



FROM THE ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Hello to our parents, students and wider Montmorency community.

The beginning of Semester Two, is always an interesting and busy time. Despite the frigid mornings and the winter sun glare, there is an air of anticipation and a sense of real change. Year Seven students have become accustomed to the College, comfortable and confident in their movement around the grounds. Year 12s are beginning to realize that the end is suddenly, surprisingly close; only 12 weeks to their finals, and entry to a very different world than the one they have been used to for a dozen years. For many of them, there is a growing sense of panic, a recognition of intense work pressure and evaporating time lines. Added to that is the emotional roller coaster of leaving school, finally. For many there will be feelings of excitement and relief tinged with grief and sadness.

Term Three always seems to 'hit the ground running'. It's the term when Grade 6s make their choices of high schools, and plans are made for subsequent year seven classes. Surveys are done. Montmorency is one of a number of private and public schools around Australia that have been chosen to participate in PISA testing. PISA is the international body that conducts testing in more than 60 countries and provides rankings of educational systems around the world.

This week has seen the arrival of students and teachers from Takakura High, our sister school in Japan. This year is our turn to host and it is with great pleasure that we welcome them. They will spend the next two weeks exploring not only our school but also the sights of Melbourne, enjoying the hospitality of our many host families, and practising their English. After the

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OUT OF UNIFORM DAY

Tuesday 18th August, 2015

Gold coin donation

Money raised donated to Beyond Blue



Welcome to our Japanese friends from Takakura High School, our sister school in Japan. On Friday 24th July, 2015 some of our students helped our visitors explore the sights of Melbourne.

initial shock of realizing that Melbourne has a winter – they came anticipating hot, dry, 'Aussie' weather and arrived to a zero degree morning – they have settled in well.

Student-led Conferences followed up midyear exams and semester reports, giving our students an opportunity to focus once again on their goals and reflect on their learning progress. For many, it is a timely reminder that being better organized and motivated helps. Students also fill out the High Performing Schools Survey; this

provides detailed and valuable data about their attitudes to all their classes. We are now in our tenth year of collecting this data and the feedback over the years has allowed the College to adjust or refocus the way we do things in a more timely or effective manner than many schools can. This year the day was very successful and parents even had the chance to try Café@Monty. Our new canteen operators provided a taste of what students can access each

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day, with many parents enjoying coffee and snacks in a relaxed environment.

Currently staff and students are busy at lunch times and after school rehearsing a multitude of acts for the annual House Off on July 31. This year's theme is 'What I like about you', the 'Five Seconds of Summer' version (you tube it if you want to know what your student is humming in their room) and provides the Houses with their last chance to grab points for the annual shield. House Off is always fun (and hard work behind the scenes) with Year 12s enjoying the final chance to let their hair down with some noisy entertainment before settling into serious study and work.

In early August, our Year 7 and 8 students make their selections for next year's Learning Units. This is always an exciting time, especially for our Year 7s

who choose from more than 30 electives for the first time. Each student selects four semester length units. Not only does it allow students to choose things they are interested in, it gives everyone a taste of many subjects they may have not done before. Challenge and Bridging subject invitations are also extended to students at this time. The Challenge and Bridging program is now in its sixth year, which means the first groups have begun to move through Year 12. We have collected data on these students and it shows that the program is already having a measurable effect on their outcomes in Year 12.

Students in Years 9 -11 will also be thinking about subjects in 2016. By the end of term they will be making decisions about VCE or VCAL, about subject combinations and choices that best suit their needs and future

interests. It is a busy term for teachers and co-ordinators who share the job of advising and assisting students and parents in their deliberations.

In the midst of all this, our Principal, Alan Robinson, has returned from well-deserved Long Service Leave. I am continuing in the Acting Assistant Principal role for a little longer until Clara Rocca returns from leave, then I will return to the classroom. It has been an interesting time and I'd like to thank everyone – staff, students and community – for making this experience interesting and pleasant. I think I can put the 'L' plates away soon.

