

TERM 4 COMMENCES MONDAY 3RD OCTOBER, 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

On Friday 26th August I was invited by the Regional Director (NWVR), Simon Milligan, to the Official introduction of the 'Marrung' Aboriginal Education Plan 2016-2026 that has been crafted and funded by the State Government. This was held at the Aborigines Advancement League in Thornbury and was a most impressive event. What was even more impressive was that an important part of the event included a panel discussion by six members of the wider Aboriginal and education community and this included Julia Bruhn, one of our current Year 11 students. Julia gave a wonderful presentation from the perspective of a student in relation to the Marrung initiatives and was certainly an outstanding ambassador for Montmorency Secondary College. Her biography presented in the program reads:



Julia Bruhn – Young Person

Julia is currently completing Year 11 at Montmorency Secondary College. This year she is completing English, Art, History and Legal Studies, as well as two subjects at a Year 12 level – Media and Psychology. She has been the recipient of the Darby McCarthy scholarship, which includes work experience with Racing Victoria; she hopes to gain experience in the media and communications industry from this. She has been a member of the Koori Academy of excellence – a program assisting Koori students to remain engaged in education and complete Year 12, and to excel and pursue their desired tertiary pathways – since its inception in 2012. Her hobbies include camping, skiing and tennis.

Congratulations to Julia for her outstanding achievements as a student and also her most impressive contribution to the Koori Academy of Excellence and the 'Marrung' Aboriginal Education Plan.

On Thursday 11th August we held a Curriculum Day which provided valuable professional development for our whole staff. Our focus this year was the FISO (Framework for Improving Student Outcomes), the new State Government focus for assisting school improvement. This included a key note presentation by our Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL) from the NWVR, Silvana Sena. In the afternoon our staff undertook the Anaphylaxis training module which all staff in schools now have to complete. Congratulations to Assistant Principal, Clara Rocca, and Leading Teacher, Glenn Blackmore, for organising this very structured and worthwhile day of Professional Development for staff.

On Friday 26th August the 'House Off', our annual house competition talent quest was held and again it proved to be a most successful event. This day certainly showcased some amazing artistic and stage talent of our students and even that of many staff members. Congratulations to Assistant Principal, Mark Lohrey, and teacher Kerryn Murray who worked tirelessly again to ensure such a high standard and level of achievement and entertainment by everyone involved. Also, huge congratulations to the students and staff of Darebin House who were the overall winners of the competition.

On Wednesday 7th September, our student leaders conducted another highly impressive whole school assembly. An extensive agenda covered many presentations and this included a special presentation to the College of \$50,000 worth of Technogym equipment by Savva

Watsonia Heights Primary Schools. On Wednesday we followed up with 37 students attending from Strathairn, Montmorency and Sherbourne Primary Schools. We have had wonderful feedback about these events and congratulations to Clara Rocca and Michelle Clark for their hard work and excellent organisation of both days.

The tender design phase of our \$14m College Redevelopment and Building Program is almost complete and approval from the department for us to go out to tender is imminent. We continue to hold many necessary meetings with the Department and Architect Committees and the logistics of College operation will be very interesting in 2017. On a very positive logistical note we have secured a brand new, currently on the production line, 5 Mod (2 rooms) relocatable classroom building due to our increasing enrolments for 2017.

On Saturday 20th August and Saturday 10th September we held two annual Presentation Balls at the Melrose Reception Centre, the 28th consecutive year for these events. Nineteen, and then twenty, pairs of Year 11 students, together with family, friends and College staff have again showcased splendid celebrations in two wonderful College and community events.

A special thank you to organisers, Jennie Siede and Leanne Johnson, who have now run our presentation balls for 21 years and they always produce a superb and enjoyable event. Also a big thank you to Julie Ryan, who has taught the 'dance moves' to our debutantes for the past 26 years, and, as on these Saturday evenings, presented them in spectacular fashion.

