Dear Students, Parents, Staff and community,

We have reached the end of our 2015 school year, another year of growth in the lives of our students. This year has seen many changes and improvements in academic achievements, in student teacher engagement and in the buildings and facilities of Melton Christian College.

It has been a privilege to share in the academic and spiritual journey of you the students and parents, for not only 2015, but for the last seven years. I had the honour of joining the MCC staff as a Maths and Art teacher in 2009. I continued in the capacity of teaching and coordination for three years, then in 2012, moved into Principal leadership.

The last four years I have shared in a time of immense growth and change within our community. Our student numbers have grown from 418 in 2011 to a planned enrolment of 670 in 2016. Our staff have increased from 60 to 80 wonderful talented staff. We have seen the implementation of the Australian Curriculum and stronger support for at risk and advanced students. Our staff have participated in hundreds of hours of professional development to continuously improve our capacity to support and grow the students of Melton Christian College. We are very excited about the opening of our new state of the art gymnasia sports complex and classroom facility.

The extended opportunities this gives our students has been long overdue.

At the close of this year we will be saying farewell to staff and students that God has led to journey to another place in the future. Mr Ken Wade, Mrs Melanie Fenn, Mrs Sue Waddell, Mrs Rowena DeKretser, Miss Lisa Kerboeuf and Jeremiah Alexander. We have been blessed by having these staff share their talents with us in the past years and we wish them all the best in the future. We would also like to welcome new staff to MCC for the coming year. Mr David Gleeson Principal, Mr Barry Ibrahim secondary humanities and wellbeing, Mrs Desi Soitaridis secondary humanities, Mrs Lucy Egan-McCormack primary teaching assistant and Mrs Andrea Fitzgerald primary education support.

As I move closer to my final day at MCC, I fully realise that God has been the one in control for these years. He has allowed me to share with a wonderful talented team of staff, hundreds of wonderful students and parents and their individual journeys of life. I am very blessed. I will be moving back into full time secondary teaching in the Castlemaine area in 2016, and I am very excited about the opportunities that await me in the future and look forward to the challenges that God has for me and my family.

I am richer for having known each student, parent and staff member here at Melton Christian College. God has used each of you to teach me many wonderful things. May I commend you and yours to His loving care for the future.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all Amen.
Revelation 22:21

Mrs Rebekah Alexander
College Principal

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COLLEGE PRAYER TIME
Tuesday mornings 9.00-9.30 am in the chapel foyer! (please sign in at the front office first) All College families and friends are welcome to attend.

Free Dress Friday.
Two Cans for CCCM
Friday December 4 will be a free dress day in exchange for 2 cans or items of non perishable food. Students must dress modestly and adhere to the guidelines in the College Handbook.

Deviations on : He calls us to rejoice
When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.
Matt 2 :10 (NIV)
**EXCURSIONS... INCURSIONS...EXCURSIONS...**

**PREP SPORTS DAY**
On Thursday December 3 the Grade Prep children will be participating in their annual sports day here at the College. The children will be competing in different running, jumping and throwing events such as races, relays, tunnel ball. They will be competing in their House teams of Caleb (red), Gideon (blue), Daniel (yellow) and Joshua (white). The events will take place between 9:00am and 10:30am on the oval. Parents are welcome to come and watch the events. Children should wear sporting clothes in their team colours or come in their sports uniform. They should wear sun cream and have drink bottles for re hydration. It promises to be a fun morning.

Thankyou. Mr Ian Shattock and Mrs Jane McErlain

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**Combined Churches Carols by Candlelight**
The Junior Choir and Senior Vocal Group will be singing together at the Melton Carols by Candlelight on Friday December 18. The combined choir will be singing three songs on the night as part of the pre-carols program. Here are the details of what is expected of the students on the night:

**Date:** Friday December 18, 2015  
**Time:** Meet Mrs Bendall at 6:45pm  
**Uniform:** Full summer school uniform with some optional Christmas accessories (eg. earrings, tinsel etc – NO Christmas hats or Rudolph ears).  
**Venue:** Heathdale Christian College Hockey Oval, 102-112 Centenary Ave, Melton, Victoria

If your child is part of this event, please have them to return the note of availability back to school before the 3rd of December.

It would be great if we could all come and support the choirs and the community at this special event.

