



# MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE

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## CHALLENGE/BRIDGING PROGRAM INFORMATION NIGHT

Montmorency Secondary College Staffroom

7:00PM MONDAY 1ST AUGUST, 2016

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

Term three is now well underway and our students at all levels are already involved in a multitude of co-curricula programs including SRC activities, sport, musical production and the Japanese Exchange Program. This week we have welcomed 10 students and their teacher, Koji Kawamura, to our College from Takakua High School in Japan. They are being looked after by the host families and they spend two weeks practising their English and also exploring many of the sights and tourist attractions of Melbourne.

In the second week of term on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July we held our annual Student Led Conference Day which follows on from mid-year exams and semester reports. This was again a highly successful day giving our students a real voice and opportunity to focus once again on their learning goals and also to reflect realistically on their learning progress. At this conference students also complete the Group 8: High Performing Schools Survey which has a PoLT (Principles of Learning and Teaching) focus. This provides the College with detailed and valuable data about their attitudes to all their classes. We are now in our eleventh year of collecting this data and the feedback during this time has enabled the Leadership Team and the College to adjust or refocus the way we do things in a more timely and effective manner than is otherwise possible.

Regards

Allan Robinson  
Principal

### CURRICULUM DAY

Thursday 11th August, 2016

*Student Free Day*

### Montmorency Secondary College

Annual Awards Evening

Monday 19th December, 2016

Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre,  
South Morang

*(Please note change of date & venue)*

## SRC Leadership Positions 2017

Applications for SRC leadership positions, including Senior Leaders and Middle School Captains are due by **3:30pm** on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Application forms for these leadership positions can be collected from the SRC Office from Friday July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Michelle Clark  
*Student Enrichment and Engagement Leader*

# 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 2017 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 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'

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 the Challenge and Bridging programs on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> August at 7.00pm. 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.

**Clara Rocca**  
**Assistant Principal**

### TERM 3 AT A GLANCE

Wednesday 3rd August	School Council Meeting—7.30pm
Friday 5th August & Saturday 6th August	College Production “Happy Days” Performance 7:30pm College Auditorium
Thursday 11th August	Curriculum Day
Friday 12th August	Music Workshop Day Crepe Man Visit
Friday 19th August	Year 12 ‘Dress for Success’ Day
Thursday 25th August	VTAC Information for Parents Evening—6.30pm
Tuesday 30th August & Wednesday 31st August	Primary School Leadership Days
Wednesday 7th September	School Council Meeting—7:30pm
Tuesday 13th September	Student Progress Interview Day
Wednesday 14th September	Year 7 Vaccinations
Wednesday 14th— Wednesday 21st September	French Study Trip
Friday 16th September	End of Term 3—1:22pm finish

### TAKE THE CHALLENGE!

#### YEAR 9 CAMP 2016

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.

### UPCOMING EXCURSIONS/INCURSIONS

Date	Year Level	Excursion	Venue	Staff Member in Charge	Cost	Payment Due
12/08/2016	Year 9	Year 9 Japanese Students	ACMI	Ms Broso Mr Lukas	\$11 + Myki	10/08/2016
12/08/2016	Year 11	Year 11 HHD	Mercy Hospital	Ms Shelton	\$12 + Myki	10/08/2016
16/08/2016	Years 8 & 9	‘IT FOR GIRLS’ Careers Expo	Deakin Uni Burwood	Ms Zerbe	Nil	N/A
16/08/2016	Year 11	Year 11 HHD	Mercy Hospital	Ms Fowler	\$12 + Myki	12/08/2016
30/08/2016	Year 8	Scienceworks	Scienceworks Spotswood	Mr Blackham	\$20	26/08/2016
31/08/2016	Year 12	Year 12 Legal Studies	Melbourne Supreme & County Courts	Ms Curran	Myki	29/08/2016

Montmorency Secondary College is  
**proud to announce this year's**  
College Production

Showing on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>  
August, 2016 at 7:30pm

