Principal’s Report

It was pleasing to see so many parents attend the presentation by Adrian McMaster last week. There were a lot of practical tips and suggestions for parents about managing an adolescent. Adrian did not charge for his presentation but did ask people to make a donation to the Fred Hollows Foundation.

Next term we are running a “Drugs 101” presentation, so please save the Wednesday 5th August in your diary. A panel will address how parents can best help their children if they are experimenting or using drugs including alcohol. An informative parent guide will also be distributed. Access to drugs is commonplace and I believe we must be proactive as a community in detection and in the management of our children in relation to drugs.

Our dance team came second in the State Finals last weekend, so they are off to Queensland for the Nationals. Congratulations to Ms Courtney Anderson for preparing them so well, and to all the girls who competed.

Four of our girls went with Ms Louise Rieniets to the Brain Bee Competition last week and they too did very well, despite one of them not feeling well. They were in the finals against students from select entry and private schools, displaying their talents magnificently.

Semester reports are now available via the Parent and Student Portal. Please ensure that you save these either in an online folder or print a hard copy, and discuss with your daughter what needs to be done if results are disappointing.

We are working on developing a timetable that will allow Year 10 students greater access to a VCE study. In Term 3 all students from Years 9-11 will be considering which subjects they wish to study next year, so we hope to have something in place for Year 10 before they make their selections.

I hope that staff and students take time to relax and refresh over the holiday period. Even those in Year 12 need to set aside some time for recreation. Wise girls will plan their time for completing homework and study so that they can indulge in other activities. I wish everyone a great break.

Ms Deborah M. Lehner
Principal
Exams

The first week of June was examination week for Year 9, 10 and 11. This can be a stressful time for students but as the VCE uses this type of assessment as part of its process to determine final scores in units of work, it is essential that students undertake examinations to familiarise themselves with the conditions and the preparation required to achieve the results they desire. It was pleasing to see the industrious atmosphere in the examination rooms and the adherence to the processes that are in place for this type of assessment.

Reports

Semester 1 reports were made available electronically on Wednesday 24th June at 3.30pm via the Parent and Student Portal as per the March interim reports. Please contact the IT helpdesk at portal@mgsc.vic.edu.au if you have any difficulties with this process.

Previous reports for your daughter are also available here. We recommend that you develop your own secure file management process on your home computer or using cloud technologies to keep your own copies of these reports.

Studies Skills and Strategies for Year 9 and 10 Students

Mentone Girls’ SC has organised with the ICS Learning Group to run a three session course focusing on students study skills. Each session will focus on a different key area to successful study. The sessions will be held at the school on August 13, 20 and 27 commencing at 3.20pm and concluding at 5.20pm. These sessions have been offered in previous years and have proved popular and successful with those students who have participated.

Further information outlining the content of each session and cost and payment details are featured on page 6 of this newsletter. Any queries regarding the course can be directed to ICS Learning Group on 9585 0685.

Mr David Russell
Assistant Principal

60th Anniversary Celebrations

Plans for the 60th anniversary on Saturday 22nd August are well underway. Leah Smith of Year 10 has designed a logo (pictured) which will be used to promote the day. The student leaders will be conducting school tours. Each domain will be organising displays or presentations. Many of the World Challenge students will be holding food stalls. The Past Students Association and the Parents and Friends Association will set up displays of memorabilia in the VCE Centre and will serve Devonshire Tea. If you have any ideas or suggestions about the anniversary, please contact me at the school.

Ms Bronwyn Moline
Assistant Principal

Rostrum 2015

On a cold Sunday morning, Odessa Turk and Vanisre Rajasegaran of Year 8 presented their speeches before an audience of students, parents and adjudicators at Rostrum Voice of Youth Heats in Burwood. It was an incredibly dynamic day as students from a variety of schools competed, each determined to achieve a place in the State Finals. Odessa and Vanisre were nervous and excited to represent our school, discussing education and homelessness. They spoke in a confident manner and we would like to congratulate them for a fantastic effort.

