



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

11th February, 2015 Newsletter No. 1

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

Welcome to Montmorency Secondary College for the 2015 school year. I would particularly like to welcome all of our Year 7 students, and our new students and their families at other year levels, to our College community for the first time. We look forward to a long and rewarding partnership on this exciting educational journey.

I am pleased to report that our 2014 Year 12 students again maintained a very high standard of achievement, evidenced by the fact that 82% of those that applied, achieved an offer in the first round of preferences at University or TAFE. Congratulations to these students and their teachers on this significant and highly creditable achievement.

As reported at the end of 2014, we had a number of staff who moved on to other positions or phases of their career and hence we have some new and returning faces to the College.

Samantha Shelton is joining our staff this year to teach Physical Education and Mathematics. John Healy is joining our staff this year to teach French. Joshua Cetin is joining us to teach Drama and English and in semester one, Grant Dowler will be teaching Mathematics. After a break for one semester, Robert Blackham has returned to the College to teach Mathematics, Humanities and Psychology. Both Renee Dal Nevo and Vicki Bucher have returned from family leave, Renee to teach Mathematics and Science and Vicki to teach Art and French. We also have two new staff members joining our integration team and we welcome Donna Cassidy and Lyn McMurdie to the College.

For the first two days of the official school year, our staff was again involved in a comprehensive Staff Development and Organisational Program. This program has been carefully planned to achieve excellent outcomes and the best possible start

to the 2015 school year for all students. This included insightful presentations to the staff by the Principal Team and Leading Teachers. On the second day this included a very enlightening presentation to all staff by Speech Pathologist, Helen Tainsh. Helen certainly gave us a wonderful perspective on the needs and educational goals which are very important for many of our integration students.

Our Alpha Program to commence the school year for Year 7 and students ran on the first two days of term. This program was highly successful in allowing Home Group teachers to build and establish valuable relationships with students, setting them up with timetables, lockers, home rooms and all the other necessary imperatives to ensure a smooth and meaningful start to the year.

On a very positive note, I would like to mention our sixth Annual Awards Evening, held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2014, to another packed audience at the 'Planetshakers' Centre in Lower Plenty. It was once again truly a celebration of our College motto, 'Pride in Achievement'. Congratulations to Leading Teacher, Kim Faulkner, and our dedicated team of staff, students leaders and former students who presented to award recipients. It was also fantastic to have former high profile students as presenters and I would like to



## CASUAL CLOTHES DAY FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY, 2015

Gold Coin Donation

All proceeds will go to the 'One Girl' Charity - empowering and educating women in Sierra Leone.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A NORMAL CASUAL CLOTHES DAY. THE SECOND CASUAL CLOTHES DAY FOR THE TERM (DATE TO BE ADVISED) WILL BE 'WEAR A SCHOOL DRESS DAY'.**

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acknowledge and thank for their contribution on the evening, Joanne Thom (Greenwood), Peter Hickey, Ashleigh Harris, Travis Baker, Jake Osborne, Claire Norman, John Rudakov and Shanae Bond.

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, we held our first whole College assembly for 2015. Complete with a large number of proud parents and grandparents in the audience, our College Captains, House Captains and Senior Leaders were announced and presented with their badges. This included our four elected College Captains for 2015, namely Abbey Bullen, James Hone, Ruby Houghton and Morgan de Man and each of these students certainly

embody and reflect our core values of courage, friendship, achievement, trust, happiness and teamwork.

Later in this newsletter, there is an article on our College Council elections which take place at this time every year. Parent and staff representatives are elected for two years and this is a vital part of our College governance. As such I urge all parents who are interested to consider nominating. There is also comprehensive information on our website about the process.

Before closing I would like to mention something for our community to look forward to, featuring eight of our Year

10 girls in a television production titled 'Glitch,' which will be shown later this year. It was filmed on location at the College on Australia Day and the girls who all featured in a scene were rewarded with this opportunity because of their successful work in our 2014 College production of 'Oliver'. Impressively, the first assistant director, Todd Embling, is a former student of the College and is now successfully working in the Australian film and television industry.

