

### MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE

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#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Term 4 has signalled some significant changes to our buildings and grounds at the College. The redevelopment and rebuilding of our rooms and facilities has been in full swing and a huge positive for students has been the re-opening of a brand new Science Wing for the first time since term 3 of 2015 when it was destroyed by an arson attack. Our Science wing is now known as S Block and this has five purpose built and very impressive science rooms as well as a general purpose teaching room. This wing now also incorporates many of our Mathematics and Science staff as well as our Middle School offices. Landscaping and some exterior painting will still take place towards the end of the overall project and work is now underway on demolishing C Block to begin the rebuild of this area.

On the evening of Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October, along with a number of our staff and the parents of two of our students, I was fortunate enough to attend the Jagajaga Community Sports Awards for 2017, this year held at Eltham High School. This year two of our students, Tara Kinder of Year 8 and Jamie Kuhn of Year 12, epitomised our College motto of "Pride in Achievement", in being presented with two of these prestigious awards for swimming. Their individual citations were read at the ceremony by our local Member of Parliament, Vicki Ward, and the awards were presented by the Federal Member for Jagajaga, Jenny Macklin. Their citations read:

#### Tara Kinder

Tara Kinder is a Year 8 student at Montmorency Secondary College. She is an elite swimmer and athlete who has already achieved an impressive array of gold, silver and bronze medals.

Tara began swimming before she could walk and she began competitive swimming at the age of 9. In 2016 Tara was selected in the 2016 Victorian State Short Course team of 40, representing the State as one of the youngest team members.

In that competition, Tara won two gold, one silver and three bronze medals.

In April at the 2017 Australian Age Championships in Brisbane, Tara competed in 5 events and 5 finals as a 13 year old. She won a silver medal in the 200m Breaststroke and bronze medals in the 200m and 400m Individual Medleys. Also in April, Tara was a triple State Champion.

In August this year at the Victorian Age Short Course Championships, Tara struggled with a virus but impressively still achieved gold, silver and bronze medals.

Tara is an all-round athlete as well as an elite swimmer winning the 800m and High Jump events at the College House Athletic Sports this year.

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#### Jamie Kuhn

Jamie is a member of the Yarra Plenty Swimming club and has competed at State, National and Interstate Championships, where he medalled in a number of events. He has also represented Montmorency Secondary College at State level for the last six years.

Jamie's efforts have had a real effect in boosting the Clubs State Squad numbers as a result of his positive and encouraging attitude.

In June, Jamie was the recipient of an Olympic Council Committee Pierre De Coubertin Award.

This award is presented in recognition of sporting achievements and demonstration of those endeavours which are consistent with the aims of the Olympic Movement.

Jamie is completing VCE, but recently took time out to compete at both the Victorian Short Course Age Championships and Open Championships where he took a total of 34 sconds off his Personal Best (PB's) times.



Jamie now has his sights set on competing at the Victorian Long Course Championships later this year, and the 2018 National Championships, which include the Commonwealth Games Trials.

Jamie commits to up to 10 training sessions a week to make this dream come true. Jamie is now a Learn To Swim Teacher and Junior Coach at Yarra Swim School.

Congratulations to Tara and Jamie on these awards and their wonderful achievements.

Last Wednesday many of our students and staff participated in a 'Colour Run' which was to promote awareness in our community about 'Cystic Fibrosis'. We have two of our own students who are living with this condition and the Student Representative Council has thrown its support behind the 'Colour Run'. From this event the SRC have raised over \$4,500 towards valuable research in support of this worthy cause. There have also been other activities by the SRC to support this cause for which they have raised over \$8,500 in total this year. Congratulations to Chloe Giles and Macy Houghton who managed to organise over 400 students to participate in the 'Colour Run' and to make it such an enjoyable experience for students.





#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL cont...