Thank you.

Glenn Blackmore
Acting Assistant Principal

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS/INCURSIONS

Date	Year Level	Excursion	Venue	Staff Member in Charge	Cost	Payment Due
05/08/15	Year 11 Drama	Excursion Live Theatre	Richmond Theatrette Church Street Richmond	Josh Cetin	\$18 plus Myki	3/8/15
06/08/15	Year 12 French	Oral & Written Exam Practise	Alliance Francaise 51 Grey Street St Kilda	Marjory Creta	\$30 plus Myki	4/8/15
07/08/15	Year 12 Physics	Sound Workshop	Swinburne Senior Secondary College Hawthorn	Mark Lohrey	\$23 plus Myki	5/8/15
10/08/15	Year 12 Biology	Lab Work	Melbourne University	Kati Stone	\$25 plus Myki	6/8/15
11/08/15	Year 12 Legal Studies	Excursion	Melbourne Supreme & County Courts	Mary Curran	Myki	-
11/08/15	VSSS Students	Victorian State Schools Spectacular Rehearsal	Diamond Valley College	Josh Cetin		Overdue
13/08/15	Year 9 Japanese	Japanese Language Movie	ACMI Melbourne	Michelle Bijkersma	\$9.50 plus Myki	11/8/15
17/08/15	Year 11 HHD	Excursion	Mercy Hospital for Women	Kate Fowler	\$14 plus Myki	13/8/15
26/08/15	Year 10 Science for VCE	Lab Work	Latrobe University Bundoora	Josh Perez	\$12	24/8/15

TERM 3 AT A GLANCE

Fri 31st July	House Off
Wed 5th August	School Council Meeting—7:30pm
Thurs 20th July	Senior School Course & Careers Expo
Sat 29th August	Presentation Ball 1
Wed 9th September	School Council Meeting—7:30pm
Sat 12th September	Victorian State Schools Spectacular Performance
Sat 12th September	Presentation Ball 2
Wed 16th September	Student Progress Interview Day
Friday 18th September	End of Term 3



12 September, 2015

HISENSE ARENA | MELBOURNE PARK

Tickets Now On Sale

Join us for the 2015 Victorian State Schools Spectacular: What's Your Story?

This year's Spectacular will be held at Hisense Arena on Saturday 12 September, with two shows at 1pm and 6:30pm. Channel 7 will film the three-hour Spectacular for broadcast. For a fun, family entertainment experience, and to see Victoria's incredible talents on display, be quick to secure your tickets. Talented young circus performers, skaters, musicians, dancers and singers will feature on stage, while many other students will work behind the scenes, gaining unique, on-the-job, professional experience.

Adult - \$44

Concession - \$33

Child Under 15 - \$22

To purchase tickets visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/spectacular

MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE IS PROUD TO BE PART OF THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR.

MELONY JONES OF YEAR 11 IS A PRINCIPAL DANCER AND 18 MSC STUDENTS, FROM YEARS 7 & 8, WILL BE PERFORMING IN THE MASS DANCE.

2016 VCAL/VET/SBAT APPLICATIONS

In 2015 we have over 45 students enrolled in our VCAL program. All students undertake units in: Personal Development, Work Related Skills, Literacy, Numeracy & the option of VCE Units. VCAL students complete their Industry Specific Skills strand one day a week. This is achieved through the completion of a Certificate II or III TAFE course, or **SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIP OR TRAINEESHIP**.

Students are enrolled in TAFE courses as varied as: Building & Construction, Music, Business Administration, Shop fitting, Engineering, Hairdressing, Beauty and Automotive. School Based Apprentices have been placed in Childcare, Building & Construction and Hospitality and Business Administration. Please refer to the link regarding VET courses in the Northern Metro Cluster:

<http://www.montypathways.com/vet-courses-and-sbats.html>

Any student undertaking a VET/SBAT will need to acquire a USI (Unique Student Identifier). This is completed online and you will be given a 10 digit code.

