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KEY DATES AND EVENTS

Monday 10 May

Year 8A Camp

Monday 10 May

Year 9 History Excursion

Tuesday 11 May

Year 8B Camp

Tuesday 11 May

NAPLAN Commences

Wednesday 12 May

Year 8C Camp

Thursday 13 May

11am - 3.30pm Theatre Studies Excursion

Thursday 13 May

Year 12 Bible Incursion

Tuesday 18 May

11.45am - 4.30pm

Unit 3 Business Management Excursion

Wednesday 19 May

6pm - 9pm Christianity Explained

Please refer to email communications
for more information.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Earth is the Lord's

Dear Parents,

One of the writers who contributed to huge parts of the Christian Bible was a person called Saul of Tarsus. In his later life he was later known as Paul. Now we know him as Paul the Apostle, or often he is referred to as Saint Paul.

During his life, Paul the Apostle wrote thousands of words of guidance for Christians. Although he wrote thousands of words, let me quote just five of his words. Only five words among so many, yet these few words carry such a huge message as you will understand. Paul said:

“... weep with those who weep.”

You might have heard those words in everyday conversation. That phrase has become a colloquialism.

Paul's instruction to weep with those who weep is a call to empathy. He directs us to empathetically share the sorrow of the sorrowful. He insists that we care enough about one another to be brought to tears on one another's behalf.

Right now, in world news we are troubled by the troubles in India. There is much weeping right now in India, and we who are Christians are called to weep with those who weep.

Beyond that, and yet closer to home, when I think about the cultural/racial composition of our College community, with so many of our children

and their families having Indian-Australian cultural backgrounds, I am even more compelled to feel compassion for India's current Covid plight.

It is right that we share the sadness of our Indian-Australian families. It is appropriate that we weep while the whole world looks on in fear and in shared-pain at India's current suffering especially because so many of our beautiful College families are from India. Some of our people come from the most hard-hit regions and cities, where family members of our families may be suffering or perhaps even dying because of the pandemic. We as a College community under Christ, weep with our Indian-Australian families, and we pray for God's protection over their extended families back home in India.

God, the Author of Life allows us humans to imitate him in his capacity as Creator when we form communities and families. The bonds of love that connect us to our families and our communities are a gift from God. When we unite, and the Lord's love forms the glue holding us together, then we flourish.

Let's obey this gentle teaching of Paul the Apostle, and generously weep with those who weep. Let's teach our children compassion and empathy and coach them also to care for others in their hour of sadness.

Yours sincerely,

David Gleeson
Principal

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone.
Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
Colossians 3:13 (NIV)



Community

PRIMARY UPDATE

Last week we were treated to a wonderful Chapel presentation by Year 6B. They embraced our theme of Community and shared this message in our Prep to Year 2 Chapel and in our Years 3 to 6 Chapel. These wonderful children wrote a song about Community, dressed up in fabulous 70's clothing, and bravely performed it to over 450 students in total. Community is what we do here at MCC.

The week before this the Primary children were given a challenge by me to do at least one kind thing for another person in their community – preferably not one of their best friends. They were presented with the following questions:

- Can you follow the golden rule?

- Can you show God’s love to everyone in your community?
 - Can the MCC community be full of good and kind people?
 - Can we live as Jesus lived?
- A week later we heard some wonderful stories of where they had been kind to someone or someone else had done something kind for them. Some examples were:
- Inviting someone to play with them
 - Looking after someone who had been hurt
 - One of our teachers even got a mention for helping a particular student to understand their work more in class

At MCC we want to be a kind community. We want to be a caring community. We want to be a community that allows teaching and learning to happen. We want to be a community that honours God through all we do. We want to be a community where we respect each other. We want to be a community where we are empowered to be the best we can be.

Who wouldn’t want to be a part of that community? Let’s all do our bit, in partnership, by setting the right example for our children.

Thank you for being a part of our community,

Jodie Vamplew
Head of Primary



Secondary Cross Country 2021

SECONDARY UPDATE

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.

Colossians 3:23 is our ‘go to’ verse at the College. It is one that drives our Core Values – particularly our Core Value of Excellence. We want our students, where ever they find themselves, to do their absolute best, dedicating their work and achievements to the Lord. This could be in the classroom doing their absolute best in their studies, or it could be onstage giving their absolute best in their performances. This week we saw students give their absolute best in the sporting arena.