Regards

Allan Robinson  
Principal

## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY—TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY, 2015

School photographs for 2015 will be taken on **Tuesday 17th February**. All students will have an individual photo taken. The years 7-9 class photos will be taken in Home Groups. Year 10 and 11 students will have their individual photos compiled into a year level photo and the Year 12 group photo will be taken as a whole year level. **All students need to ensure that they are in full school uniform on the day.**

Students will receive a pre-payment order envelope the week beginning 9th February. There are several payment methods. Cheques and Money Orders can be included in the envelope. However, Credit Card payments must be made online (record the receipt number on the envelope) prior to photo day. Spare packages are available from the General Office.

**To obtain group and/or portrait photos, each student must bring a completed envelope to school on Tuesday 17th February and hand it to the Portrait photographer when his/her photograph is being taken.** The school does not administer this process.

*All students will be photographed, but **only those** students who hand in a completed envelope on photo day will receive photos when they have been processed. However, there is a second chance to order (or re-order) school photographs. When the processed photos are delivered to the College for distribution, each student who did not submit an envelope on photo day will receive a small portrait proof attached to a Second Chance Order Form. If parents wish to purchase photos at this stage please complete the Second Chance Order Form and send it directly to the photographer's office or use the online ordering process. Parents will deal directly with the photographers for the Second Chance Offer. Parents do need to be aware, however, that late orders cost more than the bulk prices initially offered via the pre-payment order envelopes.*

Mark Lohrey  
Assistant Principal



**MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE  
OPEN DAY & SCHOOL TOURS**



**WEEKLY TOURS**

Small group tours and information sessions are conducted regularly at the College throughout February, March, April and May. Tours are capped in size to ensure each participant has a personalised tour. If you are considering enrolling your son or daughter at Montmorency Secondary College we warmly invite you to join us on a tour to see our College in action.

Bookings for College tours can now be made online via the College website

***www.montysc.vic.edu.au***

Please allow one ticket per person (adult or child) attending.

If you need to cancel or change a booking please contact the General Office on 9422 1500. Bookings can also be made through the General Office.

**OPEN DAY AND INFORMATION EVENING**

**TUESDAY 21ST APRIL, 2015**

*SCHOLARSHIPS INTO YEAR 7, 2016 ARE NOW AVAILABLE*

**Middle School  
Homework Club 2015  
(Year 7, 8 and 9)**

The Middle School is offering a program to help Year 7, 8 and 9 students to keep up to date with their work. This program will run each Wednesday after school for 55 minutes from 3.20 to 4.15 p.m., beginning on the 11<sup>th</sup> February in A5.

If your son/daughter would like the opportunity to undertake homework at school, a teacher will be on hand to help them with their work.

You may wish to have your son/daughter permanently booked into the Homework Club each week. If this is the case you can email me at;

[stapleton.john.w@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:stapleton.john.w@edumail.vic.gov.au) or call me at school on 9422 1657.

Please leave a contact number or email address so that I can notify you if your son/daughter has not shown for Homework Club.

Teachers will also be booking in students who are getting behind in their work into this class. In this instance a notice will go home for you to sign to give permission for your child to attend. This notice **must** be returned to the Middle School Team Member on duty. In order to support teachers help keep all students up-to-date with their work, after school Co-Ordinator detentions are given to those students who do not have a valid reason for non-attendance.

Please contact me on the above email address or phone number if you would like more information.

***John Stapleton  
On behalf of the Middle School***

**TERM 1 AT A GLANCE**

Wed 11th February	College Council Meeting—7:30pm
Tues 17th February	School Photo Day
Wed 18th February	Year 7 Pastoral Care/Music Information Evening
Thur 19th February	Year 12 VCE & VCAL Parent & Teacher Evening
Mon 23rd—Wed 25th February	Year 7 Camp 1—7D, 7E, 7F
Wed 25th—Fri 27th February	Year 7 Camp 2—7D, 7E, 7F
Thur 26th February	Year 10-12 Maths Information Evening—7pm
Mon 2nd March	Swimming Carnival
Tues 3rd March	Year 7-9 Maths Information Evening—7pm
Fri 6th March	Nillumbik Swimming
Mon 9th March	Labour Day
Mon 16th March	Year 7 HPV and Boostrix , Year 10 Boostrix
Wed 18th March	College Council Meeting—7:30pm
Thur 19th March	Thinking Carnival
Friday 20th March	Student Progress Reports Distributed
Tues 24th March	NMR Swimming
Thurs 26th March	Student Progress Interview Day
Fri 27th March	END OF TERM—Finish 1:22pm

