



FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

1 May, 2015 Newsletter No. 4

Welcome back to Montmorency Secondary College for term two. This term, our Principal is on leave and while he is away both Mr Mark Lohrey and I will be sharing the role of Acting Principal. We also welcome Mr Glenn Blackmore, who will be in the role of Acting Assistant Principal throughout the term.

On the 28th to the 29th of March, students and staff, together with many families, attended the Cancer Council Relay for Life. It was a wonderful commitment to such a worthy cause, one that has often touched the lives of so many people in our families and community. We had 217 team members at the event and we raised over \$9,000 for the Cancer Council. Congratulations to our student leaders and the school community for their organization of and participation in this major event.

The term has started on a positive note, with the State and National swimming competitions occurring on the 14th and 15th of April. We had James Hone and Lachlan Morris attend the State swimming competition and Jessica Adams,



Teagan Chakar



Vicki Ward, Zoe Liberona, Ruby Panozzo, Tully Scales, Clara Rocca

Lachlan Morris and Jamie Kuhn attend the National swimming competitions. You can read more about this in the newsletter from our sport coordinator, Mr Bruce Collins.

Montmorency Secondary College also congratulates Teagan Chakar who gained a place within the level 8 Victorian womens' artistic gymnastics team. Teagan will now attend the high performance centre, where she will undertake a grueling training regime to prepare for the next competition to be held on the 24th of June in Queensland. We are all impressed and proud of Teagan's wonderful achievements so far and wish her the best of luck.

On the 14th of April, our local Member of Parliament, the Honourable Vicki Ward, wore a Montmorency Secondary College dress in Parliament to raise awareness for OneGirl, a charity that seeks to educate girls in Africa. In Parliament, Vicki Ward congratulated our organising committee of Ruby Panozzo, Zoe Liberona and Tully Scales for their

outstanding work with the OneGirl charity event, which saw the staff and students (even the boys) don a school dress for the day. On Friday the 17th of April, Vicki Ward also came to the College to present Ruby Panozzo with the 'Pauline Toner' award. This prestigious award is given in memory of Pauline Therese Toner (16 March 1935 - 3 March 1989), who was the first female cabinet minister in the Victorian Parliament.

Finally, on the 21st of April we held our annual Montmorency College Open Day. This event is an important, major event for the College because it gives us an opportunity to showcase the wonderful school we have to offer to prospective students and their families. Yet again, there was an outstanding turn out for the event, with numbers well exceeding our expectations. Our students and staff were superb, with some acting as tour guides and other as major speakers. A big thank-you to our College captains, who ran and spoke on the evening and

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also to Sarah Streat (year seven) and Cooper Houghton (year nine) on behalf of Devon Noons (year 7), who both had major speaking roles. Our student leaders were tour guides for the guests and they were informative and confident young individuals, who displayed true commitment and leadership qualities.

On Friday the 24th of April, Montmorency Secondary College commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing at ANZAC cove by holding a whole college assembly and attending a medallion ceremony at Petrie Park in Montmorency.

The whole school assembly was one of the most moving we have had as a College, a fitting tribute to this special anniversary. Miss Kerry Murray prepared a heartfelt video presentation, which showed interviews with Montmorency students and staff explaining what ANZAC day means to them. A wreath was laid on the stage in the gym, while

our very own Mr Campbell Wilson played the bagpipes. It was a serene feeling as the whole school participated in a minute of silence.

The medallion ceremony saw more than 600 students from a number of local schools receive a medallion to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing. The presentation of the medallions was based on the presentation of medallions to Gallipoli veterans in 1957. One of our College captains, James Hone, had a major role in this event and was chosen to be the Master of Ceremonies. James also read aloud a major piece about the significance of ANZAC day.

Congratulations to James for his confident presentation and for being such an outstanding ambassador for the College.

On ANZAC day, many of our students, their parents and College staff also attended the dawn service in Eltham. Our College captains, James Hone, Abbey Bullen, Ruby Houghton and

Morgan de Man represented the College by placing flags and laying a wreath at the cenotaph. Later in the morning out students also participated in the Montmorency RSL ANZAC day march, where our students and staff laid a wreath and joined the march.

