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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



The Honourable Jenny Macklin, MP, joined our Year 12 Legal Studies class and their teacher, Rebecca Culnane, and gave an insightful presentation about constitutional law and law reforms.

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

On the first day of Term 2, our Year 12 Legal Studies class and their teacher, Rebecca Culnane, were paid a visit by The Honorable Jenny Macklin, MP, Federal Member for Jagajaga and Shadow Minister for Families and Social Services. Jenny joined the class and gave a very insightful presentation on the development and review of constitutional law and law reforms. She also answered student's questions on the operations of Parliament. This was a very helpful visit for our students as in the following lessons they were to complete a SAC on constitutional law.

Jenny is the longest serving female Federal Parliamentarian in Australia and has been a great supporter of our College for many years.

In the last week of Term 1, we held our annual Student Progress Interview Days. This is the opportunity for parents and guardians to receive valuable feedback on the progress of their child's learning and school experience. This year we trialled the running on this event over two days and evenings, affording parents and teachers more time to discuss any relevant issues, concerns and learning strategies.

On Wednesday 15th March we held our 17th successive annual House Athletics Carnival at Willinda Park. The weather was

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good, but particularly hot. However, this did not deter our students and again we witnessed some amazing and creative costumes in House colours. Our students were highly competitive in most events and a lot of impressive teamwork and individual athletic talent was on display. Congratulations to all staff and students involved and a special thank you to Sports co-ordinator, Bruce Collins, who put in many hours of work on the day and in preparation to make it so cohesive. Also, a big thank you to the parents who attended to support this event and congratulations to Yarra House for their victory.

On Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th March our College celebrated its eighth year of involvement in the Cancer Council's *Relay for Life* community fundraising event. Our Montmorency Secondary College team had 180 active participants, and, at the end of the weekend, had raised more than \$7,600. Our student leaders and community were led by Leading Teacher, Kim Faulkner, who organised an impressive and committed team. Kim, together with student leaders, were responsible for leading this great effort, which resulted in achieving a 'research award' in our College name.

This year we have also asked for the award to be named and to honour the memory of former College parent, Robyn Jeffs, who sadly passed away last year. Robyn, the mother of Nick and Tom, was a great supporter of and advocate for our College. In 2016 Tom was the student leader who organised our highly successful team and fund raising efforts in *Relay for Life* and this is a very appropriate accolade for the Jeffs family. This year twenty of our senior students stayed overnight to ensure we were represented on the track at all times. As special thank you to staff members, Bronwyn Mackey, Michelle Clark, Deb Metcalfe, Kate Webb and Kerryn Robinson, who stayed during the night to supervise team members.

On ANZAC Day our College was very well represented by our students and staff at the Montmorency RSL commemorative service. More than 100 of our students, their parents and College staff paid their respects and attended the Montmorency March and Ceremony held at the Montmorency RSL in Petrie Park. At the ceremony, three of our College Captains, Ben McCluskey, Ruby Panizzo and Taleah Scopel presented and laid a wreath on behalf of the College. Impressively, Chloe Giles, was part of the ceremony and spoke to the audience of several thousand on 'The Meaning of ANZAC' and three of our Middle School Leaders, Cooper Houghton, Macy Houghton and Jack Penrose read the requiem.

Once again our SRC was well represented on the good Friday Appeal telecast. Five of our student leaders, (Ben McCluskey, Michaela Fernando, Jack Penrose, Cooper Houghton and Macy Houghton) were interviewed and presented a cheque for \$2,004.90, which had been raised for the Appeal from two casual clothes days, a scavenger hunt and a basketball competition.

On Monday 24th April our student leaders held another highly impressive Whole School Assembly. Highlights included a wonderful speech and presentation by our year 12 French exchange student, Maeva Verlhiac, who I believe won the hearts and admiration of all students and staff with her emotional and insightful reflections on her time at the College and the Monty culture she has enjoyed so much. Year 12 student, Grace Millers, also spoke of her exchange experience last year in Japan. Our special guest speaker at the assembly, Lisa Candia, was introduced by Sarah van Putten and Bronson Hill as a part of their Year 9 Endeavour Studies. Lisa is a volunteer from the *Share the Dignity* social justice project and she was very well received by our students. Also featured at the assembly were a report and presentations on the House Athletics, the Good Friday Royal Children's Hospital Appeal and the Breast Cancer Network of Australia fundraisers. The Assembly concluded with a wonderful presentation by Year 11 student, Chloe Giles, on what ANZAC Day means to her. Finally, teacher, Campbell Wilson, played the bagpipes and the requiem to respectfully end the assembly.