# YLEAD CONFERENCE

“When there is no vision, there is no hope”, words spoken by former American president, George Washington, and a mantra that must apply to a young leader. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2015, Blake Dillon, Morgan de Man, Ruby Houghton, and myself, all ventured off to the Australian Leadership conference of 2015, held at Melbourne University over 3 days. We arrived for check in on the Friday morning, feeling slightly nervous as to what the conference may encompass and with the shock of an early wake up on our quickly diminishing school holidays. As soon as we arrived, we were greeted by enthusiastic faces of the Y Lead team members, encouraging us to go and say hello to the other 250 students from around Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania that were also here for the conference. Everyone was so willing to make conversation, and ice breaker games set the scene for new friendships to bloom. We began to feel at ease with excitement taking over by the time we had even made it to the conference room for our first session. Here we met Matt, the CEO of YLead, a company that inspires young leaders of Australia, and recently New Zealand, to go the extra mile and really make a change in our world.

Over the three days, Matt and his fellow Y lead team explored different leadership traits, encouraged everyone to value their self-worth, and taught us how to set smart, achievable goals for the coming year. They delved into the importance of knowing how to lead from the front of the crowd, but also from the back of the crowd, vital knowledge as a leader. Matt told us how 0.06% is the mere difference from one person’s DNA to the next, and encouraged the importance of utilising this uniqueness we have to attain our full potential in life. This was clearly evident on the themed retro night, where everyone dressed “groovy baby,” donning costumes from various eras and busting out some funky moves. Although it may seem odd for 16-18 year olds to enjoy dancing to the classic tunes our parents probably loved, it was one of the funniest nights I think everyone on the camp has had in a long time and it really bought everyone closer. The next day we worked in a group of 16 students with a y lead team member on secret tasks for presentations for the closing ceremony. One group’s secret task was to raise funds for St. Jude’s, a first world school that was set up by a Western Australian Lady in Tanzania, Africa. Amazingly, they raised over \$1050.00 in the three days we were there! Returning to individuality, that night we spoke of our own values, beliefs, what makes us who we are, and heard amazing stories from our fellow conference goers.

It was really nice that everyone at the conference was entering Year 12, and also in a senior leadership role at their college, as Y lead easily became a place where we felt like we could share our aspirations for the year without judgement or worry, and seek support from others who were under the same pressures of being a leader and an academically driven student. The conference sparked a fire in all the young leaders there to stop waiting for tomorrow to make a change, the present is the best time there will ever be, and to always have a drive for our passion no matter how many times we are knocked down. All four of us would like to thank the Eltham Rotarians and the SRC who funded the conference, and Y lead for giving us an invaluable and memorable 3 days of learning and fun. We left the conference sad to say goodbye to our countless new friendships and especially to Matt and the Y lead team, who changed our lives over such a short period of time.

By Abbey Bullen



## BIG CAMP 2015

On Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of January I arrived at Albert Park, registration forms in hand, ready yet unaware as to what the week would hold. All 100 of the boys were split up into 5 different groups Red, Green, Light Blue, Dark Blue and Yellow, which of course was my group. All the teams fitted with a Group Leader, an AGLU (Assistant Group Leaders Union) and 20 boys from all over Australia, who had never met each other before. We were all strangers to one another. Once all our bags were away and we were settled into our huts. We were then put out on the centre lawn where we would be informed about the rules for the week. There really was only the one rule, "play the game".

