



# MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE

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25th August, 2017 Newsletter No. 8

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM



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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

This is a busy time of year as planning and subject selection commences for the 2018 school year.

There have been Information Evenings available for families wishing to discuss future subject offerings at particular year levels and John Hallsworth, our Careers and Post Compulsory Pathways Leader, has been working closely with our students to provide them counselling and support. We strongly encourage all parents, guardians, and students to take an active role and read the Curriculum Handbooks that are available on the College website, at [www.montmorencysc.com.au](http://www.montmorencysc.com.au), and to attend up and coming Information Evenings for the following year.

Our College has always endeavored to offer curriculum programs that encourage students to achieve their best academically, creatively and socially and invitations for the Challenge and Bridging Programs have been posted to students and families. The Bridging/Challenge Information night was extremely well attended and saw presentations from our Literacy/English Leader, Numeracy/Maths Leader and Science Leader where they outlined how these programs are run and past students presented their perspective on what they gained by taking up these subject offerings. Entry into the Challenge Program is by invitation only in the areas of English, Mathematics and Science and coincides with the selection of Learning Units at years 8 & 9.

Our Curriculum Day on the 10<sup>th</sup> August was a successful day where staff focused on working together in teams on the development of course outlines and curriculum planning. It was a valuable day in that it enabled staff to discuss, plan, further develop and consolidate curriculum for 2018. Staff also spent valuable time in Professional Development acquiring strategies to further support and engage students within the classroom, with a particular focus on developing resiliency.

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On Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017, teachers, Gemma Seymour, Graham Anderson, Samantha Shelton, John Healy, Ben Sowden and Integration Aide, Olivia McCluskey, together with forty Year 10 students, attended the Mt Buller Ski Resort for the first ski/snow board trip being offered to our students in many years. A big thank you is extended to Gemma Seymour, who put forward the proposal and who put in many hours of planning and follow through to ensure that students had this day trip ski experience. Leaving at the early hour of 4am and arriving at Alzburg Resort in Mansfield at 6.30am, students were provided with equipment including, clothing, boot, ski and snowboard hire. Once students and staff arrived at Mt Buller Village Centre, they received a 1.5 hour ski and snowboard lesson and students had a couple of hours to practice their new-found skills in weather that included snow falling throughout the day and late afternoon. After a three-course dinner in Mansfield, the bus having to make allowances for inclement weather, and with students and staff feeling very tired, they made their way back to the College in the late evening.

Regards,

Clara Rocca  
Assistant Principal



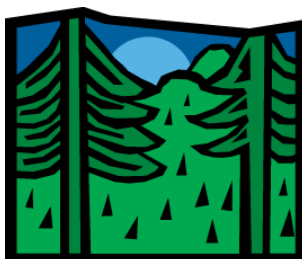
## Year 9 Camp at Kinglake Ranges Adventure Camp Payment Schedule

**1<sup>st</sup> Payment of \$105 was due 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2017**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Payment of \$100 is due 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2017**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Payment of \$150 is due 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

If you have any concerns or queries regarding payment please contact the Bursars Office on 9422 1500.



## Meningococcal W Secondary School Vaccine Program

The Banyule City Council Immunisation Service is conducting a one-year free school-based vaccination program for Meningococcal W for students in Years 10, 11 and 12. Year 12 students at the College were immunised on Monday 7th August. Year 10 and 11 students will be immunised on Monday 23rd October, 2017. Please be aware that all students in Years 10 and 11 have been given an Immunisation Consent Card to take home to parents to complete, sign and return to the College by the end of Term 3 (22nd September, 2017). All consent cards must be returned to the College, even if you do not wish to have your child immunised. If you have not received the information or consent card, spare copies are available from the General Office.

### TERM 3 AT A GLANCE

Thur 31st August	Year 12 VTAC Information Evening for Parents
Sat 9th September	Presentation Ball No. 2
Wed 13th September	College Council—7:30pm
Fri 15th September	<i>Wheelchair for Kids Day</i> - 5.00pm—10.00pm Willinda Park
Sat 16th September	2017 NASA Study Tour Departs
Wed 20th September	Student Progress Interview Day
Fri 22nd September	End of Term 3—1:22pm finish



**Get ready to  
Earn & Learn**

We are excited to be taking part in the 2017 Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you.

