



# MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

Our official awards evening will be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December this year recognising the many high level achievements of our students. However, there are some outstanding levels of student achievement happening at the moment that deserve both acknowledgement and celebration in our College community.

Very much on the radar for high achievement this year is our student debating teams. The College has entered two teams in the D Grade, the category for Years 7, 8 and 9 competition, and one in the C Grade (Year 10) competition.

Starting off in the field of 881 teams in Victoria, the D Graders finished undefeated and top of the ladder in the Watsonia region of 40 teams. Our C Graders, one of 420 teams, also finished undefeated on top of the ladder in the Watsonia region of 20 teams.

Both teams progressed to the State level, with both teams achieving success in the early rounds against Arrarat College (C Grade) and St Francis Xavier (D Grade). In the 'Octo Finals' the C Grade team was defeated by one point by quality opposition from Scotch College. The D Grade team had a six point win over St Bernard's Grammar and continued on to compete in the Quarter Finals against St Patrick's

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**LAST DAY OF TERM 3  
FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2015  
STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 1.22PM  
BUSES DEPART 1.30PM**



**The Montmorency Secondary College Tournament of Minds student team. Pictured (left to right) Mr Dean, Jack Coghlan, Jessica Coleiro, Thomas Wotton, Team Captain, Kate Smith, Thomas Pavlovic, Patrick Reichenbach, Joshua Renshaw and Miss McDonnell.**

Grammar on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at Box Hill High School. Against very strong opposition, our students had a two point unanimous victory by the judges. Each of the three judges independently nominated each of our three speakers: Imogen Pictor, Solveig Proctor and Jack Penrose as best speakers. Congratulations to this team who will now compete in the State Semi-Finals against Haileybury College on the 14<sup>th</sup> October. Impressively this places Montmorency Secondary College in the final four D Grade debating teams

in the State.

I would also like to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of English teacher and Debating Co-ordinator, Cathy Dunstan, who has worked tirelessly to prepare and coach our debaters. Cathy and the students have also been strongly and capably supported by a range of teachers including our Head of English, Caitlin Penrose. Well done team!

Another high achieving and exciting co-curricular program is our 'Tournament

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of Minds' student team. The team was put together by Year 9 student, Kate Smith, who facilitated 'try-outs' and became team captain. The other members of the team are Year 9 students, Thomas Wotton, Jack Coghlan and Thomas Pavlovic, Year 8 student, Jessica Coleiro and Year 7 students, Patrick Reichenbach and Joshua Renshaw. These students have prepared and practiced for the tournament every Wednesday since March and they were selected based on creative responses to a range of intricate questions. Each of these students has been a motivated and passionate team member committed to the pursuit of applied technology. The two staff members who have worked with the team in a support role have been Mathew Dean and Natalie McDonnell and Mathew accompanied the students to the actual tournament held at La Trobe University on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August. These students have certainly embraced and epitomised our six core College values of Teamwork, Trust, Achievement, Courage, Friendship and Happiness in this pursuit of technological and academic excellence.

Last Thursday at the College we held interviews for architects and project managers in relation to our \$14million refurbishment and rebuild of the school as per the recent State Government election promise. Excitingly we are very close to a decision and now the process will begin. At this stage we do not anticipate any building works or site development until later next year. I will keep our community informed of developments and part of the brief is that there will be no disruption to the teaching or educational program of our students.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> August, and after a rigorous process involving applications, speeches, staff and student voting and interviews before a large panel, we have appointed our four College Captains for 2016. We have followed a merit-based process and congratulations to Madison Carroll, Brittany Fiddes, Melony Jones and Tully Scales. We interviewed eight outstanding candidates for the four positions and the voting was extremely close and the other four students have also been

congratulated for their achievements and for presenting so well.

Also, following an application and interview process, Callum Dorsett, Ryan Gardner, Jack Penrose and Chloe Robinson have been appointed as Middle School Captains for 2016. Congratulations to all of these students.

Regards,

Allan Robinson  
Principal



Congratulations to our D Grade Debaters (pictured left to right) Imogen Prictor, Jack Penrose and Solveig Prictor who finished undefeated and top of the ladder in the Watsonia region of 40 debating teams.



Congratulations to our C Grade Debating Team who also finished undefeated and on top of the ladder in the Watsonia region of 20 teams.

Pictured left to right are Emilia Dowell, Ilana Altas, Mrs Dunstan, Keely Rushton and Asher Purvis.

