



STUDENT FREE DAYS

REPORT WRITING DAY—Friday 10th June, 2016

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY—Monday 13th June, 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

The end of Term 1, and beginning of Term 2, has been a very busy calendar of events at the College.

On Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th March our College celebrated its seventh year of involvement in the Cancer Council's 'Relay for Life' community fundraising event. Our Montmorency Secondary College team had 223 active participants and at the end of the weekend had raised \$11,127. Our student leaders were led by Leading Teacher, Michelle Clark, in organising an impressively large and committed team. Michelle, together with student leaders Zoe Liberona, Tom Jeffs, Keenan Shantz, Taleah Scopel and Kyra Krukowitch were responsible for leading this great effort which resulted in our team being awarded a 'Research Award'. A contingent of our senior students stayed overnight to ensure we were represented on the track at all times. A special thank you to staff Bronwyn Mackey, Michelle Clark, Kerryn Murray, Kate Webb and Mayumi Yokoe, who also stayed during the night to supervise team members.

On Wednesday 23rd March we held our sixth successive House Athletics Carnival at Willinda Park. Although threatening to rain, the weather was very kind to us and there was an amazing array of costumes and outfits worn by many students to promote and support their House colours. Again this year, students were highly competitive in most events and a lot of impressive teamwork and individual athletic talent was on display. Congratulations to all staff and students involved and a special thank you to Sports Co-ordinator, Bruce Collins, who put in many hours of work on the day and in preparation to make it so successful. Also, a big thank you to the parents who attended to support the event and congratulations to Darebin House for their magnificent victory.

Following on from our successful Swimming Sports Carnival in Term One, five of our students have had some outstanding achievements, both at State and National Level. In the Victorian State Schools Swimming Championships, Year 12 student, Andrew Rice, won 3 gold medals and set two new SSV records. Tara Kinder of Year 7 won 2 gold medals and a new SSV record. Jamie Kuhn of Year 11 was also well placed in two events. In March we were also represented at the National Age Championships in Adelaide by Jessica Adams (Year 12), Andrew Rice (Year 12), Tara Kinder (Year 7) and James Hone (former student and College Captain 2015). In April the Australian Swimming Championships, which were selection trials for the Olympic games, were also held in Adelaide at which both Jessica Adams and Andrew Rice competed. Impressively Jessica made the semi-final of the Women's 200m Backstroke. Congratulations to Jessica, Andrew, Tara, Jamie and James on these outstanding sporting achievements.

On Tuesday 19th April we held our annual Open Day/Evening to showcase what Montmorency has to offer prospective students and families enrolling at the College. This proved to be a very exciting event as almost twice as many families were in attendance this year to tour and inspect the College. Our students and staff were superb ambassadors and the faculty

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displays, and information provided, were highly impressive. The evening tours were conducted by a number of our student leaders who carried out a wonderful role as tour guide leaders. They were true ambassadors and were informative and confident young individuals who displayed true commitment and leadership qualities. The success of our Open Day is also predicated on many hours of planning and commitment from all staff and 'Pride in Achievement' was certainly on display in abundance.

It was most fortunate that we anticipated much greater numbers this year and Assistant Principal, Mark Lohrey, set up a large screen in our Resource Centre to televise proceedings and presentations from the Auditorium. Both the Auditorium and Library were filled to capacity which augers well for Year 7 enrolments in 2017. A special mention, and big thank you, to our four students who made wonderful presentations to the audience and were wonderful role models and ambassadors for the College: Johanna Ryan (Year 7), Louis Savage (Year 7), Jack Penrose (Year 9) and College Captain, Madison Carroll (Year 12).

On Anzac Day our College was very well represented by our students and staff at two separate commemorative services in the local community. A large group of our students, their parents and College staff paid their respects and attended the Dawn Service at the 'Cenotaph' in Eltham. At this ceremony a wreath was presented and laid by our four College Captains, Brittany Fiddes, Melony Jones, Madison Carrol and Tully Scales. Later in the morning, another group from our College participated at the Montmorency RSL Commemorative Service. Impressively Jason West of Year 7 was part of the ceremony representing the Scouts and our four Middle School Captains, Chloe Robinson, Jack Penrose, Ryan Gardner and Callum Dorset presented wreaths on behalf of our College community.

On Friday 29th April our student leaders held another whole school assembly. Highlights included Ilana Altas and Michael Chen speaking about the 'Close the Gap' program with a most impressive presentation. Our very special guests at the Assembly were Russell Hayes and Peter Klaaysen, representing the Rotary Club, and Bruno Moretti, a local resident and past wheelchair basketball Paralympian and the Australian Wheelchair Basketball Coach. They gave a wonderful presentation to the assembly on the 'Wheelchair for Kids' charity program, which is being supported by our Interact Club and teacher, Ian Toohill.