On Thursday 8th September our Athletics Team competed in the Northern Metropolitan Region Athletics Competition. Our team consisted of 24 students who were in 26 individual events and one relay team. Our students won 21 medals and Montmorency was placed a most creditable 8th overall from 40 secondary schools that competed. On our team there were many outstanding efforts and congratulations to Emily Butler of Year 10, who won four gold and one silver medal. Nine of our students have now qualified to compete at the state Finals in 10 individual and one relay events. Our State Finalists are Emily Butler, James Curry, Callum Dunn, Ryan Hoffman, Mayson Hoverd, Fraser Jones, Yeon Chan Lee, Daniil Rauzin and Charles Stephens.

The last week of Term 3 has certainly been action-packed and eventful for our students. On Sunday morning, teachers, Michelle Bijkersma and Mathew Dean, left for Japan with ten students for a Japanese study and cultural tour. On Tuesday we held our very well-attended *Student Progress Interview Day and Evening*, which provided an important opportunity for constructive and timely feedback for both students and their parents. On Wednesday, teachers, Marjory Creta-Ireland and Steve Horn departed to Noumea with nine students on a French study tour. Also in this last week it has been *Science Week* and our Science staff, led by Faculty Leader, Kati Stone, have held a number of impressive Science activities for Years 7 to 9. This has included a 'reptile incursion' for our Years 7 classes, a 'bridge building' competition for Year 8 classes and the 'Bad Science Show' for Year 9 students. Our Science faculty has also conducted a Science workshop for 26 Grade 5 and 6 primary students from local schools.

We now look forward to an equally exciting Term 4 at the College.

Regards,

Allan Robinson
Principal

Montmorency Secondary College
Annual Awards Evening
Monday 19th December, 2016

Thursday 20th October	Year 12 Graduation
Monday 24th October	Arts Alive Music Concert
Tuesday 25th October	Arts Alive Opening and Awards Night
Wednesday 26th October— Friday 18th November	Unit 4 Exams
Wednesday 26th October & Thursday 27th October	Arts Alive Viewing
Wednesday 26th October	School Council Meeting—7:30pm
Tuesday 1st November	Melbourne Cup Day
Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th November	Year 9 Camp
Monday 7th November— Wednesday 16th November	Year 11 & 10 Exams
Thursday 17th November— Thursday 24th November	2017 Year 11 & 12 Orientation
Thursday 17th November	Year 12 Formal
Tuesday 22nd November	2017 Year 7 Information Night
Wednesday 23rd November	School Council Meeting—7:30pm
Saturday 26th November— 17th December	Borneo Study Trip
Monday 28th November	2017 Year 8 to 10 Orientation Begins
Thursday 1st December	Swap Shop
Tuesday 6th December	2017 Year 7 Orientation Day
Tuesday 13th December	Year 7, 8 & 9 End of Year Excursions
Monday 19th December	Awards Evening

Year 9 students will be attending Kinglake Ranges Wilderness Adventure Camp for three days during the week of 2nd-4th November, 2016. The cost of the camp is \$350.00 of which a \$100.00 deposit was to be paid by Friday 27th May, 2016 and is now overdue.

A reminder that a further payment of \$100.00 is due on Friday 29th July and the balance of \$150.00 is due by Friday 16th September, 2016.

It is our expectation that every Year 9 student will attend as the camp is an important part of the semester curriculum. If you have not paid the first deposit of \$100.00, it would be appreciated if you could do so as soon as possible. In cases where parents/guardians find payment of this camp difficult, alternative payment arrangements can be negotiated with the Business Manager. Please contact Lisa Ball on 9422 1500 to make arrangements.

Extra homework help in 2016 thanks to Melbourne Polytechnic

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entering into the spirit of the night by visiting savers or shaking the mothballs out of their parents gear and arriving seventies style. The finger-food was prepared by the senior Food Technology students and the headline act was local rock band 'Care Factor Zero' playing signature songs of the 1970's.



All who attended had a great time. For the oldies it was reliving their youth while for the student generation it was an insight into a fabulous era. Between the raffle and ticket sales the event raised \$800. Together with \$700 raised from a recent BBQ the Club ran with the Eltham Rotary BBQ Trailer at Eltham Lower Park, a cheque for \$1500 will go to 'Doctors Without Borders' who do an amazing job saving lives in the world's famine areas and war zones.



