



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

11th December, 2015 Newsletter No. 12

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

This is our final Newsletter for 2015 and what an amazing year it has been for the College. We have experienced so many good things and one definite 'low' when we were hit by an arsonist last school holidays. We lost our Science wing and many valuable resources, but the rooms have been replaced with new 'state of the art' relocatable buildings which will also service our redevelopment program.

Our staffing arrangements are now in place for 2016 at this point in time. We are losing two of our contract teachers who have given valuable service to the College. Mitra Oyadomari (Japanese/Science) has been with us for two and a half years and Joshua Perez (Science/Mathematics) has been at the College for two years. We thank Mitra and Joshua for their service and wish them well for their future careers.

On Friday 27th November our Instrumental Music Program students once again set off on a performance tour to four of our local primary schools. Teachers, Anthony Citino, Cheryl Clark and Hugh Thornycroft, accompanied our Junior Rookie Band and Guitar Ensemble to Sherbourne and Lower Plenty Primary Schools. Teachers, Sharon Cooke and Andrew Leveglia, accompanied our Intermediate Band and College Choir to Apollo Parkways and Montmorency Primary Schools. Our students were most impressive and performed

**THE COLLEGE WILL CLOSE ON
FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER, 2015
AND RE-OPEN WEDNESDAY 27TH JANUARY, 2016
YEAR 7 & 8 STUDENTS WILL COMMENCE
FRIDAY 29TH JANUARY, 2016
YEARS 9-12 WILL COMMENCE
MONDAY 1ST FEBRUARY, 2016**



On Friday 27th November our Instrumental Music Program students performed for four of our local primary schools.

Pictured (left to right) Nina Law-Davies, Joshua Mealmaker, Teacher Cheryl Clark, Marcus Gyaw, Patrick Reichenbach

beautifully and special acknowledgement to Instrumental Music Co-ordinator, Anthony Citino, for organising these tours of which the feedback from our students was highly impressive.

The ten-day Orientation Program for Years 7, 8 and 9 students has again been a very positive experience for our students affording them a flying start for their studies in 2016.

Tuesday December 8 was Orientation Day for 174 of our 2016 Year 7 students and it certainly was a well organised and most impressive event. There were many staff members involved who made highly valuable contributions, both on the day and in the lead up organisation. Special thanks to Sonia Culcasi and Clara Rocca for this highly successful

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outcome and for the wonderful program planned and provided for these students. I would also like to especially commend our Middle School Leaders, SRC students and Bigger Buddies who were so impressive throughout the day.

Recently I accepted an invitation from our Local State Member of Parliament, Vicki Ward, for Montmorency Secondary College to host the local 'International Women's Day Breakfast' on Friday 4th March, 2016. This will include approximately 120 students and is a prestigious event that will give our College some very positive exposure.

I wish all students and families a safe and happy Christmas break.

Allan Robinson
Principal

TERM 4 2015 & TERM 1 2016 AT A GLANCE

Thursday 17th December	2015 Awards Evening 7.00pm
Friday 18th December	Term 4 Ends
Friday 29th January	Year 7 & 8 students commence
Wednesday 27th January	Text Book Order Collection Day 9am to 3pm
Monday 1st February	All students return to school
Monday 15th February	Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 16th February	Photo Day
	Year 7 Pastoral Care/Music Info Night—7.30pm

Changes to Australian Passports for 16 & 17 Year Olds

From January 1 2016, applicants aged 16 or 17 years will be issued with a 10-year passport instead of the five-year passport currently issued to children under the age of 18 years.

Parental consent will still be required and applicants will need to accompany their parent, or a person with parental responsibility, when lodging the passport application.

The application fee for 16 and 17 year olds will be the same as for adults, reflecting the longer validity of the passport to be issued.
New arrangements begin 1 January 2016.

For further Information, please contact the Australian Passport Information Service (APIS) on 131 232 or at passports.gov.au

'Tis the Season to be Giving'

We live in such a wonderful giving community with many schools, individual groups and clubs collecting for various appeals leading up to Christmas !

We're calling on you to help families in need in by filling a collection box with donations of non-perishable food and toiletries in the lead-up to Christmas.
Give a little. Change a lot.

Your donations go directly to individuals and families experiencing crisis, providing nutritious food and household essentials at Christmas time and all through 2016.

Vicki Ward MP Member for Eltham has opened her electorate office doors to become a drop off point for the following appeals; Wesley Food for families appeal, Diamond Valley Foodshare and the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.

The goods can be dropped off at the
Vicki Ward Electorate Office at 718 Main Road Eltham
between 9-5pm Monday to Friday and 9-12 on Saturdays.