Each and every single person was promised that this wasn't going to be any ordinary camp that you go on with your school, it was something that would be challenging in all aspects whether it be mentally, physically, socially or intellectually. This camp was designed to bring out everyone's true identity, it drained you of all you had and by the end of the week you would step out of that bus with 19 new friends who only you can talk about this camp with. They were the only people who knew what you went through and were lucky enough to share this amazing experience with you. The main thing that I was able to take away from this camp was that you need to seize every opportunity you are given and go at it with everything you've got, don't think to yourself at the end wishing you tried harder or took that risk because you may never get that second chance, "Don't be afraid to go out onto a limb, because that's where the fruit is". I would like to thank the Rotary Club for giving me the chance to go onto the camp and giving me an experience of a lifetime.

Jake Martin



## LADY SOMERS CAMP

Towards the end of January I was lucky enough to be granted with the opportunity to take part the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Lady Somers Big Camp. Being the only girl from Montmorency to be nominated, I began the camp unaware of who I'd meet or what the week would bring for me. On the very first morning I did not know a single face in the room, but I was not alone, and by the end of that day I had made new friendships with girls from all over the nation who were from all different backgrounds. 100 girls spending 24 hours together per day for 7 days, these girls became my family for the week.

The week was filled with challenges, activities, games and excitement which pushed us to do our absolute personal best. I learned more about myself, leadership and teamwork as the week went on and was able to achieve things that I would not have expected myself to do. This camp is like no other, a once in a lifetime opportunity and I am so thankful for being nominated and sponsored to take on the physical, emotional and social challenges that Lady Somers presents. The Lady Somers experience is an unforgettable one, and I will always remember it as one of the best camps that I have been involved in.

Eden  
Scaife



## YEAR 7 PASTORAL CARE/MUSIC PRESENTATION

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7:00pm our year 7's will have the opportunity to introduce their parents to their class, their Pastoral Care teacher and their school. The evening will commence at 7:00pm in each Pastoral Care room, where there will be an informal information session.

The students will share their experiences of secondary school and the Music department will present our dynamic music program at 7:30pm in the Resource Centre. A light supper will be provided to parents at the conclusion of the evening.

We look forward to welcoming our new parents to our College and we encourage you to let us know if you are attending.

The Middle School Team

# SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2015

All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a School Council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

For most School Councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- ♦ A mandated elected Parent category
- ♦ A mandated elected DEECD employee category
- ♦ An optional Community member category

Generally the term of office for all members is two years.

## Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a School Council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

There are four (4) Parent Member Category vacancies on the Montmorency Secondary College School Council for 2015. Council also has the option of co-opting a community representative if it sees the need. I would urge parents to seriously consider nominating for this important opportunity. It is vital that we have a full contingent of members, particularly in the Parent and Community categories. We know that many of you lead extremely busy lives, however it is not a big time commitment and the opinion, input and feedback that Parent Members provide is both positive and essential.

Parents of students at the College who are employed by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) can nominate as a parent representative as long as they do not teach at the school where they nominate.

Nominations open **9.00am Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2015** and close **4.00pm Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**. The term of office is for two years, commencing in March, 2015. A nomination form is attached on the last page of this newsletter for your convenience.

Candidates may choose one of two ways to nominate. They have the option of self-nominating or being nominated by an eligible person. There is no requirement for a nomination to have a seconder.

Please return nomination forms to the Principal's Personal Assistant, Rose Taranto, by **4.00pm Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the College on 9422 1500.

Allan Robinson,  
Principal

## YEAR 7 CAMP PAYMENTS NOW OVERDUE

Final payment for Year 7 Camp is now overdue.

Please contact Lubby in the Bursar's office to make payment or if you have any queries on 9422 1500.

Please return all permission and medical forms by Friday 13th February.

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL MONDAY 2ND MARCH, 2015

The annual College Swimming Carnival is being held at Doncaster Aquarena on Monday 2nd March. All students are expected to attend and support their House by dressing in House Colours.

Permission forms for Year 7, 8 & 9 have been sent home and should be returned by Friday 20th February.

Year 10, 11 & 12 received the permission form at the end of 2014 and should have already returned it to the College.

## 2014 YEAR BOOK "MONTAGE"

The 2014 Montage will be printed and distributed to families by the end of Term 1, 2015.

