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KEY DATES AND EVENTS

Thursday 20 May

9am - 11am Year 2 HASS Incursion

Friday 21 May

8.30am-3.30pm

Unit 1 Food Studies Excursion

Monday 24 May

School Photo Day

Tuesday 25 May

9am-3pm VCAL Excursion

Thursday 27 May

5pm - 6pm VCE/VCAL/VET Info Night

Thursday 27 May

School in Action

Friday 28 May

Careers Incursion Year 9A, 9B & 10A

Friday 28 May

Year 12 Half Way Day

Friday 28 May

MPSSA Winter Sport Rd 3

Please refer to email communications
for more information.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Earth is the Lord’s

Dear Parents,

How exciting! We have ‘broken the ground’ at Toolern Vale campus of Melton Christian College.

On Wednesday, which was last week’s only sunny day, we carried a special shiny shovel down to the new campus on Coburns Road (just past Minns Road). We took turns digging the first sods of soil to symbolise the start of the project. It was a delightful ceremony followed by coffee and cake.

I want to acknowledge the people who attended. There were staff, parents, friends, neighbours, and other special guests. Let me list our special guests by name. From the local and wider community, we welcomed these people...

- Mary-Anne Thomas is the Victorian Parliamentary Member representing Macedon
- Steve McGhie is the Victorian Parliamentary Member representing Melton
- Inspector Rosie Smith and Senior Sergeant Fiona Reece of Melton Police. (Our College is so proud of our local police and the work they do.)
- Karen Hooper is the State Executive Officer of our association: Christian Education National
- Tony Cotter is Chief Architect from Cotter Reid; the designers of the new campus
- Aron Whillans and Maree Orwin, executives from NAB
- Ash Battle is the Pastor of Enjoy Church Melton
- Margaret and John Armstrong, and David Manning are our wonderful neighbours to Toolern Vale campus

From among the immediate MCC community we welcomed:

- Simon and Jan Liefting, pioneers of Melton Christian Centre: Church and College. It

was lovely to see Jan and Simon with their daughter Megan and two of their grandchildren; Indi and Jaxon

- Mark and Carolyn Andrews along with their daughter Katelyn and grandson Luigi. Mark is the Chair of Melton Christian College Council
- Pastors Sonya and Richard Doherty of Evolve Church Melton. Richard is also a long-serving member of College Council
- Student Senate, including our Senior College Captains: Pray and Sneha
- Prep students: Oliver O’Dea and Willow Hayes-White and their mums Stacey and Teigan who were former students of MCC

It was an honour to honour the Lord as Creator of this land. It was also an honour to recognise that indigenous people lived, loved and learned on this land. Here is a transcript of our acknowledgment of the Wurrundjeri people that was spoken at the ceremony:

“At Melton Christian College we acknowledge God as Creator and all people as his beloved children. Therefore, since the earth is the Lord’s, we see our school community as custodians rather than owners of this property that surrounds us. So, it is with great respect that we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land that we are now on. For a long, long time, long before us, the Wurrundjeri people, of the Kulin Nation made their homes here, lived their lives here, and taught their children here; here in this place that once again will be used to nurture and teach children. In acknowledging the Wurrundjeri people who previously taught children on this land, we commit to using this place respectfully, and with a heart for reconciliation.”

Yours sincerely,

David Gleeson
Principal

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour. If either of them falls down, one can help the other up . But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.

A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NIV)



Community

PRIMARY UPDATE

Each day we are presented with so many opportunities to just say, “Thank you, God”. As parents, I am sure you have many reasons to be thankful to God for the children He has blessed you with. At Melton Christian College, the staff find many reasons to be thankful to God through the work we do with your children.

Recently, we have had a lot of success with cross country events. We thank God not only for those children who have been blessed with a talent for this type of sport, but also for the children who give it their best shot even though they know they won’t be as successful as others. That is grit! Our Year 6 students regularly play sport against other schools on a Friday. We thank God not only for their attitude towards working as a team, but also for the way they represent us as a school with

their manners and community-spirit!

We thank God that the Victoria Police were able to visit our Year 6 students last week and talk to them about Cyber Safety. Our God wants us to use technology wisely and correctly. He also wants us to obey the rules we are given around social media so that we are protected.

We thank God that our Year 3 and 5 children were able to participate in NAPLAN recently. This prepares them for future exam conditions, and it also means they are fortunate enough to be able to attend school when many children in the world do not have this privilege.