Ms Ekaterina Xanthopoulos
International Student Program and ELC Manager

English Language Centre Opening

Next term the English Language Centre (ELC) will be opening at our College in Room 19. The ELC will run intensive English language classes, using Humanities, Science and Maths as well as language to teach international students at our school. We would like to welcome new staff to the program: Melanie Erwin who will teach the Maths and Science curriculum, and Yinan Zhang who is our new Chinese Language Aide.

Ms Ekaterina Xanthopoulos
International Student Program and ELC Manager

Remember:
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – EVERY DAY COUNTS
Making Waves
Front Cover Competition - Extension!

The deadline for the annual front cover competition for the school magazine, Making Waves, has been extended to the first Thursday of Term 3, the 16th July. All students may submit unlimited entries of their original work. Artwork must be at least A4 size and can consist of any media (painting/drawing/photography/computer art, etc). Although there is no theme, as it is MGSC’s 60th anniversary this year, it would be fantastic if that could be included on the cover. The winner will have their work published over 1,000 times – great for resumes and folios!

Miss Marcie Konsoulas
Magazine Coordinator

Senior School News

Congratulations to Sandie Ruuskanen and Rhianne Manners who spoke at Rotary of their experience at the recent Model of United Nations Assembly (MUNA). Both girls were an absolute credit to themselves and Mentone Girls’ SC. We received commendation from the Rotary organisation. The members were delighted with the girls’ ambassadorial role and hope that next year the Rotary Club of Mordialloc can sponsor another team from MGSC for this worthwhile program.

VCE students should all have completed the resilience survey online which will help in providing information relating to the need for support from our Student Wellbeing Coordinator, Ms Leona Thomson. We hope that it might further clarify any ongoing additional assistance required for the future.

The Senior School wishes all parents and students a safe and enjoyable break. Some holiday homework may have been set as a precursor to Term 3 work to help better prepare the students. For example, all Year 11 mainstream English students are expected to read George Orwell’s ‘1984’ during the holidays if they have not already done so. We like to stress the importance of students taking some time to rejuvenate their energy reserves during this time but also hope they understand the necessity of planning their study programs.

Senior School Team

Middle School News

Exams are over and Semester 2 has begun. All students should be focussing on achieving their personal best even though the holidays are fast approaching. We encourage the practice of quality reading for enjoyment over the break. Students should reflect on their exams noting any areas that may need revision and try to cover this early in the holidays. Then everyone can have a restful break, charge the batteries and prepare for another term of hard work!

Middle School Managers are finalising the camps for both Year 9 and 10. Camps are an important part of the school program and it is expected that all students, unless involved with other school activities, will attend. Thank you to the parents who have finalised payment. Please contact the General Office if you have any difficulties with the payment.

Students involved in extra curricula activities have to be well organised, managing time to include training sessions and competitions. We are proud of the students who involve themselves in these additional past times. Often we hear of their exceptional achievements, one of those being from Jess Ryan who has been selected as a member of the School Sport Victoria 15 years and under Netball Field Team (see page 4). Well done Jess!

Middle School Team

Junior School News

Brainstorm Productions – The Hurting Game

Year 7s attended an incursion on ‘The Hurting Game’ by Brainstorm Productions. This play focussed on the ways people can hurt each other through social media, peer pressure, rumours, exclusion and the lengths young people go to to fit in. It then looked at how and why young people can stand up to those pressures. It was an entertaining, thought-provoking presentation and an excellent way to finish the recent unit on bullying studied in Health classes.

Winter Uniform

All girls should now be in winter uniform. Please ensure all items are named as it is difficult to return unnamed clothing. We currently have six unnamed blazers in the Junior School Office which will be taken to the Second-Hand Uniform Shop soon. Please note that the sporting spray jackets can only be worn with the PE uniform.

We wish all of the Junior School a happy, safe and relaxing holiday.