## Berthe Mouchette Competition



An excursion in year 12 is often a rare occurrence. The idea of leaving school and our studies behind for the day filled us with excitement and after working our way down to Alliance Française de Melbourne this idea became reality for Monty's Year 12 French students who were partaking in the 2015 Berthe Mouchette competition. The competition consisted of a reading, writing and listening component. In addition, we were required to have an 8 minute conversation, in French of course, which was divided up into two sections, 4 minutes of general conversation, and 4 minutes talking about a topic of the student's choice. A common topic discussed was technology and the impact it has on the French youth. The idea of a conversation in a foreign language evoked feelings of nervousness and angst within all of us, however many found that the examiners weren't as scary as previously thought. What was considered a terrifying experience at first ultimately panned out to be a comfortable and knowledgeable experience as it gave us insight into what is expected from us at the final end of year exam.

Luke Muscat  
Year 12 French Student

### TERM 3 & 4 AT A GLANCE

Wed 16th September	Student Progress Interview Day
Friday 18th September	End of Term 3
Monday 5th October	Term 4 Begins
Friday 16th October	Last Day Year 12 Classes
Monday 19th October	Whole School Farewell Assembly & Year 12 Celebration Day—Funfields
Wednesday 21st October	Immunisation—Year 8 Boostrix and Yr 9 & 10 Boostrix Mop Up
Thursday 22nd October	Year 12 Graduation - 8.00pm in College Gymnasium

## Berthe Mouchette Competition Finalist

Early August, our Year 12 students took part in the Berthe Mouchette competition organized by the Alliance Française de Melbourne, in St Kilda.

Once there, each student took an oral exam similar to the one they will undertake at the end of Year 12 for their VCE exam. This speaking exam consists of a general conversation and a detailed study, a topic they introduce, followed by a discussion on that matter.

There are several schools participating in this competition, with a total of 1636 Victorian students at this level.

Not only did ALL our Year 12 French students do well, but one in particular stood out: LUKE MUSCAT. Luke is in the top 100 finalists of the whole state, with a perfect score – which means they could not fault him on anything.

This is an outstanding achievement, particularly for someone who has never been to France.

Luke will engage in a 4-minute general conversation this Sunday morning, for the Finals. A certificate and French books are at stake for millions of candidates, and there is even a trip to New Caledonia for the winners of the Prix La Pérouse in years 11 and 12.

The Montmorency Secondary College community is proud of you, and we wish you, Luke, good luck for Sunday.

Mme Creta  
Head of French Studies



Luke Muscat

## YEAR 7 GIRLS NETBALL

### NORTHERN REGION FINALS

The Year 7 girl's netball team recently competed at the Regional Finals and although they didn't win on the day, they performed exceptionally well. There were 8 schools participating and these were divided into two pools of 4.

Monty played against Gladstone Park and won by 30 goals, Hazel Glen and won by 21 goals and lost to Melbourne Girls by 6 goals. It was neck and neck throughout this match and a couple of basic errors before half-time saw Melbourne edge away to a 3 goal lead. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter was our worst in that we became rushed in some of our play and made some crucial turnovers to go into 3 quarter time 8 goals down. However, the girls rallied in the last quarter and got to within 4 goals of Melbourne, before they steadied again to win by 6 goals.

Melbourne went on to win the final by 21 goals.

Congratulations to all the girls on the fantastic manner in which they represented the school and they look forward to maybe reversing the result next year.

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Indiana Murphy	Lauren Giles	Mackie Scales,
Brooke Ryan	Lucy Anderson,	
Nina Law-Davies,	Clara Breese,	Bailey Freestone,
Jordan Cypriotis		

A special thank-you to Tully Scales, Madison Carroll, Chloe Giles and Emily Carroll who all assisted in a coaching capacity.

Graham Anderson  
Coach

## Donations for Timor Leste School Supplies and Books needed

Montmorency Secondary College, through our College Interact Club is supporting a new school in Timor Leste. This school is in urgent need of school stationery supplies such as exercise books, pens, pencils, rulers etc.

As this is also one of a few schools in Timor which teach in the English language, they would be grateful for second hand picture books for primary age students and secondary text books for English, History, Geography and Science.

We are asking that families/students donate new stationery items and any old books/text books in good condition. Please drop items into the General Office until the end of Term 3. All items will be shipped to Timor by the Rotary Club.

This will be a huge support for this new school servicing very poor families in Dili.

**Thank you in advance for your support.**

**Jessica Ryan**  
**Interact President 2015**



# Rotary Japanese Student Exchange Program

This year is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first student exchange organised between Eltham Rotary Club and Hondo Rotary Club in southern Japan. Montmorency Secondary College and Amakusa High School in Southern Japan are the host schools. Initially the program operated every second year for a full 12 months, but some 10 years ago it became an eleven week program for year 11 or ten students studying Japanese through to year 12.

This year Len- Law Davies has just said a tearful farewell to Momoka Tateyama who has spent the past 5 weeks at our College. This year's scholarship holder is Amelia Roberts who was introduced to the host couple from Hondo, Johnny and Mamiko Akyama, at the Eltham Rotary Club dinner meeting last Thursday.