Our annual College athletics carnival was held on Thursday the 30th of April at Willinda Park. Yet again it was an extremely successful day, with a number of students participating in various events and a colourful array of costumes worn by students in their house colours. Congratulations to all students and staff who were involved and a special thank-you to our sports co-ordinator, Mr Bruce Collins, who put in many hours of work on the day and in preparation to make it such a successful event.

Clara Rocca
Acting Principal



**Montmorency RSL ANZAC Day
Cooper Houghton, Macy Houghton &
Chloe Giles**



**Jagajaga Schools Anzac Centenary Commemorative Service
Friday 24th April, 2015
Master of Ceremonies—James Hone, College Captain
Bagpipes—Teacher, Campbell Wilson**



TERM 2 AT A GLANCE

Wed 6th May	School Council Meeting—7:30pm
18th—22nd May	Year 10 Work Experience
Tues 2nd June	Curriculum Day
Wed 3rd June	Whole School Assembly
Fri 5th June	Report Writing Day
Mon 8th June	Queen's Birthday
Wed 10th June	School Council Meeting—7:30pm
15th—19th June	Year 11 Exams
15th—19th June	Year 9 City School—Week 1
22nd—26th June	Year 9 City School—Week 2
19th—26th June	Year 10 Exams
Fri 26th June	Last Day of Term—Finish 1:22pm

2015 VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR

Hi, I'm Clara and I'm one of the girls involved in the Victorian State School Spectacular.

There are 20 Year seven and eight girls who are representing Montmorency Secondary College in the Victorian State School Spectacular.

We have been to two major practices which are held at the stadium next to Diamond Creek East Primary School and Diamond Valley College. We practice every Tuesday at lunchtime in the Gymnasium.

Our dance instructors are, Deon and Hara. We have completed about 4 dances out of the 10 or so.

The other high schools that we have our major practices with are, Greensborough College and Charles Latrobe College. The primary schools are, Diamond Creek East, Charles Latrobe College (P-12), Hurstbridge, Watsonia and Rosanna.

The theme of the whole event is, Stories.

The songs we are performing to are;

Callin' All Hearts, DJ Cassidy

Don't You Worry Child, Swedish House Mafia, Wishing On A Star, Beverlei Brown

Take On Me, A-Ha, Am I Wrong, Nico and Vinz, I Wish, Patti LaBelle.

There are two performances; the first is a matinee the second, in the evening. The event will be held on the 12th of September. I am really looking forward to it. It will be a great event to watch so either come and watch it live or watch it on the TV!

Clara Breese



MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE SCHOOL TOURS

Small group tours and information sessions are being conducted at the College throughout May. Tours are capped in size to ensure each participant has a personalised tour. If you are considering enrolling your son or daughter at Montmorency Secondary College we warmly invite you to join us on a tour to see our College in action.

Bookings for College tours can now be made online via the College website

www.montysc.vic.edu.au

Please allow one ticket per person (adult or child) attending.

If you need to cancel or change a booking please contact the General Office on 9422 1500. Bookings can also be made through the General Office.

**Tuesday 2nd June,
2015**

***Curriculum Day
Student Free Day***

Friday 5th June, 2015

***Report Writing Day
Student Free Day***

Monday 8th June, 2015

***Queen's Birthday
Public Holiday
College Closed***

Let's Move for a Better World 2015@ WaterMarc The Campaign – 2 to 22 March 2015



Students Jack Penrose and Morgan de Man being presented by WaterMarc and Technogym staff.

During the month of March WaterMarc competed in the Let's Move for a Better World Campaign promoted by Technogym, dedicated to fitness facilities encouraging people to become more active in order to make a difference to their community. WaterMarc nominated Montmorency Secondary College as their partner school and thanks to the efforts of their members and the College community, WaterMarc achieved second place throughout Australia. This means that the College receives \$10,000 worth of gym equipment. Thank you to all staff, students and families who were involved in this challenge, and to WaterMarc for nominating us as their partner school.

WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School survey is an annual survey for Years 5 to 12 students offered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's experience at school.

Students in Year 7 to 12 will participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at the College over the period Monday 20th April to Friday 1st May. The survey only takes 15 – 20 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of July. Last year we used the survey results as one of our feedback sources whilst constructing our new four year Strategic Plan (2015 – 2019). The College will also use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

Please feel free to contact the College Accountability and Review Leader, Andrew Burt, (burt.andrew.j@edumail.vic.gov.au) if you would like more information.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Cancer patients when diagnosed are left feeling hopeless, they can be told that they do not have long to live or that their life will completely change from that moment. Cancer is a horrible illness which shatters the hope of many, but when money is donated for cancer research and the support of patients, their life is turned around onto the road to recovery with hope back in their hearts, and that is exactly what our school has done for cancer patients and their families.

On the 28th to the 29th of March, Monty students, teachers and family came along to make the Cancer Council's Relay for life of 2015 one to remember. Walking around the track from 1pm on Saturday until 10am on the Sunday with spirit and enthusiasm dressed as superheroes, our team really did fight back against cancer.

The Incredibles, Spiderman, Superman, Captain Cancer Destroyer and many more made an appearance as we made our way onto the track for the relay that saves lives. Along with drawing a lot of attention, our team sold cookies and brownies made by students, and glow sticks at our tent to help raise even more for this great cause. A highlight for some was definitely the photo booth, which was open to all of the teams and run by us, giving people a photo strip to remember their time at Relay.

With 217 team members at the event and the participation in the Easter Scavenger Hunt, we were able to raise over \$9,000 for the Cancer Council. This is yet another outstanding effort from our school as we continue to make an impact in our community. We would like to thank everyone who participated and helped make this year's Relay for Life so incredible.



MONTY STUDENTS AT 2015 NMR, STATE AND NATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Monty students have represented our College with distinction at three recent Championship Swimming events, culminating in three State Championship titles, one third place at State, and a fourth place at Nationals.

Earlier in Term One the Monty Swimming Team competed against the schools of the local District and seven of our students qualified to progress to the Northern Zone Finals in eleven individual events and one relay.

The Northern Zone Finals were held at WaterMarc in Greensborough during the last week of Term One and, as always at this level of competition, the atmosphere was a buzz all day with anticipation and excitement. The competition was of a very high standard and at stake was selection for State Championships with only the first place-getter of each event going through.

James Hone easily outclassed the field in each of his three races (200m Freestyle, 100m Fly and 400m Free), and Lachlan Morris comfortably won two events (100m and 50m Breaststroke) and was just nudged into second place in the 200m Individual Medley. Sarah Street swam strongly with excellent technique to achieve a second place in the 50m Breaststroke, third in the 50m Freestyle, fourth in the 50m Backstroke, and sixth in the 50m Butterfly. In each of her races, Sarah was highly competitive to finish very close to the winners, and is very likely to improve on her placings in the future. Connor Fyffe also swam very strongly to achieve fifth place in the 50m Breaststroke and is also likely to be an important member of our swimming team in future years. Finally, four of our girls, Sarah Street, Keely Gray, Indiana Murphy and Mackinley Scales, competed in the 4 x 50m Freestyle relay for sixth place. Congratulations to each of our students for qualifying to swim at Northern Zone, and then, for competing with such endeavour. Montmorency Secondary College was also well represented on the pool deck with two of our parents, Martin Hone and Ken Collins officiating.



James Hone & Lachlan Morris

On Wednesday 15th April, the State Championships were held in the outdoor pool at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. Congratulations to James Hone who won each of his three races (Open 200m Freestyle, Open 100m Butterfly, and Open 400m Freestyle). Congratulations also to Lachlan Morris who also swam very strongly to achieve third in the 100m Breaststroke and fourth in the 50m Breaststroke. Again Montmorency Secondary College was well-represented on the pool deck with Martin Hone and myself officiating.