VCAL students also undertake **WORK-PLACEMENT** in industries aligned with their TAFE certificates.

We are seeking expressions of interest from students at this early stage to establish VET/SBAT opportunities that arise. Students who will be moving into Year 11 or 12 in 2016 interested in undertaking VCAL, VET or SBAT next year need to collect an Expression of Interest form from Mr Weeding in the VCAL Office.

Anyone wishing to discuss the program, please contact:

Michael Weeding
VCAL/VET Coordinator
9422 1625

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE **CAMPS, SPORTS &** **EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Victorian Government has recently introduced an initiative that will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. This initiative is the **Camps Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)**.

The CSEF will assist eligible families to cover the cost of school trips, camps and sporting activities. It is an annual payment which is made directly to the school that the eligible student attends and is tied to that student.

IF YOU HOLD A VALID MEANS-TESTED CONCESSION CARD, OR ARE A TEMPORARY FOSTER PARENT, YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE CSEF.

The amount payable for eligible primary and secondary students is:

- \$125 for Primary school students.
- \$225 for Secondary school students.

Please note that the allowance will not be paid to parents, but will instead be paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The CSEF payments are for the application year only and cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Applications closed on Friday 26th June, 2015. **However, late application will be considered so please contact the Bursar on 9422 1500.**

Brotherhood Books Collection

During the last two weeks of Term 2, Montmorency became involved in a major book fundraiser for the Brotherhood of St Lawrence. The Brotherhood of St Lawrence collects unwanted items and by selling them, all the money goes toward finding an Australia free of poverty. Our goal of 200 books was well achieved as the Montmorency community, families and students became involved and donated all their unwanted books to the general office where a huge pile of around 500 books was collected. I was so amazed and pleased with the response the books received and was glad to know it was all going to a worthwhile charity. The project would not have been as successful without the help of Year 9 Endeavour boys, Bastian, Luke, Van, Connor and Zack. Their help was very much appreciated in the promotion of the event and part of the organisation. When the books were dropped off at multiple stores, all staff were very grateful and appreciative of your donations. Now that the collection has ended, we are pleased to welcome our newest fundraisers during Term 3 and hope you can all get involved in that as well. Thank you.

Elise Bartlett



Brotherhood
of St Lawrence



MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE CHALLENGE/BRIDGING PROGRAM

At Montmorency Secondary College we firmly believe that:

- ◆ All students can learn
- ◆ All students can experience success, and
- ◆ All students are talented in one area or another. Therefore,
- ◆ All students deserve the opportunity to display and extend their talents.

We have always endeavoured to offer curriculum programs that encourage students to achieve their best, academically, creatively and socially. This has been complemented by an extensive co-curricula and sport program.

To fully celebrate the successful programs that we already offer, and highlight new opportunities for our students to fully develop their learning, we offer the **Montmorency Secondary College Challenge/Bridging Program**. In Semester 2, students in year 7 & 8 will be selecting Learning Units for 2015 and students will be invited into the Challenge and Bridging Programs for the following year.

The Challenge Program offers all students multiple opportunities and pathways to develop their talents and extend their learning. It is open to all students who strive for success and encompasses many different areas of College academic and community life. It includes some exciting new curriculum initiatives, especially at Year 8 and 9.

The Challenge subjects are specifically designed to extend student understanding and appreciation of the subject area involved and further develop their higher order thinking skills. *Entry into these units is by invitation only based on student academic results in the previous semester or year in the relevant subject.* Students will be invited to accept up to two Challenge semester-length units per year at both Year 8 and Year 9.

We will continue to provide structured opportunities within the Year 8/9 elective framework for students who need extra assistance with English and Mathematics to improve their skill-level by running the subjects, Bridging English and Bridging Maths.

