Principal’s Report

Congratulations to all students who competed in the Beachside Athletics Championships last week. 33 of our 45 competitors made it through to the Regionals next term. 37 girls from Mentone gained first place, and many Beachside records were broken. Many thanks to Mr Anthony Bruhn and all the other teachers involved.

The Year 10 camp was, by all accounts, a great experience for girls and staff. There were some very tired people on Friday afternoon after the girls challenged themselves constantly over the three days. Again, I’d like to thank the teachers who were willing to give of their own time to attend, supervise and participate.

On the 3rd September, Senator Mitch Fifield presented a plaque and cheque for $500 to Ms Deborah McKay and the Year 9 students who participated in the exhibition of photographs from World War I at the local Historical Society’s hall in Mentone. This was for achieving second place in the Anzac Day School’s Competition.

The Malcolm Awards will be held in the second week of Term 4, so mark your diaries for Wednesday 14th October. VCE student Art, Visual Communication, Media and Textiles work will be on display. The standard at the school in all of these areas is outstanding and well worth coming to look at.

I am quite disappointed by the number of family holidays that take girls out of school during the term. We often are reminded that “It’s not ok to be away” and we look to parents to support their daughters in maximising the days they are at school. Given that students have 10 weeks holiday each year, it is important that they attend during the term.

The reports so far from our Japan trip are very positive – I’m sure the rest of the tour will be great as well. Ms Petra Witt has created a blog should you wish to follow their adventures. You can find it at mgscjapan2015.blogspot.com.au

Year 12 students are all working extremely hard in preparation for their final assessments next term. I hope that parents can monitor their daughter’s holidays and encourage all girls to take time out to catch up with friends, go to the gym and generally relax for at least part of the time.

I wish all families and staff a happy and safe holiday.
College Matters

Friday 18th September – Last Day of Term Bell Times (4 Period Day)

8.30am   Students may enter buildings
8.45am   Warning bell
8.50am – 9.50am   Period 1
9.50am – 10.15am   Recess
10.15am   Warning bell
10.20am – 11.20pm   Period 2
11.25pm – 12.25pm   Period 3
12.25pm – 1.10pm   Lunch
1.10pm   Warning bell
1.15pm – 2.15pm   Period 4

School Logo

The new logo was unveiled at the 60th anniversary Open Day on 22nd August. At the last Council meeting we discussed the timeline for rolling it out. To begin with it will be updated on electronic and paper documents. Then we will install new signage around the school and on the College bus. We are also working with the uniform supplier to change the logo on the blazer, bag, PE uniform and VCE jumper. In 2016 all Year 7 students will be required to purchase the new PE uniform. Parents will be notified when blazer pockets with the new logo will become available for purchase. All other uniform items will be changed as the supplier renews their stock. There will be a 2 year transition period where both logos will be accepted. Further details will be communicated to parents in Term 4.

Car Park

Earlier this term the Facilities committee commenced plans to improve traffic and pedestrian management through the carpark. We have consulted with both Marsh Risk Consultancy and WorkSafe in regard to our plans, which include: relocating pedestrian entry gates; redesigning and marking all pedestrian walkways; redesigning traffic flow through the carpark and relocating the waste bin. It is anticipated that this work will be completed by mid 2016. Please contact me if you wish to discuss this further.

Ms Bronwyn Moline
Assistant Principal

International Students & English Language Centre

This term we went to the Rippon Lea Estate for an excursion and this has helped us learn about the history of the Gold Rush and how it influenced lives in Melbourne. The estate house was first built in 1868 and later renovated in the 1930s. The property has a lake and a waterfall in a garden that is 45 acres. It has a large fernery and many indigenous and introduced plants, and we tested the water quality while learning about ferns. We also saw the Phryne Fisher exhibition and tried on costumes. Later we went out for lunch and tried wagyu burgers for the first time – very tasty!

ELC Students

Senior School News

The Year 12 Expo went very well with all English mainstream and Language students receiving extra tuition and discussion time during the past two Friday afternoons. Thanks to all the girls for approaching this with enthusiasm and diligence and to the teachers who willingly gave up free time to provide this service for the students.

The College has an October exam program again this year. The mainstream English exam will be held tomorrow but the remainder of them will occur during the first two days following our return from holidays. ALL girls must wear their uniforms to the exams. Year 11s who are doing a Year 12 subject will be expected to complete these exams at the scheduled times and their absence from class will be approved, though they must negotiate with their classroom teacher regarding work they will be missing. The exam timetables have been up in the VCE area for some time. The normal program will resume on Wednesday 7th October.

Ticket sales for the Valedictory Dinner have now closed. A reminder that the event is on 20th October from 7 until 11pm at The Bayview Eden – 6 Queens Road Melbourne. The dress code is cocktail. As part of our Year 12 end of year celebrations, your daughter will be involved in a College Assembly and other activities. Should her behaviour during
this time be considered unacceptable, she will be excluded from the Valedictory Dinner and will not be given a refund.