"There are millions of poor disabled children in under-resourced countries, victims of mines, disease or birth defects, whose lives and that of their families can be changed dramatically by providing them with a suitable fitted wheelchair."

Our Interact Club is assisting The Rotary Club in hosting *The Wheelchair Marathon* fundraiser at Willinda Park, Greensborough on 27th May to raise money for the wheelchairs.

Following on from our Whole College Assembly last Friday, our Interact Club leaders (Leni Law-Davis, Madison Carroll, Hayden Marks, Natasha Jones and Emily Cassidy) organised the College 'Shave for a Cure' fundraising event in our Gymnasium at lunchtime. Well done Danielle White (Year 12), Stuart Callinan (Year 12), Tarlee Clark-Ziday (Year 11) and Patrick Reichenbach (Year 8) for shaving their heads for the cause and Natasha Jones (Year 11) also had her long plaits of hair removed. Teacher, Ian Toohill, also had his head shaved and I had the moustache removed. A special thank you to professional hairdresser, Bonnie Essing, from 'Hair Headquarters' in Watsonia, who also donated her time and skills for this worthy cause and congratulations to Interact who raised several thousand dollars for leukaemia research from this event.

As reported in our last Newsletter, our College was chosen by WaterMarc Banyule to be sponsored in the 2016 'Let's Move For a Better World Challenge'. Our total in the 19 days was 1,777,398 moves which put us in first place. Last Friday, Mark Lohrey, and students, Chloe Robinson and Ryan Gardner, attended the presentation ceremony at the Melbourne Convention Centre. On behalf of the College they accepted the prize of equipment and training to the value of \$40,000. This will be a fantastic asset for our Physical Education Program and possibly a new area in our College redevelopment.

Last week I was contacted by our local Member of Parliament (State Government), Vicki Ward, who confirmed that the balance of the \$14m redevelopment money (\$12.6m) was in the State Budget announcement. We also had a congratulatory phone call from our Federal Member of Parliament, Jenny Macklin and both parliamentarians were highly positive about the

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announcement and very complimentary about the positive profile the College has achieved over the last few years. This confirms that we should begin the building phase of our facilities refurbishment and redevelopment as early as November this year.

Finally, in relation to staffing, we welcome back Physical Education teacher, Kylie Donis, who has returned to us after family leave. David Risteski, who was replacing Kylie, has taken up a teaching position at Boronia K-12 College and we thank him for his excellent work at Montmorency.

Regards,

Allan Robinson

TERM 2 AT A GLANCE

Monday 9th May	Immunisation— Yr 7 Students
Tuesday 10th May—12th May	NAPLAN
Tuesday 10th May	VCE Music Recitals
Friday 13th May	Year 12 Theatre Study Performance—7.30pm
Saturday 14th May	Year 12 Theatre Study Performance— 1.30pm and 7.30pm
Monday 16th May– Friday 20th May	Year 10 Work Experience Week
Wednesday 18th May	VCE Music Recitals
Tuesday 24th May	Parent Careers Information Sessions
Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th May	Primary School Leadership Days
Friday 3rd—Thursday 9th June	Year 10 & 11 Exams
Tuesday 7th June	VCE GAT—No Year 12 Classes
Friday 10th June	Report Writing Day—Student-Free Day
Monday 13th June	Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 17th June—Friday 24th June	Year 9 City Experience
Friday 24th June	End of Term 2

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS/INCURSIONS

Date	Year Level	Excursion	Venue	Staff Member in Charge	Cost	Payment Due
10/05/16	All Yr 7 Students	Carlton Football Players Q & A Incursion	MSC Auditorium		Nil	
11-13/5/16 & 24-26/5/16	Year 10 Outdoor Education	Camp	Cumberland River	Cameron Doyle	Cost included in fees	
20/05/16	Yrs 7, 8 & 9 French	French Incursion	MSC Auditorium	Marjory Creta	\$8	17/05/16
26/05/16	Yr 12	Discovery Forum	Latrobe Uni	Deb Metcalfe	\$9	23/05/16
31/05/16	Yr 9 (50 selected)	Leadership Training	South Wharf	Michelle Clark	\$35 plus Myki	26/05/16
02/06/16	Yr 8 & 9 Dance	Sydney Dance Company	Southbank Theatre	Josh Cetin	\$25 plus Myki	30/05/16
09/06/16	Yr 9 Japanese	Shiki Japanese Restaurant	Greensborough	Melissa Broso	\$22	06/06/16

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FRENCH VCE IMMERSION WEEKEND

The Alliance Française de Melbourne held their annual French VCE Immersion Weekend from the 18th-20th May last term. After filling in an application form and being accepted, I left school early on the Friday to get to our destination in St Kilda by 4:00pm. After stepping foot on the bus I heard not a word of English, everything was in French!

