



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

On Wednesday the 18th November a wonderful celebration of student achievement took place at the annual Gillespie-Upton Rotary Awards, sponsored by the Greensborough Rotary Club. Each year, for over 30 years now, Greensborough Rotary sponsors 'The Rotary Award' for a student at each year level and the criteria for this is to be outstanding in scholastic, sporting, leadership and community service areas of College life. In 2015 we have had a large number of students nominated by staff at every year level and again the task of choosing just one 'stand out' has proved to be very difficult at each level. However, the six 2015 recipients are outstanding examples of individual and collective achievement and they are:

Year 7: Mackie Scales
Year 8: Kierley Green
Year 9: Katherine Smith
Year 10: Zachariah Dennaoui
Year 11: Madison Carroll
Year 12: Jessica Ryan

The awards ceremony was attended by the students, parents, grandparents and family members, Assistant Principal, Mark Lohrey, Sub-School Leaders, Bronwyn Mackey and Sonia Culcasi and myself. This achievement is a very significant marker in the school life of these impressive students. We are extremely proud of our six Rotary Award winners and in 2015

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SWAP SHOP

THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER, 2015

6.30pm-8.00pm



Congratulations to the six students who are the recipients of the 2015 Greensborough Rotary's Gillespie-Upton Awards.

Pictured (left to right) Mr Francis Acquah (President of Rotary Club of Greensborough) Allan Robinson (Principal), Kierley Green (Year 8 Recipient), Jessica Ryan (Year 12 Recipient), Katherine Smith (Year 9 Recipient), Zach Dennaoui (Year 10 Recipient), Mackie Scales (Year 7 Recipient) and Madison Carroll (Year 11 Recipient).

they have set an amazing benchmark for others at the College.

We congratulate and commend them as outstanding and thoroughly deserving young citizens. I would now like to share with our community their citations from the awards ceremony:

JESSICA RYAN – YEAR 12
Since Jessica commenced at Montmorency Secondary

College in Year 7 in 2010 her life as a student at the College has been both active and engaging. As President of the Interact Club Jessica has attended many Interact functions and assisted with several fundraisers, raising money for those less fortunate. She has participated in the Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal, baked over 400 brownies for

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the College fundraiser for those affected by the Nepal earthquakes and she also organised donations for the Interact book charity. Jessica was also instrumental in the organisation, set up and running of the College 1920s Speak Easy fundraising night this year. As an exceptional young leader, Jessica was chosen to represent the College in the YLead Leadership Conference.

Jessica's philanthropic work did not stop with Interact. She also raised in excess of \$700 with the Banyule City Council for charity. She participated, and contributed to, the Relay for Life. She also helped raise awareness for the education of all young women through the organisation, One Girl. When it comes to raising money for those in need, Jessica knows no boundaries. She even dressed up as the Easter Bunny during the Relay for Life walk and handed out chocolates to all the participants as a token of her generous nature. But there is more to Jessica than just her charity work. Jessica is also a very talented musical performer. She excelled in her role as Nancy in the College musical production, *Oliver!* last year. She is the soprano sectional leader in the College choir. She performs at many College functions, such as the Year 12 Graduation and in our annual House Off competitions. She was also awarded the College book prize for her achievements in music performance. Despite being so busy, Jessica also finds time to help some of her fellow music students study and complete

assignments and to recruit students for the choir and encourage others to share in her love of music.

Jessica has now completed her secondary schooling and she will no doubt move onto bigger and better things. We are certain her charity work will continue and we wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

MADISON CARROLL – YEAR 11

Madison played an integral leadership role at Montmorency Secondary College in 2015. She willingly undertook positions of responsibility and provided a positive role model to her peers.

Madison has been an active participant in the school community. She played a pivotal role in the Interact Club and assisted the smooth running of the committee.

Madison was also a Senior Leader of the SRC. In this role she contributed to:

- Primary School Leadership days
- Open Night as a tour guide,
- Charity events such as
- Relay for Life
- Speaking at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service (2014) and school assemblies.
- As Diamond House Captain, Madison assisted with the organisation of House Off, House Athletics

and House Swimming (as well as competing herself).

Madison's leadership skills extend to coaching netball at a community level as well as juggling a part-time job at McDonalds.

Madison's leadership qualities have been recognized by the school community with the outstanding honor of being awarded one of the School Captains for 2016.

ZACH DENNAOUI – YEAR 10

Zac has been an active SRC member over his four years at Montmorency Secondary College. In 2015 Zac was the Darebin House Senior School Captain. He performed excellently in this role and provided great leadership within his house. As a house leader, Zac has assisted with the organization of House Off and the Athletics and Swimming Carnivals.

Zac has been an active participant in the school community. He has participated in activities such the Interact Club, which creates events to fundraise for various charities.