Our extensive Arts, Design & Technology and Business Studies learning unit offerings will continue to be offered in the Year 8/9 elective block as previously.

Year 9 students have a choice with French or Japanese (with a view to progressing into VCE LOTE) or undertaking an Endeavour Program. They will need to make a choice between the two.

The **Endeavour Program** prepares students for their lives as young adults and positive members of the community they will live in and work in. It is built on a series of challenges that include:

- ◆ Self- Development
- ◆ Careers Exploration and Management
- ◆ City Challenge
- ◆ Melbourne as a 'Global Village'
- ◆ Are U Mad-Are you Making a Difference Program

Parents and students are encouraged to read through the Montmorency Secondary College Handbook which will be made available online to gain a better understanding of what each of the Learning Units involve.

The College will be running an information evening for parents on both the Bridging and Challenge programs. Details about the information evenings will be distributed to students shortly.

If you have any questions regarding the Challenge or Bridging Programs, or the Elective Program, please do not hesitate to contact me at the College.

Glenn Blackmore
Acting Assistant Principal

LOTE NEWS

2016 Trip to France

10th – 22nd September, 2016

Are you interested in coming to France with us?

Open to students studying Year 9, Year 10, Year 11 or Year 12 French in 2016.

Would you like to travel?

Discover a new country?

Experience what you learn in books?

If you have missed out on the information session held on Thursday 25th June but are interested in attending the French Study Tour, please see Mme Creta via Email: creta-ireland.marjory.a@edumail.vic.gov.au



LES CRÊPES

Tuesday 28th July

Bonjour,

As every year, the much-awaited **CRÊPES** will soon be available in our College. Robert is coming on **Tuesday 28th July**. He will set up his stand in our courtyard.

Students studying French will have the opportunity to **speak French with Robert** on that day during class time. All other members of our school community will be able to enjoy those wonderful crêpes at recess and lunchtime. Prices vary from \$3 to \$7 per crêpe, depending on the topping chosen.

Bon Appetit!

Marjory Creta
Head of French



This year Montmorency Secondary College will once again be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

The program is designed to assist schools in obtaining valuable teaching resources – simply by doing your grocery shop at a Woolworths supermarket. From Wednesday 15th July until Tuesday 8th September, 2015, you can collect Earn & Learn stickers when you shop at Woolworths. There'll be one sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the stickers onto the sticker card and when the card is full drop it in the sticker collection box here at the College.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to select from over 10,000 valuable school resources including maths and science equipment, arts and crafts material, sports gear and lots more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. For further information or to print out a sticker sheet go to woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn or contact Brigitte Hone at the College on 9422 1500



Department of
Education & Training

Program for Students with Disabilities Review

Fact Sheet | July 2015

In November 2014, the Government announced the Special Needs Plan for Victorian Schools to help teachers and schools support children and young people to reach their full potential and make schools more inclusive.

The first initiative of the Special Needs Plan is a comprehensive review of the Program for Students with Disabilities (PSD). The PSD provides extra resources to schools for students with disabilities who have moderate to high educational needs.

The PSD review is focusing on maximising the learning of students with disabilities in an inclusive learning environment, the transition from primary to secondary school and the specific needs of students with autism and dyslexia.

The PSD review will provide advice and recommendations for reform relating to:

1. The ability of the PSD to meet the needs and maximise the learning of all children and young people with a disability in government schools;
2. Future capacity of the Government school education system, including the role of the PSD, to meet the specific needs of students with autism and dyslexia;
3. The feasibility of shifting to a strength-based, functional needs assessment approach consistent with the direction of the National Disability Insurance Scheme;
4. The efficacy of the current Year 6/7 PSD review process, its purpose, timing, requirements and influence on students' transition from primary to secondary school;
5. The PSD's capacity to support the Government's commitment to excellence in inclusive education, including an assessment of accountabilities;
6. Advice on implementing the recommendations of the review, including transition implications.
7. Criteria against which to assess and consider the review findings and recommendations.

