



**THE COLLEGE WILL CLOSE ON
TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER, 2016
AND RE-OPEN MONDAY 30TH JANUARY, 2017**

**YEAR 7 & 8 STUDENTS WILL COMMENCE WEDNESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY, 2017
YEARS 9-12 WILL COMMENCE THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY, 2017**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

This is our final Newsletter for 2016 and what a fantastic year it has been for the College. It has definitely been a year of excitement and numerous positive learning experiences. We have become a very popular destination for Year 7 enrolments and for 2017 we have 213 Year 7 students starting in 9 classes and the College population has now grown to around 900 students.

On Friday 24th November our Instrumental Music Program students once again set off on a performance tour to four of our local primary schools. Teachers, Anthony Citino, Sharon Cooke, Cheryl Clark, Andrew Laveglia and Hugh Thornycroft accompanied our Concert Band, Rookie Band, String Orchestra and Guitar Ensemble to Montmorency South, Montmorency, Apollo Parkways and Sherbourne Primary Schools. This was a great effort to perform to over 1800 primary school students and the feedback has been that our students were most impressive.

The eleven 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 2017.

Tuesday 6th December was Orientation Day for 212 of our 2017 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 Junior School Leader, Sonia Culcasi, and her team for this highly successful outcome and for the wonderful program planned and provided for these students. I would also like to especially commend our Middle School student leaders, SRC students and Bigger Buddies who were so impressive throughout the day.

Later in this Newsletter you will read about the outstanding achievements of our Year 7 Boys Baseball Team, Year 8 Boys Baseball Team and Year 7 Girls Softball Team. Congratulations to the students and their coaches as they have all achieved Runner-up status at the State Finals.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL cont...



Congratulations Ben Stewart who was presented with the Australian Scout Medallion

Also, in terms of student achievement, I would like to acknowledge Year 9 student, Benjamin Stewart. I have been informed by the Chief Commissioner of Scouts Victoria that Benjamin was presented with the Australian Scout Medallion on Saturday 19th November. Benjamin is a member of the 1st/2nd Greensborough Scout Group and the Australian Scout Medallion is the highest achievement for a Scout. Well done Benjamin.

Our staffing arrangements are now in place for 2017 at this point in time. We are losing four of our contract staff who have given valuable service to the College. Joshua Cetin (Drama/English) has been with us for two years and both Melissa Brosso (Japanese/Humanities) and Tom Code (Library) have been at the College for all of 2017. Malachi Doyle (English/Humanities) has also taught at the College in Semester 2. We thank all of these teachers for their service and wish them well for their future careers. After teaching at Montmorency Secondary College for fourteen and a half years, Kerryn Murray (Humanities/Psychology) is taking a break from the College for a one-year secondment to Doncaster East Secondary College and we wish her well in that position.

Heather May has had a very distinguished career as a Mathematics and Science teacher at the College for almost 17 years. Heather began her teaching career at Montmorency from 1973 to 1976 and in the 1980s also worked as a casual relief teacher at the College. Heather then took some leave to raise a family and established another career as a registered nurse. Heather then returned to Montmorency to resume her teaching career in 2005 until now after a short break in Semester 1 this year. For many years she has been a highly respected teacher of Mathematics and Science, specialising in VCE Biology and Further Mathematics. For a number of years, Heather organised and ran the after-school Maths Homework Club each week which has been thoroughly appreciated and embraced by many students. In 2014 and 2015 she also held the important role of Co-ordinator of our Program for Students with Disability (PSD). We have been most fortunate to have retained Heather for the past three years as she has been commuting each week from her new home on the coast at Bellbrae. Heather is now retiring at the end of this year and we wish her well in her new 'sea change' and thank her for her impressive commitment to the College and our students for many years.



**Congratulations to Heather May on her retirement.
We wish her all the very best.**

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

Allan Robinson
Principal



Christmas Cans



On the 1st of December, we ran our annual non-perishable food collection to gather food for the homeless over the Christmas holidays. It was great to see our school community get involved in such a great cause.

As bags filled with food piled up in the staffroom, it all came down to two very determined classes: 8C -led by Ms Shelton and 8G - led by Mr Thompson. On the second last day of the drive there were only 20 items separating the two classes from victory, as we saw the competition taken to the next level.

