

# Montmorency Secondary College NEWSLETTER

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**MONTMORENCY**  
SECONDARY COLLEGE

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**END OF TERM 3—EARLY DISMISSAL—Friday 15 September, 2023**

**Students dismissed at 1:22pm—Buses depart 1:30pm**

**FIRST DAY OF TERM 4—MONDAY 2 OCTOBER, 2023**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Curriculum Day – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August

The College has limited number of Curriculum Days each year, with a vital focus on an area of the strategic plan. On Tuesday 29th August, we had the pleasure of working with Glen Pearsall. Glen is an educational consultant who has many key, supportive and engaging strategies that teachers can use within the classroom. We spent time exploring engagement tools and formative assessment strategies that have direct practical application. The day was extremely positive and it is hoped that we will be able to spend some more time learning with Glen in the future.

### Subject Selections Updates

All students have now completed their subject selections for 2024 and this means that we are better able to undertake planning for next year. We are expecting a large intake into year 7 and with Year 11 as one of our larger cohorts. We will, however, be conservative in our subject offerings to ensure that we are both maximising staffing potential alongside student interest. In the adjustments of planning and programming this year, we have been more able to ensure that students are informed and supported in their selections, which we hope minimises changes moving forward – and in turn, helps us build a better timetable.

### Student Progress Interviews – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Student Progress Interviews are again approaching, as we head towards the end of Term 3. The interviews are a great opportunity to meet with teachers, discuss progress, achievements and next steps in learning. We encourage all families and students to attend to discuss interim reports and efforts in engagement.

### Addams Family Update

There are new performance dates for the Addams Family!

The show will go on later in the year, with performance dates in November:

- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 7:00pm – Evening Performance
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 7:00pm – Evening Performance
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2:00pm – Matinee Performance
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 7:00pm – Evening Performance

Tickets will go on sale in Term 4!

## **Staffing Updates**

Term 3 is traditionally a large planning term, where there are key tasks undertaken to plan for the following year. This year, following school review we have restructured some elements of our leadership profile, and advertised these positions widely. We have re-profiled the Learning Specialist role in alignment with the feedback from the Review around consistency in classrooms, development of instructional practice and better data informed approaches.

We have advertised and appointed:

- Learning Specialist – Instructional Practice: Claire Mooney-Sprague
- Learning Specialist – Instructional Model: Sarah Cooper-Cooney
- Learning Specialist – Differentiation: Felicity Mills
- Learning Specialist – Data Literacy: Dean Burman
- Leading Teacher – Teaching & Learning: Natalie Henry
- Leading Teacher – Year 8 Leader: Stephanie Short
- Leading Teacher – Year 7 Leader: Kieran McNair
- Acting Leading Teacher – Disability Inclusion: Stuart Dower
- Education Support - Tier 3 Inclusion Coordinator: Joanne Charman

These roles will aid the implementation of the Strategic Plan priorities for the College, alongside the Department of Education Reforms.

## **Science Week**

The last week of Term 3 is Science Week at Monty. We are looking forward to a broad range of activities and events throughout the week, including reptile interactions aligned to curriculum and in class science activities for Year 7 and 8 students.

## **Road Safety Update**

As you may be aware, there have been some adjustments to Diamond Creek Road, with regards to shrubbery removal and a fence being installed. It does increase visibility – which is a good thing. We are still waiting and pushing for a light activated pedestrian crossing to ensure safe passage across Diamond Creek road for the whole community.

Educationally, we continue to engage with road safety aspects within the Curriculum. We have met with the Department of Transport who have delivered some general road safety messages and resources to align with existing Victorian Curriculum.

Road to Zero ran sessions for Year 9 and Year 10 students last week. And in response, the Department of Transport has agreed to deliver curriculum learning sessions for Year 7 and 8 students. These sessions are general Road Safety messages designed to educate students on the broad range of messages and considerations.

## **Year 12 Practice Exams**

As September School Holidays roll around, we have again planned and scheduled Practice Exams to support the revision and readiness for the Year 12 final exams. These will run throughout the first week of the September School holidays, and are modelled on the final year exams.

