From the College Principal

Dear Parents/Students,

As we approach the last few weeks of a busy but productive first term, I’d like to take this opportunity to congratulate students, parents and staff on their wonderful efforts in support of our college programs. This reinforces the importance of the ongoing partnership between the college, parents and students.

**School Council elections**

As indicated in the last newsletter, parent involvement in the college is highly valued, and representation on school council allows parents to have knowledge in, and contribution to, the running of the school. I thank those who indicated interest in this and we will publicise the ballot results once completed in the coming week.

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From the Mooroolbark Campus Principal

With less than 3 weeks of the term left, it has been a very busy fortnight at the Mooroolbark Campus.

Parking in & around Yarra Hills SC – Mooroolbark Campus

A very big thankyou to all our parents for your patience and for parking correctly in the school grounds. I would remind parents who are picking up from nearby areas and streets to be mindful of our neighbours. We continue to get reports from concerned citizens about cars blocking driveway and road access making it very challenging for local residents. This is especially prevalent on Cambridge Road near our pedestrian access point and in Windsor Park Rise. The school continues to seek support and advice from Yarra Ranges Council about how we can improve access for our parents and students.

I would like to make mention of a couple of events that occurred since my last report at the Mooroolbark Campus:

Year 7 Making Connections Day

Our Year 7 Making Connections Day on Thursday March 3 saw our year 7s come together from both campuses and participate in a range of activities and games to assist them to develop cross campus relationships prior to year 7 camp next week. Our Connections Day was held at the Mooroolbark Community Centre. A big thank you to Nikky Waterson & Matt Sheaves, as well as the year 7 team for their organisation and running of the day.
Year 8 WOW Incursion & VIP Session


The Year 8s also had a Values Immersion Program Session on Wednesday March, Period 3 run by Chris Shaw, our Director of Teaching and Learning.

Enjoy the last hot days of ‘Summer’ and I look forward to seeing families at our Parent Student Teacher Interviews!

Greg Cowan
Mooroolbark Campus Principal
From the Mt Evelyn Campus Principal

This week has seen staff busily working on their interim reports for parents and students. With our parent, student, teacher interviews just around the corner, it is a timely reminder for students to maintain their studies in all subject areas. I encourage all parents to book in through Compass interview times that suit. Last week year 8 students were immersed in our VIP program thanks to Christina Shaw. It reinforces the importance of our school values and how they are incorporated in our day to day decisions. We also held special afternoon teas for all student leaders to present them with their badge and discuss their roles and responsibilities. It is fantastic to discuss with students their ideas for improvement within their roles they are taking on. Shane Hart spoke to all students about the impact they can make within our school community. Exciting times ahead, I can’t wait!

Don’t forget to come along to our Compass and Moodle training night this Thursday 10 March for all parents. We ask you bring a device to practice your skills. This will be held at Mt Evelyn Campus from 7pm

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

With our term quickly coming to an end, it is that time of year where we recognise the importance of the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. We will be having an assembly on Monday 21 March at 10:20am to address this important issue. All new students will be asked to take a pledge for their responsibility in combatting bullying within our school community. There will also be a recognition of our student leaders, a few presentations, a special guest speaker and entertainment by the Performing Arts Department. All parents are welcome to attend. Please contact the office to reserve your seat.

Year 7 Camp

Next week our year 7 students leave for their camp along with Mooroolbark students. The students are very excited about their camp and I’m looking forward to visiting them all with our campus captains.

Clean Up Australia Day

Our year 8 and 9 students took part in the Clean Up Australia Day by cleaning the area around the Mt Evelyn skate park. Students were armed with bags, tongs and gloves and picked up many bags of rubbish both on the way and throughout the grassland of the skate park. It is so disappointing that people think it is ok to dispose of their rubbish this way rather than using rubbish bins. Thanks to our students, the area is much cleaner. It is such a great event reminding us all of the importance of looking after our land and our students were certainly pleased with their efforts; I know we were. We even made it to the local Leader newspaper! Well done to all the students involved, to Rebecca Dunn for organising the event and Mark Dunn for removing all the rubbish.