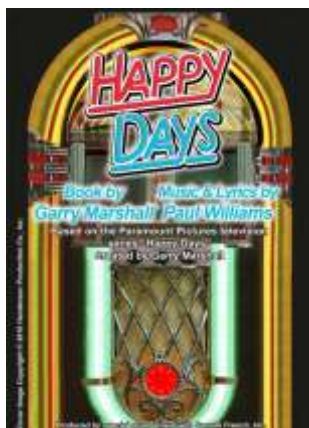
TICKETS NOW ON SALE

**Purchase tickets via the College website**  
**[www.montysc.vic.edu.au](http://www.montysc.vic.edu.au)**

All tickets \$10.00 each

Goodbye grey skies, hello blue! Happy days are here again with Richie, Potsie, Ralph Malph and the unforgettable "king of cool" Arthur "The Fonz" Fonzarelli. Based on the hit Paramount Pictures television series, *Happy Days*, *A New Musical* reintroduces one of America's best loved families, the Cunninghams -- yes, Howard, Marion and Joanie are here too -- to a whole new generation of kids and parents.

If you like Grease you will love *Happy Days*. A power house, rock and roll trip down memory lane, HAPPY DAYS IS NOT TO BE MISSED!



## HAPPY DAYS

A New Musical  
Book by Garry Marshall  
Music and Lyrics by Paul Williams

BY ARRANGEMENT WITH ORIGIN™ THEATRICAL  
ON BEHALF OF SAMUEL FRENCH INC.

## HAPPY DAYS – HOLIDAY REHEARSALS

Thank you to all staff who gave up three days over the school holidays to assist with and supervise rehearsals for the College production, Happy Days.

The cast and teachers worked very hard over the three days (from 9.00am - 5.00pm) running through lines, learning choreography and songs and organising costumes and props.

There was very little down time on these three days as students were either running through the script, getting voice coaching from the singing teachers or learning dance steps – it was a well-oiled machine.

Special thank-you to Mr. Mark Lohrey, Ms. Sharon Cooke, Mrs. Angela Zerbe, Ms. Stephanie Short and Mr. John Davy who were there throughout.

Thank-you to Ms. Clara Rocca, Ms. Caitlin Penrose, Mrs. Loukia Andrews and Mrs. Cathy Green who also gave up a day to support us.

We hope you will support our students by coming to see Happy Days on either Friday 5th August or Sat 6<sup>th</sup> August. Tickets can be purchased online via our School website.

Ivanka Sapina





# HAPPY DAYS – HOLIDAY REHEARSALS





## INTERMEDIATE GIRLS FOOTBALL



Montmorency dominated against Northcote High School in game one, with the help of Tess Dillon who was unstoppable in the ruck. Chloe Robinson skilfully exacted many game changing spoils whilst Mackie Scales was ruthless in hunting down the ball and tackling with great force. Marlo Gardam also had impressive accuracy in the front line and the back line didn't let a single goal or behind through. It was a clear victory, with the girls winning 31 to nil.

Game two against Melbourne Girls College proved trickier as they were a very tall, senior side. There was not much action outside the midfield throughout the first half, with frequent ball ups. Molly McCormack and Chloe Robinson played well in the midfield to gain possession. The year seven students, Marlo Gardam and Romy Gardam, showed guts against a far more senior side. Ebony Harris maintained a strong presence as forward. In the end, the girls lost by only the tiniest of margins- one point- with the final score 14 to 13.

Game three pitted Monty against Lalor Secondary College. It was an opportunity for the girls to exert their confidence and skill. There were standout performances from Molly McCormack, Tess Dillon and Taylah Harris. Ebony Harris scored an amazing 6 goals, with other goal scorers including Romy Gardam, Madi Bickerton, Chloe Robinson and Casey Rock. Lalor remained scoreless, whilst Monty won with 11 goals and 12 behinds (78 points).

Thank you to the dedicated and passionate year 10 coaches, Georgia Thompson, Georgia McDermott, Rita Slewa and Ashleigh Jones. A further thank you to the injured players who graciously assisted on the day.

Lee Thompson, Ian Toohill and Briony Cossar



# BORNEO 2016 TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY 19TH AUGUST

It is four months to go until 30 Montmorency students and staff leave for the jungles of Malaysia, and their levels of excitement are starting to build. I have been talking to some of the guides in Borneo and was told of recent sightings of pygmy elephant herds swimming across the Kinabatangan River and a family of wild orangutans visiting a lodge where we will stay. This trip is going to be special!