We held our annual Cross Country Carnival on Monday. The track for this event is two laps of Arnolds Creek or 4km. Like any event that we hold here at the College we had students do their absolute best in this event and I’d like to acknowledge some fantastic achievements here, Well done to the following students:

Age Group		Male	Time (mins)
U/13	1st	Astin Wilcox	20.06
	2nd	Raynal Bahadur	21.51
	3rd	Ace Hailes	22.32
	4th	Elijah Bulman	24.15
U/14	1st	Jakob Bankowski	16.40
	2nd	Brock Farrugia	17.03
	3rd	Toby Olinowski	17.20
	4th	William Smith	19.31
U/15	1st	Ishant Prak	18.17
	2nd	Michael Clayton	18.19
	3rd	Jett Rust	19.10
	4th	Deon Katena	19.26
U/16	1st	Thomas Asfaw	16.20
	2nd	Diesel Grech	19.46
	3rd	Kaleb Bodey	20.53
	4th	Caleb Quigley	23.01
Open	1st	Declan Donnelly	16.05
	2nd	Ethen Naidoo	17.38
	3rd	Logan Barton	19.23
	4th	Clint Micallef	19.46

Age Group		Female	Time (mins)
U/13	1st	Indiana Spiteri	21.15
	2nd	Pheobe Vaughan	22.14
	3rd	Brylee Toll	24.55
	4th	Sienna Lowe	25.27
U/14	1st	Michelle Gonzalez	21.44
	2nd	Vanshika Mutte	23.50
	3rd	Sarah-Rose Horsey	29.47
	4th	Alisha Toll	29.54
U/15	1st	Ruby Murphy	19.33
	2nd	Victoria Kaczor	35.40
	3rd	Jessica De Vincentis	35.41
	4th	N/A	N/A
U/16	1st	Sofia Calub	22.55
	2nd	Tara Brailsford	31.27
	3rd	Breanna Taylor	32.27
	4th	Francesca Calonge	36.20
Open	1st	Blessing Tokpah	25.09
	2nd	Nyanakuek Kuol	28.21
	3rd	Gracelyn Hocking	29.53
	4th	Alesha Wilkinson	31.05

Mr Derek Bendall
Head of Secondary

SPOTLIGHT ON WELLBEING

Recipe for Life

On this cold wet and windy day, I am looking forward to eating my aromatic, tasty curry left over from last night’s meal. Whilst doing so, I am reminded of something that makes a lot of sense. When we make a beautiful curry, we take a variety of ingredients that, in and of themselves, we would say are not lovely. I am yet to meet someone that would sit down to enjoy a cup of fish sauce or a plate of chillies. But together with good handling and the proper proportions we are left with a beautiful warm gastronomic hug in the form of a curry. I have a similar reflection when I think of the challenges of life viewed through the

lens of the verse from Romans 8:28
 ‘And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.’
 Circumstances, challenges, conflict, and obstacles, we would rightly say, are not always lovely in and of themselves and in fact can be really difficult, but together, with good handling, definitely in manageable proportions, a humble attitude and in partnership with God and his purposes, we can create and enjoy a life of fulfilment, empathy, understanding and perhaps most valuable, of peace.

MCC using the PeaceWise approach to solve and view conflict as an opportunity, is a perfect example of this. I love that every day I get to be a part of a community here at MCC that works in partnership with God and each other to produce life that is rich, authentic, peace pursuing, and real, that perhaps is not always easy, but is always worthwhile. If there are ever any questions or you want to know more about the PeaceWise approach always feel free to ask. blang@mcc.vic.edu.au

Bonnie Lang

Head of Pastoral Care



Recipe for Life

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Say Cheese! School Photo Day is fast approaching.

Have your child’s school memories captured forever on Monday May 24
 Your photo order envelopes will arrive shortly. Please start planning your purchases and payment options.
 Remember these helpful points:
 • Read all relevent instructions for your preferred payment method
All payments are due by photo day
 • You may pay online using your credit card.
 Each child will have an individual *shootkey*

listed on their envelope. This will hjelp identify your child’s order
 • You may pay by cash using the individual envelope provided.
Please enclose correct money as no change will be given
 • Sibling photo envelopes are available at the College Reception upon request.
These photos will be taken during school, on Photo Day, usually at Recess
 - Please instruct siblings to attend the photo studio during this time.
 Photographers are unable to search for

students who do not attend
 • Do not seal envelopes inside each other. You may include payment for all children in one envelope, however, please indicate on this envelope the names of all the children you are paying for.
 • All students should wear their full winter school uniform.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact
MSP Photography
P: 03 5333 5577
e: ballarat@msp.com.au