I would like to congratulate our Year 7 and Year 10 Student Leaders and also Junior School Leader, Sonia Culcasi for another inspirational annual 'Thinking Carnival' on Thursday 23rd March. More than 120 students from Lower Plenty, Sherbourne and Greensborough Primary Schools were involved. The teamwork, problem solving and creative thinking achieved by the students in their groups on the day was outstanding and vindicated the planning, hard work and efforts of all concerned. Impressively, we had 31 of our Year 7 and 21 of our Year 10 Student Leaders who facilitated the day under the guidance of our staff.

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On Tuesday 2nd May, we held our annual Open Day/Evening to showcase what Montmorency has to offer prospective students and families enrolling at the College. This proved to be a somewhat challenging, yet very exciting event this year due to our ‘building site status’ and I believe even more families were in attendance this year to inspect the College. We had an audience of 330 in the afternoon session followed by 350 plus in the evening. Our students and staff were superb ambassadors and the faculty displays and information provided was again highly impressive. All staff and our student leaders, speakers and helpers were true ambassadors and were informative and confident young individuals who displayed true commitment and leadership qualities. Once again, the success of our Open Day is also predicated on many hours of planning and commitment from all staff and ‘Pride in Achievement’ was certainly on display in abundance.

This term we have experienced a number of staffing changes brought about mainly by teachers taking Long Service Leave. Mary Curran, who is also our Year 10 Level Co-ordinator, is on leave this term and she has been replaced by Kathleen Fogarty, who has also previously worked at the College. Teacher, Tania Harle, is also on leave and she has been replaced by Anna Sangmeister. Junior School Leader, Sonia Culcasi, is also on leave and has been replaced by Alecia Kelly. For the first three weeks of this term, Year 7 Level Co-ordinator, Natalie McDonnell, was replaced by Tess Haycraft. Bronwyn Mackey, our Senior School Leader is also on leave for three weeks and has been replaced by Jill Hillier. Louise Valentini has also joined our staff as the new AV/Library Technician.

A number of our staff on leave have defined positions of responsibility and leadership roles within the College. In terms of our distributed leadership model this has created leadership opportunities for other teachers. Therefore, Belinda Bell has stepped into Year 10 Coordination, Gemma Seymour into Year 7 Coordination and Grant Dowler has taken on the head of Junior School role.

Regards,

Allan Robinson
Principal

TERM 2 AT A GLANCE

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| Mon 22nd—Wed 24th May | Year 8 Camp 1—8A, 8C, 8F, 8G |
| Wed 24th—Fri 26th May | Year 8 Camp 2—8B, 8D, 8E |
| Tues 23rd May | Primary School Leadership Day |
| Wed 31st May | Year 9 Altitude Day |
| Mon 5th—Fri 9th June | Year 9 City School |
| Thurs 8th—Thurs 15th June | Year 10 & 11 Exams |
| Wed 7th June | School Council Meeting—7:30pm |
| Mon 12th June | Queens’s Birthday |
| Fri 16th June | Report Writing Day—student free day |
| Wed 28th June | Whole School Assembly |
| Fri 30th June | End of Term—1:22pm finish |

Best Original Song Award Winner – Margaret Wozniak Year 8



We are proud to announce that one of our very own student has won the City of Whittlesea 'Best original song Award' for 2017. Margaret plays piano and sings her own material, and it is fantastic that she has been publically acknowledged in this way. Here is her story.

I decided to enter the Whittlesea Fastrack competition held on the 25th March, and prepared for the heats an original song called 'I Don't Care'. It was my first time performing this song publically that I'd written only a few weeks before. There were a lot of people at the heats and a wide variety of acts: dancers, singers and more.

I got through the heats to the grand final, to be held on the 5th May, and knew exactly what I wanted to perform; another of my songs 'Kiss Me'. On the day I checked in and went to the stage. I was no.7 in act one and got ready for the performance. On stage I was interviewed about my song and myself as an artist. After they finished setting up the keyboard, I performed my song. The lights were really bright and I couldn't see anyone in the audience. After I finished, I watched the rest of the show and honestly, there were so many amazing dancers and singers. The talent was incredible.