Our trivia night is fast approaching (Friday 19 August @ 7pm in the Gym) and tickets are on sale through the General Office (\$15 each, tables of 10). You don't need to book a table, feel free to come along and join a table with other members of the Montmorency community. We have some great prizes including a \$600 voucher for travel and accommodation from the Flight Centre. We would like to thank all members of the local community who have, as of 26/7, contributed goods, services and vouchers. See the list of supporters of the evening below. If you would like to help, please contact Peter Eyre [eyre.peter.j@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:eyre.peter.j@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Looking forward to seeing you there on the night!

One of the major issues facing the island of Borneo is deforestation due to Palm Oil farming. Please take the time to have a look at this link provided by Melbourne Zoo

<http://www.zoo.org.au/get-involved/act-for-wildlife/dont-palm-us-off>

This article was on the ABC's website this week. I found it to be an inspiring read.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-07-24/indonesia-orangutan-conservation-river-guides/7652966>

## COMMUNITY MEMBERS SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS:

Flight Centre, South Yarra—\$600 travel voucher	Watsonia Pharmacy
File Finish—\$400 car detailing	Eltham Beauty & Skin Clinic
Melbourne Taekwondo Centre, Eltham—up to \$800 value	Mitre 10 Diamond Valley
Hoyts	Woolworths—Greensborough
Lower Plenty Fresh	Skaterz, Eltham
Irresistible Jewellery Eltham	Echo, Montmorency
Ella Bache Eltham	Funfields
Sweet Pea Florist	Montflora Florist
Jsala Soy Candles	Exquisite Brows
Nuyu Nails and Beauty	Lower Plenty Hotel
VIPA Books—Montmorency	Ace Airport Parking
Watsonis Florist	Prosciutto Bros. Craft Bar
Narelle Charlton Massage	Brazilian Butterfly
Anaconda	QL Nails & Beauty
Eltham Deli	Jamax Catering—Watsonia RSL
Locality Skateboards	Academy Uniforms
William Grant & Sons (via Evan Burton)	Lower Plenty Pharmacy



## YEAR 9 CITY EXPERIENCE

From Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June until Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, the Year 9s travelled into the city by train each morning for City Experience. Divided into 2 main groups, Language and Endeavour, everyone headed off to their assigned attractions for the day. The MCG museum, the Eureka Skydeck, the Melbourne Star and the Old Melbourne Goal were the favourites amongst the groups. We also visited the Immigration Museum, ACMI (the Australian Centre of the Moving Image) and the National Gallery as well as the Amazing Race through the city. Students enjoyed free time and being able to roam the big city streets of Melbourne, with popular food stops being Donut Time, McDonald's and more. It was an amazing experience to be able to learn about all of the great different places that make Melbourne such an incredible and diverse city and it was a very enjoyable week for all students. Thank you to all the teachers who attended during the week.

Jack Andrew 9C





## MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY DISCOVERY DAY

The Melbourne University Discovery day was held on Tuesday 14th June and ten students in year ten were lucky enough to attend. The day consisted of activities involving arts, design and commerce where we could get a feel for university life and what an arts degree really entails. Our first session included attending a mock lecture about social media which aimed to demonstrate to us not only the dangers of social media, but also what a lecture is like in university. During this session we also had the opportunity to visit the Melbourne University art museum and participate in a little activity that showed us the ways in which the different facilities can be used for studying.



The second session for the day based around design. This session entitled us to design and create a model for a specific type of building out of small blocks, such as apartments, prison

or office block. We were split into groups of five where we all had different roles which helped us to discuss and plan our building. While discussing our plans we had to consider many different aspects including the location, spatial awareness and structure. We had an hour to create our models and at the end presented all our ideas. This activity gave us a chance to try out different ways of thinking which can help when studying at Melbourne Uni.

Overall, the discovery day at Melbourne University gave us a taste of what the arts and design courses entail. Not only did we learn about courses and undergraduate pathways, but also about the various sororities including the 'Harry Potter Sorority' and clubs including the 'Chocolate Lovers Club' which adds to the University experience. We all enjoyed the experience and buzz of our time on the campus.