PRIMARY ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS

<p>Prep</p> <p>Aiden Cheung</p> <p>Christian Rajkumar</p> <p>Tessa Jobin</p> <p>Zac Wursthorn</p> <p>Bethany King</p> <p>Jai Shrivastava</p> <p>Zawba Lauchai</p> <p>Jake Mitchell</p> <p>Victor Sedze</p> <p>Lucas Attard</p> <p>Enoch Lorenzo</p> <p>Jemima Obeid</p>	<p>Year 2</p> <p>Ranvijay Batth</p> <p>Benjamin Schofield</p> <p>Ivy Thai</p> <p>Harshabad Gill</p> <p>Bentley Johnston</p> <p>Luka Tsiatsios</p> <p>Gurnazar Singh</p> <p>Ethan Montague</p> <p>Kuol Kuol</p> <p>Jacoby Hussey</p>	<p>Year 4</p> <p>Liam Grubb</p> <p>Elliot Banigo</p> <p>Gabbie Calonge</p>
<p>Year 1</p> <p>Lily Zarosinski</p> <p>Jax Elmore</p> <p>Jessica Lambert</p> <p>Audrey Garing</p> <p>Isabella Serong</p> <p>Eric Jackson</p> <p>Zachary Fyfe</p> <p>Eva Bartlett Barker</p> <p>Yadveer Chatha</p> <p>Tuiding Rengthlang</p> <p>Isla Grech</p> <p>Joseph Jackson</p>	<p>Year 3</p> <p>Madeleine Richards</p> <p>Jonah Farrugia</p> <p>Arshia Prasad</p> <p>Vittoria Poli</p> <p>Javi Santa Maria</p> <p>Maya Galea</p>	<p>Year 5</p> <p>Julian Dimabuyu</p> <p>Hamish Arthur</p> <p>Jack Albins</p> <p>Jemma Fyfe</p> <p>Sahir Shafiq</p> <p>Dion Quinto</p> <p>Levi Girgis</p> <p>Isaiah Vlcek</p>
	<p>Year 4</p> <p>Tara Isaac</p> <p>Shereen Sekhon</p> <p>Luke Wilcox</p> <p>Nehemias Tamayo</p> <p>Daniel Vermeer</p> <p>Caitlyn Thompson</p> <p>Molly Brown</p>	<p>Year 6</p> <p>Indiana Girgis</p> <p>Rishi Patil</p> <p>Jasmine Murphy</p> <p>Luca Turner</p> <p>Mehak Sandhu</p> <p>Marley Cowling</p> <p>Cooper Grech</p> <p>Ekam Chatha Kaur</p>

WASTE SMART CHAMPION

Addison Oak – Prep A

Levi Edwards – Prep B

Seth Stojcevski – 4C

Uniform Shop

MCC Uniform Shop is open
Wed to Fri - **8:45am - 11am & 2 - 4pm.**
Orders can be placed at the Uniform Shop or via email
with an order form on the College website.
MCC Uniform Shop Manager: Denise Eddy
MCC Uniform Shop contact details - Ph: 9732 3019; Email: uniformshop@mcc.vic.edu.au

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS****Enrolments 2022**

If you have a child who you are yet to enrol for 2022 please do so as soon as possible as we are currently processing enrolments and places are limited.

Genesis Music School

Instrumental Music Lessons At School

Enrolments available at genesismusicschool.com.au or 0421 426 674

Year 8 Camp

Week 4 Term 2, Year 8 students will participate in an exciting one-night hiking trip in Anglesea. Each homeroom will spend two days hiking through Bells Beach, Iron Bark Basin and Anglesea Heath. Throughout the hike, our students will have opportunities to explore our theme on perseverance, learning practical ways to develop resilience and support for each other.

Year 12 Business Management Excursion

As part of the Year 12 Business Management curriculum, students are currently studying operations management. Students will be visiting GEA Australia on Tuesday, May 18. GEA is an international technology group, that focuses on the development and production of process technology and components for sophisticated and efficient production methods in a variety of end markets. GEA is one of the largest suppliers of systems and components for the food processing industry and a wide range of other processing industries. Students are to wear full winter uniform (including their blazers). Students will be departing from MCC at 11.45pm and returning at approximately 4.30pm

Year 2 History Incursion

As part of Year 2 HASS studies, students have been learning about how daily life, communication, transport and toys have changed over time. To consolidate their learning, Year 2 students will be participating in two incursions on Thursday 20th of May, 2021. They will learn about how life changed from the 1860s through to the 1960s in the 'Then and Now' program and then have opportunities to engage with hands on activities and see how toys have changed in the 'Toy Stories' program. This incursion will run during the normal school day so students will need to bring their snack and lunch as usual.

VCE Food Studies Excursion

On Friday, May 21, VCE Food Studies students will have the opportunity to tour the City of Melbourne as part of their Unit One studies, Food in Australia. They will use the information gathered during the excursion to prepare for their forthcoming assessment regarding the 'Impact of Immigration on the Australian food cuisine' and the preparation of these food products. Students are to meet at the Melton Train Station at 8.30am and be dismissed from the Melton Train Station at 3.15pm. Full winter uniform to be worn.

Year 12 Halfway There!

Friday May 28 marks the halfway point for our Year 12 students in their remaining time at our College. In celebration of this, students will be participating in an alternative timetable day. A day to reflect on their progress thus far, celebrate the achievements and enjoy each other's company as the graduating class of 2021. The morning will commence with an evaluation session and review of tools and strategies with the Elevate Education team to help each student reach the 'finish line' in their studies. Following this, the cohort will enjoy morning tea together followed by a team activity. Then it's off to Xplosions Bowling in the afternoon.

Camp Australia

Outside School Hours Care service is open and operating for those that need care, and will provide your children with much-needed familiarity and continuity through our engaging programs. It's FREE to Register (and if you want to use OSHC, you first need to register).

Register at pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login.

Once registered, it's easy to make and manage your bookings online via their Parent Portal.

Visit the blog: <https://campaustralia.com.au/blog>