This is a highly valued program by Rotary International and the two schools involved. Students from both countries improve their second language skills significantly putting them in a position to excel in year 12.

Any student of Japanese at MSC wishing to continue with their studies to Year 12 and University are highly recommended to apply through their course teacher to Ian Toohill for consideration. Interviews are conducted in May of each year and all students selected are required to join the College Interact Club (Junior Rotarians) if not already members.

Ian Toohill  
MSC and Eltham Rotarian



## Yarra Junior Football League

Tuesday 25th of August, the Yarra Junior Football League Presentations commenced. The top 10 players from each division were invited to attend the Presentation. I, Charlie Stephens and Mitch Brownhill from Year 7 were selected and invited to the night. It was a night of laughter, happiness and maybe even a few tears here and there! Can't wait for next year!

By Charlie Stephens 7D

This season I played for Parade St Damien's and I enjoyed playing in the team with all my mates and I happened to be the captain. I love my coach and he is very influential and hard on us which I like because he pushes us to our full potential. He is an ex-army officer so he knows a lot of difficult training drills. During this season I had been voted by the umpires to go to the Yarra Junior Football League best & fairest night which only a handful of the best players can go for each division. There were at least 500 people there on the night. When it was my time to get on stage I was really nervous but then excited to see what I would come. First they would read out our names to come on stage and then they would congratulate us on making it to the night. Finally they would announce the top 3, the boy who came 3<sup>rd</sup> was from Brunswick and he had 16 votes, 2<sup>nd</sup> was a tie between 2 people me and another boy from my team, we both had 19 votes. The boy who came first was from North Brunswick and he had 42 votes which was amazing amount. The night was great and I am very happy with myself but next year I will try my hardest to come first!

By Mitchell Brownhill 7G



## 2016 VCAL/VET/SBAT APPLICATIONS

In 2015 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 **TAFE** 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 and 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 2016 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, please contact:

Michael Weeding  
VCAL/VET Coordinator  
9422 1625

## LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

During Term 3 I was selected to be part of a Leadership and Enhancement Program with *Operation Newstart*. The program was 3 days a week for 5 weeks with the graduation taking place last Friday. During the program we did a range of activities such as rock climbing, caving and snowboarding, but among all the activities, our goal was to inspire people with our documentary “Action for Change” and also to raise money for the *Alannah and Madeleine Foundation* which we are continuing to do as the term moves on. This program taught me a whole lot about leadership and gave me a lot of confidence in myself to really make a change in the community.

John Hoysted 9D



### UPCOMING EXCURSIONS/INCURSIONS

Date	Year Level	Excursion	Venue	Staff Member in Charge	Cost	Payment Due
5th Oct & 8 Oct	Yr 11	Outdoor Education (17 Students)	Halls Gap Grampians National Park	Mr Doyle Ms Bucher	Nil	NA
7th Oct	Yr 10 Japanese Students	Cultural Exchange Primary School Visit	Sherbourne PS	Ms Yokoe	Nil	NA
13th to 15th Oct	Year 10	Outdoor Education Camp (25 students)	Cumberland River Caravan Park	Mr Doyle Ms Harle Ms Shelton	Nil	NA
14th Oct	Year 10	Incursion “Smart Earning & Saving” program	MSC Auditorium	Mr Hallsworth	Nil	NA
2nd Nov	Yr 8/9 Drama	Excursion to Theatre	Malthouse Theatre	Mr Cetin & Ms Culcasi	\$23 + Myki	29/10/15

**NOW CLOSED – PLEASE GET YOUR EARN & LEARN STICKERS  
IN TO THE COLLEGE BY FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**



This year Montmorency Secondary College will once again be participating in the Woolworths Earn &

Learn program.

The program is designed to assist schools in obtaining valuable teaching resources – simply by doing your grocery shop at a Woolworths supermarket. From Wednesday 15th July until Tuesday 8th September, 2015, you can collect Earn & Learn stickers when you shop at Woolworths. There'll be one sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the stickers onto the sticker card and when the card is full drop it in the sticker collection box here at the College.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to select from over 10,000 valuable school resources including maths and science equipment, arts and crafts material, sports gear and lots more.

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-  Remember to offer this to your family, co-workers, friends and neighbours.
-  Please return this form and payment to the General Office, Montmorency SC by Monday, 19 October 2015.
-  Mangoes should be ready for collection the week starting 23/11/15 (This date may vary slightly depending on the mangoes ripening).
-  We will call you to confirm arrival date.
-  Preferred delivery dates are only a guide to the transport company and every effort will be made to have the orders delivered on that date but some dates may not be do-able by the transport company.
-  **NOTE: ORDERS MUST BE PAID BEFORE DELIVERY.**