Mrs Carla Bendall and Mrs Emily Clements

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**Melton Christian Fellowship Playgroup**
We are back on Thursdays from 8:45am to 11am in the Chapel foyer.

For any enquiries please contact Chrissy 0401 951 592

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**Important Dates**

**Primary Awards Evening.** Thursday December 3, 7.00pm start at the College Auditorium. Students are to wear full Summer Uniform.

**Secondary Awards Evening.** Friday December 4, 7.00pm start, students to arrive and 6.30pm at the College Auditorium.  
Yr7-10 Students wear full Summer Uniform.  
Yr 11 Boys: Winter Uniform including shirt, tie and blazer.  
Yr 11 Girls: Summer Uniform including blazer.  
Yr 12 Students: Semi-formal dress, graduation gowns will be provided. Arrive at 6.15pm and meet at B1. **Please note if you only have children in either Primary or Secondary, you do not need to attend both evenings, however, if you would like to you are most welcome.** It is requirement that all students attend this school event and support their peers in their achievements.

**Orientation Day.** Monday December 7.

**Last Day Term 4.** Monday December 7. School will finish at 3.30pm

**First Day Term 1, 2016.** Monday February 1.

**1st Half Prep Start.** Monday February 1.

**2nd Half Prep Start.** Tuesday February 2.

**No Preps.** Every Wednesday during the month of February.

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**MPSSA Soccer**
On Friday the 27th November the Year 5 and 6 children participated in the MPSSA Soccer tournament up at the Kurunjang Soccer fields. The girls improved throughout the whole day with our highlight coming in our game against Melton West with a great solo goal to Monique Fox. The boys had a very good tournament making the Grand Final against St Dominic’s. It was close the whole match until they got a goal late in the second half to put them up. We eventually lost the final 2-0. Best player for the day was Mayen. It concludes a very successful year of MPSSA sports with the Grade 5/6 children who should all be proud of their efforts throughout 2015. A big thank you to Arthur Galanis and Mrs. Broad for their help on the day. Thanks. Mr. Shattock and Mrs. McErlain

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**Visitor Pass**
If you have accidentally souvenired a Visitor Pass from the Front Office, please return it. They are slowly but surely disappearing and are quite expensive to replace.

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**Relay For Life**
February 27, 2016. Relay for Life will be held at Tabcorp Park Melton. Wendy Elliott and Rebecca Hayes from the Front Office will be participating in this event to help raise money for cancer research. If you would like to make a donation and show your support, a donation box is located in the Reception area. Many thanks in advance for your much needed contribution.
IT CAN'T BE THE END OF ANOTHER YEAR ALREADY...
Welcome to our last Primary Corner for 2015. It is hard to believe that we are at this stage already. I am sure many of you are thinking it wasn’t that long ago that you brought your children to school at the start of this year. Some of you will be thinking I can’t believe my child has already finished primary school. However; at this time of the year, we do have something to believe in. We can believe that Jesus was born, with a purpose, many years ago. We can believe that without His birth, we wouldn’t be reconciled with God through His death. We can believe that God loved us enough to send His son to Earth for us, with His main purpose being to die for us. What an amazing thought! What an amazing love!

You can also believe that your children have worked very hard this year and made wonderful progress. You can believe that our teachers have done their best for your child and encouraged them the whole way. You can believe that MCC will continue to do our best for you and your children in 2016. Thank you for your support throughout 2015. Thank you for persevering with us and partnering with us. The road is not always smooth, but the important thing is that we continue to travel it together.

May God richly bless you during this holiday season. Spend time together as a family – laugh, have fun and get to know each other a bit more. Stay safe and we will see you all next year!

Yours in Christ,
Jodie Vamplew.

Parents & Friends Committee - 2015
The P & F Committee has had a wonderful year, raising funds and helping to build our MCC community through a range of different fundraising events and activities in 2015.

This year, the Committee managed to raise a total of $ 10,018 through: the Annual Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls, a Winter Warmer BBQ and a Krispy Kreame Donut Drive. What a fabulous effort!

From funds raised over the past few years, the Committee had the pleasure of purchasing the following items in 2015:

- Shade Sail (in front of the Prep classroom)
- World Book Encyclopaedia – online and hard copy for our Library
- Covered Deb Ball expenses
- Lego teaching aids

The Committee will have a ‘new look’ in 2016 with the introduction of formal positions, which were voted at the P & F Committee AGM held last month. Congratulations to:

President - Lucy Egan-McCormack
Vice President - Tammy Lemmon
Secretary – Bianca Carroll
Treasurer – Karen West

The College would like to sincerely thank each committee member and volunteer for their hard work and dedication throughout 2015.

