

The Heartbeat of Mountain District Christian School

PERFECT PRIMARY PRODUCTION





Last week's Primary Production was fantastic. Thank you to all those that helped to make it the success that it was. Teachers, parent helpers and most importantly the students. They did such a wonderful job of learning their lines, knowing their position on the stage and the art of telling a story through theatre.

At the recent EGM I shared with the Association our goals for the future. It was very helpful to receive the feedback from you, as parents, earlier this year through

the Parent Surveys conducted. These, in conjunction with Staff surveys, assisted in developing our goals for the coming years.

The areas that were shared were the telling of our academic story, improving access to technology, improving resources both educational and infrastructure and telling our academic story better. It should be noted that all these goals are developed in light of our vision and mission – to provide Christ centred Education for our students. That is what drives all our goals. It is our core business.

Telling our Academic story

As was shared earlier this year, and was revealed in the CEN review earlier this year, our academic performance is comparable, if not better, than schools in our area. Is this a reason to be complacent? Definitely not! At the beginning of the year Mrs Janita Bratton began developing a Teaching and Learning Masterplan with Alice Mustin, the Victorian CEN Curriculum advisor. The plan focuses on five areas, some of which have already begun to be implemented. These include the implementation of the Transformation by Design framework for curriculum, continuing to develop consistent and innovative pedagogy and practice, evaluating and improving our formative and summative assessment practices, effectively differentiating the curriculum to cater for the diverse learning needs of all students and reviewing our reporting practices. Mrs Bratton will share more about this in future edition of The Pulse.

Improving access to technology

It is wonderful to be able to let you know we are making significant progress in this area, partly through some

infrastructure upgrades, and partly through conducting investigations of our own. Through the use of a consultant we have begun the process of improving the efficiency of our own internal network. This will include moving our network hub, or communications room, to a new location to enable future upgrades of our network to be more easily installed throughout the school. Improving our access to high speed internet is also progressing at a rapid rate. These two areas will enable other areas to be developed.

Improving and refreshing facilities

As you will have noticed over the last two years we have begun a refurbishment of our learning spaces. The Multipurpose room was the first area to receive an upgrade, followed by the Library and this year the Year 7, 8 and 9 classrooms were refurbished. Air conditioners have also been installed in all of the classrooms over the recent school holidays.

As we move forward, we plan next year to refurbish the Year 3/4 and 5/6 classrooms. This will involve

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replacing the roofing and renovating inside including, paint, carpet, cabinetry and some furniture. In line with our Masterplan, to improve the flow and layout of the school, the Year 3/4 classrooms and Year 5/6 classrooms will

switch. This will begin over the Christmas holidays and be completed in the July holidays in 2016.

The other area to be developed will be the external play spaces. We have begun discussions with a Landscape architect to develop a Masterplan to improve our outdoor facilities. This masterplan will consider not only play spaces, but ways in which we can also make better use of our outdoor areas, through intentional design, as spaces for learning.

Have a great week
Jason Riding
Principal



COMING HOME THIS WEEK:

- Yr 3-6 Primary Interschool Athletics
- Yr 9/10 Anatomy First Aid Training

REMINDERS:

- Tuckshop tomorrow

the lunch box

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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 MDSCS Staff say THANKS for all your support during 2016.

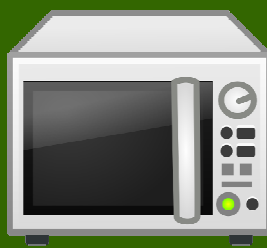


Parents please note...

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

Please contact Lia Burke if you have one to donate.

Thank you in anticipation.



ART EXHIBITION

"Next Gen Art exhibition, Emerald."

Several of our VCE students have entered the Emerald Art Society exhibition.

They would love your support by attending over the cup weekend.

Cnr Church street and Anne street Emerald.



SCHOOL FEES 2017

Annual Tuition Fees	1 st (Eldest) Child	2 nd Child	3 rd Child
Prep	1,250	1,250	1,250
Year 1	1,750	1,750	1,750
Year 2	2,250	2,250	2,250
Year 3	3,300	3,300	3,300
Year 4	3,700	3,700	3,700
Year 5	4,200	4,200	4,200
Year 6	4,600	4,600	4,600
Year 7 to Year 10	\$7,200	\$5,400	\$3,900
Year 11 to Year 12	\$8,300	\$6,000	\$2,200

Reminder: NO SCHOOL THIS MONDAY!