For any other details regarding the appeals visit:

<https://wesley.org.au/home/food-for-families-appeal/you-can-make-a-difference-for-families-in-need/>

<https://www.givenow.com.au/diamondvalleyfoodshare>

**North of the Yarra
Booksellers
Book Order Collection Day**

**at
Montmorency Secondary
College**

**Wednesday 27th January,
2016**

**Surnames: A-M 9.00am-12noon
N-Z 12.45pm-3.00pm**

Tribute to Year 9 Camp

On the 4th of November the Year Nines arrived at the Kinglake Ranges Wilderness Camp. Once we got there, we were split into six districts, based on *The Hunger Games*. We would stay in these districts for the entirety of the camp and compete against the other districts for glory.

We completed activities that helped us prepare for the final challenge, the 'Wildergaining', such as rock climbing and navigational hiking. The highlight of the activities for everyone was falling into the water on the ropes course.

During the evening, the groups split in two. On the first night, one group did an African drumming workshop and the other competed in a very rainy version of *The Hunger Games*. The winners of *The Hunger Games* competition were Districts Four and Five.

On the final day of camp, we competed in the Wildergaining! It was pouring rain but that didn't stop us having fun. We were given sheets with objectives on them and when we completed them we were given blocks. Some of the objectives included finding clues around the campsite and creating a group dance. The first to stack all ten blocks in a pyramid was the winner.

The food was terrific and so was the accommodation. We would like to thank the camp staff who were all incredibly friendly and the Montmorency teachers for putting up with us.

We were sad to leave the wonderful campsite, but getting phone reception back gave us something to cheer about on the bus ride home.

By John Hoysted and Jeremy Reichenbach



Year 8 Public Speaking Competition

On behalf of all the Year Eights, I would like to give warm congratulations to Solveig Prictor, this year's Year 8 Public Speaking competition winner. Solveig won the competition with her outstanding language skills and passionate attitude. She showed a lot of conviction and confidence.

The Public Speaking Competition took place on 25th November in the College Auditorium and included two students from each home group, presenting a persuasive speech.

The competition was fierce with Imogen Prictor taking second place and Jack Penrose in third. The whole competition was thoroughly exceptional with all of the twelve participants showcasing amazing use of persuasive devices such as emotive appeal and effective body language.

Congratulations to all of the participants for a fantastic job:

- 8A Macey Evans
Olivia Antonello
- 8B Georgie Wright
Jessica Coleiro
- 8C Ryan Patmore
Ryan Leaper
- 8D Michaela Fernando
Isabel Ristevski
- 8E Tess Dillon
Solveig Prictor
- 8F Imogen Prictor
Jack Penrose

Thank you to Ms Clark for organising the event and to the three judges Mrs Sapina, Mr Robinson and College Captain, Mel Jones, for giving up their time.

By Abbagaile Gray



Tess Dillon



Pictured (left to right) Madison Carroll, Jack Penrose, Solveig Proctor, Imogen Prictor and teacher, Ms Sapina.

Speaking Their Minds

Year 9 Public Speaking Competition

The Year Nine Public Speaking Competition took place on Thursday, 26th November in the Auditorium.

Ten outstanding speakers – the two best from each of the five home groups – performed their speeches in front of the year level, as well as adjudicators, staff members and the 2016 College Captains.

The speeches were of such a quality that they had difficulty picking a clear winner.

Ultimately, the panel decided on Chloe Giles' heartfelt speech arguing to ban smoking in public spaces. Bridget Dorizzi came a close second with her speech on banning the sale of home organs and Kyra Krukowitch in third with her speech supporting mandatory vaccination.

All of the students spoke admirably and set a high standard for future speeches by this year level.

Additionally, many students from each home group received awards for their achievements throughout the year.

This was an opportunity to demonstrate the Year Nine's Pride in Achievement and was a fitting farewell to the Year Nine Coordinators, Ms Clark and Mr Pickett, who have coordinated our year level for the last three years.

By Tom Wotton



YEAR 9 JAPANESE PRIMARY SCHOOL VISIT RESTAURANT EXCURSION

On Monday we went to Lower Plenty Primary School to teach the grade 2 and 3's Japanese. We got into groups and did activities such as playing Japanese battleships, making origami and teaching them hiragana and kanji numbers. We were all pretty nervous at the start but after a little bit of time, we got used to it and were really able to help with the lessons. All in all, it was pretty fun and we had a good time.

After the school visit, all of the year 9 Japanese students walked to Shiki, a Japanese restaurant. We received an 8 course meal. It included many different foods from the Japanese cuisine. We got to have sushi, spring rolls, battered prawns and pumpkin, also known as Tempura. The food was delicious and it was a real feast.