The camp was in Portsea and included a total of five French workshops all working on different areas of the language and on the last day we completed a mock examination. Having just started French Units 1&2 and being on a camp with mostly Year 12 students, I knew I was in for a challenge. Although it was difficult and nerve wracking at times, the camp was an amazing experience and it really helped me to feel more comfortable in my abilities to speak, write, read and listen to French. I was given so many tips on how to improve my French work and how I could become better at it.

I would recommend the camp to anyone studying VCE French as it was such a nice environment and extremely helpful, I was able to learn not only from the five Alliance Française teachers but also from the approximate 55 students that attended the camp who were all so friendly. The weekend of French was no doubt a challenge, but it was an undeniably valuable experience that I know I will never forget.

Macy Houghton



VCE FRENCH IMMERSION DAY

Saturday 25 June 2016
from 10am to 4.30pm

5 hours to practice and discover the format of the VCE French final exam

At Alliance Française de Melbourne
51 Grey Street St Kilda

\$160 Full / \$152 for AFM members or students

with a French-style buffet lunch included

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2016 Assessment of Language Competence

Students who are studying French or Japanese are encouraged to sit for this Language Certificate task to have their language skills assessed by this nation-wide test.

Please bring the required registration fee (\$12.00) in an envelope, with the applicant's name and year level written on the front, and hand it to Lubby on the General Office by Wednesday 11th May. Certificate 1 for Yr 8 students, Certificate 2 for Yr 10 and Certificate 3 for 12 students.

All participants will receive a certificate noting their level of achievement.

Mayumi Yokoe
Language Teacher



Japan Festival

Sunday 15th May

10:00am – 5:00 pm

Box Hill Town Hall & Box Hill TAFE

Entry Fee: \$ 5.00

Free Entry: Children up to Grade 6

Person in Kimono/ Yukata/ Cosplay



SSV STATE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS



On Tuesday 19th April, the State School Swimming Championships were held at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. Montmorency Secondary College was represented at this event by Tara Kinder, Jamie Kuhn, and Andrew Rice.

Tara Kinder:	12-15yrs 200m Individual Medley	1st	
	12-13yrs 50m Breast	1st	new SSV record 36.65
Jamie Kuhn:	12-20yrs 100m Breaststroke	8th	
	16-20yrs 200m Individual Medley	4th	
Andrew Rice:	16-20yrs 100m Freestyle	1st	
	12-20yrs 100m Backstroke	1st	new SSV record 58.75
	18-20yrs 50m Backstroke	1st	new SSV record 27.19

Well done and congratulations to these swimmers.

YEAR 7 GIRLS SOFTBALL

On Friday 29th April the Year 7 Girls' Softball team represented the College and Division at the Regional competition. The day brought wind and drenching drizzle but the girls toughed through it. They did not allow even one run to be scored against them in their first three games! The final was against our long-time rivals, Viewbank Secondary College. With obvious nerves in the air the girls let a few plays slip and, at one run all in the third innings, it looked to be a draw final. The fourth innings saw some brilliant plays, both on field and in the batting, which enabled Montmorency to score four runs in total to take home to flag. Most valuable player goes to Kaiyan Kopeke-Pereira for three pitch/catch plays and a homerun! Congratulations team, we wish you good luck at the State Championship competition in November.





On Friday 29th April the Interact Club ran its annual 'Be Brave and Shave' event, in the College gymnasium, to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Many students coloured their hair for the cause and the following students shaved

- Dannielle White—Year 12
- Tarlee Clarke-Ziday— Year 11
- Stuart Callinan - Year 12
- Patrick Reichenbach—Year 8
- Ian Toohill—teacher

Natasha Jones cut her hair for a wig and College Principal, Allan Robinson shaved off his moustache of 40 years.

The total fundraising amount is yet to be finalised but is expected to be around \$5,000.



Wheelchairs for Kids Fundraiser

Friday 27th May, 2016 – 3:30pm to 10:00pm
Willinda Park, Greensborough

The Interact Club of Eltham, based at Montmorency Secondary College, is hosting a **Wheelchair Marathon** to raise funds for rugged terrain wheelchairs to be sent to Timor Leste to change the lives of children without one.

Teams of four will take turns to wheel each other around the athletics track in wheelchairs, provided by **Wheelchairs for Kids**, to raise funds pledged by sponsors, at an amount per lap.

This is a whole community, event supported by the College and Eltham Rotary Club, and members of the local community are encouraged to register by contacting Ian Toohill at the College on toohill.ian.g@edumail.vic.gov.au for sign up and pledge forms, or call into Montmorency Secondary College.

The aim of the activity is to raise at least \$5,000, which will pay for 20 chairs to be shipped to Timor Leste via the Rotary International logistics network, to change the lives of the recipients. The chairs, which are made by retired Rotarian volunteers in Perth, cost only \$200 and are fully adjustable so they can be adapted as the children grow.