I was really proud of the way the Club members worked in teams to plan and pull off the event.

Election of a new executive for 2017 will be held in the first two weeks of term four.

Our final fundraiser for the year will be an out of uniform day celebrating Halloween at the end of October.

Leni Law-Davies
Interact Club President 2016



The concert had a very wide range of music acts and featured were choirs, a calypso marimba group and a string group.

Special mention must be made to our own Emilia Dowell, who did a magnificent performance, showcasing two items from her VCE vocal program.

We are excited to say that our efforts raised over \$1500, with all funds going to Oxfam Australia, one of Australia's leading aid organizations, helping the poorest of the poor.

Well done to everyone involved!



at the Darebin Art & Entertainment Centre on the weekend of Aug 27th and 28th.

Nathan performed recently at house-off, demonstrating his extraordinary skills to the school community.

We are proud to say that Nathan came 3rd, winning himself a snare drum supplied by the sponsors Drumtek.

Well Done Nathan.



UPCOMING EVENTS

[Arts Alive Music Evening](#)

2016 PRESENTATION BALL No. 1



Joshua Ward, Paige Straughair & Ryan Straughair, Amelia Roberts & Jamie Kuhn, Olivia Johns & Patrick Welsh, Natasha Sikkas & Michael Wotton, S
Chloe Harris & Riley Donoghue, Paris Hardy & Kyle Hayes, Keeley Rushton & Asher Purvis, Georgia Shering & Zachariah Dennaoui, Chloe Stewart &
Paul Axiak, Lily Charlton & Jack Felton, Julia Bruhn & Dylan Zorzi, Teagan Juniper & Max Mitchell, Hannah Feely & Tyson White, Grace Millers & Jac
Goldfinch & Vaughan Straughair, Emilia Dowell & Jack Lizzul-Nicolini

2016 PRESENTATION BALL NO. 2



Wyatt Shantz, Tayla Jolly & Caleb Sirianni, Ashley Ryan & Aaron Ovens, Madeleine Pearce & Connor Kane, Emma Walker & Max Charles, Grace Cre
a Dumitrache & Jack Gillespie, Demi Rose & Patrick Gardner, Shandelle Norman & Benjamin McCluskey, Georgia Collins & Kristopher Steinfort-Gaw
Robinson, Stephanie Fitzpatrick & Matthew Christopoulos, Shelby Mothersole & Nicolas Loach, Caitlin Groat & Callam Dunn, Georgia Kreutzer & Jo
& Jack Jago, Ruby Panozzo & Michael Coward, Maddison Everard & Patrick Lowe, Jade Gregg & James Strebinos, Ellen Horsley & Bill Burgess

pressure of staying with us for 2 weeks here at Monmouthery and I was lucky enough to have been one of hosts.

Sharing your home with a Japanese visitor gives you the opportunity to learn about Japan and Japanese people. This can be a changing family experience offering opportunities for personal growth, family discussion, shared activities, new friendships, fun and memorable times.

As a host family, your role is to provide the visitor with a bed, meals, and a supportive family environment. You also help educate your guest about Australia by being yourself. Japanese visitors will learn a lot about Australia from the homestay experience. Even just having a meal may be an exotic experience.

Japanese visitors come to improve their English language knowledge and communication skills, and to learn about the Australian way of life. For most this will be their first time here and maybe even their first international experience. By hosting a Japanese visitor you will be helping their dreams come true.

Even if you don't learn Japanese it's still an amazing experience to have and you can make some lifelong friends. I even still keep in contact with many of my past students, some I've even visited in Japan. Hosting can gain you friends from around the world and is an experience you'll never forget nor regret.

Grace Millers





attended to make it a wonderful day!

Melissa Broso
Japanese Teacher



Montmorency Secondary College and the students and staff traveling to Borneo wish to sincerely thank the following businesses for supporting our College community and our Borneo Fundraising Trivia Night:

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When: Every Monday from
10th Oct – 21st Nov 2016

(Excludes Melbourne Cup Weekend)

Where: healthAbility
917 Main Rd Eltham

Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Cost: Individuals - \$250
Couples - \$450
Concession - \$210

Bookings: Essential

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