## A couple of Important Reminders...

### Student Sign in/Out

At times students are late to school or need to depart early and we have noticed that a number of parents are signing students in/out on Compass – thank you! However, we do require students to also check in / out through the General Office to help us monitor student arrivals and departures. *This is an emergency procedures requirement so that we are able to be assured of which students are on site at any given time.*

This week students have been supplied with a Student Card that will enable them to sign in and out quickly and easily.

### Attendance / Early Departure from Excursions

Excursions are a great opportunity for students to engage in learning outside of the classroom - these include curriculum excursions, camps and sports activities.

Students who are participating in these events require written, signed parent consent to attend.

This means, that an approval has been granted to attend the event to attend a different location for the time periods outlined.

At times, there can be reasons where students might need to leave early; and in this instance, **a signed note from the parent/guardian must be provided** to the event organiser - preferably prior to the event or on the day and handed to the teacher; in order for the student to depart the activity from the arrangements that outlines where and when they will leave, and how they will be travelling home.

#### **This applies to all College excursions, including Sport.**

Please note, when students return from a Sports activity, they are required to remain at school until the end of the school day and will be supervised by the teacher taking the event.

Frances Ibbott  
Principal

### TERM 4, 2023 AT A GLANCE

Monday 2 October	Term 4 Begins
Wednesday 11 October	Colour Run
Tuesday 17 October	Year 12 Final Assembly & Celebration Day
Wednesday 18 October	School Council Meeting
Thursday 19 October	Year 12 Graduation
Tuesday 24 October—Wednesday 15 November	Year 12 Exams
Wednesday 25—Friday 27 October	Year 9 Camp
Tuesday 7 November	Melbourne Cup Day
Wednesday 22 November	School Council Meeting
Monday 27 November	Professional Practice Day—Student Free Day
Tuesday 12 December	Grade 6 Orientation Day
Wednesday 13 December	2024 Year 8—Year 10 Picnic Day. Early dismissal—1:30pm
Thursday 14 December	MSC Awards Evening—7pm

## Wear It Purple Day—Pops of Purple

On the 25th of August, Montmorency Secondary College proudly celebrated Wear It Purple Day by giving students the opportunity to wear pops of purple with or on top of their school uniforms.

Students, teachers and staff all participated in this colourful event. Wear It Purple is a day that celebrates our rainbow community and gives them support, inclusion, safety and empowering environments. Wear it Purple was founded in 2010 in response to global stories of real teenagers, real heartache and their very real responses. Since 2010, when Wear it Purple was co-founded by Katherine Hudson and Scott Williams, it developed into an international movement.

Here at Monty, we gathered to watch supportive videos, have deep discussions and share snacks and stories. We finished off the celebration with group photos of allies wearing purple, proudly in support of our queer community.

*Queer Straight Alliance (QSA)*



*Staff and Sub-Schools supporting students*



*Student allies popping their purple*

### ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION TO STUDENTS AT COLLEGE

Medication is required by some students on a regular basis during the school day. When your child requires this support contact the College Nurse, Jo McNamara, at the General Office for advice or email [Joanna.Mcnamara@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Joanna.Mcnamara@education.vic.gov.au) . Further information can be found in the [Administration of Medication Policy](#), on the College website.

Pain killers and antihistamines cannot be administered to your child as standard first aid. Every effort will be made to liaise with you to support your child at school with their health needs.

A [Medication Authority Form](#) must be completed for any medication administered at school and medication contained in the original package, within its expiry date is to be provided to the general office. Children with an asthma or anaphylaxis action plan are exempt.

Also, please ensure you advise the General Office of any updated details for emergency contacts.

## Matilda Fever at Monty

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August students of all ages came together at lunchtime to compete in a penalty shootout. In teams of five, they put their skills to the test and celebrated hard, as if they were Cortnee Vine scoring the winning goal in a penalty shootout.