Over the past decade, thousands of these wheelchairs have been sent to developing nations around the world, giving children a new life and hope for the future.

Novelty Races

Entertainment & Music

Eltham Rotary Sausage Sizzle – Snags for \$2 (students receive one free)

Montmorency Secondary College Canteen will also be providing hot soup and snacks

All participants who sign on are covered by Rotary Insurance as this is a Rotary International sponsored event.

Businesses are encouraged to 'buy' a wheelchair for \$200, which is fully tax deductible, and have their name on it when delivered to the recipient.

For further information contact Ian Toohill at Montmorency Secondary College on 94221500.



Let's all get together to make this important event a great success!

2016 ATHLETICS DAY



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RELAY FOR LIFE

On the 19th and 20th of March, the annual Diamond Valley Relay for Life was held at Willinda Park. Even though the event began with a rainy start, it did not dampen the spirit of all who attended.

The opening ceremony was a moving tribute to all of the cancer sufferers, survivors, carers and those who had sadly passed.

Our school's team consisted of almost 200 people, who relayed all day and night with sore legs and bags under our eyes to raise money for the fight against Cancer. There was face painting, lolly bags, glow sticks, various games and events, live and silent auctions and even the chance to experience laps in a wheelchair. Those who braved the bitterly cold night also had the chance to catch a glimpse of the cross-dressing lap at midnight!

While there was happiness on everyone's faces everywhere you looked, and a positive community spirit, at 8:00 pm on Saturday night there was the Candlelight Ceremony, which was a time to reflect and remember all those we had lost to cancer, support those who are currently living with cancer and to celebrate the survivors. It was an amazing experience to walk around the track silently only lead by the glow of candlelight and the sounds of bagpipes.

Through all of our fundraising efforts, including the silver coin collection, the casual clothes day, the Easter egg guess, selling lolly-bags and glowsticks at the event and also face painting, not forgetting all the donations the participants made, we've come very close to reaching our goal of \$10,000. An amazing effort by all!

We would like to thank all who put in countless hours setting up for the event and packing up, along with all those who donated, raised money and participated in the event. It was such an amazing experience and we are all looking forward to participating in an even bigger, better event next year!

Your 2016 Relay for Life team,

Zoe, Keanan, Tom, Taleah and Kyra



A LOCAL CYCLING FORUM



SPECIAL GUEST

Luke Donnellan MP
MINISTER FOR ROADS
& ROAD SAFETY



Hosted By

Vicki Ward MP

DATE: 10th May 2016 **TIME:** 7.30pm

WHERE: The Eltham Hotel ■ 746 Main Road, Eltham

RSVP your attendance on **P:** 9439 1500 or
E: vicki.ward@parliament.vic.gov.au

If you would like to share a meal beforehand, please make
a booking with the Eltham Hotel on **P:** 9439 9224

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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. We urge all parents to comply with the signs on school grounds which prohibit the drop off and pick up of students in these areas.

Allan Robinson
Principal

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.

The next round of applications close on Friday 3rd June, 2016. **Please contact the Bursar on 9422 1500 if you have any queries.**



GULLS

Montmorency
Secondary College
Theatre Studies is
proud to present
Robert Hewett's
play 'Gulls'

Friday 13th May at 7:30pm
Saturday 14th May at 1:30pm
Saturday 14th May at 7:30pm

College Auditorium

All tickets \$10

Tickets now on sale via the College website www.montysc.vic.edu.au

For the first time in Montmorency Secondary College's history, we have a Year 12 Theatre Studies class. We are setting the foundations for the future of Theatre Studies at the College. Our small, but ambitious, class has produced an interpretation of Robert Hewett's 1983 play 'Gulls'. We would greatly appreciate your support and hope you will join us.

***The proceeds of all ticket sales will be donated
to the Oakleigh Centre, an organisation
supporting adults with intellectual disabilities.***

For further information please contact the
College on 9422 1500



'What's On'

NEW!



From Harm to Calm™ Parent Session

Understanding and responding to
emotional distress and deliberate
self-harm in young people

This education/information session is designed to assist parents/carers identify and respond to emotional distress in young people, with an emphasis on self-harm.

The session has been developed to accompany the 'from Harm to Calm' booklets which assist parents/carers to respond to anxiety and emotional distress and assist youth to manage these emotions using calming and effective strategies.

When: Monday 30 May 2016

Where: **healthAbility**
(Nillumbik Health)
917 Main Road, Eltham

Time: 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Cost: \$15 or \$10 pensioner/
concession card holder
(includes resource booklets)

Bookings: Essential (limited places)

**To register,
or for more information
please contact
Rosalyn Sandwell,
ReConnect Counsellor on
Ph 9430 9164**