From 26<sup>th</sup> July until 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be handed in to the General Office at the College.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including Mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at School.



## YEAR 7 HISTORY EXCURSION



On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August, two Year 7 History classes ventured into Melbourne to visit the Melbourne Museum.

We were fortunate to secure a booking to view several exhibits including The Wild Gallery, Dinosaurs and of course the First Peoples exhibit, which complemented our recent studies in Year 7 History.

Students travelled by train and walked the short distance to the Museum. Whilst the weather was not ideal, we managed to miss the rain, and students also enjoyed eating lunch and having some spare time in the region around the Royal Exhibition Building.

Both classes, accompanied by their teachers Anna Sangmeister and Andrew

Burt, were well behaved and represented the College perfectly and enjoyed seeing a number of different sections of the Museum.

Thank you also to Year 7 Coordinator Grant Dowler for accompanying us on the day.

Andrew Burt



# LES CREPES 2017

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August this year, we held our annual Crêpes Day and once again, it was an immense success.

Students studying French who had a class on that day had the opportunity to practice their French in real life situation with Robert and Christiane as they had to transaction in French: ordering their food, greetings and payments.

Of course, this experience was also open to the whole college before school, during recess and lunchtime.

Mme Créta



## FARESHARE FUNDRAISER

As part of our Year 9 Endeavour project we have organized a food drive to raise and donate food to the FareShare organization. Montmorency Secondary College donated 24 boxes of food to FareShare. In total the boxes weighed 205kg.

We would also like to thank all of the Year 10 students for coming to cook with us at the FareShare kitchens on the 27th of July as we made 1500 vegetables rolls.

We would like to thank FareShare for having us in their kitchen and we had an awesome time!

We would also like to thank FareShare for cooking this food for the people in need. Congratulations to 7A and 10A for making the longest line of food, the winning classes will receive their pizza lunch reward soon. Even if your homeroom didn't win this is still a great achievement and everyone should be proud of their efforts for this great cause.

Thank you all for the support and donations.

From Fletcher, Jack, Tynan and Joseph



fareshare\_australia  
FareShare

Follow

fareshare\_australia We're humbled by these Year 9 students. Inspired by #waronwaste they collected 24 boxes of food. Hats off to Fletcher, Jack, Joseph, Tynan & the whole Montmorency SC community for helping the hungry. Your leadership is inspiring! #inspiration #donatefood #foodwaste #foodrescue #foodshare #hunger #montmorency #leadership #heroes #fareshare fareshare\_australia #hungry

#healthyfood #foodcharity #freefood  
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## Wheel-a-thon 2017

Last year the Interact Club joined with Eltham Rotary Club to raise over \$10,000. This funded 50 rugged terrain wheelchairs made by Rotary Project 'Wheelchairs for Kids' to the needy in Indonesia. This program sends over 1000 wheelchairs to developing nations in Africa and South-East Asia every year, changing the lives of children and young adults otherwise relegated to a miserable life.

This year the Club aims to better last year's result! The main event will once again be a Wheelathon held at Willinda Park Athletics facility in Greensborough. Why not sponsor a team of students to participate in the event or even put a team together yourself as the wider community is very welcome to get involved. Wheel chairs are provided. Family and friends can simply attend to enjoy the activities and support the participants doing laps with the wheelchairs. You are also encouraged to promote the fundraiser to your business contacts. Every \$200 tax deductible donation means the volunteers working at their workshop in Perth, can make another chair. Check out the flyer at the end of this Newsletter.

Sponsorship forms are available at the General Office or by emailing Ian Toohill at: [toohill.ian.g@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:toohill.ian.g@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## Montmorency Experience

I am seventeen years old. I'm from Amakusa, Japan and I came to Australia to learn English and Australian culture. My school is an Agricultural school and there are five departments, Universal, Food, Life, Agriculture, Commerce, and I am learning about food. I have 12 subjects so I'm busy everyday. These days I am researching about Algae.

When I am free I usually see movies and read books. I especially like to see musicals. I'd like to make many friends here at Montmorency. I would try to listen and join in any class activities. Also, I'd like to learn Australian culture. Thank you for having me at Montmorency Secondary College.