With such an amazing turn out, there were four winning sides in the end:

### *Year 7 team:*

Kaelan Ryan  
Ben Buhagiar  
Luca Griffiths  
Tyler Black  
Elijah Maddison

### *Year 9 team:*

Bailey Smith  
Zane Haddon  
Masyn Lee  
Riley Watts  
Chas Woodward

### *Year 10 team:*

Hamish Terry  
Matthew Allen  
Petar Kovacevic  
Alex Johnson  
Callan Sharp

### *Year 12 team:*

Teague Bingham  
Sena Nancarrow  
Amali Deane  
Austin Chapman  
Hayden Lloyd

Well done to all of those who competed and got into the spirit of healthy competition! Thank you to the P.E. faculty, Anita Lauria and Zac Forbes for assisting on the day.



## MUSIC NEWS

### A Day Filled with Music and Creativity

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September our dedicated Senior Band students had an excursion to Thornbury Secondary College. The day aimed to expand our students' musical horizons, inspire their creativity, and foster a deeper appreciation for music.

**Live Performances:** Throughout the day, our students treated the Year 7 students of Thornbury to captivating live performances including 'Under the Sea' from Little Mermaid and a medley of 'Phantom of the Opera'. These performances showcased the diversity of musical talent and styles, leaving the listener inspired and enthralled.

**Collaborative Workshops:** Senior Band students then participated in a combined band workshop, giving them the opportunity to collaborate with their peers, encouraging teamwork, creativity and the exploration of musical ideas.

The students' enthusiastic participation and willingness to explore new musical territories, curiosity and creativity were the driving forces behind the success of this event.

Let's keep the music playing!



#### Upcoming events:

Monday 9 October - 7:00pm

Arts Alive Instrumental Concert (all instrumental students)

Friday 10th November—Periods 3 & 4

Pizza Performance Day

November 20th -25th

The Addams Family production week

Friday 24th November—9:00am -3:00pm

Tour to local Primary Schools. (junior band/intermediate band)

Thursday 14th December - 6:30pm

Pre-music for Award Night. (selected groups)

## OUTDOOR CHESS

Recently, there has been a steady stream of students and staff standing around the Senior School courtyard contemplating the next chess move. In consultation with the Rotary Club of Eltham, teacher Ian Toohill organised for the Eltham Men's Shed to build two very sturdy timber storage boxes that are currently storing our sets of homemade wooden chess pieces. The boxes have air struts installed and can be easily accessed during lunch. There are growing numbers as students showing more interest in the informal competition. The Interact Club hope to start a club competition.



## 'Clean up Australia' activities

Students from the Interact Club and Green Team participated in 'Clean Up Australia' Day on Tuesday the 16th of May 2023. Students from across all year levels picked up and sorted out rubbish from around the College grounds. The amount of rubbish collected was around seven or eight bags. In the grounds we found lots of wrappers and disgusting stinky winky banana peels we need to try to get students to put them in the bin. Now the reason we did this is because we care for the environment, and we don't want all the rubbish that people leave behind to be washed up in the creek.

As a group we also contributed to the school by planting trees near Para Road on Friday the 19th of May. During our lunchtime and period five we worked hard to give these trees a place to grow. We had lots of fun and enjoyed watering, caring, and planting the trees with the help of the then Rotary President Mike Englefield. This was an experience that will be something for us to remember throughout the rest our high school lives.

**Katrina Charman - Year 10**



## World's Greatest Shave

This year, we ran the annual school's World's Greatest Shave (formerly known as 'Shave for A Cure') to raise funds for people affected by blood cancer. Courageous students took part in World's Greatest Shave for lots of reasons. Some had a personal connection to blood cancer, while others take part simply to have fun, tick a bucket list box and raise money for a good cause. When someone signs up to shave, cut or colour for World's Greatest Shave, they fundraise to make sure families facing blood cancer have a place to call home during treatment, someone to turn to, and access to the best possible care and treatment. Money raised by World's Greatest Shave also helps to fund Australia's best and brightest blood cancer researchers in their quest to deliver rapid advancements in diagnosis, treatment and ultimately... a cure.