Sam Ireland, Jake Graham and Bridget Dorizzi



YEAR 7 BOYS TENNIS

On Thursday the 12th of November the Year 7 boys tennis team travelled to Diamond Valley Secondary College to face off against three other schools in a tennis round robin. The round robin consisted of 8 different rounds, each round being 20 minutes long. When we got there we split up into two teams, Team A and Team B and after this we were all very eager to play. Everyone played very well especially those who had never played tennis before with both teams winning majority if not all of their matches each round. Everyone enjoyed the day and by the end of it both teams had won almost all their games but we knew it would be close to see if we got through, and close it was as we found out that the A team had drawn on sets with the St Helena A team. This meant it would have to come to games on who went through to the next round. We have to wait an anxious few days to find out that we in fact did get through to the next round. The next round will be sometime in 2016 and thank you for Miss Zerbe for coaching.

Timothy MacDougall



YEAR 7 BOYS STATE BASEBALL

On the 18th of November, the year 7 baseball boys set out at 7:45 in the morning to play baseball. As Mr. Anderson was reminding us what to do, the nerves were raised. Before we knew it the first game had begun. We were up against Box Hill, a very competitive team. The person that pitched to us was very quick and not many people got the chance to hit the ball. On the fielding side of it, everyone did great, letting them score 0 home runs. In the end the scores were 5-0.

The second game was against Parkdale. They were a very strong team, starting off with a very good batting to get them a good lead. But now it was our turn. Their pitcher was serving it perfectly for us to hit the ball straight out into the field. Our spirits were very high and so was the tension. A highlight of the game was Jacks cheering and support through the whole game, also providing a lot of laughs. The game had suddenly turned towards their way when they had hit five home runs to top our 6. They were too strong for us and in the end we lost 6-11.

Our very last game was a bit more relaxed and more fun. Almost everyone had a good hit at the ball and everyone got a home run. They were getting runs themselves though until we brought in Leigh to pitch. A few short moments later, their innings were over and that meant another time to get a bigger lead. Our fielding could've been better but our batting side of it was brilliant. In the end the scores were 19-8 our way.

A huge thank you to Mr. Anderson, Christian Snelson and Nick Loach for coaching us throughout the day and Sharon for supplying the icy poles.

Ryan Hoffman 7G



UNIFORM SHOP

During the recent fire at the College, the Academy Uniform Shop, which operates from our College grounds, was damaged and consequently has now been closed indefinitely.

As a result, all uniform purchases can only be made from Academy's Thomastown store at 238 Wolseley Place, Thomastown.

Telephone orders can also be placed with the store and items will be delivered to the College on Friday of each week which can then be collected from the General Office.

For further information, or any enquiries about College uniform purchases, please contact Academy Uniforms on 9460 8011.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

clk2sell app – a fast way for parents to buy and sell second hand uniforms.

Last year State Schools' Relief launched clk2sell – a smartphone solution to buy and sell second-hand school uniforms. With the new term and season change, it's a great time to upload and sell those unwanted uniform items.

Close to 100 schools are now using the app - saving time and money. State Schools' Relief is encouraging more schools and parents to get on board to reap the benefits. "Parents have saved 50-70 per cent", said State Schools' Relief CEO, Stephen Isles.

By being able to purchase uniforms at a reduced price can allow children to wear the appropriate uniform and in turn gain the confidence to attend school without feeling embarrassed.

Hear about how the clk2sell app works and the benefits experienced by parents and schools already using the app. [Watch the clk2sell video](#). By the end of this month clk2sell will be expanding its functionality to include musical instruments and text books. Stay tuned for more information.

For more information about this resource go to www.clk2sell.com or email info@clk2sell.com.

SALVATION ARMY FOOD DRIVE

600 cans. 18 days. A lifetime of generosity. On the 16th of November Montmorency Secondary College began its annual food drive. All homegroups got into the true spirit of Christmas and gave all that they could. When the drive ended on the 4th of December, we had an amazing success and the end results were around 600 cans being collected. The school could not be more proud of the students and the generosity that they have displayed in this collection. The food that has been raised will be donated to the Salvation Army so that less fortunate people, who might even come from within our own community, can enjoy and celebrate Christmas.

As there is a pizza lunch for the homegroup with the most cans donated, congratulations go to Miss Murray's class, 8C and their superb efforts. Miss Murray and her class alone donated close to 200 cans. It was a truly amazing achievement on their behalf.

We would really like to thank everybody for their generosity. We hope our donations will brighten Christmas day for many.





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State Schools' Relief Year 7 Uniform Package Initiative

For the first time State Schools' Relief has received Government funding so that it can help more families needing financial assistance, and to ensure no one is left behind. As part of the Victorian Government's uniform expansion program, every 2016 Year 7 government school student, who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF), automatically qualifies for a free uniform pack (this equates to a \$225 voucher to spend at Academy Uniforms in Thomastown). Eligibility requirements for CSEF can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

What is included in the uniform pack?

The uniform pack includes all basic uniform items needed to start secondary school (approximate value \$225).

