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CHALLENGE/BRIDGING PROGRAM INFORMATION NIGHT

Montmorency Secondary College Staffroom
7:00PM MONDAY 7TH AUGUST, 2017

CURRICULUM DAY

THURSDAY 10TH AUGUST, 2017
Student Free Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Term three is now in full flight with a multitude of co-curricula programs operating, including Student Representative Council activities, sport, subject excursions and the Japanese Exchange Program. This week we have welcomed 13 students and their teacher, Takatoshi Norimatsu, to our College from Takakura High School in Japan. They are being looked after by their host families from our College and they spend two weeks practicing their English and also exploring many of the sights and tourist attractions of Melbourne.



Japanese Exchange Students, from Takakura High School in Japan, enjoy a Cultural Exchange afternoon, held at the College on Wednesday 2nd August, 2017.

In the second week of term on Wednesday 26th July, we held our annual Student Led Conference Day, which follows on from mid-year exams and semester reports. This was again a highly successful day giving our students a real voice and opportunity to focus once again on their learning goals and also to reflect realistically on their learning progress and school experience. At this conference, students also complete the Group 8: High Performing Schools Survey which has a PoLT (Principles of Learning and Teaching) focus. This provides the College with detailed and valuable data about their attitudes to all their classes and their teachers. We are now in our twelfth year of collecting this data and the feedback during this time has enabled the Leadership Team and the College to adjust or refocus the way we do things in a more timely and effective manner than in otherwise possible.

Allan Robinson
Principal

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Year 9 Camp at Kinglake Ranges Adventure Camp Payment Schedule

1st Payment of \$105 was due 9th June, 2017

2nd Payment of \$100 is due 4th August, 2017

3rd Payment of \$150 is due 15th September, 2017

If you have any concerns or queries regarding payment please contact the Bursars office on 9422 1500.



TERM 3 AT A GLANCE

Thu 3rd August	Crepe Day
Mon 7th August	Whole School Assembly Year 12 Meningococcal W Immunisation for Year 12 Students Challenge/Bridging Program Information Night—7.00pm
Wed 9th August	Subject Selection Opens Online
Thur 10th August	Curriculum Day
Sat 19th August	Presentation Ball No. 1
Thur 31st August	Year 12 VTAC Information Evening for Parents
Fri 1st September	House Off
Sat 9th September	Presentation Ball No. 2
Wed 13th September	College Council—7:30pm
Fri 15th September	<i>Wheelchair for Kids Day</i> - 5.00pm—10.00pm Willinda Park
Sat 16th September	2017 NASA Study Tour Departs
Wed 20th September	Student Progress Interview Day
Fri 22nd September	End of Term 3—1:22pm finish



Get ready to
Earn & Learn

We are excited to be taking part in the 2017 Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you.

From 26th July until 19th September 2017, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be handed in to the General Office at the College.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including Mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at School.



CHALLENGE/BRIDGING PROGRAM 2018

At Montmorency Secondary College we firmly believe that:

- All students can learn
- All students can experience success, and
- All students are talented in one area or another. Therefore,
- All students deserve the opportunity to display and extend their talents.

We have always endeavoured to offer curriculum programs that encourage students to achieve their best, academically, creatively and socially. This has been complemented by an extensive co-curricula and sport program.

To fully celebrate the successful programs that we already offer, and highlight new opportunities for our students to fully develop their learning, we offer the **Montmorency Secondary College Challenge/Bridging Program**. In Semester 2, students in year 7 & 8 will be selecting Learning Units for 2018 and students will be invited into the Challenge and Bridging Programs for the following year.

The Challenge Program offers all students multiple opportunities and pathways to develop their talents and extend their learning. It is open to all students who strive for success and encompasses many different areas of College academic and community life. It includes some exciting curriculum initiatives, especially at Year 8 and 9.

The Challenge subjects are specifically designed to extend student understanding and appreciation of the subject area involved and further develop their higher order thinking skills. *Entry into these units is by invitation only based on student academic results in the previous semester or year in the relevant subject.* Students will be invited to accept up to two Challenge semester-length units per year at both Year 8 and Year 9.

We will continue to provide structured opportunities within the Year 8/9 elective framework for students who need extra assistance with English and Mathematics to improve their skill-level by running the subjects, Bridging English and Bridging Maths.