In 2023, we ran the event in the school gym on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August at lunchtime. Students simply paid \$5 on Compass to join in or as it is a casual clothes day, gold coin donations went to the Leukemia Foundation. Interact set up a school team page and we emailed this link out to our families. There was a professional barber present on the day who shaved/cut participants' hair. Lucas McKenzie in 8C raised \$1,800 to cut off his mullet, Sena Nancarrow cut off her long hair and Logan Farrell shaved his head prior to the Adam's Family production, they all raised \$4,000. Overall, the school raised \$6,000 in total!!

***Katrina Charman - Year 10***





# FRENCH NEWS

Bonjour,

We all had a fantastic term in the French faculty. The most exciting event was the Year 9-10 excursion to the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV). We saw an amazing exhibition of Pierre Bonnard's artworks which truly transported us to early 20th century France. Below are some of our students' reflections about the exhibition.



*"I enjoyed the museum because it allowed me to explore the variation between different cultures' artwork. All the colours were beautiful and it was a wonderful experience which transported us to another world. I learned about impressionist art and worked on my basic French conversation skills in a real social format."* Shola, Year 10

*"I liked the artworks and the exhibition. I learnt about different French landscapes and the use of colour in the paintings in the exhibition."* Nathan, Year 9



*"I learned about the French art culture and how Pierre Bonnard was an amazing artist. I learned about his pieces and other French artists' pieces, and learned about his life, family and his love for colour and art."* Thea, Year 9

*"I liked eating the French food and I enjoyed art so that was good! I liked hanging out with friends there too. I learned a lot about Bonnard and found it very interesting."*  
Talía, Year 9



## WELLBEING NEWS

Our college Student Wellbeing Ambassadors have been super busy in term three organising fun activities for their peers and supporting important community causes.

Our SWA's kicked off the chilly cold term by hosting a free, soup and bread roll lunch for all students, to promote '**International Day of Friendship**'. The idea behind this was to foster peer connections, students were encouraged to chat and chew and get to know one another, while they enjoyed their soup and crusty bread roll. Students were also invited to participate in a craft activity, it appeared that the day was successful, with some students making new friendships, learning new skills and having full tummies!

The wonderful SWA's along with the SRC members offered lunch time activities for '**Wellness Week**'. Some of these activities included: the longest footy kick', yoga, mindfulness coloring, board games and our school's all-time favorite... '**JUST DANCE!** It is uplifting so see so many students participating in these lunchtime activities and we thank all those who were involved and those who generously gave their time to assist with the preparation of these events, particular thanks to Jayden Stenton and Clara Di Biase.

For the first time our school participated in the in a the '**OFF YOUR BACK**' coat drive. OFF YOUR BACK winter coat drive is intended to help those in need keep warm each winter. Our school community generously donated 16 large bags of coats. A huge "Thank you" to all who donated their preloved coats.



And finally, we concluded the term by recognising and celebrating R U OK? Day. R U OK? Day recognises the importance of asking R U OK? not only on this particular day, **but every day**. Each student was gifted an R U OK? badge to wear proudly, undertook lessons in homegroup about mental health support and services and engaged in fun lunch time activities.

On Tuesday at the School Assembly, our SWA's also spoke about the meaning behind R U OK? Day. Our school was also lucky to have a **bench seat donated by Bunnings, Eltham** to give the students a relaxing place to sit and talk about those important conversations.

All up we had a wonderful and eventful term, I would like to thank all the SWA's, Samantha Crooks, Abbey Haboltd, Liv Martin, Amy Brilliant, Lacey Clayton, Emily Hill, Amelia Mclean, Bianca Wallace, Samuel Turner, Yindi Rothwell and Rohan Charman for all their great work this term. A special thanks to staff Ms. Green, Mr. Turner and Ms. Shelton for supporting the SWA's to achieve Term 3 events and of course, the Wellbeing Team, Luke Mitchell, Jade O' Brien and Sue Muir.

Have a safe and relaxing term break.

*Violet Awad— Mental Health Practitioner*

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## Tuning in to Kids

Tuning into Kids (TiK) is a program that provides parents and carers with skills in emotion coaching. Emotion coaching is about recognising, understanding and managing your own emotions as a caregiver as well as your children's emotions.