The judges included the Mayor of Whittlesea, FD3 from X-factor and Bella from The Voice Kids. After the contestants finished, FD3 did an amazing performance and really got the audience on their feet and dancing.

The judges had made their decision and we were all called on stage to give out prizes. There were several category of prizes, including Audience Favorite and more. Next was Best Original Song Award. I was smiling and ready for someone's name to be called. Then I heard them call my name and my face dropped. I have never been so surprised in my entire life.

I stood up and collected a trophy and sat back down. On the trophy it said 'Best Original Song Award, Fast Track Whittlesea, City of Whittlesea 2017' I pinched myself, to make sure it wasn't a dream. Next they were announcing the winner of free studio recording time. I was not prepared to hear my name again, and my jaw dropped for the second time. I stood up and started talking to the interviewer, Ben. Pictures were taken of all the category winners for about 10 minutes and then I felt it sink in a little. It was the craziest night of my life and I'm so grateful for the opportunity to perform my own original songs on stage.

Royal Children's Hospital Fundraiser Appeal



During Term 1, the Royal Children's Hospital senior leaders organised a variety of fundraising events to raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital. Michaela Fernando, Isabelle Hall, Ryan Siede, Kyra Krukowitch and Bridget Dorizzi all worked together with Kim Faulkner to organise a variety of events for this worthy charity.

We really wanted to support the Royal Children's hospital because many of us have been admitted there ourselves, or, we know friends and family who have.

There were two major events, a basketball shootout competition and an Easter scavenger hunt, plus two casual clothes days. Our goal was to raise two thousand dollars and, in total, we managed to raise exactly \$2004 and 90 cents, just managing to beat our goal.

A check was presented at the Good Friday Appeal by Macy and Cooper Houghton, Michaela Fernando, Jack Penrose and Ben McCluskey. A big thank you goes out to these five for representing our school on the day. An even bigger thank you goes out to everyone, from the staff to the wider community, who helped support this great cause.

Overall, we're amazed with the result and really hope that the support we were shown is shown towards the other charity events occurring later on in the year.



Bridget Dorizzi

STATE FINALS FOR YR 8 BOYS BASEBALL



The Year 8 boys Baseball team has advanced to the State Finals after performing exceptionally well at the Northern Region Finals. They defeated Northcote Secondary College 10-4, Epping Secondary College 8-1 and went on to soundly beat Greensborough Secondary College 9-0 in the final.

Congratulations to all the boys, who look forward to tackling the top schools in the State during November.

Team Members: Bronson Neave, Mitch Nolan, Charlie Devine, Hayden Bickerton, Jordan Barrett, Sam Miller, Brodie Jones, Denver Nixon, Levi Charles.

Thanks also to Leigh Snelson and Devon

Noons for assisting on the day.

Graham Anderson
Coach

Year 7 Boys Baseball Team into the State Finals

A very excited group of Yr 7 boys, representing the school at baseball, advanced to the State Finals to be held in November. At the recent Northern Region competition, the boys defeated Brunswick Secondary College 8-3 and in an exciting final, were victors against Northcote Secondary College 6-5, (although we batted one less innings than they did). All boys contributed to the wins and can be proud of their efforts. So, we look forward to resuming training later in the year in an endeavour to achieve further success.

Team Members and runs scored:

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| Josh Stevenson | 4 runs |
| Alex Cole | 2 runs |
| Zane Gibson | 1 run |
| Ben Holland | 1 run |
| Nick Rowe | 1 run |
| Dainton Rowbotham | 0 runs(3 hits) |
| Will McFawn | 1 run |
| Liam Plunkett | 1 run |
| Kyan Martin | 1 run |



Cooper Shackleton 1 run

Adam James 1 run

Thanks also to our assistant coaches, Bronson Neave, Devon Noons and Brodie Jones.

Graham Anderson
Coach

An invitation is extended to all members of the
College Community
to attend

**A PUBLIC MEETING OF
MONTMORENCY SECONDARY
COLLEGE COUNCIL
to be held**

**Wednesday 7th June, 2017
at 7.30pm
in the College Staff Room
for the presentation of the
MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE
2016 ANNUAL REPORT**



**WE NEED YOUR KIND
DONATIONS**

Please help, by donating...

TOWELS

DOG & CAT TOYS

DOG & CAT FOOD

As part of the Year 9 Endeavour program, our students are collecting items to assist The Lost Dogs Home. Your donations will make a huge difference.