During the week from 13th to 20th April, three of our students attended the 2015 National Swimming Age Championships held at Homebush in Sydney. To qualify to enter this competition, each of our students, Jessica Adams, Jamie Kuhn and Lachlan Morris, had to achieve minimum times in their events at previous qualifying competitions, a major achievement in itself. To compete in each event involves heats, semi-finals and then a final.

Congratulations to Jessica Adams who achieved a fourth place in the 200m Backstroke event. She also achieved 12th in the 100m Backstroke, 17th in the 400m Freestyle, 18th in the 200m Freestyle and 22nd in the 200m Butterfly events. Lachlan Morris swam a personal best time to achieve 23rd in the 200m Breaststroke and Jamie Kuhn achieved 46th in the 100m Breaststroke. These wonderful results at the National Championships were hard-earned with many hours of training over several years by each of these dedicated young athletes and we congratulate each of them on achieving these high standards in their sport.

It has been a genuine privilege to accompany our students on this swimming odyssey and we look forward to seeing our swimming team in action again next year.

Bruce Collins
Sport Coordinator

SENIOR BOYS BASEBALL

The senior boys' baseball team triumphed at the **Northern Region Finals** to advance to the **State Finals** on the 26th of May. Monty won each of the three games and all boys made significant contributions in achieving these victories. However, special mention must go to Christian Snelson, who found his range and accuracy right from the start to pitch consistently well all day. The team also uncovered another prospective pitcher, when Jason Bentley had a go at pitching and performed very well. Travis Lambert gave other team members some excitement when he unleashed some powerful hitting to score 6 runs.



Well done to all team members for their well-deserved victory, as they have sacrificed many lunchtimes to train for this success.

MATCH RESULTS:

Monty 10 def Mill Park 8, Monty 10 def Viewbank 5, Monty 10 def Roxburgh 0

SCORERS:

Travis Lambert 6 runs	Dylan Kane 5 runs	Shoma Ikehata 6 runs	Christian Snelson 3 runs
Jackson Jones 2 runs	Jason Bentley 1 run	Mitch Harris 2 runs	Mayson Hoverd 1 run
Keenan Shantz 3 runs,	Matt Smith 2 runs		

Graham Anderson
Coach

SENIOR GIRLS RUNNERS UP AT NMR TENNIS FINAL

On Friday 17th April, Olivia Dwyer, Claire Hone, Mikayla Johnson and Carrington Van Eeken travelled to Boroondara Tennis Centre to compete in the Northern Metropolitan Zone Tennis Final. The team played consistently well to win all their games in their pool, but unfortunately met a better team in the final to finish as runners up for the day. Well done girls on a very good performance representing our school at a NMR final.

Mr Collins
Sport Coordinator



CAREERS NEWS

Year 10 Work Experience- Year 10 Work Experience is upon us very soon. From 18th to 22nd May, all of our year 10 students will spend the week with an employer of their choice, learning about the skills and attitudes required for success in the world of work. Work experience is an “observation” exercise and apart from basic, supervised tasks, the students should not be required to be productive for the employer.

If your child has not yet organised his/her Work Experience, time is now very short and he/she must see the careers coordinator immediately for further guidance. **During the Work Experience week, there will be no Year 10 program running,** this is because Year 10 teachers will be required to visit Work Experience students in lieu of their Year 10 classes. **Any students who need to attend school because they have not organised their work experience will be supervised in classes with other year levels.**

Year 12 Careers interviews. All Year 12s are now undertaking their careers interviews of approximately 30 mins. This is an opportunity for staff and students to discuss course and career directions and to make sure plans are in place for successful VTAC and other application processes towards the end of the year. All Year 12 students should have made their appointment with the careers adviser. There is a booking sheet in the front foyer of the Year 12 Study Centre.

MIPS online for years 7 to 12. All students from Years 7 to 12 have been registered with MIPS Online which is a facility by which students can manage their own individual pathways towards transition from school to work or further education. Although the middle school years may seem a little early to be thinking about careers, the aim is not to be making decisions, but to begin the process of knowing one’s strengths, weaknesses and possible goals. All students in the senior school must have a MIPS plan as directed by the Department of Education. This process makes it easier for students to manage and take control of their own MIPS plans. MIPS online is accessible at any time, in or out of school at www.mipsonline.com.au/montysc . All students have an account already set up and can be accessed and edited at any time. For further information, please contact the careers teacher.

