Primary Grandparents & Special Friends Day
On Tuesday morning the sun came out as the school hosted our annual Special Friends and Grandparents’ Day. It was delightful to see the interaction between our Primary students and their special friends as they joined together in a range of activities in their classrooms. I must admit I thought the morning was simply ‘super’; loved every minute of it. I know it is an encouragement to our younger students to have their loved ones visiting their classrooms, asking questions and showing genuine interest in their lives. I am sure that this is what we all desire. Thank you to all Special Friends and Grandparents who were able to come and join school for the morning.

As a staff we have a regular time called “devotions” at 8.20am, four days a week. We vary our approach to these times. This term we have been exploring the book of 1 Samuel together. Yesterday we read of the tension in the relationship between Saul and David. The people at the time were singing the praises of David, more so than the praises of Saul. Saul was jealous. This is something that is quite common to us as humans. We compare. We can be jealous. We can struggle to praise others. In our school community we have many stories of success. Sometimes success is in a moment, sometimes the result of a few hours of perseverance, and sometimes a result of much hard work over a sustained period.

It is important for us as a community, and as individuals, to encourage, celebrate success, and acknowledge the faithfulness of others. Let’s look for these opportunities in our classes, in the playground, and at home. We are all gifted in unique ways and it should not be surprising that some people succeed and do well in certain areas, and others in different areas. The call on our lives is to be faithful with what we are given, to do our best, and allow God to work through us as we focus on Him in whatever we do.

The school has moved! Please be aware that our official address has changed. No longer located at the “Corner of Jindabyne Court and Macclesfield Road, Monbulk”, the address of Mountain District Christian School is now: 325 Macclesfield Road, Monbulk. As a result of this, you will notice some changes to various documents, the website, and on the road. This transition will take time, so if you send correspondence to our previous address I am confident it will still reach us.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Christopher Prior
PRINCIPAL

From the Principal’s Desk...

Forms and Letters sent home this week:

- Scholastic catalogue
- Yr 1/2 Excursion
- VCE Studio Arts Excursion
- Yr 11 Chemistry Excursion
- VCE Theatre Studies Excursion
- Yr 10/11 Formal

Reminders:
- School Banking & Tuckshop tomorrow

Invention is the mother of all necessity

MONSTER

The Year 9s are performing their original play, iMonster.

PLEASE NOTE: Performance dates have changed to Friday 6th and Saturday 7th September.

If you would like to assist us with costumes, props or set construction, please contact Mr Beer via the school office or email jbeer@mdcs.vic.edu.au

WE LOOK FORWARD TO ENTERTAINING YOU VERY SOON.
Congratulations to the Spalding family on the safe arrival of ‘Elisabeth Alison Rose’, born 6th August, weighing a healthy 8lb 2oz; a little sister for Emily and Merri. Both Mum and baby are doing well. We wish you all joy as you start another parenting journey with this newest addition!

You are invited to share in the opening of the MDCS ‘25 Year’ TIME CAPSULE
Saturday 7th September
10:30am – 2:30pm
Dress: 80’s (think mullets, spiral perms, acid wash and shoulder pads!)

COME and CONNECT with current families, past students and staff.
Please spread the word to your family and friends!
Education Maintenance Allowance

Instalment Two

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due to be paid from mid-August onwards for parents/guardians who chose the ‘direct deposit’ or ‘pay direct to school’ payment option on their application form.

Parents/guardians who chose the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August / early September.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Parents/guardians whose children have transferred to this school since 28 February 2013 (and are eligible for a Health Care Card) will need to submit a new EMA application form. Also Parents/guardians who may not have been previously eligible but who are now eligible for a Health Care Card should also apply. Applications close on 2 August 2013.


Contact: School Office for an application form and further information.

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VCE/VET Information Night

Last night, the parents and students of Year 9 and 10 gathered together to explore options for Year 10 and Year 11. Each student in Year 10 begins their VCE studies through participating in either a Year 11 VCE subject offered here at MDCS, or via a partnership we have with MECS. Alternatively, students can choose to participate in a VET program offered through the Yarra Valley VET cluster. The Year 10 parents and students heard more about the requirements of the VCE, including being introduced to some of the acronyms and language associated with the senior years. We were also privileged to have Phil Jones, Director of Ranges TEC, talk to us about options that students can undertake at Ranges for Year 10, and about the VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) program offered at Year 11 and 12. - Jason Riding
ISABELLE VAN ROSEN
Finally the night that we’d all been waiting for was finally here. On my way up to the MPR, I saw the lights and could hear the music it looked and sounded great.

SAM ASHTON
We had to sign a poster saying what group we would like to be in. I chose theme and lighting and I was put into lightning with Sean and we did a really cool plan.

GRACE GEMMILL
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HARRY VENTHAM
The best part of the night was the food and the drink because it was tasty.

TIAN LEONG
After the Social, we had the sleepover. The boys watched WALL-E as the first movie and it was great. Trying to go to sleep was a pain and we only got about 6 hours of sleep.

TASH BARTLEY
After we had packed up, the girls came down to the Mrs G’s room and watched Puss ‘n’ Boots.

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In an otherwise rainy week, Grandparents and Special Friends Day was blessed with sunshine and warm smiles as our guests arrived to enjoy a classroom experience with their special children. There was busy, happy chatter in every classroom as old and young read books, prepared science experiments, made lovely craft items and enjoyed each other’s company. Afterwards, the guests enjoyed morning tea and a chat together before a personally escorted tour of the playground at recess.

Mr. Prior, our Principal, encouraged the importance and value of sharing stories from one generation to the next, and simply spending time together. Thanks to all those who contributed to the day: the hospitality team; Yr 9’s who made sandwiches; Yr 10’s who served drinks; Yr 6’s who baked and served food and Year 7’s who escorted our guests from the carpark.