Junior School Team
Sport

Beachside Cross Country Carnival

On Tuesday 26th May 72 MGSC students competed in the Beachside Cross Country carnival at Braeside Park. The track measured a bit longer than the expected 3km however our runners took it in their stride and ran superbly. A staggering 40 students will be going on to compete in the Southern Metro Zones at Ballam Park in Frankston. Congratulations to all athletes and the remarkable three Berntsen and three Byrne sisters who will represent the school at the next round.

Winter Intermediate Round Robin

The winter Intermediate Interschool Sport round robin was held on Friday 29th May. Mrs Mathews took four teams to compete in the badminton tournament. Ms Parker’s A and B netball teams won their competition as did Ms Ingold’s soccer team. The soccer and netball teams will be playing in a SMR Preliminary Final against the Dandenong Region on Tuesday 14th July. Thank you to the staff and student coaches for their efforts in picking the squads and training the girls.

Jessica Ryan – All Schools Netball

Jessica Ryan has successfully made it through the two stages of trials for the School Sport Australia Netball Championships to be held in Sydney in August where she will be representing Victoria. Jess represented Victoria in the same competition last year and is currently in the Netball Victoria’s Zone Academy. Congratulations to Jess for having an outstanding attitude and commitment to her sport. MGSC wishes you the best of luck with your extensive training leading up to the competition.

Year 8 Winter Round Robin

The winter Year 8 Interschool Sport round robin was held on Thursday 11th June. Mrs Kosack’s team competed very well in the badminton tournament, Mrs Mathews and Ms O’Hara’s A and B netball teams won their competition as did Mr Day’s soccer team. The soccer and netball teams will be playing in a SMR Preliminary Final against the Dandenong Region on Tuesday 14th July. Thank you to the staff and student coaches for their efforts in picking the squads and training the girls.

Millie Belleville – All Schools XC

Millie Belleville competed in the 2015 All Schools Cross Country Championships at Bundoora Park on Saturday 13th June. Millie finished the tough 3km track in an outstanding sixth with a time of 11:19min. Her fantastic result highlights her potential as she was competing in the Under 14 event as a 12 year old. Millie will be representing Victoria at the National Schools Cross Country Championships in late August. Well done to Millie on a great effort and good luck at Nationals.

Dance

On Saturday 20th June, the Lyrical Dance team competed at the Victorian State Finals in Ringwood. The team placed 2nd in their section and secured a berth to Nationals on the Gold Coast in August. Well done girls on a wonderful performance.

Ms Courtney Anderson

Mr Anthony Bruhn
Carnivals Coordinator
Art

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015

We are once again participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program which will enable us to get new educational resources for our school. Last year we raised 23,700 points which was equivalent to approximately $2,000 in class materials. From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You get one sticker for every $10 spent. Stickers can be dropped into the collection box located outside the General Office. At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new materials.

To learn more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Ms Gemma Johnson
Technology Domain Leader

Science

Australian Brain Bee Challenge – State Titles

Congratulations to Year 10 students Jenna Wilson, Bridget Assi, Jordan MacKenzie and Lili Israelian who competed at the ABBC state titles on Wednesday 17th June at the Melbourne Brain Centre. As well as meeting Nobel Prize winner Professor Peter Doherty (pictured) the students also visited the Anatomy Museum, laboratories and DAX gallery. After a gruelling day of competition, Jenna Wilson placed 5th in the individual State challenge – a fantastic effort. All girls involved should be proud of their efforts and how well they prepared for this challenging competition.

Ms Louise Rieniets
Science Domain Leader

Languages

Week

for Year 8 students is coming!

Are YOU (tu,きみ) taking your language study to Year 9?

Il faut penser profondément!
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MINDSETS THAT WILL RADICALLY IMPROVE YOUR PARENTING

By Michael Grose

The best intentions may not be enough to raise happy kids. Here are 10 mindsets to help you on the path to parenting success.

