VCE Outdoor & Environmental Studies

Hikes the 'CATHEDRAL'
Learning should not just be about abstract concepts that form the basis of more learning at higher levels. Learning should be connected to life. It has been great to see the Year 8 class and their injured teacher, Mr. Duke, embracing their ‘Starting a Business’ General Studies unit this term. They have debated concepts, developed business plans, experimented with products, borrowed money to fund their business, developed their products, advertised and, on Tuesday held their first sales event. They sold out! Congratulations Year 8 on this fine start to your project.

Next week we have exams starting in our senior school. As a result of changes in the VCE, there will only be one Year 12 examination mid-year: the General Achievement Test (GAT) next Wednesday. The Year 9 and 10 students have exams next Thursday and Friday, followed by the Year 11 students sitting their main examinations in the week starting 17th June.

As an independent school, MDCS must have a board of governance. Last night I was delighted to attend the first meeting of the MDCS Board for the current ‘Board year’, which runs from June to May. The following volunteers are representing the parent community as MDCS Board members: Merryn Van Bremen Board Chair, Hamish Mitchell Deputy Board Chair, Marianne Biersteker Board Secretary, Iain Chaney Treasurer and Company Secretary, Daniel Bell, Jonathan Finlay, Jill Knoll and Mal Turner (co-opted). Please pray for these community members in their roles of governing together on behalf of the Mountain District Christian School Association.

Shalom,
Christopher Prior
PRINCIPAL

Forms and Letters sent home this week:
- Yr 10 Transition Week letter mailed home
- Scholastic Brochures
- VCE Theatre Studies Excursion

Reminders:
- URGENT—Return Prep School Nurse packs
- School Banking & Tuckshop tomorrow
- Primary Soiree performance & attendance slips

Primary Soiree
Friday, 21st June
6.30pm ~ light refreshment
7.00pm ~ Start
Music Performing Arts
Poetry
Cnr Macclesfield Rd & Jindabyne Ct P O Box 483 Monbulk 3793 Phone 9756 7244 Fax 9756 7366 mdcs@mdcs.vic.edu.au
Parents please note...

The local Bendigo Bank in Monbulk has advised that if a MDCS family or Association members take up certain products they may nominate MDCS to receive a reward.

Home Loan $500.00
Personal Loan $250.00
Term Deposit (over $10,000) $25.00
Insurance Cover $100.00
Business Account $50.00
Personal Account $25.00

MDCS is not endorsing or recommending Bendigo Bank or any of their products and we do not want anyone to choose Bendigo for the purpose of gaining a bonus for MDCS.

We are simply informing you that this system is in place. Obviously Bendigo Bank would keep your business private and not disclose to us who we are receiving a bonus for.

Tony Drummond
Business Manager

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**Lunchtime Fun for Parents**

A fantastic parent-led initiative is calling for more volunteers to supervise a Lunchtime Fun club for our Primary kids. It’s cold, it’s wet, they need a quiet place to meet up with others to draw, play Lego or play a board game. A roster is being drawn up this week. Look in next week’s newsletter and you might see a gap you could fill.

Contact Stephanie Hanscamp by ringing the office or email shanscamp@mdcs.vic.edu.au if you would like to be part of the fun!

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**WANTED – to loan for the Primary Soiree:**

3 large (1-2 metre tall) large-leaved or tropical-looking “Jungle Like” Plants in Pots!

If you can help with one or more plants, please contact the MDCS Office or Hannah Denny.

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**EARN & LEARN – Last Days!!**

**Ends Sunday, 9th June.**

Thanks for supporting our school by collecting your Earn & Learn Stickers. Please bring any sticker cards or loose stickers into the school office, or place in a MDCS collection box at Monbulk or Emerald Woolies stores.

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**IT’S A GIRL**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Turner Family as they welcome Lily Shiloh Jessica to their family! Born 27th May, weighing a healthy 2.7kg (6lb2oz).

Lily is little sister to Hannah in Year 3/4 KB and Ben. We wish you every joy as you raise your ‘newest edition’, and pray Gods blessings on you and your growing family.

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**JUNE**

7th - End of VCE Unit 3
10th - QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
11th - Yr 12 Study Break
   - Parent Christian Education Evening
12th - GAT Exam (Yr 11 & 12)
13th - VCE Unit 4 Begins
13th - 14th Year 9/10 Exams
17th - Primary Assembly (3/4EB)
17th - 21st Year 11 Exams
   - Year 10 Transition Week
18th - Immunisation - Yr 7 & Yr 9 boys
21st - Primary Soiree
24th - VCE Unit 2 begins
   - Secondary Assembly (Yr 9)

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The Interschool Cross Country Team flew the flag for the school. We had a strong 14 & 15 y/o boys divisions with most of our athletes finishing very well. It was pleasing to see so many of our team participating to their best and encouraging the rest of the team during their down time. The background story was the bus that seemed to disappear into a drain, needing to be pulled out by another of our busses. The message for the day was, stay nimble, or like a bus, you will sink in the mud.
Throughout the last year the large silver perpetual trophy won by Millie Perry (currently in Year 12), in recognition of winning first prize in a state-wide Indonesian Essay Writing and Reading Competition, was on display in the MDCS office. We recently had to relinquish the trophy when the event was held again.

Year 9/10 Indonesian elective students Declan Clark, Cam Knoll, Pryce Lindgren and Hayley Roe recently went to the Republic of Indonesia’s Consulate to participate in the 2013 event. The competition was opened with some ceremony by the Consul-General of Melbourne, Bapak Wisnandar. All four students performed credibly in their task of presenting a large and complex Indonesian news item. It was beneficial to meet students from other schools who are also keen on furthering their study of Indonesian, and for our students to experience the cultural context of an Indonesian event, where translators translated the proceedings into English! The Indonesian lunch that was provided was delicious. Although we didn’t bring the trophy home this year, motivation is strong to aim for it again in 2014.

Thea Maguire
Indonesian Teacher
Last week the Year 11 Outdoor and Environmental Studies class went hiking in the Cathedral Ranges State Park. Our journey began walking down from Sugarloaf Saddle, but there was only an hour of comfort before the gruelling climb up to the top of the ranges began. We arrived at the Farmyard exhausted. We set up camp, left our packs, and climbed the ridge where we watched the spectacular sunset. The next day we walked across the scenic ridge where we enjoyed the rocky terrain, mountain peaks and loads of prickles. In the late afternoon we descended into Ned’s Gully and set up for the night. The students took the luxury of washing in the river and using the coveted drop toilet. After dinner we lit our campfire and roasted marshmallows together. On the way home we stopped into Marysville to climb Stevenson Falls and have a look at the fire recovery efforts. It was a great fun camp with loads of fun and laughter.