Borneo Information Evening

Are you currently in Yr9-11 and interested in coming on the 2016 Borneo Expedition? This is an opportunity for you to work with orang utans, swim with elephants and explore the cities, jungles, rivers, coral reefs and mountains of one of the most diverse countries in Asia. An information evening will be held on 13 May at 7pm in the staff room. You need to attend with a parent if you would like to come.

Please see Mr Eyre for further information



Leukaemia Foundation

**WORLD'S
GREATEST
SHAVE**

BE BRAVE
& SHAVE!



IT'S SHAVE TIME AGAIN!

The Interact Club will be running its annual 'Shave for a Cure' fundraising activity in support of the Leukaemia Foundation on Monday 1st June, 2015. Last year we raised just over \$4000 and hope to exceed that total.

We ask all students to sign up with the school to at least colour their hair if not game to have a number one haircut and get family and friends to sponsor them.

Sponsorship forms will be available from the front office early next week.

Please join by getting a form from the General Office NOT ONLINE

BE BRAVE AND SHAVE



LOTE NEWS

French and Japanese Language Homework Club

Starting in Term 2, we will be running a combined French and Japanese Homework Club on Mondays after school. Anyone is welcome to attend. There will be a French and a Japanese teacher on duty for each of the sessions to help you with any of your language work.

The sessions will run in A2 from 3:20 to 4:15 pm as follows:

4th May	18th May
1st June	15th June

Hoping to see you there.

Kind regards from the Language Faculty

Japan Festival

Sunday 17th May, 2015
10am-5pm

Box Hill Town Hall and Box Hill TAFE

Entry Fee \$5.00 [free for children up to grade 6]
or people in Kimono or yukata

Lots of performances and exhibitions

See the website for further details:

<http://www.jcv-au.org/japanfestival/>



'What's On'

“FLIPPING THE LID” On the Adolescence Brain



A short session designed to assist parents and carers to:

- Understand and manage adolescent changes, development and emotional responses
- Help your young person deal with negative emotions
- Understand why adolescents think differently to adults
- Develop strategies for talking with your teenager
- Manage conflict, stress and anxiety

When: Monday 18th May, 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

Where: Nillumbik Health, 917 Main Rd, Eltham. 3095

RSVP: Thursday 14th May. PH: 9430 9100 (Numbers are limited)

Cost: \$27.50 Per Person \$15.00 for Health Care Card holders

Facilitated by Rosalyn Sandwell and Luke Mitchell, who have a combined experience of over 40 years working with young people and their families as educators, counsellors, youth workers, case managers and group facilitators.



Community Forum

TO ALL PARENTS, PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS, SCHOOL CHAPLAINS, WELFARE COORDINATORS, COMMUNITY SECTOR & MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

You are invited to a Community Forum to be held at the Salvation Army, 2 Flodden Way, Briar Hill, on Monday 18 May 2015 at 7pm to discuss the current crisis many families are facing with back to school expenses. The Salvation Army and other community Support Services are currently providing assistance with food and basic essentials to families unable to pay for school books, uniforms, fees, and associated costs. The situation has been escalating for some years, and we are now in a position where families are making the choice to buy food or pay for school books.

We understand that the government is not in a position to increase funding to parents for school related expenses. Schools are also strapped for cash. The Community Support sector is not in a position to provide funding to the levels required to make any meaningful difference. So where do we go from here?

Can we come together as a community and discuss some options?

Vicki Ward, State Member for Eltham, and Anthony Carbines, State Member for Ivanhoe have agreed to be part of this. The parents in our community need a place to be heard. If you are also concerned and would be willing to listen and/or contribute, please RSVP to Julie 9432 1961 by 13 May 2015.

**The Salvation Army
Greensborough
Flodden Way, Briar Hill 3088.
Mel: 21C2**

**RSVP: JULIE 9432 1961 or Narelle
AdminGreensborough@aus.salvationarmy.org**