During the Term 3 holiday break the College received some sad news with the passing of highly respected former teacher and colleague, Carol Vidgen. Carol was a teacher in Victorian Government Schools for a total of 37 years, the last 19 of these at Montmorency Secondary College from 1983 to 2002 when she retired. Carol was well loved and respected by our whole school community and she was a staunch unionist who fought for better conditions and education for her students and colleagues. She was also a very professional and caring teacher who modelled exemplary teaching and productive relationships to all in the College. She was a great mentor to many who have gone on to be excellent teachers and it is very fitting that we acknowledge her life and work.

Regards

Allan Robinson Principal



#### **PRIDE IN ACHIEVEMENT**

Most of you will be familiar with our College motto, *Pride in Achievement*. In accordance with this motto, the College would like to establish a register of high achievement so that we can acknowledge those students who qualify and share their accomplishments and celebrate this with the Montmorency Secondary College community.

In order for us to be able to acknowledge all those students who qualify, including those achievers who might otherwise go unnoticed, we have a special request for all Parents/Guardians: If your child has been selected or chosen at **State** or **National** level for any personal or team achievement, be it academic, artistic or sporting, please advise Rose Taranto in the General Office on 9422 1500. We do try to acknowledge students achievements in our Newsletter. Also, as our 2017 Awards Evening will be held on Thursday 21st December, we believe it would be an ideal time to acknowledge students' out-of-school accomplishments, so if you believe your child qualifies, please let us know as soon as possible.

Allan Robinson Principal

# **SAVE THE DATE**

# FOR THE Montmorency Secondary College



Thursday 21<sup>ST</sup> December, 2017
Planetshakers Centre
360 Main Road, Lower Plenty

6.45pm for a 7pm Start

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# SWAP SHOP 7th December, 2017

Parents are advised that Swap Shop is on **Thursday <u>7th December</u>**, **2017** from <u>6.30pm – 8.00pm</u>. Parents and students will be able to buy and sell books directly to each other on that night.

Swap Shop will be held in the A-Block classrooms, with entry via Simms road or the Stadium carpark.

As in previous years, the procedure will be as follows:

- \* A list of books which students will be able to buy and sell for the following year has been produced, along with suggested prices.
- \* A room will be provided for each year level where parents can buy books for the following year and sell books from the current year. It will be up to parents to negotiate prices with each other, based on the condition of the book.
- \* Parents will need to ensure that they buy the current edition (as advised by the school) and that they have the correct money/necessary change.
- \* Parents should note that this is a popular evening, and it is usually a case of first come, first served.

There will be no charge for this service, apart from the negotiated price of the books changing hands. Any unwanted/unsold current books can be donated to the school, for our Student Welfare Co-ordinator to distribute to students in need.

#### **TERM 4 AT A GLANCE**

Mon 30th October Arts Alive Music Concert—7:30pm

Tue 31st October Arts Alive Opening and Awards Night

Wed 1st November Arts Alive Viewing

School Council Meeting-7:30pm

Wed 1st—Fri 24th November Unit 4 Exams

Tues 7th November Melbourne Cup Day

Wed 8th—Fri 10th November Year 9 Camp 1

Mon 20th—Tues 28th November Year 10 & 11 Exams

Mon 20th—Wed 22nd November Year 9 Camp 2

Thurs 23rd November Year 12 Formal

Tues 28th November 2018 Year 7 Information Night—7:30pm

Wed 29th November School Council Meeting—7:30pm

Fri 1st—Fri 8th December Year 11 & 12 Orientation

Thur 10th December Swap Shop

Tues 12th December 2018 Year 7 Orientation Day

Wed 13th—Fri 15th December SRC Conference

Tues 19th December Year 7, 8 & 9 End of Year Excursions

Thurs 21st December Awards Evening—7:00pm

Fri 22nd December Term 4 Ends

# Montage 2017

The 2017 edition of the Montmorency Secondary College Yearbook,
Montage is currently in production and will be distributed to
students in Term 1, 2018. The College only purchases the number of
copies that have been pre-ordered.

