a number of members crossing the floor. Having the opportunity to experience the process of democracy in the arena where it takes place enhanced the learning journey of the students. This was evident by the passion and vigour they demonstrated during the debate. Our visit concluded with a tour of the Parliament's library. This was an opulent room filled with an array of books and artefacts from the time of Federation. A fabulous way to end the term and celebrate our learning.

Sam Leonardis

Head of Primary

