PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

As the end of Term 3 approaches the school is a vibrant place to be. Year 12 students are working extremely hard as their final round of SACs commence and students across all year levels are actively engaged in the learning process. Numerous co-curricular events are also happening with sport, music, excursions and camps.

The Principal class were fortunate to attend the Secondary Schools’ Principals’ conference on 15th and 16th August. Keynote speakers included Professor John Hattie and their presentations were thought provoking but also confirming of the educational path we are taking at the College. Much was said about the importance of the changing pedagogical practices in the classroom as we move forward into the 21st century. Teachers receiving feedback from their peers as an integral part of their professional development was also highlighted. These areas have been a focus with staff and I look forward to continuing this work.

Parent/Teacher/Student were held on Thursday 18th August and it was terrific to see the number of parents and students who took the opportunity to meet and discuss progress to date and ways to move forward in the future.

Staff Professional Development in the area of ‘unlocking the genius in girls’ was presented on Tuesday 23rd August by renowned psychologist Andrew Fuller. He presented a day full of tips and strategies for staff but also the research background behind why these are keys to improved student outcomes. I have been able to observe some of the strategies being used by staff when walking through classes since the presentation.

The Winter Concert was held on Wednesday 24th August to a full theatre. The level of musicianship exhibited by the girls was outstanding and the effort and commitment by both staff and students was evident. I congratulate all involved on a wonderful evening.

VCE Unit 2 Market Day happened on Thursday 25th August. Groups of students set up stalls to hopefully make a profit by selling produce to their fellow students. The students had to formulate a business plan including marketing and budgeting prior to the day then manage the stall on the day. Numerous students confided to me they were very nervous they would not make a profit or something would go wrong on the day. All fears proved false as all groups were successful in making a profit, some more than others. It was a great hands on learning experience and the marketing certainly worked as some of the queues were very long indeed. Well done to all involved and the teachers in charge, Mr McMaster and Mr Campbell.

Mr David Russell
Acting Principal
SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

This month’s insight from our recent School Council meeting evolved from a discussion highlighting the commitment of teachers who go ‘Above and Beyond’.

Our school offers additional clubs outside of normal school hours, from Maths and English to exercise opportunities that are supervised by teachers with a passion to help our students succeed.

This month, I would like to feature the dedication of Mr Anthony Bruhn, our PE teacher who runs a weekly running club off his own bat twice a week before school starting at 7.45am. His love of his job to enthuse, support and motivate our girls of varying fitness levels is clearly evident as he takes them running along the beach and back through the streets of Mentone. Mr Bruhn’s commitment to our students is admirable and deserves recognition and appreciation from the Mentone Girls’ Secondary College wider community.

So next time you see Mr Bruhn at school ask about becoming involved, or simply shake his hand and say thank you. Thank you for taking the girls for a run twice a week and for caring about their health by going ‘Above and Beyond’.

Darren Hawkless

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

VTAC Registration

Year 12 students should be registering now if they have not already done so. A significant number of students will also be applying for SEAS through this site. SEAS is a form of special consideration for students who may have been disadvantaged through this year or longer. Please explore the categories with your daughter and start considering how she can gather supporting evidence or who to approach to provide it.

Mock Exams

There will be mock exams for all Unit 3-4 studies. These exams will reflect the exam experience as closely as possible. They will be the full length and be closely supervised under exam conditions. To allow all exams to be completed with minimum disruption to the final weeks’ school program, some students may have three exams in a day and may be required to arrive early or finish later than normal.

It is anticipated the girls prepare as well as possible for each exam and to do their best. They will get insight into the format of the exam and how to organise their time. The feedback they receive will help them understand where they may need to focus revision.

The English/EAL and English Language exams will be held on the last Friday of term. All other exams will be on the first two days of Term 4. Year 12s are required to attend each of their exams but not at other times during these two days. Year 11s will be required to attend their Year 12 exam at the allocated time and will be granted an approved absence from any Year 11 class for which there is a clash.