As a member of the SRC, Zac contributed to a number of programs and initiatives. These have included:

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- Primary School Leadership days
- Open Night as a tour guide,
- Charity events such as Relay for Life and Light the Night
- East Timor fundraising dinner
- Spoke at School Assemblies – eg the Year 9 Camp

Zac has been a keen and consistent contributor at the College despite his considerable and complex health challenges, which he has dealt with stoically.

The Senior School Team wish to recognize the outstanding efforts and positive approach that Zac has demonstrated towards both his studies and his co-curricula activities at the College.

Congratulations Zac!

KATHERINE SMITH – YEAR 9

Katherine arrived at Montmorency Secondary College three years ago with a positive attitude and high expectations for her secondary school experience. The last three years have been a tribute to her dedication to the college values of Friendship, Trust, Achievement, Courage and Happiness. However, it is the sixth value that Katherine most clearly exemplifies: Teamwork. In her role as Team Captain **and Facilitator of the College's** Tournament of Minds team, her outstanding sense of organisation and inspiration caused her to be greatly admired by the younger participants.

Katherine's academic standing

is very strong, demonstrating a particular strength in English as evidenced by her participation in the Challenge extension program.

However, Katherine's contributions to the College in only three short years were infinitely more far-reaching, as an active participant in a range of school activities. Katherine stands as an extraordinary example of what a young woman can achieve in a short span of time.

Katherine is a true leader when it comes to the critical thinking skills which we value so highly at Montmorency Secondary College and we eagerly anticipate her contributions over the coming years.

KIERLEY GREEN – YEAR 8

Kierley Green has been a member of the Montmorency Secondary College community for two years and has been a most active student participant since her arrival. She eagerly joined the Student Representative Council and has participated in the Primary School Leadership days having an opportunity to work with younger students in the community. Kierley has represented the College as a tour guide for the 2015 Open day and night and has been involved in the inter school sports program.

In 2014, Kierley was an important cast member of the **school production 'Oliver'**, working with over 50 students from year 7 to 12 and

presenting to over 1000 primary school students, complementing the work she did as a member of her primary school choir. Kierley is currently a Middle School House Captain and in 2014 received an Academic Excellence Award at the **College's Awards night in front** of all members of the College community, displaying outstanding College values.

When not involved in the wide range of school activities, Kierley undertakes calisthenics, where she is not only a team member, but also a class helper **for the 'tinies'**. Kierley is conscientious in her work with charities, not only for the school community but also in the wider community where she participates in bike rides for a variety of charities.

Congratulations Kierley on receiving the Year 8 Rotary Award for 2015.

MACKIE SCALES – YEAR 7

In her first year at Montmorency Secondary College Mackie has impressed her teachers, coordinators and peers who have known her to be a positive and enthusiastic member of the school and wider community.

Mackie has taken on an important leadership role amongst her peers as a very active member of the Student Representative Council. During her time in this role, Mackie has participated in the Thinking Carnival and Primary School Leadership Days and running

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leadership activities with groups of primary school students from local schools. Additionally, Mackie participated in the Relay for Life at Willinda Park. She also acted as a tour guide at the Montmorency Secondary College Open Night for prospective students and their parents.

Mackie has participated in many extra-curricular activities, including school sports. I am very aware of this as I coached her in our Year 7 Girls Basketball team this year and she is a brilliant point-guard. Mackie also acted as a **waitress at the Interact Club's** 1920s night, dancing in the State School Spectacular and also the annual Montmorency Secondary College House Off. Mackie is also a violinist in the Montmorency Secondary College School Band.

In addition to her school-based activities, Mackie is in a number of sporting clubs outside the school. She plays in the representative and domestic sides for the Eltham Wildcats Basketball Club, Warrandyte Netball Club and the Montmorency Football Club.

Mackie has proven throughout the year what a valuable member of the school community she is. We look forward to seeing her participate in many more events that strengthen her leadership skills and benefit the wider community.

Regards,
Allan Robinson
Principal

SWAP SHOP

3rd December, 2015

Parents are advised that Swap Shop is on Thursday 3rd December, 2015 from 6.30pm – 8.00pm. 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 C-Block classrooms, with entry via the Dobson Road 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.