## ANCIENT CERAMICS

At the end of last year the year 8/9 Sculpture/Ceramics students participated in a RAKU firing. This Japanese reduction firing process dates back several thousand years and is a very exciting process. Originally fired in wood kilns this technique now uses a small gas fired kiln which raises the temperature of the bisque fired pots to 1000 degrees Centigrade in less than 15 minutes. The glowing pots made of special Raku clay are then placed into a sealed bin with saw dust as the reduction process. The oxygen needed for the burning which must occur is taken from the glaze on the clay items producing wonderful metallic tones. Finally the hot clay pieces are placed in a bin of water to cool. A truly engaging process for both students and teachers leading to wonderful artistic outcomes.



Ian Toohill



## ANNUAL EAST TIMOR FUNDRAISING DINNER

THURSDAY 7TH MAY, 2015

This year will see a different approach to this fundraising activity coordinated by the College Interact Club which is the junior arm of Rotary International that has been operating continuously at the college since 1998.

This event will take the form of a theme night based on the scenario of a roaring 20's Speakeasy, complete with a 10 piece 1920's orchestra. All guests are requested to wear 1920's costumes and bring a food basket and drink. The Charleston will be demonstrated by a professional dancer and a mock Police raid will also take place. There will be time to revisit the dance of that glamorous period. There will also be a magic act and a keynote speaker about the current situation in this, the newest nation in our region.

All funds raised will go to supporting the Dominican Sisters Orphanage in Dili Timor Leste which the College has been assisting since 2010. This really will be a fun night while supporting our nearest neighbour and the poorest nation in South East Asia. More to follow next edition.

Jessica Ryan year 12  
Interact President 2015



# LOTE NEWS

## Japanese Summer Festival 2015

The festival will run between 1PM and 5PM on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Opening up the delights of Japan, this vibrant, action-packed afternoon is filled with traditional and contemporary Japanese culture, food, activities and entertainment. Since its inception in 2010, the festival has grown enormously, its attendance reaching 15,000 people in 2014. Traditionally held to honour one's ancestors, the festival features the 'bon odori', a dance performed in a circle whilst wearing cotton kimono known as 'yukata'.

At the Melbourne festival, visitors are encouraged to learn and join in the dance. In addition, the festival showcases a number of performances, including Taiko Drumming, Shamisen and martial arts!

The festival will also be packed with a wide range of stalls with traditional Japanese games, activities and food – including the favourites sushi, okonomiyaki and bento. Another big attraction of the day will be the chance to win one of the fantastic raffle prizes, including the first prize to fly to Japan!

**\*ADMISSION FREE!**





CINEMA  
PEUGEOT  
presents the 26th annual  
alliance française  
french film  
festival 2015  
affrenchfilmfestival.org


Melbourne  
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**2015 Festival's Patrons**  
Film critics, **Margaret Pomeranz** and **David Stratton**, our 2015 Festival's Patrons, announce their personal 'picks' of the Festival.



**Volunteers needed!**  
Do you want to meet new people and get a chance to improve your French (or English)? We are recruiting volunteers to assist us on the festival's special events.



IMMERSION CAMP  
VCE  
FRENCH  
immersion  
CAMP  
VCE French  
Immersion camp  
Fri 13 to Sun 15 Mar

Happens once per year only! A whole weekend at Portsea Camp in total immersion with a young and dynamic team of qualified French teachers. Excellent for VCE Units 3&4 students who would like to get more familiar with the final examination and know what to expect on D-day while having fun at the beach!

For more information click [HERE](#)



# CAREER NEWS

## YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE 18TH TO 22ND MAY

Work experience is the short-term placement of secondary school students with employers, to provide insights into the industry and the work place in which they are located. Students are placed with employers primarily to observe and learn – not to undertake activities, which require extensive training or experience.

All of our year 10 students will be undertaking their work experience placements from 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Many students have already made arrangements for their week, whilst others are still trying to find suitable employers. Work experience is a compulsory component of our year 10 curriculum and is a pre-requisite for any student wishing to enter VCAL in year 11. All students were presented with an outline of the work experience program in year 9, as well as undertaking our “Work experience preparation Program” in their year 10 “Industry and Enterprise” classes.