When children develop these emotional skills, they are better equipped to negotiate the ups and downs of life.

TiK is an evidence-based program; randomised controlled research trials have shown that it makes a difference to parents and children.

**DATE:** Thursday 19th October - 23rd November  
**TIME:** 10.30am - 12.30pm  
**WHERE:** Online Via Zoom  
**COST:** This session is free of charge but registration is essential

**BOOKINGS:** For bookings and enquiries contact ParentZone Northern: 03 8641 8900 or email [parentzone.northern@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:parentzone.northern@anglicarevic.org.au)



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## Dads Building Solutions- Taster

Based on ParentZone's Parents Building Solutions, this program will enable dads to come together to discuss what parenting issues and concerns they have.

Together they will work on strategies and ideas on how to become the dad they want to be. Assistance will be provided to identify the key areas of support dads need in parenting.

**DATE:** Wednesday 22nd November 2023  
**TIME:** 6.30pm - 8.00pm  
**COST:** This session is free of charge but registration is essential  
**WHERE:** Online via Zoom

**BOOKINGS:** For bookings and enquiries to ParentZone Northern: (03) 8641 8900 or email [parentzone.northern@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:parentzone.northern@anglicarevic.org.au)



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## Raising Resilient Kids

We all want our children to feel more resilient.

Join Parentzone Northern for this informative and engaging workshop to learn how to help your child bounce back from challenges and manage stressful situations.

**DATE:** Tuesday 28th November 2023  
**TIME:** 10.00am - 12.00pm  
**WHERE:** Online Via Zoom

For inquiries contact Parentzone Northern: 03 86418900 or email [parentzone.northern@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:parentzone.northern@anglicarevic.org.au).

For bookings <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/raising-resilient-kids-tickets-639083645387>



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## Managing Screen Time

Learn how to navigate the challenges of managing children's screen time. This session will offer valuable information on the impacts of screen time on children's health and development.

Parents will also be provided strategies/tips on setting boundaries for screen usage.

**DATE:** Wednesday 15th November 2023  
**TIME:** 7.00pm - 8.30pm  
**WHERE:** Online via Zoom  
**COST:** This session is free of charge but registration is essential

For enquiries contact ParentZone Northern: 03 86418900 or email [parentzone.northern@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:parentzone.northern@anglicarevic.org.au).

For bookings [trybooking.com/CDZUJH](http://trybooking.com/CDZUJH)



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# NILLUMBIK YOUTH



## SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

### **Nillumbeats Short Film Festival**

Wednesday 20 September, 7-9pm  
Hoyts Greensborough (free!)

Nillumbeats is proud to present the first ever Nillumbeats Short Film Festival, showcasing budding local film makers aged 12-18. Popcorn and drink also included!

For young people aged 12-25 + their families

### **Eltham Clothes Swap**

Friday 22 September, 2-4pm  
Eltham Library (free!)

Eltham Library and Nillumbik Youth are hosting a clothes swap & upcycling session. Bring along your gently worn clothes and swap them out for a new addition to your wardrobe.

Free for young people aged 12-25

### **Rainbow Movie Night**

Monday 25 September, 6-8:30pm  
Eltham Library (free!)

Enjoy the coming-of-age rom-com 'Love Simon' and with some FREE food and drinks. BYO blanket or pillow to sit on.

For LGBTIQ+ young people, friends, and allies, aged 12-18.

### **Life Skills: Cooking on a Budget**

Tuesday 26 September, 11am-1pm  
Hurstbridge Community Hub (free!)

Join us to learn how to cook some delicious low cost meals. Session includes take home recipes and lunch.

Free for young people aged 12-25

### **Pat and Chat**

Wednesday 27 September  
Edendale Farm (free!)

Join us these spring school holidays, as staff from headspace lead us on a pesto making and meet the animals workshop at Edendale Farm.

Free for young people aged 12-25



For more information and to register for the sessions above visit:  
[nillumbikyouth.vic.gov.au/School-Holidays](http://nillumbikyouth.vic.gov.au/School-Holidays)

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