Principal’s Report

This week has seen a number of camps going out from the school, following the Year 7 camps last week. Our girls are attending the 15 Mile Creek Camp as well as the Unit 3 Outdoor Education Camp. I would like to thank the teachers who give up their free time to be on duty for 24 hours a day at these camps. We are aware of the value of camps to the growth of students and the development of relationships with each other and with the staff who attend, but it is a big thing to leave your family (and all your extras) to attend a camp.

Our Swimming Sports were held on Wednesday 5th March, having been postponed from Thursday 20th February due to poor weather. Results will be in the next newsletter, and students who have won different events will go on to compete in the Beachside Swimming Competition on Tuesday 11th March.

International Women’s Day is approaching on Saturday 8th March. To mark this important day, this morning an International Women’s Day breakfast was held at Mentone Girls’ Grammar and was attended by students from three Mentone girls’ schools. The students who attended from MGSC are Year 12 leaders Neena Hunt, Shannon Schubert, Maria Bulmaga, Lucy Vanderselt-Gu, Serena Joseph and Millie Geddes.

Next week we will hold our International Women’s Day College assembly, where a guest speaker will address the girls and all of our student leaders for 2014 will receive their badges of office. Parents are, as always, welcome to attend this assembly that commences at 10.17am and concludes at 11.06am.

Students going on World Challenge are having a training camp on Sunday 16th and Monday 17th March in preparation for the trip to Nicaragua at the end of the year. Again, thank you to the eight teachers who will be accompanying these students.

The annual Year 7 and 12 Fancy Dress will take place on Friday 21st March during Period 4. There is intense competition amongst the Year 7 form groups and their Year 12 choreographers.

On 18th March, the new College Council will be in place and will elect office bearers. Parents are always welcome to attend as observers, but will not be able to participate in the business of Council. A special thank you to retiring Councillors Marie Marshall, Chris Williams, Darren Hawkless and Debbie Jarvis for all their work on Council.

Deborah M. Lehner
Principal
College Matters

Uniform Matters

With the weather constantly changing I would like to remind our families that full summer uniform must be worn by all students in Term 1. Either summer or winter uniform may be worn in April and May. All students must wear full winter uniform by 1st June.

Mrs Carol Duggan
Assistant Principal

PFA Meeting

The Parents & Friends Association (PFA) has the pleasure of inviting you to the first meeting for 2014 on Tuesday 11th March at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

We value parents who would like a closer connection with the school through assisting the PFA with College and social events or joining the group of volunteers who work in the Second-Hand Uniform Shop.

Come along and meet our friendly committee members. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you on the night.

Marina Lehmstedt
PFA President 2013

School Council

The start of a new school year is always exciting! New students, teachers, subjects, friends! And it’s busy with information evenings, assemblies and meetings.

It’s wonderful to hear the Year 7s are using their iPads with enthusiasm and already developing their e-learning skills. Plans for the middle school upgrade have all been submitted for final approval and then go out for tender. Hopefully, building will start by Term 2.

Congratulations and many thanks to the PFA and the continued success of the Second-Hand Uniform Shop. There is an enormous amount of work done to sell the uniforms and then pass on the proceeds to the appropriate families. It’s a fantastic service for the school community.

This year we have a number of School Council members retiring and I sincerely thank the following people for the time and energy they dedicated to the continued success of the College. Thank you to Ms Debbie Jarvis (staff), Ms Marie Marshall, Mr Chris Williams and Mr Darren Hawkless.

The education of our daughters is a partnership between parents and the College, and I encourage parents to participate in school life in varying ways, such as the PFA, working bees, canteen duty, information evenings, music or drama performance or art shows. It’s always great to see you!

Elizabeth Bradley
School Council President

As the Head of Mathematics at MGSC, I am passionate about teaching and providing our students with opportunities to do their best in their Maths studies. This passion stems from an extensive family history in teaching, including parents, aunties, sisters and brothers; my grandmother was in fact the Head of Mathematics at McKinnon High School. As a parent of seven children, including three daughters (two educated at MGSC), I also appreciate a different perspective on the challenges of supporting the development and education of our next generation. I am therefore looking forward to working with our School Council to achieve our collective goals and related vision for success.