If you have any queries please contact Heather Douglas (Student Welfare Coordinator) or Lisa Ball (Business Manager)

TERM 4 AT A GLANCE

Monday 16th November to Thursday 19th November	2016 Year 11 & 12 Orientation
Tuesday 24th November	2016 Year 7 Information Night
Wednesday 25th November	College Council Meeting 7.30pm
Friday 27th November	Music Primary School Transition Tour
Monday 30th November to Friday 11th December	Head Start for Years 7, 8 and 9
Friday 11th December	Year 9 Activity Day Year 9 Reports Last Day for Year 9 Students
Monday 14th December	Year 12 Results to Students Year 7 & 8 End of Year Excursions
Thursday 17th December	2015 Awards Evening 7.00pm
Friday 18th December	Term 4 Ends



D Grade Montmorency 1 Debating Team

Pictured (left to right) Imogen Prictor, Jack Penrose and Solveig Prictor

On Wednesday, 14th October, the D Grade *Montmorency 1* team, comprising Imogen and Solveig Prictor and Jack Penrose, competed in the semi-finals of the Debating Association of Victoria Competition. This tight-knit team of Year 8 students, who are in their second year of debating, had won the four other rounds of the Finals series, with debates following on a weekly basis, making for a very hectic Term 3 and start of Term 4. They were amongst the remaining four teams, of 880 state-wide teams enrolled in the D Grade level (students from Years 7 – 9) when they debated students from Haileybury College at Sacre Coeur on the topic that *“we should compel all welfare recipients, who are able, to work in jobs allocated to them by the government”*.

Both the Quarter-Final and Semi-Final debates had three adjudicators and the winner needed to score a win from at least 2 or 3 of these adjudicators.

Despite a sterling performance, with some arguments that would do a political economist proud, our team scored an outright win from only one of the three adjudicators – thereby being defeated by the team from Haileybury College.

I know I speak for all who have attended the 10 debates in which this particular team have participated over the year, when I say that these three students truly did our school proud. The teamwork and perseverance they showed in getting their speeches done, tackling challenging topics that required a lot of research in a very short period of time and juggling their many other commitments, was a credit to them. The support they received from their parents, both with assisting with editing speeches, listening to them rehearse and coming along to support them at each debate was much appreciated. It has been a

wonderful journey and they are to be congratulated on their success.

Finally, special thanks to the parents and to colleagues, Caitlin Penrose, Kerryn Murray and Mathew Dean for your support throughout the year. Thanks, especially, to Caitlin and Kerryn for making the Finals series a real team effort, with assistance in researching and helping the students to prepare their speeches.

Cathy Dunstan
Debating Coordinator

ARTS ALIVE 2015

Once again, **Arts Alive** has rocked Monty's socks off with a jam-packed week of art festivities! On Monday 26th October we had the Music Performance Night. Our principal, Allan Robinson, welcomed everyone and also made mention that we say farewell to many year 12 students who have participated in the music program since they were in year 7. These students are: Jessica Ryan, Jayden Stone, William Martin, Max Dowell, Anthony Kotsopoulous, Stefan Nardella, Sam Edwards, Brad Johnston and Jaslyn Cunningham.

The concert was a busy and vibrant celebration of the varied and quality music presented. All the students were impressive in their presentation, with performances of music from the classical to pop and rock to funk. From strings and saxophone ensembles, duets and solos playing 'Uptown Funk' and 'Carnival of Venice' to large groups such as the Stage Band playing 'Birdland' among many others.

Then, on Tuesday 27th October, we had the opening of the Art Exhibition and Awards Night, showcasing a superb range of work from our Art, Visual Communication Design, Technology and Photography students. Local artist Phillip Howe opened the event and Allan Robinson presented certificates and awards to our Primary School Competition finalists and winners. The crowd also enjoyed a delicious range of tasty treats produced by our Food Technology teachers and students. On Wednesday night we had the Drama Performance night, finishing off a wonderful week with spirited performances by all our Year 7 Drama students.

Big congratulations to all the finalists and winners of our Arts awards, to our Primary School Competition finalists and winners, and to ALL students who participated in the Arts Alive events. What a great week!

Also, a big thank you to all the staff who helped to make these events happen.

Claire Mooney
Art & Ceramics Faculty Leader



LOTE NEWS

Students studying Japanese and French participated in an Assessment of Language Competence in August.

Congratulations to all students who participated, with particular attention going to the following students who achieved High Distinctions, Distinctions and Credits:

Lachlan Parker, Morgan De Man, Shoma Ikehata, Keeley Rushton, Victoria Mitchell, Georgia Shering, John Gasper, Indiana Murphy, Ellie Davis and Alaska Nixon.

Once again, well done!

Mayumi Yokoe

Japanese Coordinator

UNIFORM SHOP

During the recent fire at the College, the Academy Uniform Shop, which operates from our College grounds, was damaged and consequently has now been closed indefinitely.

As a result, all uniform purchases can only be made from Academy's Thomastown store at 238 Wolseley Place, Thomastown.

Telephone orders can also be placed with the store and items will be delivered to the College on Friday of each week which can then be collected from the General Office.

For further information, or any enquiries about College uniform purchases, please contact Academy Uniforms on 9460 8011.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

clk2sell app – a fast way for parents to buy and sell second hand uniforms.