The review is underpinned by a comprehensive evidence-based approach and evidence will be sourced from national and international experts, school staff, students and families, peak bodies and professional associations.

A series of in-person and online consultations will be conducted from July to October 2015 to identify options for reform and to hear from stakeholders.

The review and its recommendations will be submitted to the Minister of Education in November 2015.

CAFÉ CULTURE COMES TO MONTY

You may have noticed the mouth-watering smells wafting out over the College grounds in recent weeks. The news is out! Montmorency Secondary College's canteen is under new management and Georgia and her team have delighted students, staff and visitors to the College with their tempting and delicious cuisine. Many of the foods are home-made and only good quality and fresh ingredients are used. As you can see from the price list attached, *Café @ Monty* offers a great variety of both hot and cold foods, snacks, drinks and even barista coffee (but only for the adults and Year 12 students on presentation of I.D.) For everyone else it's delectable hot chocolate.

Georgia and her team work tirelessly to bring our students very tasty and nutritious food.

"We want to make a positive and healthy change for all students at Montmorency Secondary College", says Georgia. "Our menu offers great variety and will alternate regularly with lots of home-made items".

The canteen offers an early-bird service from 8.15am for those students who get to school that little bit earlier

and don't have time to have breakfast. Delicious egg and bacon muffins, scrumptious toasties and warm hash browns await them.

In order to avoid missing out on your favourite food, lunch orders can be placed and prepaid the day before, or before 9.00am on the day. At the moment Georgia is looking at introducing an app which students/parents can use to pre-order lunches.

So next time you're feeling a little peckish, visit *Café @ Monty*. You'll be pleasantly surprised.





price list



hot food

Hash Browns	\$1.00 ea
Steamed Dim Sims	\$1.00 ea
Pizza Slices (Margherita/Hawaiian)	\$3.00 ea
Chicken Skewers	\$3.00 ea
Hot Dogs	\$3.50 ea
Sausage Rolls	\$4.50 ea
Grilled Cheese Sandwiches	\$4.00 ea
Soup	\$4.00 bowl
Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwiches	\$4.50 ea
Spinach, Bacon and Cheese Frittata (GF/HM)	\$4.50 ea
Tuna Rice Bake (GF/HM)	\$4.50 ea
Egg Bacon & Cheese Muffin	\$5.00 ea
B.L.T. Wrap (Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato)	\$5.00 ea
Pasta	\$5.00 ea
Pies (HM)	\$5.00 ea
Spanakopita (Greek Spinach & Cheese Pie)	\$5.50 ea
Chicken Schnitzel Foccacias	\$6.50 ea
Chicken Parma Foccacias	\$6.50 ea
Burgers with Bacon, Egg & Tomato (HM)	\$6.50 ea
Chicken Souvlaki	\$6.50 ea

cold food

Wraps (Ham & Salad/Chicken Avocado & Salad)	\$5.50 ea
Salads (Greek/Garden/Ceaser)	\$5.50 ea
Fruit Salad	\$5.00 ea
Yoghurt Seed Crunch	\$4.50 ea

snacks

Seasonal Fresh Fruit (Bananas/Apples etc)	\$2.00 ea
Granola Bars (HM)	\$3.50 ea
Slices (Lemon/Brownie/Rocky Road)	\$3.50 slice
Muffins (HM)	\$3.50 ea
Carrot & Oat Slice (HM)	\$3.50 ea
Banana Loaf	\$4.00 slice

drinks

Water	\$2.50 bottle
Cans	\$3.00 ea
Coffee, Tea or Hot Chocolate	\$3.50 (s)/\$4.50 (l)
Juices	\$4.50 ea

specials board

Additional foods will be offered on various days of the week, such as zucchini slice, scalloped potatoes, fried rice, baked chicken and rice and pasta salad. Check canteen board each day.	\$5.00 ea
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