With the September holidays imminent, the Year 12 girls are reminded that exams are approaching. While it is prudent to use this opportunity to rest and recharge the batteries, students should also use the time to consolidate their study plans for the remainder of the year and to start revising their courses. All courses will have been completed by now. Parents can be of great assistance to their daughters by helping alleviate anxiety which may be associated with the impending exams and the attendant stress and workload. They may consider reducing their daughters’ extracurricular activities and suggest adjusting work shifts. If any parent knows that their daughter has an illness which has not been disclosed to the VCE team, they should ensure that this information is communicated to our office so that the appropriate exam arrangements can be put in place.

Senior School Team

Middle School News

The Year 10 Summit camp was highly successful again this year. Students were involved in many physically and emotionally challenging activities. Students and teachers pushed through their fears to walk the high wire, rock climb, tunnel through dark caves, climb out from the 20 metre high tower and abseil. The students worked together, discussed strategies and supported each other throughout the three days. There were examples over and again that the aims of the camp, to widen the students’ network of friends, to strengthen resilience and encourage safe risk taking were met.

This week Year 9 and 10 students who have been nominated as a quiet achiever will receive their invitation to the morning tea on Thursday 17th September.

On Tuesday 15th September, the Year 9 Students were involved in the City Project Presentation Day, as part of their LAS program. They have spent many weeks researching and planning towards this day. The students produced some wonderful work and presented their task in a professional way.

Those undertaking Middle School in 2016 will be informed of their electives approximately one month into Term 4.

Middle School Team

Junior School News

Holidays and Spring Cleaning

Spring is here and holidays are fast approaching – what a great time to get organised for Term 4! This is an opportunity for everyone to clean up their diaries, remove the graffiti and set some goals for Term 4. It is also time to look at the summer uniform and make sure all the buttons are sewn on and the hem is sewn up. Next term, we are having a huge blitz on how the girls look so could you please make sure your daughters are not wearing nail polish, jewellery or make up and that their shoes, blazer and uniform are clean. Girls are permitted to wear summer or winter uniform until the 1st November but are not allowed to wear a mixture of both (eg. no scarves with the summer uniform).

PE Uniform

Girls should check their diaries for what is correct PE attire. The wearing of leggings and the wearing of black socks are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn to classes.

iPads

Some girls are still using their iPads in the yard at lunchtime and recess. The potential for dropping the iPads is high and we want the girls to develop social verbal skills. iPads will be confiscated if they are used outside.

National History Challenge

Congratulations to Madeleine Salisbury and Madi Lalor of Year 7 for being selected to go to the State Final for the National History Challenge. And breaking news... Congratulations to Madi for being placed in the top 3 of the National History Challenge. A tremendous achievement!

Junior School team
English

Literacy Week

The English Domain celebrated Literacy Week with a range of activities to enrich skills and interest. Students enjoyed lunchtime year level inter-team quizzes, language games sessions and the book exchange to raise funds for the Indigenous Literacy Project. All students and staff developed insights through literacy levels data exercises, noting the correlation between literacy levels and income, reproduction and life choices. These sessions were held in classes with activities to celebrate role models such as Malala Yousafazi whose advocacy for universal education was acknowledged with the Nobel Peace Prize.

‘Macbeth’

The Eaglesnest Theatre Group presented scenes from the play ‘Macbeth’ and a discussion workshop on 3rd September to enhance the girls’ study of Shakespeare’s classic play of ambition, leadership and ‘foul’ deeds.

VCE Expo

Year 12 students attended two English Exam Expos on 4th and 11th September to de-mystify exam techniques and to create positive mind-sets in the students. Students learnt a range of techniques to maximise their exam performances, and ways to continue to challenge and refine abilities until exams start from 28th October.

Ms Nola Rees
Head of MGSC English and Literacy

Sport

Millie Belleville

Mentone Girls’ SC champion runner, Millie Belleville (7E), competed in the Australian Cross Country Championships on Saturday 29th August at Moonee Ponds. Millie has proven to be an exceptional runner coming 6th in Victoria earlier in the year and finishing 33rd in this Australian Championships, participating in the Under 14 event as a 12 year old. MGSC looks forward to seeing Millie improve over the next year and continuing to show her enthusiasm for the sport. Congratulations Millie.

Victorian All Schools Relay

On Thursday 3rd September MGSC had four students compete at the Victorian All Schools Relay Championships at Albert Park. Every school from Victoria is eligible to enter and the field was largely filled with private schools. Zoe Cunningham (8H), Kisarna Berntsen (8C), Teiki Waata (8C) and Chelsea Ryan (7C) participated in the 4x100m relay and the medley relay which is 200m, 200m, 400m and 800m. The girls exceeded any expectations by winning the 4x100m by 0.12 seconds and coming second in the medley relay, an incredible achievement. Congratulations to the girls for their dedication and commitment in training and on the day. Also a big thank you to parents, Erina Cunningham, Milly Berntsen and Lou Waata, for coordinating the day and keeping me updated.

Ruby Croft and Megan Taylor

Ruby Crofts (8C) and Megan Taylor (7F) have both been selected for the Victorian Indoor Netball Team. They will be playing a week long competition in Adelaide in November. Ruby has been selected to be the captain of the team. Congratulations girls.

