Montmorency Secondary College NEWSLETTER

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STUDENT FREE DAYS

CURRICULUM DAY— Tuesday 29 August, 2023

STUDENT PROGRESS INTERVIEWS—Wednesday 13 September, 2023

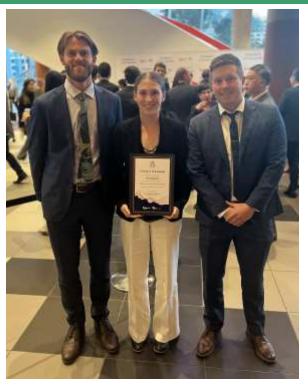
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Premier's Award

On Thursday 27th July, the College was privileged to be invited to the Premier's Awards for Mia Zappulla and her outstanding results in Outdoor Education in 2022. The Premier's Awards recognise top performing students who excelled in The Victorian Certificate of Education in 2022. Mia was one of four students to receive this prestigious award and recognition for top performance as part of her VCE. Adam Hunt and Peter McCoy are to be congratulated for their work to support learning at the highest academic level. Well done!

Careers Expo, Counselling Interviews, and Subject Selection

Throughout this term, we have been focusing on 2024, pathways and starting to choose subjects for next year. The Careers Expo on Thursday 13th July was well attended by families and students, and it was also really valuable to have many of our Uni's, Tafes and providers there to talk about future pathways. Applications to Vocational Major, VET and Acceleration have been popular and we are pleased with the student and family engagement with subject selections. This year, we ran a Subject Selection day for Year 10 and for Year 9, and these were exceptionally well attended by students, with parents involved in most of the appointments and meetings.



Mia Zappulla with Outdoor Education teachers

Adam Hunt and Peter McCoy

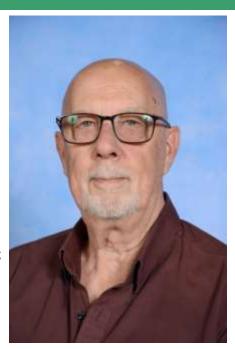
Production

The Addam's Family Rehearsals for the upcoming production are going exceptionally well, as the cast and crew are starting to head into polished performance mode. We were lucky to see a spotlight performance at the most recent whole school assembly, and we are definitely in for a treat. If you have not yet booked tickets, please do so through the TryBooking link on the College website. This year, there will also be a matinee and evening performance on the Saturday. Performance dates are Thursday 17th August, Friday 18th August and Saturday 19th August. Huge thank you to those involved and creating these opportunities for students.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...

VALE: Glenn Blackmore

Glenn was a long standing staff member of the Montmorency Secondary College community. An avid and dedicated teacher with a quick wit and deep care for all students in his classes. He taught Media and was instrumental in promoting and supporting the Arts Department, specifically in photography and media. Glenn was a teacher who put his students first. A dedicated home group teacher and classroom teacher who prided himself on his relationships with his students. Glenn's career in education started in the 70's, and one that spanned a something of 50 years... An began in a time where teaching was very different to what it is today. He has had an illustrious career that included industry experience as a writer, video producer and training consultant, spent time teaching overseas and started at Montmorency Secondary in 2000. Whilst at Monty, Glenn held a range of leadership roles including student leadership, curriculum and performance and development, was a highly respected leader with an extreme passion for learning and unwavering care and commitment to students, staff and parents. Glenn Blackmore passed away peacefully Friday 21st July afternoon, after a short and sudden illness.



Curriculum Day

Tuesday 29th August is a Curriculum Day, where staff will spend time focusing on our strategic directions, learning and applying knowledge. It is planned that we will work with Glenn Pearsall around promoting student learning engagement and feedback; and spend some time working in planning teams on College directions (Learning Intentions, PLCs, Inquiry).

Student Progress Interviews

Wednesday 13th September will be our final round of progress interviews for the year, and we look forward to lots of positive conversations. However, as usual, if you are concerned, please make sure to contact your student/s teacher or year level leader.

Frances Ibbott Principal

TERM 3, 2023 AT A GLANCE	
Wednesday 9 August	Shave For a Cure
Thursday 17 August	College Production—7:00pm
Friday 18 August	College Production—7:00pm
Saturday 19 August	College Production—2:00pm & 7:00pm
Monday 28 August	Year 10 Immunisation
Tuesday 29 August	Curriculum Day—student free day
Wednesday 6 September	School Council Meeting—7:00pm
Wednesday 13 September	Student Progress Interviews
Friday 15 September	Last Day of Term 3—Early Finish 1:22pm

Mia Zapulla wins top honours





The annual Premier's VCE Award ceremony was held on 27 July, 2023. This award recognises students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE). Year 11 student Mia Zapulla received a Premier's VCE Award for her outstanding VCE result in Outdoor Education in 2022 making her one of the top four students in the state.

