Yr 9/10 Melbourne Camp

...Stood AND delivered!!!
We have ventured into May! While the days have been beautiful, the mornings are cold. Please remember that it is often a little cooler here than most places. The mornings are chilly and it is advisable to pack a warm top, even for those boys who believe that you can wear shorts and t-shirts all year around.

On Tuesday we had a marvelous day at Knox Athletics track. It was our annual MDCS House Athletics day. The weather was beautiful and the students were enthusiastic as we run, jumped, hopped, skipped, threw, putted, ‘overed and undered’ all day. The VCE students joined us for the first time. They were a great help in between competing. The all-in staff and student relays were a little more complex this year with two staff teams competing against two teams from each of our ‘houses’. We still have not been officially told who won but there is a sneaky suspicion that the ‘Greens’ were the champs. Thank you to all who came, watched and helped out on the day. Without you the day would not have been the tremendous success it was.

Last week the Year 9/10 students attended the biennial Melbourne camp. The timing was a bit unusual but the benefits of this included the students attending the Anzac Day Dawn service at the Shrine and an Essendon v Collingwood football match afterwards.

May is a busy school month. Tonight we have the New Parents Dinner. On Thursday, 23rd May, we have the Annual General Meeting of the school. This meeting of the school is very important. Without the Association we would not exist. The Association and their governing body (the Board) set the school parameters; they are the heart–beat of the school. If you have not ever attended an AGM please consider attending and learning a little more about MDCS and how it works.

Shalom
Christopher Prior
PRINCIPAL
If anybody has any of the following items that they would be willing to donate or lend to the year 12 studies class for our production, coming up in late May, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

- Three rapier swords
- Two hobby horses
- Little red wagon
- Old wine barrels

Thanks! And we look forward to seeing you at our performances in May.

Parents please note...

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MAY
2nd - New Parents Dinner
6th - School Photos
    Secondary Assembly (Yr 11)
7th - Yr 7 Soccer
10th - Mothers’ Day Stall
11th - Working Bee
13th - Primary Assembly (3/4KB)
14th - Year 10 Soccer
14th - 16th Naplan
17th - Primary Maths Night
    Yr 7-10 House Cross Country
20th -Secondary Assembly (Yr 10)
22nd - Year 9 Soccer
23rd - AGM
23rd—25th VCE Theatre Studies production
27th—29th O&ES camp
27th - Primary Assembly (3/4EB)
31st - Yr 7-10 Interschool Cross Country

Collect your stickers every time you shop at Woolworths. Drop your stickers or completed points cards in an MDCS collection box at Monbulk or Emerald Woolworths Stores, or in the School Office. Spread the word to your friends and family… get them collecting for us, too!

We are please to invite students from Years 7 - 12 to participate in the 2013 Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank. This is an exciting opportunity for students who wish to challenge themselves mathematically and experience a broader context of problem solving within which they can use the skills and talents God has given them. Entry into the competition is optional, and costs $5.50 per student. The date of the competition is Thursday 1 August. Students must bring in the entry fee to be registered by (extended date) Wednesday 8th May. All participants receive a certificate documenting their participation, level of achievement and prizes are awarded to highest achieving students. The competition is in the form of a pen-and-paper activity working through various level problem solving questions. Students can receive further details from their Mathematics teachers.

Get yourself pretty and practise your best smile...

School Photos!!
PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY—6th MAY

WANTED BY MUSIC DEPT
Has anyone got a viola we could beg, borrow or ‘steal’ to use in music classes for 2013. Please contact the school office if YOU can help!
VCE Theatre Studies is proud to present for your enjoyment:

May 23 ~ 2pm

May 24 & 25 ~ 7.30pm

Tickets available soon from the office

ADULTS: $10

CHILDREN: $5

Note: Not suitable for children under 12

MDCS Primary

Maths in Sport

Family Games Night

When: Friday 17th May 2013

Where: Gym

Time: 6.45 pm for a 7 pm start — 8.30 pm

Come and enjoy the fun with other school families!