Students given a real life experience of the Industrial Revolution

Robyn Johnston in her Humanities class believes in helping students really understand what life was like in the past. With the topic of the Industrial Revolution, she took the opportunity to show students how to use a weaving loom. Year 9 students were quite intrigued by the exercise and many had a turn in making a fabric from thread. Then to be told that their job was being taken over by an automatic machine gave students a real insight into the problems that arose from this difficult period of time. However it also helped them understand the efficiencies of machinery of the time. Certainly a memorable class.
Year 7 students making real connections

Last week all year 7 students from both campuses came together in a variety of activities to get to know each other. Peer Support Leaders from both campuses also contributed by running all the activities of the day. Students were treated to morning tea and a barbecue lunch. It was such a great day with many students making new friends and meeting new people while the Peer Support Leaders practiced their leadership skills with each of their groups. They certainly did us proud by their efforts. Thank you so much Nikky Waterson, Rebecca Dunn, Chantelle Mitchell and Matthew Sheaves for the organisation of this day. Thank you also to all year 7 students for their contribution and year 10 Peer Support Leaders for their leadership.

The day has finally arrived.............

This week Katherine will lose her locks and Rhys will change his hair colour. Both students have worked hard to raise money. Katherine has managed to raise nearly $1000 which is an amazing effort!! She is also going to auction the right to cut her long ponytail off. Rhys is organising a mini colour run within the school to raise even more money. If you wish to support this worthy cause, please donate at the office.

ROAR Leadership Camp

We are very fortunate to have many opportunities for our students to participate in. Thanks to Youth Services of the Shire of Yarra Ranges, we had 8 year 10 student leaders attending a 3 day leadership camp. Students experienced a variety of activities to build their leadership skills. When student return, they will working with the Youth service staff as well as Shane Hart to develop a project of their choice. I’m looking forward to seeing their ideas when they return.

The Advance Crew have done it again!

Students in the Advance class are often involved in organising a variety of events thanks to Bridge Builders. The latest event Bridge Builders were organising was the ‘Huck N Hold’. This is a world class Jet Ski competition which draws athletes from all over Australia to compete. It was held at Gunnamatta Beach and students stayed for 3 days while the event was being held. Students were kept busy throughout the 3 days and from all accounts it was a fantastic event and our students did us proud.

Robyn Dew
Mt Evelyn Campus Principal

ABSENCES

A REMINDER
It is a Department requirement that the school is informed of any student absences due to either illness/medical or personal reasons.

Parents may approve their student’s absence by logging onto the school’s Compass Parent Portal or through the Compass App on their phone.
If this is not possible please inform the school office as follows:

MOOROOLBARK CAMPUS Please leave a phone message on our Designated Absence line – 9839 8899 or email nye.kym.k@edumail.vic.gov.au (Wed, Thurs, Fri) or rogers.deborah.a@edumail.vic.gov.au (Mon & Tues)

MT EVELYN CAMPUS Please call or leave a phone message on 9736 3650 or email kuipers.heather.h@edumail.vic.gov.au

Notification would be appreciated prior to 9.00am each morning of the student’s absence. Any prior knowledge of a student’s absence due to extended holidays or medical leave should be handed in writing before the leave to either office administration staff or the homegroup teacher.

It is a Department requirement that VCE students absent during an Exam, Gat or SAC are to produce a medical certificate for those days.
March 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian

Secondary School Vaccine Program

The Secondary School Vaccine Program helps ensure students and communities are protected from diseases such as diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, human papillomavirus (HPV) and chickenpox.

Local councils deliver the program and schools distribute the vaccine information and consent card booklets. The distribution of the Consent Card Booklets will take place at the start of Term 2.

The Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009 authorise schools to release parent and student information to local councils so that councils can follow up with parents after the consent card booklets have been distributed. This means that we will provide the Shire of Yarra Ranges with your contact details and a local council immunisation representative may contact you with vaccine program information.