Mr Gary W Hughes
Head of Mathematics (MGSC)

My name is Glenn Chadwick. I am an IT professional working for myself, and have been doing this all of my working career of 28 years. My work allows me to meet people with interesting backgrounds and stories to tell.

I have a relatively active physical life. I jog every second day before the sun rises, usually between 14 and 20 kms. Occasionally I run in fun events such as The Melbourne Marathon and 2 Bays Trails run. Golf is another passion; I have played since I was a teenager. For those who support football teams, I am a Melbourne Storm member.

I have two daughters, Lara and Ellie. Lara, the eldest, started her high schooling with MGSC this year. I have been involved in school Working Bees with Lara’s primary school, Black Rock Primary School. I would like to be more involved and have therefore put my name forward and accepted to be a school councillor.

Glenn Chadwick
Careers
Veterinary Science and Hospital Open Day
The Veterinary Science Open Day is an opportunity for future students and the community to go behind the scenes of our state-of-the-art Veterinary Hospital in Werribee. Visitors will have the opportunity to speak with veterinary staff, meet current students and tour our outstanding facilities. Course and career advice will be available throughout the day, giving prospective students and their parents the opportunity to learn about the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine graduate program. Veterinary and community groups will be providing information about pet care and other special interests.
Date: Sunday 16th March 2014
Time: 10am – 3pm
Location: The University of Melbourne Veterinary Hospital, 250 Princes Highway, Werribee, Victoria
www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/openday

Keeper for a Day and Vet for a Day
Thinking of a career involving animals? Then attend a Keeper or Vet day to find out the realities of these careers.
• Werribee Open Range Zoo’s ‘Keeper for Day’ program on 8, 10 and 14 April. Find out first hand from keepers, the skills and experience helpful in gaining a position as a zoo keeper. Who: 13-18yo; Cost: $103; Book: 9285 9406, www.zoo.org.au/werribee/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day
• Healesville Sanctuary’s Vet for a Day program on 9, 10, 16 & 17 April. Work alongside vets on real life cases at Healesville Sanctuary’s vet hospital. Who: 15-18yo; Cost: $125; Book: 9285 9406 www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/healesville-sanctuary-vet-for-a-day
• Healesville Sanctuary’s Keeper for a Day program on 8, 9, 15 & 16. Get close to precious and endangered animals; help the keepers, and learn about a very rewarding job. Who: 13-18yo; Cost: 4103; Book: 9285 9406.

VCE International & EAL Students Exploring the Streets of Melbourne for Meaning
Identity...belonging...whose reality! Key buzz words that are currently being explored creatively and reflectively by all VCE students. But what do they mean?
Mentone Girls’ VCE International and EAL students agreed with their teachers that in order to determine the context of these concepts, they would tour the busy Saturday streets of Melbourne, looking at graffiti and exhibitions in key galleries. Some highlights were walking through and photographing the urban landscape of Hosier Lane and experiencing firsthand the Melbourne Now exhibits as well as consuming the incredible flavours of the ice cream of Federation Square. The students were enthralled by the colourful and evocative images that were evident before them: one sprawled right across a car park wall and another sitting majestically upon the usually non-descript façade of an empty building.
The students all came to the conclusion that these visual resources defied any traditional sense of reality or belonging, and that Melbourne’s identity was a construct that was constantly evolving. They all also agreed that they had a great time seeing a side of Melbourne not usually viewed.

Ms Ekaterina Xanthopoulos & Mrs Megan Gatt

eLearning@MGSC
mConnect 1:1Programs
It has been an exciting start to 2014 with the introduction of two new 1:1 programs. In Year 7, we have commenced our much anticipated Junior School iPad Program. The implementation has proceeded extremely well with all iPads connected to the College Internet very quickly and the students immediately able to access a vast range of resources, including class spaces, online texts and a range of app-based tools used to support learning. The iPads have slotted in easily into classroom programs, with students using them to support their learning in a wide range of ways.
On a practical note, we encourage parents to provide a lightweight satchel-type bag for their daughter to use to
carry the iPad between classes. This will avoid potential damage that can occur when iPads are carried loosely amongst the other items that they carry to classes.