**Please leave donations at the
General Office.**

SWIMMING NEWS

Northern Metropolitan Finals

The Northern Metropolitan Swimming Finals were held at WaterMarc last term on the 29th March. Three students progressed to the State Schools Victoria State Championships in seven events, which was held Wednesday 26th April, 2017 at MSAC. The results were as follows:

- ◊ Josh Allison 7B (50m Free & 200 IM),
- ◊ Tara Kinder (50m Free, 200 IM & 50 Breast stroke), and
- ◊ Jamie Kuhn (100m Breast stroke & 50m Breast stroke).

Four new NMR Competition records were set by our students:

- ◊ Josh Allison 13y 50m Free in 28.08s slicing a gigantic 0.86s off the previous record of 28.94s,
- ◊ Tara Kinder 14y 50m Free in 29.25s taking 0.45s off the previous record of 29.70s,
- ◊ Tara Kinder 15y 200m IM in 2:30.67s taking 1.90s off the previous record of 2:32.57s,
- ◊ Ryan Leaper 16y 50m Butterfly in 28.88 taking 0.2s off the previous record of 29.08s.

Several of these swims were in combined age groups against older students so each of these swimmers can expect continued success as they mature through the age groups in future competitions.

Bruce Collins
Sport Coordinator

SWIMMING NEWS



←**Josh Allison** competed in two events at the SSV State Championships achieving 4th in the 12-13 year 50m Freestyle, missing a third place by just 0.02s (about 1cm), and 7th in the 12-15 year 200m Individual Medley, a solid swim against several older boys. We can look forward to future successes for Josh as he in turn becomes one of the older boys in the combined age groups.

→**Jamie Kuhn** competed in two events at the SSV State Championships achieving 4th in the 18-20 year 50m Breaststroke, missing a third place by 0.2s (about 15cm), and 7th in the 12-20 year 100m Breaststroke. Jamie also competed in the Tasmanian State Championships, qualifying to compete in ten events, and achieving a third place in the Open 200m Individual Medley. Jamie has represented Monty at SSV State Champs in both individual and relay events for several years achieving high distinction on each occasion. Completing year 12, this will be Jamie's last year at Monty and we wish him well in both his sport and his future studies.

Thank you Jamie for being a great team leader and for all of the successes you have brought to our school.



↓**Tara Kinder** competed in and won three events at the SSV State Championships: 14 year 50m Breaststroke, 14 year Freestyle, and 12-15 year 200m Individual Medley. Backing up her State titles from last year, Tara has achieved the amazing result of triple State Champion. Tara also competed in the Age Nationals at Brisbane where she qualified to swim in five finals against the best swimmers in Australia in her age group. Tara came second in the 200m Breaststroke and third in each of the 200m Individual Medley and the 400m Breaststroke, 4th in the 100m Breaststroke and 10th in the 50m Freestyle. These are fabulous results to be truly proud of.



Congratulations to each of Josh, Jamie and Tara for achieving the high distinction of swimming in a State Championship final. Special congratulations to Tara for earning three State titles. Each of these students has trained hard for years to now be ranked amongst the best swimmers in the state and the nation .

Bruce Collins
Sport Coordinator

State Swimming Championships – School Sport Victoria Wednesday 26th April 2017 – Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre

F = Freestyle, Br = Breaststroke, IM = Individual Medley,

| JOSHUA ALLISON | TARA KINDER | JAMIE KUHN |
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| 4 th 12-13y 50m F (28.09) | 1 st 14y 50m Br (36.53) | 4 th 18-20y 50m Br (33.79) |
| 7 th 12-15y 200m IM (2:46.23) | 1 st 14y 50m F (28.64) | 7 th 12-20y 100m Br (1:15.82) |

Tasmanian Age & Open Swimming Championships Friday 10th to Sunday 13th April 2017 – Hobart Aquatic Centre

JAMIE KUHN: Qualified for and swam in 10 events. Open Men 200 Individual Medley 3rd (Bronze)

Australian Age Swimming Championships Sunday 16th to Sunday 23rd April 2017 – Sleeman Sports Complex, Brisbane

TARA KINDER:

200m Breaststroke - 2nd 2:40.11 (Silver)

200m Individual Medley - 3rd 2:24.82 (Bronze)

400m Individual Medley - 3rd 5:07.19 (Bronze)

100m Breaststroke - 4th 1:15.90

50m Freestyle - 10th 28.24

2017 Assessment of Language Competence

Students who are studying French or Japanese are encouraged to sit for this Language Certificate task to have their language skills assessed by this international test.