All parents want to be successful and raise kids to be happy and contributing members of our community. Good intentions are not enough. Often there is no difference between one parent and another in terms of skills, knowledge and understanding of kids. However, the biggest difference can be found in parents’ mindsets, rather than their parenting skills and understandings.

Here are 5 of 10 mindsets for parenting success:

1. Believe in your child

This is easy if you have an early maturer, a child who has talents you value, or one who easily achieves anything he or she puts his mind too. But it’s a different story if you have a child who struggles at school or to make friends, or just has a different interest to you. Your belief in your child’s abilities is revealed through your expectations, your body language, even the expression on your face.

2. Look for the best

What you focus on expands so if all you see is misbehaviour, weakness and poor performance than you’ll get more of those things. Set your antennae for children’s strengths, abilities and social behaviours and you’ll invariably get more of those.

3. Think family

Successful parents have found a way to lead their family in one direction. To do this you must think in terms of parenting ‘the gang’ rather than individual children. “What’s in the best interest of my child?” has replaced “What’s in the best interest of the family?” as the guiding family principle. This has partly come along as a result of small families, and partly it’s a social imperative that is common among aspirational parents where wanting the best for your kids means wanting what’s best for each child as an individual, rather considering what may be in the best for the entire gang.

4. Accept challenges

There are always challenges raising kids. It’s important to embrace these challenges whether they are behavioural, or a child has struggles at school, or he is moving into puberty. It’s these challenges that will make you a better parent.

5. Trust the process

Sometimes the desire to want the very best for our child can lead us to interfere at school, pre-school, childcare, even when kids are at their grandparents. It’s best to trust the process and allow people to educate, care for and look after your child in their own way.
STUDY SKILLS & STRATEGIES
FOR YEAR 9 AND 10 STUDENTS

TO BE HELD AT
Mentone Girls’ SC
Thursdays August 13, 20 and 27
3.20pm to 5.20pm

“Good things come to those who work for it.”
We have organised with Mentone Girls’ SC to conduct a program for students in Years 9 and 10. The course is designed to sharpen the students’ Study Skills. They will learn to be more self-confident and independent in their study habits.

It will reinforce good habits for well organised students and develop improved study methods for those students who find it hard to set priorities or work efficiently to meet subject deadlines.

All students receive a comprehensive set of notes.

Session 1: Active Learning
Using multiple intelligences to learn effectively
Goal setting & listening skills
Motivation
Time management
Tools for time management
Study environment

Session 2: Note taking
Reducing stress
Revising before exams & interpreting an exam paper
Essay writing under exam pressure
Research skills

Session 3: Exam Techniques
Reducing stress
Revising before exams & interpreting an exam paper
Essay writing under exam pressure
Research skills

Course Fee : $130(incl GST)
To enrol complete the slip below and return it to ICS Learning Group or book online at www.skillscentre.com.au For further information phone 9585 0685

CLASS SIZES ARE LIMITED. TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT, ENROL EARLY.

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FORUM

ICE

Free community forum about the effects of ICE on users, the community and services available to assist in the treatment of ICE addiction

WHEN: WEDNESDAY
July 15, 2015
6.40pm for a 7pm start – 8:30pm

WHERE:
Sandybeach Centre
2 Sims St, Sandringham

Guest Speakers From · Victoria Police · Monash Health · Community Member Impacted by “ICE”

Key Points
· Panel Presentation Format (Q&A)
· Learn facts about ICE (methylamphetamine) addiction . Material on Support / Referral Services

www.sandybeach.org.au

RSVP
Sandybeach Centre
03 9596 2155
email: admin@sandybeach.org.au
Tea, coffee refreshments available

BENEFITING
People impacted or interested in understanding more about the impact of ICE

MORDIALLOC NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
ART FOR PLEASURE
An art class to suit all skill levels and mediums of choice.
Enrolments are now being taken for Term 3: Commences Wednesday 15th July
9.30 – 11.30am
For further information or to enrol, Please phone: 9587 4534
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National Numeracy and Literacy week

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