By Saya Okano



### 2018 VCAL/VET/SBAT APPLICATIONS

In 2017 we have over 45 students enrolled in our VCAL program. All students undertake units in: Personal Development, Work Related Skills, Literacy, Numeracy & the option of VCE Units. VCAL students complete their Industry Specific Skills strand one day a week. This is achieved through the completion of a Certificate II or III **VET** course, or **SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIP OR TRAINEESHIP**.

Students are enrolled in TAFE courses as varied as: Building & Construction, Music, Business Administration, Shop fitting, Engineering, Hairdressing, Beauty and Automotive. School Based Apprentices have been placed in Childcare, Building & Construction, Hospitality and Business Administration. Please refer to the link regarding VET courses in the Northern Metro Cluster:

<http://www.montypathways.com/vet-courses-and-sbats.html>

Any student undertaking a VET/SBAT will need to acquire a USI (Unique Student Identifier). This is completed online and you will be given a 10 digit code.

VCAL students also undertake **WORK-PLACEMENT** in industries aligned with their TAFE certificates.

We are seeking expressions of interest from students at this early stage to establish VET/SBAT opportunities that arise. Students who will be moving into Year 11 or 12 in 2018 interested in undertaking VCAL, VET or SBAT next year need to collect an expression of interest form from Mr Weeding in the VCAL Office.

Anyone wishing to discuss the program with please contact:

Michael Weeding  
VCAL/VET Coordinator  
Montmorency Secondary College.  
9422 1625

# WHEELCHAIRS for KIDS

There are millions of poor disabled children in under-resourced countries, victims of mines, disease or birth defects, whose lives and that of their families, can be changed dramatically by providing them with a suitably fitted wheelchair.



Every \$200 donated will provide a needy child with a wheelchair.  
*Please support us!*

## **SPONSOR A WHEELATHON TEAM**

- Wheelchair Wheelathon donations can be made by direct deposit to:  
**Wheelchairs for kids Inc BSB 016494 A/C 193292475**
- Donations to the Eltham Rotary and the Montmorency Secondary College Interact Club
- Tax deductible receipts can be obtained by emailing to: [ruscle@bigpond.com](mailto:ruscle@bigpond.com)

### • MAIN EVENT •

- Please provide or sponsor a team to participate in the Wheelathon at Willinda Park Beatrix St Greensborough Friday 15 September from 5 till 10pm.
- Sponsorship forms are available from the general Office at Montmorency Secondary College or by emailing [Ian.toohill@bigpond.com](mailto:Ian.toohill@bigpond.com)
- This community event raises funds by sponsoring teams a dollar amount per lap, pushing wheelchairs around the track. Food, novelty events and entertainment are provided. Sponsorship monies can be paid at registration.
- Teams can register at the venue from 5pm.
- Prizes for best team costume.





**National Health &  
Physical Education**

**DAY**  
06 SEPTEMBER 2017

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## **How Montmorency Secondary College is Celebrating National HPE Day**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

### **Lunchtime Games**

Students are encouraged to participate in games and activities at lunch.

They have a choice of:

- Dodgeball tournament
- Aerobics class
- Football game
- Walk along the river
- Basketball round robin

### **Dress in active wear – 80's THEMED!**

Students may get dressed in 'active wear' during lunchtime and period 5. For extra points, we would love to see wild 80's themed outfits. Prizes for the best dressed at each activity.

## **How your family can celebrate National HPE Day**

- Walk or ride to school.
- Spend some time outdoors walking nearby tracks.
- Research local sporting clubs / teams your children might be interested in trying.
- Search for local ovals, courts, centres and pledge to make use of the wonderful sporting facilities available.
- Have a conversation about how much physical activity your family currently does on average, and how you can increase your activity in future.

### **Physical activity can lead to brain growth**

**Wednesday September 6, 2017**

Research undertaken by the Department of Sport and Recreation in WA suggests that regular physical activity can increase levels of brain growth, increase children's concentration and attention, both in the classroom and at home. Research has also shown that regular physical activity in children can be a positive for academic achievement.



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