The girls have been emailed their timetables.

Senior School Team

RSPCA CUPCAKE FUNDRAISER

Hi, my name is Romy and on the 22nd August my friends and I held a cupcake day to raise money for the RSPCA. We made over 200 cupcakes and sold them for $2 and $1. It was a successful day and we managed to raise $436. We couldn’t have been more grateful for how much we raised and how this is going help all the animals. I would like to thank Hayley Murphy, Charlotte Gallagher and AJ Hornidge for helping me organise the cupcakes and all the teachers who granted my permission to hold the fundraiser. It was a extraordinary experience and I would love in the future if we could hold more events like this to raise money for charities. Thank you again for all those who donated and I hope you enjoyed your cupcakes!

Romy Ellerton 9D
ENGLISH

Special thanks to Anne Copeland who has donated some books courtesy of Dymocks for our wide reading in class routine. She has also donated a book voucher for the winner of the Writing Competition this week, which is Literacy Week. Friday is the culmination of this celebration when there will be a prize awarded for the best entrant in the free dress day in which students will arrive attired in gear representative of their favourite literary genre. Funds raised will be donated to the Australian Literacy Foundation.

The Year 9 cohort enjoyed listening to Nicole Hayes, the author of the class novel they are currently studying. She spoke to them last Wednesday and they were invited to ask questions.

Ms Anne Gamble
English Domain Leader

FOOD TECHNOLOGY
Year 12 Staff Student Cook Off

On Wednesday 24th August, three Year 12 students and Miss Molina competed in a 45 minute mystery box challenge where they had to use at least one of the following ingredients in a dish; pineapple, basil, tinned pears, capsicum, tomato or cream cheese. A challenge that would make most adults quiver, all competitors produced unique dishes that showed a high level of skill and talent. It was tough competition, however, Miss Molina took the title for 2016. The students are congratulated on their participation. A Year 11 staff student cook off will be held later this term.

Ms Tess Molina
Technology Domain Leader

SCIENCE
Science Breakfast

On Wednesday 17th August, during Science Week, a group of Year 11 and 12 students were given the opportunity to attend a Science breakfast held by Mentone Girls’ Grammar. During my time at MGSC I have attended a number of breakfast events where scientists from different fields have told us all about their passion for Science, areas of research and how they came to work in their area. They have all been fascinating and this one was no exception. The scientist this year was Misty Jenkins, an immunologist who is currently researching ways to manipulate the immune system to fight cancer on its own. From a home in the country, Misty’s passion for Science has taken her around the world to study at some of the leading universities and become a world specialist in immunology. Misty’s talk not only furthered our passion for Science but also gave us an insight to the world of immunology and showed us that anyone can become a scientist as long as they work hard and are determined to do so.

Rhianne Manners, Year 12

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Aerobics, Cheer, Pom & Dance Troupe 2017

Our 2017 aerobics program will commence with trials in Term 4. Ms Tess Molina will continue to lead our aerobics teams. We’re excited to welcome back Ms Courtney Anderson next year. She will be here three mornings a week taking Cheer and Pom teams as well as a Dance Troupe. Stay tuned for details regarding try outs for Cheer, Pom and Dance.

Year 8 Hip Hop Competition

On Wednesday 24th August we had a Year 8 Hip Hop competition. Class winners performed their routines in a Hip Hop Dance Off. Well done to all students who performed as well as the large number of enthusiastic spectators! It was a close competition. Congratulations to the winning group of Marli, Mia, Steph, Lucy, Grace and Daisy from 8A and B.