OCTOBER

31st - MELBOURNE CUP HOLIDAY - STUDENT FREE DAY

NOVEMBER

1st - MELBOURNE CUP DAY

2nd - 4th Year 11 Study Break

7th - 11th Year 11 Exams

7th - Volunteers Afternoon Tea

- Primary Assembly (Pre/1)

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

10th - Prep Nurse visit

11th - Yr 2 Sleepover

14th - VCE Unit 3 begins



Australian Mathematics Competition

We were privileged to award our MDCS students with their certificates for participation in the Australian Mathematics Competition 2016, held last term. Literally hundreds of thousands of students from around 30 countries participated in the competition.

Our results were outstanding,

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

I would like to personally congratulate our students for showing faithfulness in being willing to use the abilities God has given them and in exploring the possibilities for using mathematics in problem solving. Thank you for your support in encouraging our students to engage in activities which enrich their school life and their personal journey for excellence.

Denise Scott

Community News...

CAMP FOR BUILDING SELF ESTEEM & CONFIDENCE FOR KIDS!

SAY NO TO BULLYING! OVERCOME SHYNESS!



Open to Primary kids in grades 4-6 in 2016 (and 9 year olds in grade 3). There are 4 levels kids can work through. Level 4 is Leadership Training, and in the May '15 camp we saw our first campers to work through all four levels became group leaders, after much hard work!

Activities are fun: from low ropes, initiative activities, wall climbing, games, drama and challenging interactive sessions.

Starting in Feb 2003, this camp has continued for one reason—because it works! It builds kids to be much more confident and increases their self esteem.

The Feb 17 camp is for new campers. Sometimes we do accept new ones in the October camp in extenuating circumstances, please ring and ask about this if needed

Google kids of gold to see who we are, what we do and to download a form for the Feb 17 camp. The form and website have more on how the camp started and where it is situated in the beautiful Yarra Valley.

Level 1 Camp
Fri 10th – Sun 12th Feb 2017
\$65 Full Fee *

Level 3 Camp
Fri 21st – Sun 23rd Oct 2016

Held at Lyrebird Park
Beenak Rd, Yellingbo
Melways 307 K10

*Cost of \$65 is subsidised by sponsors such as Bendigo Bank, Bunnings and Yarra Ranges Council.

Contact Kids Of Gold
0418 170 027 (Jenny) or 9737 9475 or 0415 427 396 (Gary) to hold a place and/or find out more

KIDS OF GOLD, 323 MONBULK RD SILVAN VIC 3795 – ABN 57 327 231 83

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



Primary Production cont...



Primary Production...

There was a buzz of excitement in the Gym last Wednesday and Thursday as parents and friends gathered to enjoy a delightful supper (provided by the 9/10 Event Management students) before the production began. Daniel: A hard act to swallow told the story of Daniel's unwavering trust in God as he faced opposition from jealous governors and even the lions den. The set, costumes and music brought the ancient city of Babylon to life and each student played their part beautifully. Well done to the parents and students who worked diligently through many rehearsals to learn lines and songs. And a HUGE THANK YOU to the Primary Staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to bring it all together.

Nissa Heading

Finally the big day came ,everyone got into their costumes, the lights died down, the spot light hit the ground and it started. Everyone did so well. So much work went into it and we would like to thank: Mrs Knight for the backgrounds, Mrs Denny for the work she did with all the class and the songs, Mrs Heading for organising and running the production, Phil and Charlie for all the building and stuff, Miss Bennett and Mr McDowell for the rehearsals and practice, Mrs. Hanscamp for costumes and all the teachers that put so much hard work in this. Thank you for making this a great two nights of our lives. - Sophie Ellis and Janiya Fouts

I have been rehearsing in an amazing Production called 'Daniel a Hard Act to Swallow'. I have had an amazing experience performing in it.

Samuel Hellema