Here is the process for arranging and finalising work experience:

- Decide where you would like to do your work experience – this should be a placement, which relates to your future career ideas or a way to sample a particular career.
- After finding an employer, get verbal agreement from the employer and fill in the **Work Experience Contact Details** form, which can be downloaded from [here](#) or collected from the Careers Office.
- Return the completed Work Experience Contact Details form to the Careers Office so that the details can be entered into our administration software and an official “Work Experience Arrangement Form” will be generated and given to the student to obtain the following signatures:
  - The employer
  - The parent
  - The student
- On receipt of the signed form, we will then have the form signed by our Principal and a copy will be sent to the employer and the student/parent.

That’s it! So, if your child has not yet organised her/his work experience, you are urged to finalise arrangements as soon as possible. **THE LATER YOU LEAVE IT, THE HARDER IT IS TO GET !**

## MANAGED INDIVIDUAL PATHWAYS (MIPS)

This year, we will be implementing a new Managed Individual Pathways program for all students from years 7 to 12. This year, we are implementing an online facility called MIPS Online. *“The Victorian Government mandates that all students from year 10 onwards must develop a Managed Individual Pathways (MIPS) plan. The Managed Individual Pathways (MIPs) initiative ensures that all young people aged 15 years and over (Years 10 to 12) in Victorian Government schools are provided with an individual Career Action Plan and associated career development support as a means to make a successful transition through the senior years of education to further education, training or employment.”*

Despite the fact that the mandate is only for year 10 to 12, we will be implementing the strategy from year 7 onwards. This is in order to introduce the concept of career self development to students as early as possible so that they are familiar with the concepts involved by the time they reach year 10.

In the past, this has been done in a variety of ways, many of which have been quite clumsy and inefficient. This new system will make the transition from year to year MIPS plans very smooth with all records stored centrally off site and students having access from school and/or home.

The program will enable students to take control of their career goals and aspirations as well as allowing teachers to identify those students in need of more intensive career counselling. It will also be of great assistance to both staff and students in the selection of subjects at year 10 and beyond. So, the upshot is that **all** students at Monty will have a MIPS plan, with more detail in them as we go forward. The program will be “rolled out” gradually over the first term of 2015. If you would like to know more, please contact the Careers Adviser.

**John Hallsworth**  
**Careers and Post Compulsory Pathways Coordinator**

## SPECIAL NOTICE FOR PARENTS WHO DROP STUDENTS OFF BY CAR

Parents are not to enter the Dobson Road or Simms Road driveways or carparks when bringing students to the College of a morning or collecting them in the afternoon. These are areas of high pedestrian density providing access to many areas of the College. This applies to every school day including whole school and excursion activity days. Increased traffic in these areas poses a serious threat to the safety of staff and students and there are signs to this affect prohibiting drop off and pick up by parents.

## SCHOOL INJURIES AND INSURANCE

*Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund.*

*Parents and families are encouraged to have Ambulance Fund Membership as any trip in an ambulance is considerably expensive.*

*The Department of Education and Training does not hold accident insurance for school students. Likewise the school does not currently hold accident insurance for students.*

*Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance. The Department cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that they seek assistance in this matter with an insurance provider.*

**Clara Rocca**  
**Assistant Principal**



## Snake Alert

An urgent and important reminder to all students who travel to and from school using the Plenty River path or the sports ovals that they need to be aware tiger snakes are usually active at this time of the year, and that for the last six years they have been very aggressive during hot weather. Environmental experts predict that snake sightings have again become more prevalent this year. I have spoken to a field officer from the City of Banyule, and he said that short bursts of warm weather and sunshine resulted in snakes emerging from the scrub near the river and sunning themselves on paths and concrete surfaces. We have also had some Council warning signs installed near the river paths warning pedestrians to "Beware of Snakes".

In February some seven years ago one of our own students was bitten by a snake while walking near the river path at Simms Road Oval, and he spent a considerable amount of time in hospital. There are now warning signs along the path but all students and pedestrians need to exercise extreme caution when travelling to and from school along the river tracks. It is comforting to know that we have a great network of neighbours and pedestrians who use the river path and if there are any sightings of snakes they let the College know immediately.

Take special care,

Allan Robinson  
Principal



## 2015 NEW SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

In order for students to travel on the College school buses (serviced by Mees Buslines) they MUST carry a Myki Card and an official colour-coded Montmorency Secondary College Bus Pass.