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 2017*, please pay \$25 to the College Cashier no later than Friday 17th November, 2017

#### **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



#### 2017 VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

The annual Victorian State Schools Spectacular provides an invaluable performing arts opportunity for Victoria's government school students from Prep to Year 12, encouraging development of their creative skills, discipline, perseverance and confidence over months of rehearsals.

As one of the largest recurring productions in Australia, the Victorian State Schools Spectacular brings together over 3000 school students performing as a 64 piece orchestra, 1300 voice choir, 1200 mass dancers, 30 lead vocalists, 16 principal dancers, 20 ensemble dancers, 8 backing vocalists, roller skaters and puppeteers and much more.

On the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of November, 29 Montmorency Secondary Students along with 3 staff members ventured to Hisense Arena, where they participated in the 2017 Victorian State School Spectacular. Since term one, both the Mass Dance and Mass Choir teams have been working hard on learning and rehearsing the brilliant choreography and vocals taught by some of the leading performing industry professionals. The 29 students were able to participant in a state-wide project, which offers the chance to become involved in a major production, to be telecast on Channel Seven in December. These brilliant productions allow the students to develop skills in teamwork, resilience, creativity and leadership.

The performing Arts is a growing subject area across all schools within Victoria and Australia. It is incredible to see such dedicated and talented students strive within a performing context. This experience is one that will stay with us for a long time. I look forward to the next VSSS which Montmorency becomes involved in!

Stephanie Short



Dancers: Amy Baldwin 7B, Billie Barrow 8E. Crystal Bowles 7B, Delanie Dunmore –Sinclair 8B, Emilia Jones 7J, Kaylah Lanne 8E, Lambert 8B, Alex Mattherson 8G, Carlie-Jane Melbourne-Rowlands 7G, Mikaila Piscitelli 7C, Georgie Ryan 7D, Jessica Scammel 8G, Emily Shine 8F

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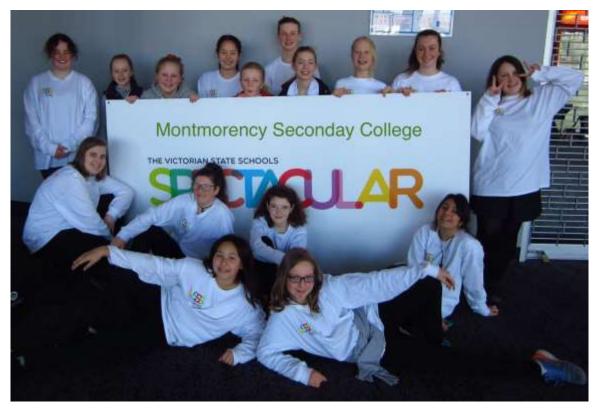
We also had three of our students chosen for principal roles and congratulations on this fine effort to singers Abby Keenan 8F and Ava Keiper 7F, and also Eloise Durrant of 7G who was a skater.

#### VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR—MASS CHOIR

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September we had the Victorian State School Spectacular. The buildup was big and we were rehearsing for 5 solid months. The night was amazing and something never to forget.

There were many different people involved in the music, including the soloists, back-up singers, the orchestra, the Victorian State School choir and then there was me in the big 1300 voice Mass choir. There were also lead dancers, backup dancers, the mass dancers, as well as all the tech with lights and sound. It was a night to remember and I thoroughly enjoyed it, and I can say I speak for everybody else when I say ......It Was Amazing.

By Shaylee Hicks 7B



Chloe Andrew 7D, Hana Beruldsen 7A, Sarah Bridgeman 7D, Tannaz Esmaeili 7H, Lilly Gavriliadis 7D, Shaylee Hicks 7B, Scarlett McLean 7H, Cuora Mochi 7C, Lexie Rankin 7B, Paris Rochford 7D, Sasha Tijan 7H, Julia Torrance 7D, Charlotte Watters 7E, Spencer Waymire 7C, Sophia Church 8F, Madison Downing 8F, Charlotte McPherson 8F, Emma Peel 8F

# MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE

# PROUDLY PRESENTS

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# ARTS 2017 ALL WELCOME

**Music Performance Night** 

**Monday 30th October** 

7:30pm, Auditorium

**Art Exhibition and Arts Awards Night** 

**Tuesday 31st October** 

6:00pm, Gymnasium



Please note that due to the College facilities redevelopment carparking will be very restricted in the Dobson Road carpark and Dobson Road side of the College. Some carparking may be available in Simms Road and the Stadium.