- Jumper x 1
- PE Shirt x 1
- PE Shorts x 1
- For Girls: Dress x 1 (or shorts or trousers x 1 and a shirt x 1 – long or short sleeve)
- For Boys: Shorts or trousers x 1 and a shirt x1 – long or short sleeve.

Please note that the turn-around time from lodgement to receiving the voucher can take up to 14 days. Therefore, please be aware that you may not receive this voucher until the beginning of Term 1, 2016. The College will make contact with you as soon as the voucher arrives and it is up to you to collect the voucher from the College. Alternatively, you can elect to receive your voucher via email so please include your email address when completing the form.

Please note the following Terms and Conditions:

- Only CSEF recipients are eligible for the uniform packs.
- Each student is eligible for a single uniform pack.
- The voucher is dispatched electronically to the College. The College will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present to Academy Uniforms in Thomastown.
- The order is valid for 75 days from the date of issue.
- Once expired, a new application must be lodged. Expired vouchers cannot be redeemed.
- Each voucher specifies the individual items funded by State Schools' Relief.
- No change can be made to the items unless it is done through the College.
- Changes made in store will not be honoured by State Schools' Relief.
- The maximum voucher value is \$225 and any short fall will not be covered by State Schools' Relief.

To apply for this voucher, please complete the form on the reverse side of this flyer and return the completed form to the General Office. You will need to complete a separate form for each eligible child.



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State Schools' Relief Year 7 Uniform Package Initiative

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ D.O.B _____

VSN No (if known) _____

Your email address: _____ Contact number: _____

Did you apply for the CSEF in 2015? (Please tick) YES NO*

*If NO please be aware you will need to apply for the CSEF in 2016 and will need to apply for the State Schools' Relief Winter Uniform Package in 2016. You are not eligible to complete this form for the Summer package.

If you have already purchased your child's summer uniform, you may apply for the Winter Uniform Package in Term 2, 2016.

I wish to receive my voucher by: Collection Email

FOR GIRLS:

Please select **ONLY ONE** of the following items by placing a tick in the relevant box:

1 x Dress or 1 x Shorts or 1 x Trousers

PLUS (only if you have selected shorts/trousers)

Select **ONLY ONE** of the following items

1 x short sleeve shirt or 1 x long sleeve shirt

FOR BOYS:

Please select **ONLY ONE** of the following items by placing a tick in the relevant box:

1 x Shorts or 1 x Trousers

PLUS

Select **ONLY ONE** of the following items

1 x short sleeve shirt or 1 x long sleeve shirt

Alexander and Bridget Jones

Montmorency Secondary College

2016 Scholarship

Going to the University of Melbourne in 2016?

Scholarship Snapshot

This scholarship is awarded to honour the memory of Alexander and Bridget Jones, graduates of Montmorency Secondary College and students of The University of Melbourne.

Overview	The scholarship aims to assist graduates of Montmorency Secondary College who have been offered a full-time place at The University of Melbourne for the first time.
University	The University of Melbourne
Faculty	All
Study area	All
Scholarship type	Need based, Merit based
Year of study	First year undergraduate degree
Duration	One year initially but may be awarded for up to two years (dependent upon academic performance)
Intention of Scholarship	Accommodation costs and/or other expenses directly related to the study of successful applicants (eg. course costs, study related materials/equipment, text books, tutoring)
Award Value (per student)	Award value is \$5,000 (per annum)
Eligibility	To be eligible, the following criteria must be met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have graduated from Montmorency Secondary College in either 2015 or in 2014 (taken a gap year) • Must have received a Letter of Offer from The University of Melbourne to commence a full-time undergraduate degree in 2016 (in an approved Australian course) • Must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident • Must be a first-time, first year undergraduate in 2016 (first attendance at an Australian University) • Should be able to demonstrate community involvement • Should be academically motivated
Nationality	Australian citizen or permanent resident
Applications open	1 December 2015
Applications close	25 January 2016
How to apply	Please visit www.bendigoandadelaidebank.com.au/scholarships for more information.
Criteria	Scholarships will be awarded on the recommendation of a selection committee and will be assessed on academic achievement, demonstrated disadvantage and community contribution. The student should be able to describe their passion for how they intend to use their knowledge in the future.
Further information	The website will contain full information from 1 December 2015. If you still have a query, please contact Community Enterprise Foundation™ on 1300 304 541

The summary above is intended to provide you with a quick snapshot only. Please ensure you review all information provided on the website (during the application open period) thoroughly before you consider applying.



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*THE PRINCIPAL AND STAFF OF
MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE
WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A
WONDERFUL FESTIVE SEASON AND
A HAPPY AND SAFE 2016.*

*THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR VALUABLE
SUPPORT THROUGHOUT 2015.*

*WE WISH EVERYONE A WELL-EARNED REST AND
LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU ALL AGAIN IN 2016.*