At the award presentation ceremony a total of 331 awards, including 34 Top All-Round VCE High Achiever Awards recognised the exceptional dedication and hard work of 300 students during the 2022 VCE. More than 1000 guests attended this prestigious ceremony.

FRENCH NEWS

Bonjour! Comment allez-vous?

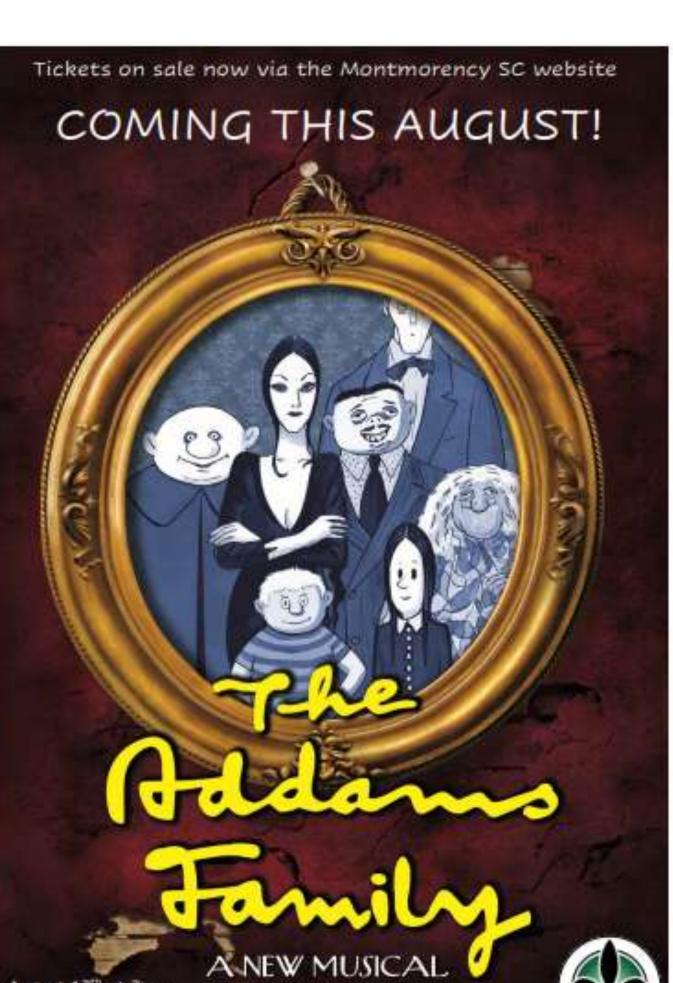
Term 3 has been very exciting for our French cohort. Year 7 and 8 students participated in a fun celebration of Bastille Day which is a French national day. We hosted the famous Chris Morant who entertained us with miming tricks, magic, and information about Bastille Day. Also, we're very excited about other upcoming events in Terms 3 and 4 which include an excursion to the NGV to visit Pierre Bonnard's exhibition and Crêpes Day.

Monika Szuryn









COMEDY

August 17th at 7pm August 18th at 7pm

August 19th at 2pm and 7pm

About Us

State Schools' Relief is unique. No other Australian state or territory has a similar organisation.

Since 1930, State Schools' Relief has been providing anonymous support so that students receiving our assistance can do so with dignity. It's our belief that every student deserves the opportunity to participate in their education without barriers.

STATE SCHOOLS RELIEF

Who are we?

State Schools' Relief is a Victorian not-for-profit organisation that supports the needs of disadvantaged government school students by providing new school uniforms, school shoes and a host of other essential educational resources, including learning devices.

Our simple and practical service ensures that all students can attend school in warmth and comfort with a greater sense of belonging and improved self-esteem, which in turn assists students to engage in their learning and strengthen their educational outcomes.



How we help

Issues such as poverty, neglect, unemployment, health issues/ Illness, financial hardship, bereavement, domestic violence, homelessness, and natural disasters continue to affect many Victorian families. We work side by side with all Victorian primary, secondary, specialist and language schools to ensure that any students facing hardship have the necessary items they require for school.



Do you need assistance?

State Schools' Relief provides support to any Victorian student attending a government school, on the advice of the school.

If you are a parent or carer and you need financial assistance with your child's government education, please make an appointment with the school principal, assistant principal, or welfare/wellbeing coordinator to discuss your situation.



MSC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Introducing the 2023 parent representative on the Montmorency Secondary College School Council.

Matthew Trounce—President

I have one remaining college student, Mackenzie (YR9).

I have served on Council for 4 years the last year and a half as Council President.

Professionally I am the CEO of Entry Group a business specialising in Real Estate and Mortgage Broking education and recruitment, in addition to offering Conveyancing and Mortgage Broking services to clients.