By Chloe Giles, Macy Houghton and Emily Carroll

### LES CRÊPES

**Friday 12th August**

As every year, the much-awaited **CRÊPES** will soon be available in our College. Robert is coming on **Friday 12th August**. 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.

# VIC STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL CONGRESS

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of July, I arrived at the University of Melbourne for the annual VIC Student Representative Council Congress. I was set to embark on a program full of learning and passion. The Victorian SRC Congress focuses on giving students a voice and giving students the opportunity to have a say and help with the issues in and around schools.

On the first day we were split into different issue groups. I met so many amazing people that I would then spend the next three days with, tirelessly working towards the big event. The 2016 Congress Debate, where students would present a proposal to every participant and many important people in the hope their issue would be voted in to be further developed by the 2016/17 Executives.

My group was Learning and Assessment. We came up with a proposal to create a program that better prepares students for the future as well as exams. Within this issue we identified that students need a class that teaches them about life after school and real life situations including tax, saving money, voting, mortgages, pathways into courses, universities and TAFE. At the moment the reality is our education system can set students up to pass VCE and fail at real life! This is what our group strived to change. We had a voice, we promoted our issue, and we were successful as our proposal is one that will be looked further into by the Executive team.

Not only did the Congress teach me how to speak my voice, but also how to make a difference! I made so many amazing friends throughout this experience that will certainly never be forgotten. The Congress was not just all about the serious stuff though. Participants took part in Workshops ranging from storytelling to SRC Activities, and my favourite, Bootcamp! Which involved attacking pantyhose with a tennis ball inside to our heads and knocking down bottles.

The Congress has been one of my favourite and most memorable experiences, and for that I would like to thank Montmorency Secondary College and the staff for giving me this breathtaking opportunity, and I would definitely recommend this camp for others.

Taleah Scopel

## UNDER YOUR INFLUENCE

### DRUG & ALCOHOL PARENTING SEMINAR WITH JADE LEWIS



Jade Lewis is an Australian leading communicator in the drug & alcohol space. Jade is an expert in Community Service Development and has won the Pride of Australia: Community Services Award, was inducted into the Australian Women's Hall of Fame, and the 2015 Winner of the Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award in 2015.

The "Under Your Influence" seminar equips parents with five key strategies for leading your kids through a drug and alcohol mine-field. In a world where drugs do not discriminate, come and be equipped to parent your teenagers into a drug and alcohol problem free life.

The seminar addresses topics such as;

- Understanding teenagers
- Being a positive role-model
- Opening lines of communication
- How to communicate your concerns
- Why teenagers use drugs
- Teaching teenagers responsibility
- When and where to get help
- Types of treatment available
- Family roles
- High school parties

**\$5 ENTRY**

**7PM TUESDAY 16TH AUGUST**

**MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE AUDITORIUM**

**COFFEE & TEA PROVIDED**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT 1300 265 596**

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# SAFEMinds.

SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES ENHANCING MINDS

"A sense of connectedness to families and schools is the most significant protective factor for young people."

(Resnick et al. *Protecting Adolescents From Harm*, 1997)

## SAFEMINDS: AT HOME

SAFEMinds is a partnership between:



**Did you know that mental ill-health is the biggest health issue for young Australians today.**

**Do you want to some practical tips on how to identify when your child might need support with their mental health and wellbeing?**

**SAFEMinds At Home parent information sessions can help you with practical tips and resources to support your child through tough times.**

### SAFEMinds Comes to Greensborough!

headspace Greensborough will be presenting a **FREE** session for parents to learn about early detection and support for young people through the SAFEMinds mental health training currently being introduced for schools and families across Victoria.

**Time:** 6:45pm for a 7pm start – 9pm.

**Date:** Wednesday August 10<sup>th</sup>

**Venue:** headspace Greensborough

**Level 1, 78 Main Street Greensborough**

**To register, contact headspace Greensborough on 9433 7200.**



Meet members of the headspace Greensborough team and learn more about the supports and services available at headspace Greensborough.

A panel of local services will be available to answer your questions about local support services for young people and families



SAFEMinds combines a range of targeted training and a comprehensive toolkit of resources, to support whole school communities apply the *NIP it in the bud!* early intervention approach.

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