#### **Year 10 French Trip to LaTrobe University**

On Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Healy's year 10 French class spent the day at LaTrobe University in Bundoora with the Latrobe French club.

Upon arriving at Latrobe, the Montmorency students were greeted by a member of the French club in the University's main courtyard, the Agora.

To begin the day, the students were given a quick tour of the University library and then sat down with the head of the University French faculty for an insightful discussion on studying language at the University level.

The students then made their way to a seminar room where they sat in on a second year French class for 30 minutes. Unbeknownst to the Montmorency students, the LaTrobe students had prepared survey questions to help initiate discussion.....all in French! It was reassuring and exciting for the Montmorency students that they were able to understand and communicate with the University students in French.

The Montmorency students were then given a tour of the University grounds to learn more about the History of LaTrobe. It was then lunch time. This time allowed our students to take in the social aspect of university life as they mingled amongst the University students in the Agora to order their food and-or drinks.

Finally, the students finished off the day with a French movie in one of the many lecture theatres.

All in all, it was a great day out for the Montmorency students as they were able to experience a day in the life of a (French!) University student.





#### **Arts Alive Instrumental Concert**

Instrumental Music will be the first of numerous events to celebrate the colleges Arts Alive week. All students involved in lessons or ensembles will be performing at the concert, and all are welcome to come and hear our talented students.

When: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Where: College Auditorium

Time: 7.30pm

Those involved:

Choir, Guitar Ensembles, Junior Band, Intermediate Band, Senior Band, String groups, numerous solos and small groups.

#### Year 10 Excursion - The Law in Action!

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of October, our Towards 18 class visited the Old Melbourne Gaol as part of our road safety course. At the Gaol, we were able to participate in a role play of a culpable driving sentencing hearing. Our class took on the many legal roles that exist in a trial. We had our judge (Tia), prosecution (Michaela), defence (Kyle M), tipstaff (Kierley) and a defendant (Tiana). With the help of a number of witnesses and members of the gallery, we were able to act out the case before deciding on an appropriate sentence for the crime. It taught us how the courtroom works as well as the legal and emotional consequences of road trauma. It was a great day out. Thank you to Mr Pickett, Olivia and Marie for coming along with us.



Michaela Fernando (10B), Kierley Green (10B) and Rebeca Culnane (Classroom Teacher)

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#### **BORNEO TOUR 2010—MANGO FUNDRAISER**

As in previous years, we are running a Mango Drive to raise funds for the 2018 Borneo Tour. Please support us by purchasing a tray or two of fresh, juicy, beautiful Queensland mangoes. The delivery of these mangoes is expected to be around mid-December – in time for Christmas celebrations.

A tray of mangoes will cost 25.00. Ask friends and family if they would like to order too! All orders must be in by 30<sup>th</sup> October Any questions please contact Ms. Ivanka Sapina.



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# Alexander and Bridget Jones

# Montmorency Secondary College 2018 Scholarship

# Going to The University of Melbourne in 2018?

#### 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)
Eligiblity	To be eligible, the following criteria must be met:  - Must have graduated from Montmorency Secondary College in either 2017 or in 2016 (taken a gap year)  - Must have received a Letter of Offer from the University of Melbourne to commence a full-time undergraduate Bachelor degree in 2018 (in an approved Australian course)  - Must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident  - Must be a first-time, first year undergraduate in 2018 (first attendance at an Australian University)  - Should be academically motivated
Nationality	Australian citizen or permanent resident
Applications open	1 December 2017
Applications close	29 January 2018
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 2017.  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.



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