A special mention to Jane MacDonald and Sharon Barker who helped ‘head up’ the Committee for the past seven years! What an amazing effort! Thank you, Jane, for taking the time to serve our College in this way. We are very thankful to know that you will still be a committee member in 2016 and beyond.

Finally, an enormous thank you to Sharon Barker and her family for the service they have given to MCC over the past 15 years! The Barkers’ have helped support the College in so many ways. Thank you for allowing MCC to share in the joy of your family for this time; we will miss having you around. We pray God’s richest blessings for you all.

Lost Property
If you are missing an item of clothing please take the time to check the Lost Property. In order to have your clothes returned to you it is advised that all items are labeled clearly. Also, please ensure the name in your uniform is yours and doesn’t belong to someone else. Items not collected by the end of School, December 7, will be donated to Melton Uniting Church Op Shop on Brooklyn Road, Melton South.

Parents and Friends
We need volunteers
The Melton Christian College Parents and Friends group structure in 2016 is changing and is planning a big year in 2016. After many years of great leadership, we will be led by Lucy Egan-McCormack next year and the committee is already planning new activities.

But we need more helpers, so if you have some time or expertise you can give, the group would be more than pleased to have you join our band of volunteers. You can contact a committee member, or alternatively simply call the College on 9743 8193 or email to office@mcc.vic.edu.au

GIRL GUIDES The Melton Girl Guides now have a junior unit and are seeking new members aged 5-9 years. We’re called ‘The Wildflowers’ and meet on Thursdays during school term from 5-6:15pm. Please email meltongirlguides@gmail.com and come along!
Thank you to all the children who organised our parties this week. We enjoyed movies with popcorn, games, water activities and making decorations.

We hope everyone has enjoyed their 2015 experience in After School Care and we wish you all a joyful and safe Christmas and New Year.

Current permanent bookings will be carried forward to next year, so please cancel your bookings if you no longer require them.

Until next year take care,
Lisa, Rhiannon and Brandon

Operating times
After School: 3.30-6.00 pm

Out of pocket cost per session for most families is $6.95 to $11.19 per session per child. ($5 extra for casual bookings)

Enrolment forms are available from the School Office or contact Genesis Music School Direct.

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New sign in/ sign out system
Electronic signing in and out has come to MCC! This week you will see our new electronic sign in/sign out system for students and visitors. If you arrive late to school but before 9am, please send your children to class. If you arrive after 9am, please come to the office and sign your child/ren in. If you are leaving early, you can sign them out electronically. Visitors to the College can sign in and out using the system as well. Office staff will be happy to guide you as you get to know the system.

We would like to recognise these people as they celebrate their birthdays: Elle Clapton, Seth Brooks, John-Eddie Cubis, Emily Woodley, Massimo Gambardella, Luke Zino, Angus Court, Natalie Gambian, Marcus Borg, William Leonard, Laila Falcone, Lea Attard, Own Beechey, Jad EI Amin, Lycia Tuballas, Sierra Barton, AndrE Mizzi, Sean Mutswagwa, Alex North, Sarah Gallardo, Molly Scott, Sarah Botros, Chloe Houlihan, Daniel Tyiapanjanit, Liam Brown, Jack convery, Noah Dowdy, Jai Elkhoury, Chelsea Nagy, Tyson Derby, Avrielle Ray, Joshua Esikmani, Ethan Macdonald, Kehlan Fisher, Lyxandria Agus, Connor Stobbie, Kaitlyn Clarke, Nathan Gambian, Mr Glen Pettifer, Mrs Jill Monnik, Mrs Ella Stanic and Mrs Indra Liepins. If we have missed noting your birthday, please let Mrs Elliott in the office know.

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CHRISTMAS 2015

Carols by Candlelight

Pre-event Activities
- FREE Jumping Castle
- FREE Face Painting
- Sausage Sizzle
- Tea & Coffee
- Performances by Melton Christian College & Heathdale Christian College

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FRIDAY 18th DEC. 2015
Heathdale Christian College Hockey Oval
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Carols Service Begins at 8pm
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