Our Year 9 Netbook Program is also progressing very well. The vast majority of the girls are using one of the two standard netbooks, which come with the D.E.E.C.D. Edustar and Microsoft software suite, full on-site technical support, Internet, printing and network storage access. Access to technology is an essential part of the Year 9 Program and, increasingly, all year levels are relying on online resources and communication.

We would like to thank all parents of Year 7 and Year 9 students for their support of the mConnect 1:1 Programs in providing the set devices. As the Year 7 and Year 9 programs are finalised, we will continue to plan for future 1:1 developments at other year levels.

Mr Jonathan Hall
Director of eLearning

Middle School News

On 19th February the Year 10 students were fortunate to be regaled by two guest speakers during the Personal Learning allocated lesson. Bernadette Vaux promoted the idea of becoming involved in women’s football within the boarder framework of women’s health, well-being and self-esteem. Madeline Smedley an erstwhile College Captain returned to speak to the girls about life after school, career choices and opened their eyes to all the possibilities confronting them in the future. She spoke with her customary quirky sense of humour and the presentation was humorous. We were also entertained by Chloe Horler (10B) singing us a song based on her interpretation of aspects of ‘Jasper Jones’ which is the current English study novel.

Our new students were treated to a special morning tea on 26th February to welcome them and ensure that they have settled in well and have established a friendship group. All attended and enjoyed the spread. Miss Chris spoke to the girls welcoming them into the fold.

Student of the Month

The Middle School would like to congratulate the following students who have been nominated, by their teacher, for Science Student of the Month. These are exemplar students who show commitment toward improving their learning, are resilient to failure and always strive to achieve their personal best.

Year 9  Lucy Lehmstedt  Tara Graves  Manav Singh  Vivian Fidantsis  Jenna Wilson
Year 10  Marlayna Bertsen  Lulu Yee  Brittany Woodlock  Aimee Connell  Anabelle Quinlivan

Junior School News

Year 7 Lunchtime activities

We have been fortunate to have the Kingston Council come in and run lunchtime activities for the Year 7s, including making button bracelets and decorating cards. The program will run for two more Tuesdays and is a great way for the girls to make new friends. Thank you to the Kingston Council.

Year 7 Camp

Congratulations to the Year 7 girls for their exemplary behaviour and positive attitude on camp last week. We enjoyed their company and had lots of fun. The girls would have been exhausted on the weekend; they joined in all of the activities with great enthusiasm and were also happy to do their share of the jobs. A huge thank you to Mrs Petra Witt and Miss Callista Carver-Moore for their organisation, and to all of the staff who attended, leaving their families, preparing classes they will miss and caring for your daughters on camp.

Year 8 Camp

Year 8 girls are going to The Summit camp in Trafalgar East in May. 8A-D are going from Monday 12th to Wednesday 14th May and 8E-H are going from Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th May. All of the girls watched a video about the camp and its exciting activities and were given information to take home. We would like the medical forms to be returned to the Junior School Office as soon as possible.

Junior School Team
Science

Australian Brain Bee Challenge – Round 1 Fast Approaching...

20 Year 10 students are studying information related to neuroscience in preparation for the first round of the Australian Brain Bee Challenge which will be held at the College on Friday 21st March during lunchtime. We wish them luck!

NYSF 2015 – Applications Open....

A dozen Year 11 students are currently applying for the 2015 National Youth Science Forum. Thank you to Zoe Georgiou (Year 12) who ran an information session to assist them in the enrolment process. More information can be found at: http://www.nysf.edu.au/applying

ICAS Science Competition – Compulsory Year 7 & 8 Event

All Year 7 and 8s will undertake the ICAS competition on Wednesday 4th June, period 1. This competition will assess student skills in the key scientific areas of:

• Interpreting data, including observing, measuring and interpreting diagrams, tables and graphs
• Applying data, including inferring, predicting and concluding
• Higher order skills, including investigating, reasoning and problem solving

Further information will be given to the students by their Science teachers. There is no charge involved.

Ms Louise Rieniets
Science Domain Leader

Maths @ MGSC

Spreading the Word

“Maths makes a real difference” is the motto for the MGSC Maths community in 2014. We are passionate about spreading the word and promoting mathematical studies to all our students. So we ask all our maths students to keep this motto in mind as they strive to do their best this year.