On the last day both classes **doubled** their total, reaching over 200 items per group which was a real win for needy families in our community.

Overall, the College collected 919 non perishable foods, however, there could only be one winner: 8G by two items!

Congratulations and Happy Holidays!



Students (pictured left to right) Jordyn Byrne, Claire White, Keeley Harrison and Callum Dorsett with the wonderful collection of non-perishable food for the homeless.

TERM 4 2016 & TERM 1 2017 AT A GLANCE

Saturday 17th December	Borneo Study Trip Returns
Wednesday 14th December— Tuesday 19th December	No regular classes. Students who attend will be assisting staff with alternative tasks.
Monday 19th December	Awards Evening
Tuesday 20th December	Term 4 Ends
Monday 30th January	Text Book Order Collection Day 9am to 1pm
Wednesday 1st February	Year 7 & 8 students commence
Thursday 2nd February	All students return to school

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Download [the clk2sell app](#) and set up your account. Then simply snap a photo of your items and with one click they're uploaded to our streamlined marketplace, listed at the price you selected.

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Montage 2016

The students and staff of Montmorency Secondary College have worked tirelessly to produce our 2016 edition of the Montmorency Secondary College Yearbook, **Montage**.

Copies will be available for distribution to students in Term 1, 2017. Thank you to those families who have already paid to receive their copy. If you have not yet paid, but would like to secure a copy of **Montage 2016**, please pay \$20 to the College Cashier as soon as possible in 2017.

North of the Yarra Booksellers

Book Order Collection Day

at

Montmorency Secondary College

Monday 30th January, 2017

9:00am to 1:00pm



Montmorency Secondary College
will once again be hosting its
annual

Awards Evening on

Monday 19th December, 2016

7.00pm at the

Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention
Centre

35 Ferres Blvd, South Morang

The Awards will honour students'
achievements in the areas of
Academia, Sport, Leadership and
Citizenship.

**(PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A NEW
VENUE FOR 2016)**

YEAR 8 BOYS BASEBALL – STATE RUNNERS-UP

The Year 8 boy's baseball team recently competed at the State Championships and achieved the tremendous honour of being the second best team in the state. They had to beat Catholic College Wodonga 10-8 and Cheltenham SC 10-2, to make it to the final. During the final, however, the boys were no match for Maribyrnong SC, which is a sports academy school, and went down 11-0.

I wish to congratulate all team members for their fantastic effort on the day and in lead-up training sessions, and for the tremendous manner in which they represented the school.

Special thanks also goes to Yr 11 students, Christian Snelson and Mayson Hoverd, who assisted in coaching the team.

TEAM MEMBERS

Leigh Snelson
Ryan Hoffman
Mitch Brownhill
Yeony Lee
Brodie McDermott
Fletcher Pendlebury
Devon Noons
Jack McDonald
John Calma

Graham Anderson
Coach



YEAR 7 GIRLS STATE SOFTBALL—RUNNERS UP



On Monday 21st November the Year 7 girls' softball team represented Montmorency at the State Softball competition at Jells Park in Wheelers Hill. The students did very well to play four games in upwards of 30 degree heat.

They performed exceptionally in the first three games, winning with big margins.

The final was against Vermont Secondary College. Both teams brought all the energy they had

remaining to the two innings played. At the conclusion of the first innings we were three runs all. In the second innings Vermont brought their A game and was able to score 5 runs to our zero, resulting in Montmorency achieving a very respectable Runners Up place in the State Finals.

Congratulations must go to Claire White, Bree Rushton, Madeline Rochforte Doyle, Bailey Rapp, Charlotte McPherson, Kaiyan Kopeke-Pereira, Sarah James, Keeley Harrison, Katrina Dorizzi and Rebecca Catania on this excellent team achievement.

Samantha Shelton

(Coach and Physical Education Teacher)



YEAR 7 BASEBALL - STATE RUNNERS-UP



The Year 7 Boy's Baseball team recently competed at the State Finals and acquitted themselves exceptionally well. Delays due to rain resulted in alterations to the program and made it more difficult for the boys to execute their skills. However, we began well against Mansfield SC, winning 13-0. Koo Wee Rup SC was the next challenge and we continued to perform to a high standard to beat them, 9-2. Being undefeated in our side of the draw, we advanced to the Final against Parkdale Secondary College, who boasted a number of boys who play baseball at a high level.