Mr Anthony Bruhn
Carnivals Coordinator
Subject selection, career direction and planning for the future can put pressure on secondary students. Lakshmi Singh outlines a step-by-step approach to making this process as stress-free as possible.

Subject selection, career direction and planning for the future are all hot topics in high school kids’ lives at this time of year. Understanding interest areas, strategically planning how many subjects to study, keeping an eye on current industry trends, while listening to advice from family and friends, may all seem like an overwhelming amount of information to take on. However, with the right support, a bit of confidence and instilling trust in their own reasoning, the decision making process doesn’t have to be painful for high school students.

The Parent Trap?
Parents always want what’s best for their kids, however, it is important that parents stick to their role as advisors and allow kids some space in this regard, says Dr John Taccori, Careers Counsellor from www.careersdoctor.net Instead of making decisions for them, parents should let children “own their decisions” and not overly try to influence their child with their beliefs and prejudices, he says.

Using the school’s resources
It is worthwhile taking a three-pronged approach to seeking out information about the subject selection process, advises Dr Taccori.

“Firstly, attend the subject selection evening at your child’s school. Secondly, make an appointment (for the child and parent) to see the school’s career advisor. Have a list of questions you would like to ask.”

It doesn’t matter if the aim is to just clarify a career path they’ve already chosen and running the chosen subjects by as validation or if the conversation takes on a more “I have no idea what I want to do” tone. Finally, the child should discuss with specific subject teachers to gain insight into the course they would like to do.

Other sources of information
Several publications, outlets and services now exist specifically to help guide students navigate the subject selection period. Books such as the UAC guide, portals like the MyFuture website and services and events like career expos and private career advisory practices allow students to explore options, express concerns, seek guidance and even get a taste of what their future career could look like.

Interest areas
It should come as no surprise that a child’s interest in a particular subject will and should influence what they choose. Even if they don’t seem themselves as having a career in that area, they should still pursue it, says Dr Taccori. Complementary and necessary subject areas that are related to their career intentions also need to be considered, he adds.

Strategy
Strategy plays a big role in children selecting what subject they are going to do and how many they are willing to take on, says Dr Taccori.

“We know that if a child loves a particular subject and does it, then they are most likely going to get much better grades than if they did a subject they hated.”

Similarly, choosing to do different subjects to cover of all allotted units of study during Years 11 and 12 may be considered a good insurance policy for some. Or having done a subject that incorporates Vocational Education Training (VET) may mean doors to certain apprenticeships are open, allowing for more to choose from.

Taking the plunge
It is important to consider different information sources and the advice from teachers, parents, careers advisors and peers, but Dr Taccori says, above all, students should listen to their own inner voice of reason. There is no such thing as a wrong subject choice.

Further Reading:
• Universities Admission Centre - http://www.uac.edu.au/
ALL GIRLS
CRICKET
COMPETITION
2015/2016

The All Girls Cricket Competition is back, BIGGER AND BETTER, for the 2015/2016 season. Contact your local participating cricket club (see list over the page) to find out how you can join an all girls team and improve your skills, stay active and enjoy a fun summer of cricket and camaraderie.

DETAILS:

Two competitions:

- 13 and under (Wednesday evenings 5 – 7.30pm)
- 16 and under (Sunday mornings 8.45am – 11.30am)

(Age as at September 1, 2015. No minimum age)

COST: $120 for the 2015-2016 season (includes club top & club cap for new players).

Modified rules and limited overs. Participation is key, all players will have the opportunity to bat and bowl.

REGISTRATION: Registrations will commence in August 2015.

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY CRICKET VICTORIA, MELBOURNE STARS AND ISEC.

SEASON DATES:

Season launch: Wed 14th Oct 2015

13 & Under (Wed games)
Pre Xmas dates: Oct 21, 28, Nov 4, 11, 18, 25, Dec 2
Post Xmas dates: Jan 7, Feb 3, 10, 17, 24 (Finals)

16 & Under (Sunday games)
Pre Xmas dates: Oct 25, Nov 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec 6
Post Xmas date: Jan 31, Feb 7, 14, 21, 28 (Finals)

CONTACT: For a list of FAQs, to register, or for other enquiries please contact your nearest participating club below or overleaf:

Bentleigh ANA CC
www.bentleighana.com
Michael Heenan
(m) 0418 510 795
(e) juniorgirls@bentleighana.com

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MORDIALLOC NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
TAX HELP IS BACK!
Are your tax affairs simple?
Do you earn less than $50,000?
You could be eligible for FREE help with your tax return.
The Australian Taxation Office has appointed a trained volunteer to assist you with your 2014-2015 tax return.
Appointments will be held every Monday.
Bookings essential. For further information, or to make a booking, please phone: Mordialloc Neighbourhood House on 9587 4534

END OF TERM BBQ
THURS 17 SEP 2015 4-6PM
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185-189 Keeravy Dr, Aspendale Gardens VIC 3195
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