Please bring the required registration fee (\$10.00) in an envelope with the applicant's name and year level written on the front and hand in to Lubby by the end of this term Friday 30 June. Certificate 1 for Yr 8 students, Certificate 2 for Yr 10 students and Certificate 3 for Yr 12 students.

All participants will receive a certificate noting their level of achievement.

Mayumi Yokoe
Language Teacher

HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED FOR OUR JAPANESE VISITORS

Dear Montmorency Families of Japanese Students,

The Japanese Staff are excited to announce that we are expecting 13 Japanese students to come and visit us at Montmorency Secondary College and undertake a study of English language and experience Australian culture. The students come from Takakura High School in Nagoya. We are also looking for a family to host the Takakura High School teacher who will accompany the students. This will occur from the fortnight July 23rd to August 5, 2017.

We are inviting all families to apply to host, with preference being awarded to Japan Trip participants and other Japanese students. This is a wonderful opportunity to foster a relationship with Japanese people and makes the study of the language at school more meaningful. The visiting Japanese students will participate in your normal family activities and attend school. There will also be some financial recompense for your hospitality. Providing the visitor with their own room is not a requirement. We will be holding an information night at the college for all successful applicants at a date to be advised. Applications to host are available from any of the Japanese teachers below.

Kind regards and thank you in anticipation for your support of our program.

Michelle Bijkersma, Mayumi Yokoe, Hamish Yule

Japanese teachers



日本フェスティバル

Japan Festival 2017

いつ Sunday 21th May 10:00am – 5:00 pm

どこ Box Hill Town Hall & Box Hill TAFE



Entry Fee: \$ 5.00 (\$3.00 children ages 6 - 11)

Free Entry: Children up to 5 yrs old

Person in Kimono/ Yukata/ Cosplay

More detail '<http://www.jcv-au.org/japanfestival/event-en>'

MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE SHINES AT ELTHAM ROTARY CLUB



Pictured Left to Right: *Taleah Scopel, Ruby Panizzo, Ben McCluskey, Sally Squires (Youth Director), Kevin Hadingham (President of Eltham Rotary Club), Grace Millers, Bridget Dorizzi and Amelia Roberts*

Last week saw all four College Captains, together with Year 12 student, Grace Millers, and Bridget Dorizzi, Interact President, attend the annual Youth Celebration night at Eltham Rotary Club, where they addressed the Club on the benefit gained from their various experiences at programs sponsored by the Club. Eltham Rotary sponsors young people in the area to a number of personal development and leadership programs annually.

Grace spoke of her experiences during her 9 week Rotary exchange to Hondo City Japan. This partnership program was started in the early 1990's and has seen many MSC students of Japanese, benefit from their exchange and the reciprocal hosting of a Japanese student for six weeks here, in the middle of the year.

School Captains Ben McClusky and Taleah Scopel gave an insight into their experiences at the YLead leadership camp held in January, as did Bridget who attended as a year ten student going into year 11 for the first time. Bridget also briefed the Rotarians on what Interact fundraising has achieved so far this year and plans for the upcoming 'Wheelchairs for kids' event planned for September. Eltham Rotary is the sponsor of our Interact Club here at MSC.

Bridget also made comment on the nature of community involvement at MSC and the history of SRC and Interact fundraising as having been by far the greatest amount of any school in the area, for causes other than itself.

All students spoke eloquently and were excellent ambassadors for the College. A number of Rotarians commented on how well they presented themselves and the College.

Ian Toohill
Interact Coordinator



headspace

National Youth Mental Health Foundation

Keep Calm & ... Worry Less.

Do you find that stress and worries are, well..... stressing you out?

Come along to our FREE workshops to find out why anxiety sometimes gets the better of us, & get some tips on how to manage stressful times.

The program will cover:

- Understanding why we experience anxiety
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This program is suitable for young people aged 14—17 years who are experiencing emerging symptoms of anxiety.

When: Wednesday 24th, 31st May & 7th June

Time: 3:45pm —5:00pm

Where: headspace Greensborough;
Level 1, 78 Main Street
Greensborough

Contact: Spaces are limited so book in early by contacting headspace Greensborough on 9433 7200