If you do not wish for your details to be provided to the Shire of Yarra Ranges please advise me in writing before close of business Tuesday 15 March 2016.

If you are unable to contact me by the above date you will need to contact the immunisation officer responsible for the vaccine program at the Shire of Yarra Ranges in the event that you have queries about your contact details.

Every day vaccination saves lives and makes it possible for Victorians to live free from the illness and disability caused by many infectious diseases. All Year 7 Victorian secondary students can receive these vaccines for free.

The next step will be to read the information provided in your child’s consent card booklet and complete all sections. Detach Part A with all fields completed, and return to the school. Without returning Part A of the consent card booklet, a student may miss the opportunity to be vaccinated. It is important this section is completed and returned to the school, regardless of whether you consent for your child to be vaccinated or not as part of the school-based program. Reminder: the Consent Card Booklets will be distributed at the start of Term 2.

Darren Trippett
College Principal
10 March 2010

HEAD LICE

Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers

It has come to my attention that some students in the school may have head lice and I seek your cooperation in checking your child’s hair on a regular basis during this current outbreak. Earlier in this year I put a short alert notice to parents and the community via the newsletter but we still have had concerns raised by parents of instances of Head lice.

Head lice do not transmit infectious diseases – they are transmitted by having head to head contact with someone who has head lice. You may be reassured to know that head lice are commonly found in places other than at Yarra Hills Secondary College. Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on humans for 10,000 years!

What can you do?
I seek your cooperation in checking your child’s hair and in those instances where head lice or eggs are found, treating your child’s hair.

Please go the Department of Health website link: https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/searchresults?q=head%20lice This has informative guidelines regarding detecting and treating head lice and eggs, as well as a downloadable PDF document.

How do I treat my child for head lice?

The website (as noted above) has informative guidelines regarding detecting and treating head lice and eggs.

If head lice or eggs are found on your child’s hair you need to inform:
• the school and advise when the treatment has started
• parents or carers of your child’s friends so they too have the opportunity to detect and treat their children if necessary.

When can my child return to school?

Health regulations requires that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until the day after appropriate treatment has started. Please note, this refers only to those children who have live head lice and does not refer to head lice eggs.

Yarra Hills Secondary College is aware that head lice can be a sensitive issue and is committed to maintaining your confidentiality.

Kind regards

Greg Cowan
Mooroolbark Campus Principal

Robyn Dew
Mt Evelyn Campus Principal
What a Great Day for a Snorkel!

On Tuesday 1 March the Mooroolbark year 9 outdoor education class ventured down to Mt Martha for a snorkel. The weather was great 33 degrees and the water was pretty calm making it good for visibility.

We snorkelled out to the Point in small groups and saw a variety of fish species including parrot fish, leather jackets, flat head, magpie fish and small schools of whiting and zebra fish. The highlights were seeing a number of sting rays in the area and adventuring into the unknown.

Thanks to Mr Mac for organising this terrific activity.

Year 9 Outdoor Education Class
JOIN A COMMUNITY OF GLOBAL FRIENDSHIP AND LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Abraham Lincoln once wrote: "the best way to predict the future is to create it." Volunteer to host an international high school student from France arriving into Australia in May 2016 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and see the world in a new light. You'll have fun learning about cultural differences and language.

Carefully selected students from France will arrive in mid May for one term. With excellent English language skills, they will attend a local Secondary High School, arrive, with their own spending money and comprehensive health insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. To enquire about becoming a volunteer host family please visit us at www.scce.com.au; email scceaus@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501 for more information.