Our extensive Arts, Design & Technology and Business Studies learning unit offerings will continue to be offered in the Year 8/9 elective block as previously.

Year 9 students have a choice with French or Japanese (with a view to progressing into VCE LOTE) or undertaking an Endeavour Program. They will need to make a choice between the two.

The **Endeavour Program** prepares students for their lives as young adults and positive members of the community they will live in and work in. It is built on a series of challenges that include:

- Self- Development
- Careers Exploration and Management
- City Challenge
- Melbourne as a 'Global Village'

Parents and students are encouraged to read through the Montmorency Secondary College Handbook which will be made available online to gain a better understanding of what each of the Learning Units involve.

The College will be running an information evening for parents on the Challenge and Bridging programs on Monday, 7th August at 7.00pm. Details about the information evenings will also be emailed to parents.

If you have any questions regarding the Challenge or Bridging Programs, or the Elective Program, please do not hesitate to contact me at the College.

Clara Rocca
Assistant Principal

VICTORIAN SRC CONFERENCE



During the second week of the holidays, Mackie, Sarah and I attended the VIC SRC Congress at Melbourne University. Here, a three day camp was held with students from school all over Victoria attending, all with one similar interest and goal, to learn and lead. On the first day we were settled in with our own dorm rooms, as well as games being played in the common room. Here, we made new friends and talked to people we have never met before.

As well as meet new people and play games, we were also given the chance to sign up for three workshops that were run over the first and second days. These were varied as there were activities from yoga at 7 o'clock in the morning to a public speaking class. We signed up for art vs advocacy on the first night, which was all about putting yourself out of your comfort zone and getting into the drama aspect of things. I found it to be fun as it gave me a new chance to meet new people and find a new level of confidence in performing. Our second and third workshops were on the same day and consisted of boot camp and

mindfulness and motivation. Boot camp was not as it sounds, as it was playing tiggey and duck duck goose but I still found it to be a good class, as we had lots of laughs with new people. Finally, we took a mindfulness and motivation class, which was all about concentration and being motivated to do something. It was a relaxing class and was a good chance to clear our minds.

The second night was set aside for a gala dinner. It was themed as the mad hatter's tea party and was advertised as a dress up dinner. In the dining hall, there were lights, teacups, food and drinks set up in a mesmerising scene. Everyone was dressed up and had fantastic costumes on. This included us. Mackie went as the Mad Hatter, Sarah went as the Cheshire Cat and I myself went as Alice. It was a great last night to wrap up the congress with laughs, music and games.

We were also split up into action teams, which are groups of students who focus on one topic or issue throughout the three days, to pitch to the minister of education. These included saving the environment, gender equality, tackling the stigma behind VCE and VCAL, as well as everything in between. We were split into the group focusing on student rights. Over the course of the three days, we had lots of time to get into our groups and discuss our issue, as well as come up with a solution to the problem. It was amazing to contribute to the group and hear what other people had to say about our topic. In the end, we came up with creating a bill of rights with all of the student and teacher rights written on this. This would be easily accessible by everyone, as well as making it clear for us to read and understand. This was because we as students, found it a problem that we didn't even know what our rights were, and felt that they should be heard. On the final day, we pitched this to the minister of education, who stopped at our stall we had set up and listened to us speak in the auditorium. With a voting device, everyone voted for the topic that they most wanted to be put forward and acted upon. In the end, our student rights group won. This was a great achievement and made us as a group feel happy and closer together.

For many, the last day was also saddening, as we had to say goodbye to the Congress, leaders and the friends we had made along the way. Although we had to leave, we had gained greater confidence and knowledge of leadership skills. I would definitely go back to the VIC SRC Congress, as I learnt so much and took home many skills with me that I will use throughout my journey in life.

Wheelathon 2017

Last year the Interact Club joined with Eltham Rotary Club to raise over \$10,000. This funded 50 rugged terrain wheelchairs made by Rotary Project 'Wheelchairs for Kids' to the needy in Indonesia. This program sends over 1000 wheelchairs to developing nations in Africa and South-East Asia, every year, changing the lives of children and young adults otherwise relegated to a miserable life.