To organise a College Bus Pass students need to do the following:

1. Establish which bus stop is the nearest to your home.
2. On an envelope write your Name, Home Group and Bus Run Number of the bus you will need to travel on.
3. For Year 7 Students Only – provide a small photograph (e.g. passport photo size approx. 2cm x 2cm). Students from Years 8 – 12 do not need to supply a photograph as we will use the digital photographs we have on file.
4. Place \$2.00 in the envelope (\$4.00 for a replacement pass if lost or if purchased after the deadline).
5. Place the envelope in the wooden BUS PASS box on the counter in the General Office.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR BUS PASS APPLICATION TO THE GENERAL OFFICE AS SOON POSSIBLE ONCE TERM 1 BEGINS, LATE APPLICATIONS WILL STILL BE ACCEPTED

As Bus Passes are distributed later in Term 1 you may travel on the bus that stops nearest to your home but MUST have a Myki Card. Once bus passes have been distributed you are expected to carry the pass and a Myki Card at all times when travelling on the bus.

For any further details regarding buses – please phone the school (03 9422 1500)

and ask for the Bus Manager, Andrew Burt, or email [burt.andrew.j@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:burt.andrew.j@edumail.vic.gov.au)

# MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE

## 2015 BUS ROUTES

A Myki Card is required to use the bus. Buses unload in Magpie Place, behind the pavilion, at the Montmorency Oval. Bus times are approximate and buses depart from the College at 3.30pm.

Pick Up Time	<b>MONTMORENCY BUS RUN 1 (1216-010)</b>	Melway Ref	Drop Time
8:19	Aqueduct Rd at St Helena Shops Bus Stop	11 G9	15:51
8:20	Aqueduct Rd & Dario Crt	11 F8	15:50
8:21	Aqueduct Rd & Ezio Crt	11 E8	15:49
8:24	Diamond Creek Rd Opp McLaughlans Ln	11 D7	15:46
8:27	Plenty River Dr at Diamond Hills Reserve	11C8	15:43
8:28	Plenty River Dr & Punkerri Cres	11 C9	15:42
8:30	Civic Dr & Brentwick Dr	11 A10	15:40
8:33	Diamond Creek Rd & Greenhill Rd	11 B10	15:37
8:36	Diamond Creek Rd Greensborough at Shell Garage	20 K1	15:34

Pick Up Time	<b>MONTMORENCY BUS RUN 2 (1216-004)</b>	Melway Ref	Drop Time
8:25	Plenty River Dr & Civic Dr	10 K10	15:43
8:27	Plenty River Dr & Booyan Cres	10 J10	15:41
8:28	Plenty River Dr & Mura Cl	10 J11	15:39
8:30	Plenty River Dr & Manatunga Cct	10 K12	15:37

Pick Up Time	<b>MONTMORENCY BUS RUN 3 (1216-011)</b>	Melway Ref	Drop Time
8:19	Karingal Dr & Weidlich Rd at bus stop in Weidlich Rd	21 F3	15:39
8:20	Progress Rd & Nungeroo Cl	21 E2	15:41
8:22	Progress Rd & Lauriston Rd	21 G2	15:43
8:25	Ryans Rd & Pymm Ave	11 H12	15:46
8:26	St Helena Rd & Allumba Dr	11 F10	15:51
8:28	St Helena Rd & Paulette Close	11 E12	15:53
8:29	St Helena Rd & Karingal Dr	21 D1	15:54
8:34	Sherbourne Rd near Kindergarten	21 F3	15:36

**PLEASE NOTE: IN ORDER FOR STUDENTS TO TRAVEL ON THE COLLEGE SCHOOL BUSES (SERVICED BY MEES BUSLINES) THEY MUST CARRY A MYKI CARD AND AN OFFICIAL COLOUR CODED MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE BUS PASS.**

# School Council Elections

## Schedule 5A: Self-nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the Montmorency Secondary College school council.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Residential address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not an undischarged bankrupt and that I am not currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence.

Signature of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on 9422 1500.

You may choose not to give some or all of the information requested; however, your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.