Facebook (www.facebook.com/mgscmaths) and Twitter are our two social media sites for spreading this word. They include the latest maths news, competitions, quizzes, jokes and resources for all Maths students at the College.

OnDemand Testing

It is extremely important that we have a comprehensive program to assess our students for their learning. As part of this program, MGSC maths students are currently undertaking a range of adaptive testing using the OnDemand online package. Students are also using this as an opportunity to refine their testing techniques, while teachers interpret the results and refine their teaching plans to account for individual student needs. This leads to improved learning outcomes for students, backed up by quantitative data and trend analysis.

Maths Homework Club is also Online

If students cannot make it to the Maths Homework Club in person (Room 12 on Tuesdays 1.15-1.45pm and Thursdays 3.20-4.50pm), they can join us online at: www.mgscmathshomeworkclub.wikispaces.com. There are plenty of useful resources and an option to submit questions and look at the history of other responses. Links exists to exams/solutions, calculator worksheets/operating system updates, www.mymathsonline.com.au, NAPLAN practice tests, etc.

Remember... “Maths makes a real difference”

Maths Domain Team

Sport

Intermediate Volleyball

A big congratulations to all of the girls involved in the intermediate Volleyball, Mentone stole the show finishing 1st, 3rd and 4th (yes, there were a number of other schools involved) if you teach any of these girls please congratulate them on their efforts and sportsmanship!

Ms Callista Carver-Moore
HOMESTAY HOSTS WANTED

Our International Student Program is looking for families in our local area to host international students. The students are mostly from China and between 16 and 18 years of age.

Our hosts would need to have a spare bedroom, and a Working with Children Check (no cost) is required for family members who are over 18 years of age. Hosts are required to provide accommodation, meals and access to other facilities. The students’ parents’ pay a weekly fee to cover costs.

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CALL FOR ENTRIES!

LIL’ FLICKS 2014 SHORT FILM COMPETITION

LIL’ FLICKS is an ANNUAL KINGSTON YOUTH SERVICES COMPETITION that gives young people the chance to showcase their creative talents in film-making.

AWESOME PRIZES INCLUDING THE OFFER OF A FILM-MAKING INTENSIVE FOR THE WINNER AND GIFT VOUCHERS FOR THE TOP 3.

FILMS WILL BE SCREENED AT SHIRLEY BURKE THEATRE ON THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER.

THE TOP 3 CHALLENGE:

- All entries must be 6-10 years old and either live, study or work in the City of Kingston.
- Films must be 3-5 minutes and either 2D or 3D.
- Entries close 2ND NOVEMBER.

For more info and to enter this competition, please contact Paul on 9581 5200 or email paul.camp@kingston.vic.gov.au

www.kyk.org.au/youth-services/competitions

FUSE PRODUCTIONS

Are you interested in:
- Being involved in your local music scene?
- Developing your skills in Event Management?
- Getting your foot in the door of the music industry?

Fuse Productions is a young and dynamic music production/dance company. We are looking for new members to join our team. If you are interested in any of the above, please contact Laura @ Kingston Youth Services on 1300 369 436 or email fuseproductions@kingston.vic.gov.au.

AGCS - ASPENDALE GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE

103-105 Kearney Drive, Aspendale Gardens
Ph 9587 5955 Fax 9587 5280 Tuesday to Friday, 9am to 3pm
Email: enquiries@agcsinc.org.au OR visit us on Facebook OR www.agcsinc.org.au

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Sun 30th March - 10am to 1pm
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Host families urgently needed!

The College is looking for families who can provide a homestay in Terms 2, 3 or 4 for our Japanese language assistant.

Ayana Mizuno

Ayana is 22 years old, from Tokyo, newly graduated from university. She is interested in travelling, meeting people from other countries, and Australian history. She has been to Melbourne once before.

If you can help by offering her a place to stay, or would like more information, please contact me at school or by email.

(The College will subsidise costs of room and board)

Allan Trigellis-Smith
Head of Languages Domain
9581 5200
trigellis-smith.allan.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

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ANNUAL DINNER

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Our Annual Fundraising Event
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