This year the Club aims to better last year's result! The main event will once again be a Wheelathon held at Willinda Park Athletics facility in Greensborough. Why not sponsor a team of students to participate in the event or even put a team together yourself as the wider community is very welcome to get involved. Wheel chairs are provided. Family and friends can simply attend to enjoy the activities and support the participants doing laps with the wheelchairs. You are also encouraged to promote the fundraiser to your business contacts. Every \$200 tax deductible donation means the volunteers working at their workshop in Perth, can make another chair. Check out the flyer at the end of this Newsletter.

Sponsorship forms are available at the General Office or by emailing Ian Toohill at:

toohill.ian.g@edumail.vic.gov.au

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK

The College is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at each school.

It is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of parents' perception of school climate, student engagement and relationships with our parent community. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted **online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd** and only takes **15 minutes** to complete. The survey can be accessed via desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile at any convenient time within the fieldwork period from **Monday 7th August to Sunday 27th August**.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

The online survey is available in English; however, if you require it in another language, please contact the General Office for further details. Survey language guides will be available in a range of languages.

The survey results will be reported back to our College at the end of September and will be communicated to parents through the College's Annual Report. Survey results play a very important part in our College operations and planning. For example, they are used:

- as valuable data to review our policies and College operations
- to inform our Annual Implementation Plan
- in our four-yearly College Review and the four-yearly Strategic Plan that is generated by this review.
- by our Principal Team and College Council to identify areas of concern or improvement.

If you are one of the randomly selected parents invited to complete the survey, please take the time to do so, your opinion is very important to us.

For further information, please speak to you child's teacher or visit:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyparent.aspx>

Allan Robinson
Principal

DOES YOUR CHILD NEED TO LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY???

Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds during the school day without permission. It is expected that students will make dental, medical and other appointments outside school hours wherever possible. However, we understand that this is not always possible. If your child needs to leave school early for any reason, we ask that you follow College procedure set out below:

1. Please provide your child with a note requesting permission for your child to leave school at the specified time.
2. Upon arrival at school, the student is to take the note to his/her Level Coordinator, who will then sign the note and return it to the student.
3. The student can then present the note to his/her class teacher when he/she needs to leave.
4. Once the student leaves the class he/she will present the note to the General Office staff and sign the "Early Leavers" record. The office staff will retain the note for attendance recording.
5. If your child needs to return to school later in the day, he/she is to report to the General Office and sign in.

It is important for all students and teachers that class interruptions are kept to a minimum. Wherever possible, parent/guardians are asked to avoid telephoning the College in order to have their child paged or dismissed from class and follow the above procedures instead.

ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

- Students who arrive after the class roll has been taken (after Home Group) should report to the "Time Out" room and sign in the Late Arrivals book.
- If students arrive after Period 1 (10.05am) they should report to the General Office and sign in the Late Arrivals book.
- A note from a Parent/Guardian explaining the lateness should be provided to the office staff.
- The late student then collects a "Late Slip" which will admit him/her to class.
- Students who do not provide an acceptable reason for the lateness in a note may be given a detention.

Allan Robinson
Principal

USE OF THE BIKE SHED

Students are reminded, that while the bike shed is locked during the day, it isn't locked out of hours and bikes must not be left overnight under any circumstances. Students leaving bikes for extended periods, for Outdoor Education or any other reason, must arrange to have them stored within the College buildings.

Unfortunately, there are thieves in the area looking for bikes to steal and with the use of portable angle grinders, cables and other locking devices are no defence.

NASA SPACE CAMP 2017

TRIVIA NIGHT FRIDAY 25TH AUGUST

Montmorency Secondary College will be holding a trivia night extravaganza on Friday 25th of August to help raise funds for 25 of our Year 10 and 11 students attending the NASA Space Camp in America during Term 3 this year.

Organise a team and a table of friends, bring a plate and some refreshments. Tea and coffee will also be available.

Trivia quiz competition, Win a Wheelbarrow full of interesting wines and ales, Silent Auctions, Gift vouchers, Raffles, Door prizes, Coin toss, Paper plane competition, crazy bike comp, Four corners card draw elimination, musical items and more.