More information coming home today.

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ALL students will have 
the opportunity to 
buy a special gift 
for mum. 
Prices range from 
$1 to $6. 
Please send money in a clearly marked envelope.

NEXT Friday 10th of May

Parents needed to help kids with their purchases on the day (9-11am). Please contact the office if you can help!

We are ‘a-BUZZZ’ with excitement about our next...

WORKING BEE!!!

SATURDAY 11TH MAY
9am — 3pm
Morning tea and lunch provided

We don’t mean to drone on BUT grab your honey, come and join in the hive of activity, and feel the glow of making our school fit for a Queen!
Primary Indonesian...

Over the past few weeks all primary students (except preps) have learnt about Indonesian rice farming. Each group has had the experience of coming to the food technology room and helping to cook the fried rice as well as eating the result. Many students wanted the recipe.

Quantities are approximate and depend on your taste and what you have available. This is a great way to sneak in extra vegetables in to a dish! Some students told me they didn’t eat some of the vegetables, but when urged to sample this dish they admitted it tasted fine despite the vegetables.

I have encouraged students to have a go at cooking this at home...perhaps for Mother’s day?

Nasi Goreng (Indonesian Fried Rice)

Ingredients:
3-4 tablespoons vegetable oil
1-2 onions
At least 4 cloves garlic
2 rounded teaspoons curry powder
2 cups finely chopped vegetables (cabbage, capsicum and grated carrot are a colourful combination)
Frozen peas and bean shoots (1/2 to 1 cup of each)
2 cups cooked rice (cooked the day before OR frozen cooked rice)

Method
Fry oil in large wok or electric frypan, then add ingredients one by one in the order given, stirring each new addition till partially cooked before adding the next one.

When adding pre-cooked rice, separate grains with your (clean) hands till the grains are well separated and not clumpy. Heat through thoroughly.

Serve decorated with a simple omelette and fresh cucumber slices.
Last Wednesday Year 11 & 12 Studio Art students spent a day working with a full time professional artist, Tom Gibbs. Mrs Burke valiantly offered herself as a model as students drew and painted, guided by Tom. Chips for lunch aided the success of the day. Much fun and lots of art resulted.
The Year 8 Students were undefeated in all of their matches!! They played in good spirit and enjoyed the day.
Both the girls and the boys won the flags!

Last week the VCE Students took some time out from their study to participate in a VCE Soccer Day. A fun day was had by all. A BIG thank-you to all those that participated.
Melbourne Camp cont...
Last week the Yr 9&10 students traveled into the city for their Melbourne Camp. Our adventures began at the Shrine where we learnt more about the young Anzacs, and a number of students dressed up as WW1 characters. From there we sat in awe of the glamorous rooms within Parliament House. ANZAC Day started early with a 4am get up. We all stood amongst the crowds at the dawn service at the Shrine remembering those who have fought for our country. Joining the crowds again, we walked to the MCG for the Anzac day clash between Essendon and Collingwood. Mr Beer and Mr Duke walked away very happy men, wearing their black and red proudly.

The remainder of camp was spent visiting the Old Melbourne Gaol, the Victorian Arts Centre, the MCG and the Victorian State Library. On Friday night we all had the opportunity to dress up, eat scrumptious food and dance while our boat cruised the Yarra. We visited the Queen Vic Market on Saturday morning with a task to buy someone in our group a little gift. The task was fun and the market was full of interesting stalls and foods. The afternoon was spent completing our scavenger hunt in small groups - a great way to explore the arcades and lanes of Melbourne.

Thanks to all the students who created a fun atmosphere, your enthusiasm and excitement was fantastic to watch (especially Tim and Isaac during the MCG tour!) Also a huge thanks to all the parents that helped us, we appreciate all you contributed towards this camp.