I can be found at Rosanna Golf Club, Greensborough Hockey Club and Eltham Cricket Club playing or watching my kids. I really enjoy participating in teams and developing junior players.

I love attending the Monty productions and other music events and seeing the connection the kids have to the school through these passions.



Kelly Rogel—Vice President

I just wanted to say 'Hi' to everyone and let them know who I am and why I enjoy being on School Council (SC).

I have 2 sons at Monty - one in Year 10 and the other in Year 7. I have always liked to be active within school communities - including Primary school. This is my 4th year in SC an am currently the VP.

I learn a lot by being part of this community and feel I can represent parents/carers and students with different issues and conversations that arise. I feel communication is such a big part of SC role and we as a group are trying to improve this with ongoing conversations and feedback. Please reach out to your parent representatives if you need clarification or have questions, we are here as your representatives and are parents just like you.

We all want the school environment to be a welcoming, educational place our children can feel safe and be themselves.

In my day and night job I am an ICU nurse - for nearly 22 years and thoroughly love this role.



Danielle Smith—Treasurer

My name is Dannielle Smith and I am a former student of Montmorency Secondary College and I currently have 3 sons attending the College (Year 8, Year 10 and Year 12).

I have been working in education at Melbourne Polytechnic for the past 7 years with my current position being Student Management System - Lead Project Manager and previously as VTAC Coordinator. I am passionate about education for all ages, student wellbeing and voice, student opportunities and community involvement.



MSC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Mary Koukourikis

Hi, my name is Mary Koukourikis. I am a newly elected parent representative to the school council with children in Years 8 and 10. I would like to thank the MSC community for giving me this opportunity and I am excited to dedicate my time and provide fresh thoughts and support to the council. I strongly believe that the involvement of parents/carers in their children's education helps them achieve and gives them the opportunity to safely explore new ideas. I also strongly believe that communication between the school and parents/carers is important in fostering wellbeing in our children and provides them with a positive school experience. If you see me around the school or in the broader community please stop to say hello, raise any issues/concerns or even to provide feedback. I look forward to getting to know the school community better.



Jenny Young

I am a mechanical engineer and long time local resident. I believe in offering broad, engaging education opportunities to our students. I am passionate about the environment, cycling, gardening and travel. I encourage you to get involved in the school community by



attending events, providing feedback and importantly reaching out to the school if you seek more information or assistance throughout the year.

Mary Vescio

I am a parent of a Year 8 student at Montmorency Secondary College. I joined the school council to become involved in the school community and support the college in any way I can. I consider it a wonderful opportunity to meet and connect with other parents. As



a primary school educator, I have exemplary communication and organizational skills. I am also familiar with DET educational policies and understand the importance of linking students, school and community.

Graham Dixon

As a parent of a Year 7 student at the College, I am looking forward to the opportunity to support our students and the school.

My professional background in product management and technology has given me a broad view of the world, how quickly it's changing, and how it will shape future career opportunities. I've been fortunate to support many young people on their journeys to becoming confident leaders. I would like to think I can lean on these experiences to support the school and students.



On the personal front, I enjoy playing music, badminton, cooking, gardening, kayaking, fishing and getting outdoors.

I strongly believe it's important our kids find balance in their lives – between preparing for the future world and finding time to nurture the personal connections important to emotional strength and happiness. As they do so, being aware of their impact on others, the planet and themselves.

WELLBEING NEWS



FREE Parents & Caregivers Workshop
The Baryule Nillumbik Youth Services Network is excited to
bring you the ManCase in this 60mm interactive presentation
designed to provide practical insights and tools to perents of

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 insights into the experiences and challenges young men are
- currently facing
- . Practical tools and minutets they can use to better empass. their sons at home





Tuesday 15 August



ONLINE via zoom



FREE event



For more information please contact Jess Sayers 94579983

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to bring you YSAS Senior Trainer- Geoff Bayldon, Geoff is an experienced youth worker, AOD worker and trainer, He has worked at YSAS for over 19 years, across many programs, including outreach, day program, drug withdrawai unit, and long-term residential rehabilitation as well as managing Community Based Services and Project Work

This half day training will provide practical information and knowledge around:

- Young people and Drug use, including understanding drugs and their effects
- . How good Youth Work can be effective AOD work
- Emerging Drugs- What is new? What are young people using, including their street names
- Prescription drups
- Vapring
 Harm minimisation strategies and how to navigate the ADD system





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Banyule City Council. Level 4, 1 Flintoff st Greensborough



Cost \$30



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This session is for professionals working with young people

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The Nillumbik PARENTING HUB

Navigating School Refusal in Teens

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This session is for parents, carers and granity/arents.

Key Details: Date: Specify III August Time: 7-0.30pm Location: Online (August)

To secure a booking please visit

For further information please contact:

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