Tickets \$15- each

Venue College Gymnasium (via Dobson Street)

Time 7pm

**Tickets on sale at the College General Office
from Wednesday 2nd of August 2017.**



As part of our year 9 Endeavour, we chose to raise money and collect donations (pads and tampons) for the Share the Dignity foundation. Share the Dignity is a charity that collects sanitary items for homeless women in need. Due to our huge success, Share the Dignity has reached out to us and has asked for our school to be one of the community collection points in Victoria. From August 1st, there will be an official donation box for the pads and tampons at the General Office. Donations can be made throughout August. We would really appreciate any donations. Thank you,

Chloe, Sarah, Brooke, Makayla and Bronson.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS TRAVELLING ON COLLEGE BUSES AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Students who use the College bus service (operated by MEES Buslines), or travel on public transport, **MUST** carry a Myki Card when travelling and **MUST** remember to touch on at the Myki reader at the commencement of travel and touch off at the end of their trip.

Authorised Officers are employed by public transport operators to check tickets and if students do not have a valid ticket when travelling on public transport, or don't show their ticket on request, they may have committed an offence under the *Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983* or its regulations and may be fined.

Also, please note that students aged 17 and over, are required to obtain a Victoria Public Transport (VPT) Student Concession Card in order to continue using their concession Myki. Application forms are available from any premium station or online. Students must carry a valid concession card when travelling on public transport.

Allan Robinson
Principal

Berthe Mouchette Poetry Competition 2017

On May 26th at Montmorency Secondary College, our Year 7 and Year 10 French students participated in the Berthe Mouchette Poetry Competition organised by the Alliance Française de Melbourne. Students had to memorise a poem and recite it to an examiner. Students are marked on delivery, confidence, pronunciation and comprehension of the poem. Each year in Victoria, between 8000 and 12000 students take part in this French tradition. From this pool of participants, 100 are selected as state finalists. We are very proud to announce that three Year 7's and one Year 10 from our school have been invited to the Alliance Française to partake in the finals in August. They are:

- Hana Beruldsen 7A
- Spencer Waymire 7C
- Ben Stewart 10F
- Arina Mueller 7A



Spencer Waymire



Hana Beruldsen & Arina Mueller



Ben Stewart

Congratulations and good luck in the final from the French Faculty!

Mme Créta – Mr Healy – Mr Minglis – Mme Bucher – Mégane

THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS

SPECTACULAR

Rehearsals are in full swing for the Victorian State School Spectacular coming up at the end of the term.

Students participating in the Mass Choir had their first combined rehearsal with 1300 other students from throughout Victoria last Wednesday at the Melbourne Town Hall. It was a great day, and a fantastic taster of what is to come. The next combined rehearsal on Wednesday 16th August will include all the soloists, and the singers will be required to learn movements to the songs as well. It will be a big day.

A reminder to all Mass Choir members that if you are interested in ordering a windcheater orders must be in by Friday.

NEWS FLASH: 2 positions have become available for anyone who would be interested in participating in the mass choir. Please see Mrs Cooke for details.

WHEELCHAIRS for KIDS

There are millions of poor disabled children in under-resourced countries, victims of mines, disease or birth defects, whose lives and that of their families, can be changed dramatically by providing them with a suitably fitted wheelchair.



Every \$200 donated will provide a needy child with a wheelchair.
Please support us!

SPONSOR A WHEELATHON TEAM

- Wheelchair Wheelathon donations can be made by direct deposit to:
Wheelchairs for kids Inc BSB 016494 A/C 193292475
- Donations to the Eltham Rotary and the Montmorency Secondary College Interact Club
- Tax deductible receipts can be obtained by emailing to: ruscle@bigpond.com

• MAIN EVENT •

- Please provide or sponsor a team to participate in the Wheelathon at Willinda Park Beatrix St Greensborough Friday 15 September from 5 till 10pm.
- Sponsorship forms are available from the general Office at Montmorency Secondary College or by emailing Ian.toohill@bigpond.com
- This community event raises funds by sponsoring teams a dollar amount per lap, pushing wheelchairs around the track. Food, novelty events and entertainment are provided. Sponsorship monies can be paid at registration.
- Teams can register at the venue from 5pm.
- Prizes for best team costume.