The skill level of both teams was very high and the spectators were treated to an exciting and tense finish. Batting last, we required 5 runs to win and Bronson Neave made it home to leave us 3 runs down and only one out, with Sam Miller on first base. Jordan Barrett stepped up to bat and hit the next pitch towards the short stop fielder who picked up cleanly and threw out Sam at second base. The ball was then thrown to first base and Jordan was narrowly out and the game was over with a well-executed double play. The final score was 11-8 in favour of Parkdale.

Congratulations to all team members on the way you performed throughout the whole year and for the manner in which you represented the school. The commitment shown towards training and learning a new sport for many students, was commendable.

Thank-you also to Christian Snelson and Mayson Hoverd of Yr 11, who assisted during some training sessions and on competition days.

TEAM MEMBERS:

Bronson Neave, Mitch Nolan, Brodie Jones, Jordan Barrett, Sam Miller,

Charlie Devine, Hayden Bickerton, James McDonnell, Patrick Dooley, Morgan Cutler

Graham Anderson

Coach and Physical Education Faculty Leader

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Primary Schools Music Tour

Early on the morning of Friday 24th November students who take part in four different ensembles from the Instrumental Music Program loaded instruments onto a bus and heading off to four local primary schools: Montmorency South, Montmorency, Apollo Parkways and Sherbourne Primary school. The ensembles were: String Orchestra, Guitar Ensemble, Rookie Band and Concert Band. The students performed in their ensembles, gave individual instrument demonstrations, as well as instructions on how playing in an ensemble is done to over 1800 students. WOW!!!

It was a great day, and a fantastic experience for our students to perform to such a keen and enthusiastic crowds.



Strings Workshop Day

Our String students had the opportunity on Thursday 1st Dec to have a workshop with 25 other strings students from the area. The Montmorency Auditorium was filled with students working on new music. It was a very challenging day, and the students worked extremely hard all day. By the final run through the '1812 Overture', 'Scottish Folk Song' and 'Spy Theme' were all sounding great and a wonderful day was enjoyed by all.



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

CONGRATULATIONS to Imogen Pricor of Year 9, who has just received the Heidelberg Symphony Orchestra Music Scholarship for 2017. The scholarship is for leadership and musician-ship within the orchestra. A superb effort Imogen.



How to apply for a tax file number (TFN)

1. Complete the online application form.
2. Print the online form summary
3. Book an interview at a participating Australia Post outlet
4. Attend your interview with your printed online summary and proof of identity documents.

Your TFN will be mailed to you within 28 days of attending the interview.



Australian Government
Australian Taxation Office

ato.gov.au/getTFN

STUDENTS TRAVELLING ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Students aged 17 and over are required to obtain a Victoria Public Transport (VPT) Student Concession Card in order to continue using their concession Myki. Application forms are available from any Metro premium station or online. Click on [this link](#) for more information - [concession card](#).

Students must carry a valid concession card when travelling on public transport.

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 seven years they have been very aggressive during hot weather. Environmental experts predict that snake sightings will 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 eight 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



Alexander and Bridget Jones

Montmorency Secondary College

2017 Scholarship

Going to the University of Melbourne in 2017?

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 2016 or in 2015 (taken a gap year)• Must have received a Letter of Offer from The University of Melbourne to commence a full-time undergraduate degree in 2017 (in an approved Australian course)• Must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident• Must be a first-time, first year undergraduate in 2017 (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 2016
Applications close	27 January 2017
How to apply	Please visit www.bendigobank.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 2016. 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.



Community Enterprise Foundation™

Merry Christmas

The word "Merry" is written in a red, cursive font. The word "Christmas" is written in a larger, red, cursive font. There are two holly leaves with red berries: one is positioned between the "y" of "Merry" and the "C" of "Christmas", and the other is positioned above the "C".

*THE PRINCIPAL AND STAFF OF
MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE
WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A
WONDERFUL FESTIVE SEASON AND
A HAPPY AND SAFE 2017.*

*THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR VALUABLE
SUPPORT THROUGHOUT 2016.*

*WE WISH EVERYONE A WELL-EARNED REST AND
LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU ALL AGAIN IN 2017.*