Last year State Schools' Relief launched clk2sell – a smartphone solution to buy and sell second-hand school uniforms. With the new term and season change, it's a great time to upload and sell those unwanted uniform items.

Close to 100 schools are now using the app - saving time and money. State Schools' Relief is encouraging more schools and parents to get on board to reap the benefits. "Parents have saved 50-70 per cent", said State Schools' Relief CEO, Stephen Isles.

By being able to purchase uniforms at a reduced price can allow children to wear the appropriate uniform and in turn gain the confidence to attend school without feeling embarrassed.

Hear about how the clk2sell app works and the benefits experienced by parents and schools already using the app. [Watch the clk2sell video.](#) By the end of this month clk2sell will be expanding its functionality to include musical instruments and text books. Stay tuned for more information.

For more information about this resource go to www.clk2sell.com or email info@clk2sell.com.

MIDDLE SCHOOL END OF YEAR ACTIVITY DAYS

Year 9 – Friday 11th December

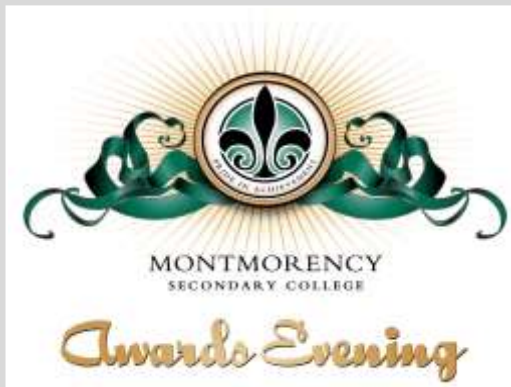
All students will walk from Montmorency Secondary College to Greensborough Plaza to view a movie at Hoyts Cinema. They will have lunch at Greensborough and then return to school unless **written permission to do otherwise is provided before** the 11th December.

Year 8 – Monday 14th December

Students will be travelling by bus to Fun City, Sunshine and return to school by approximately 3:00pm. The cost for the day is \$38:00. Students may bring their own lunch or purchase it at the venue.

Year 7 – Monday 14th December

Students will be travelling by bus to Luna Park, St.Kilda and return to school by approximately 3:00pm. The cost for the day is \$38:00. Students may bring their own lunch or purchase it at the venue.



Montmorency Secondary College will once again be hosting its
annual
Awards Evening on

Thursday 17th December, 2015
7.00pm at the
Planetshakers Centre
360 Main Road, Lower Plenty

The Awards will honour students' achievements in the areas of
Academia, Sport, Leadership and Citizenship.



Looking for the perfect Christmas gift? A beautiful tree?
Come and join us at the Twilight Market, a joint fundraiser for
1st Greenhills Scout Group and Greenhills Playgroup.

Where: Scout Hall, Community Drive Greensborough
When: Friday 4th December, from 4-9pm

BBO, cake stall, Christmas tree sales & plenty of gift ideas!

For enquires and stall bookings ring John 0431 030 202

STUDENTS TRAVELLING ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Students aged 17 and over are required to obtain a Victoria Public Transport (VPT) Student Concession Card in order to continue using their concession Myki. Application forms are available from any Metro premium station or online. Click on this link for more information - [concession card](#).

Students must carry a valid concession card when travelling on public transport.

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 six 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 six 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



Alexander and Bridget Jones

Montmorency Secondary College

2016 Scholarship

Going to the University of Melbourne in 2016?

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)
Eligibility	To be eligible, the following criteria must be met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have graduated from Montmorency Secondary College in either 2015 or in 2014 (taken a gap year) • Must have received a Letter of Offer from The University of Melbourne to commence a full-time undergraduate degree in 2016 (in an approved Australian course) • Must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident • Must be a first-time, first year undergraduate in 2016 (first attendance at an Australian University) • Should be able to demonstrate community involvement • Should be academically motivated
Nationality	Australian citizen or permanent resident
Applications open	1 December 2015
Applications close	25 January 2016
How to apply	Please visit www.bendigoandadelaidebank.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 2015. 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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Auditions

Do you want the opportunity to work with some of Australia's best-known industry experts?



We are seeking students who can sing, dance, play an instrument, beat box, scratch, pop, lock, roller blade or even rap for the Principal Cast of the VSSS16, to be performed at Hisense Arena in September.

Participation is free.

Performing Arts Unit,
Department of Education
and Training (03) 9415 1700



www.facebook.com/performingartsunit

To register for an audition visit
www.cvent.com/d/rrqghq

Students are encouraged to register before November 20.

Auditions will be held during November and December 2015.

You could be the next star of VSSS16!



GREENSBOROUGH

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Montmorency Secondary College are supporting the
Salvation Army Appeal

Please contribute canned food in Home Group before
Friday 4th December

There will be a prize awarded to the most generous class

CHRISTMAS



FOOD



APPEAL