YHSC will be using a Bulk SMS Compass Attendance Alert system from the first day of Term 2 2016. Messages will be sent at approx. 10:15am. Each weekday Compass will automatically evaluate the attendance of all students and you will receive a message (the first parent listed as the Primary Family will receive an SMS) if all of the conditions below are satisfied:

- the student is marked 'Not Present' in all of the sessions they possibly could have attended which start after 8am and prior to the time the SMS is due to be sent (including normal classes, custom classes, support classes and events), and
- Compass has deemed all of these 'Not Present' entries Unexplained, and
- there are no attendance notes/approvals for the student for this period of time, and
- there are no school activities for the student for this period of time, and
- there are no Arrivals for the student for this period of time, and
- there are no unmarked rolls for the sessions the student could possibly have attended

A test message will be sent on Thursday 17 March, 2016. If you do not receive this test message it means we do not have your mobile registered with the school and we ask that you provide the school with your mobile number ASAP and prior to the beginning of Term 2. Please contact the Office of the Campus that your student attends or email us at yarra.hill.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au. We would appreciate your patience throughout the implementation of this new system and we will endeavour to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Celebrate Mooroolbark -
Saturday March 19, 2016
Mooroolbark Community Centre
Brice Avenue
Theme: Movie Mayhem

The Festival begins with a Talent Quest on Friday evening, March 18, with an Open and Under 16 competition. Participation in the competition is free.

Saturday will include:

- Street Parade
- Costume Competition
- Writing Competition for Students
- Home video competition.
- Recycled Sculpture Competition
- Fundraising Market Stalls

Come along and join in the fun
Senior Boys and Girls Volley Ballers both finish Runners Up

At the Senior Volleyball on Thursday March 3 at the Croydon Aqua Hub both our Boys and Girls Senior Teams obtained some terrific results.

The Boys team could only manage 5 players for the team on the day, so each of them had to work twice as hard to cover the vacant spots on the court during each match. They played eventual winners Monbulk in their first match losing the first set 8-25. They came back strongly in the second set and were leading 21-18 before eventually going down 22-25.

Their second match was against Lilydale Heights A team and despite losing the first set 21-25, the boys managed to turn the tables in the second set for a hard fought 27–25 victory. In the deciding set Yarra Hills managed to get to the lead and held on for a 15-10 victory.

The Final Match was against the Lilydale Heights B team which our boys won comfortably 25-15 and then 25-8.

In the girls division Yarra Hills also played against eventual winner Monbulk during their first game, and were shell shocked going down 8-25 and 9-25 in their two matches.

They then came up against Lilydale Heights and comfortably beat them 25-16 and 25-15. The final match was against Upper Yarra where the girls secured victories 25-16 and 25-13.

Well done to all of the students who participated on the day.

The sport department is eagerly awaiting our first team to get to Eastern Zone for this year. So far we have had 3 runners up and a third.

Murray McAllister
**Mt Evelyn Campus**
Every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
Lunchtime in the Library
with Mr Hart & Mrs Johnston
Bring your books and lunch

START YOUR DAY THE RIGHT WAY
Brekky Club
Come on down to the Well Being Centre at Mt Evelyn Campus & check out what’s cooking
WHEN: Every Thursday Morning 8.00—8.50
Brekky Club is FREE to all Yarra Hills students
(thank you to the generous and valuable support of Bendigo Bank Mt Evelyn and Bakers Delight Mooroolbark)

**YOUTH ZONE**

FRAME FRASER DODDS LIEZL & ARIEL JOEY CIRILLO LUKE AND LOZ SPARKS THE BURDS THE DEVOURS

11am to 4pm
Sponsored by local MPs Tony Smith, David Hodggett and Christine Fyffe

**LILYDALE LAKESIDE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL**
SUNDAY 13 MARCH > 10.30AM–5PM

To celebrate the opening of our Lilydale Lakeside Campus, we would like to invite you to join us to celebrate our community!

Lilydale Lakeside Community Festival
Sunday 13 March 2016
10.30am - 5.00pm
Formalities and official festival launch: 11.30am

A Free Event for All Ages
• Free live entertainment including Kate Ceberano
• Community market stalls and food trucks
• Interactive workshops and course taster sessions
• Tours of our newly refurbished campus
• Free kid’s activities including face painting, jumping castles & balloon art!

Please note, parking will be very limited on site.
Free buses will be running to and from Lilydale Train Station.
If you require a car park, please let us know when you RSVP.

RSVP
events@boxhill.edu.au by 10 March 2016

We hope you can join us in the celebrations!

Feel free to share this invitation