Ms Jackie Mathews
Health & PE Domain Leader
Performance at Dizzy’s Jazz Club

MGSC Jazz Band and Stage Band are performing at Melbourne’s iconic Dizzy’s Jazz Club, 368 Bridge Rd Richmond, on Tuesday 13th September. Our bands have been performing at various venues around Melbourne for more than 20 years. Dizzy’s is one of Melbourne’s leading jazz venues and has many leading jazz artists perform there. For more information see www.dizzys.com.au

Mentone Girls’ will be performing alongside the Koonung Secondary College VCE ensembles. The music will be from 7.30 to approximately 9.30pm. Meals are available between 6-9.30pm and cost approximately $20 for main meals. Prior bookings are advisable (9429 5000). Venue cover charge is $14 for adults and $10 for students who are not part of the bands.

Ms Sue Cook

PARENTING IDEAS: IT STARTS WITH RESPECT

By Michael Grose

The public debate following the incident where two Melbourne private school students were suspended for asking students to vote for the ‘Slut of 2016’ has been almost as concerning as the incident itself.

While most people via traditional media and social media have expressed outrage and disgust for the students’ grubby postings there has also been a number who’ve defended the students suggesting that we’re going overboard with the condemnation. A theme emerged in their defence along these lines: “Hey, It’s tough being a boy! They’re just going through a phase! They didn’t know they were doing anything wrong! Boys after all, will be boys!”

This is an echo of Eddiegate, when Collingwood president Eddie Maguire famously suggested that he would pay $50,000 to see journalist Caroline Wilson stay under a pool of iced water and then describing her as “like a black widow” spider. Later this was brushed off as just having a bit of fun, no harm intended. “No one surely takes this seriously It’s only a bit of fun. Lighten up everyone. This is political correctness gone mad. Boys after all, will be boys!”

Well no!

‘Boys will be boys; it’s only a bit of fun, no real harm meant’ are the types of outmoded attitudes that need to change.

As an ambassador for the national ‘Stop it before it starts’ campaign, which aims to reduce violence against women and children I’m convinced that the cycle of violence starts with disrespect.

Not all disrespectful behaviour towards women ends in violence. But all violence against women starts with disrespectful behaviour.

Respect starts at home

As parents we have an incredible power to shape positively children’s attitudes and behaviours, including how they treat others. Here are three ideas and attitude of respect at home:

1. Start by insisting that siblings treat each other well. Encourage both genders to resolve conflict and disputes using low power methods such as talking things through; give and take and apologising.

2. Socialise your sons. It’s easy to excuse boy’s aggressive behaviour as part of being a boy. Yes, their physiology may mean they are more prone to handle disputes physically but that doesn’t mean we accept that. Model for your sons how to resolve disputes in a civil and civilised way.

3. Put respect on the agenda. Healthy families talk about the things that matter to them. If respect matters then you need to hold conversations around disrespectful behaviours – whether they occur in the family outside. Be willing to listen to children’s and young people’s views but also to challenge views that are questionable.

Respect is the core value of a civil society is respect; and that’s also the core value in every healthy, functioning family I’ve ever worked with.
# KEY DATES | SEPTEMBER 2016

## MONDAY

- **Gold Week**
  - 7th: Vocal Evening

## TUESDAY

- **Blue Week**
  - 13th: 9am School Tour
  - 14th: VCE Recital

## WEDNESDAY

- **Gold Week**
  - 14th: 9am School Tour
  - 15th: VCE Recital

## THURSDAY

- **FRIDAY**
  - 1st: Newsletter #14
  - 2nd: Yr 12 English Exam Expo
  - 3rd: Year 10 Camp
  - 4th: Numeracy Week
  - 5th: Literacy Festival
  - 8th: College Assembly
  - 9th: Mid Autumn Festival
  - 10th: No more SACs unit 4
  - 11th: 5.30-10pm Dizzy's Jazz Club Performance (Jazz & stage bands); Richmond
  - 15th: Newsletter #15
  - 16th: Last Day of Term 3 - 2.15pm finish
  - 17th: 4 period day (shortened classes)
  - 18th: Yr 12 October Test - English P4 onwards

## SATURDAY

- 3rd
  - **Gold Week**
  - 26th
  - **HOLIDAYS**

## SUNDAY

- 4th
  - **HOLIDAYS**
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