We are thankful for school photos next week. The class photo we missed out on last year due to COVID can now happen this year. We will be

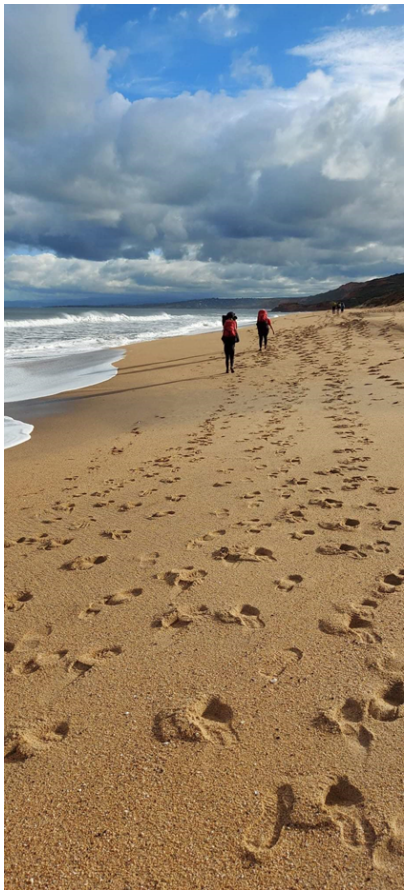
thankful when we look back on these photos in years to come and remember with joy the time your children were attending MCC.

Be thankful for the homework your child is doing tonight. You are reinforcing what your child has been learning. Be thankful for the reading you do with your child each night. You are not only developing their skills, but you are able to spend some quality time together. Use this time to help your child learn and to talk to you about what they do at school each day.

We’re thankful that you give us an opportunity every day to be a part of your child’s life.

God bless you all,

Jodie Vamplew
Head of Primary



Year 8 Camp - Anglesea

SECONDARY UPDATE

Last week, our Year 8s all took part in an overnight hike, as part of our Secondary Camp Program. This saw students set out early one morning on a bush track in picturesque Anglesea. Students walked almost 15km in bush scrub and on the beach, and would then set up camp to sleep under the stars that night.

Some campers experienced rain whilst they walked, cold winds where they set up camp and an amount of exhaustion and tiredness after a full day of hiking.

Everything we do at the College has an educational reason – so what were we hoping for our students to learn from such an experience?

Perseverance was the ‘Learning Outcome’ for this activity. Whilst there would have been many

enjoyable moments, like camping around a bush-fire, preparing individual meals and the many camp games, there would have also been moments where students would have wanted to give up. It is during those tough moments that we encourage our students not to ‘give up’, but instead to ‘keep going’. Keep going even though it’s raining, keep going even though it’s cold and keep going even though you are tired. We want our students to learn to persevere. We want our students to not give up. Only then will they reach their full potential and find excellence in what they do.

Mr Derek Bendall
Head of Secondary

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Not only so, but we[a] also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Romans 5: 3-4(NIV)





SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING & LEARNING

An Information Evening for all 2022 Year 10-12 Students and Parents Thursday, May 27

It is the time of year when Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 students begin the process of selecting subjects for completion in 2022.

Part of our role is matching the goals and aspirations of our students to the subjects and pathways that best suits them.

The College offers a range of subjects at the senior level, and three key pathways:

- Unsourced VCE
- Scored VCE

- VCAL

All current Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 students, together with the parents, should come along to next Thursday's Information Evening to learn more about courses and pathways offered at the College.

The evening will be held in the Auditorium, Thursday, May 27.

- Year 9s should attend the "Year 10 2022" Info Session beginning at 6.30pm
This vital session explains the course options available to students.

- Year 10s and Year 11s should attend the "VCE/VCAL/VET 2022" Info Session beginning at 7.30pm

Don't miss out on learning valuable information about subject selection, unpacking the different senior years pathways and hearing from Learning Team Leaders and Student Ambassadors.

Should you have any questions about Thursday evening's information session, please contact our Year 11&12 Coordinator, Mrs Angela Inglis on 9732 3000, or email at ainglis@mcc.vic.edu.au

Kristie Barber
Head of Teaching & Learning



Jenny Gillie



Monica Lamos

SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

At Melton Christian College, we would like to introduce you to two of our newest staff, as we welcome them to the Performing Arts Department.

Thank you for welcoming me to the MCC Community! I am really enjoying working with students from Years 7 to 9 in Music and Drama, and as a Homegroup Teacher for 7C.

Primarily teaching Performing Arts in the state system and in other Christian schools over many years, I have also had the privilege of teaching a variety of subjects and working with classes from Prep to Year 12, including VCE, VET and VCAL. I am passionate about encouraging students of all ages, to build their confidence and to help them recognise and develop their God-given gifts.

Christian Education is deeply embedded my family – my husband teaches in another CEN school and we are very grateful that our four grown children have been educated in Chris-

tian schools from Prep to Year 12. We love boating and spending time together with our two puppies. It warms my heart when we all play together as a family band for Christmas, or Easter at our eldest son's church in Tasmania. It is so great to worship God and to serve him.

I am very impressed with what I see in action at Melton Christian College each day, and I am delighted to see the growth potential of the College. I trust you are also excited to be a part of this wonderful school community, and that you appreciate how exceptional it is.

Jenny Gillie
Teacher

I am a Canadian primary school teacher, originally from Southern Ontario. I've been living and teaching in Melbourne for almost 2 year now. I love singing to and with my students and enjoy playing various instruments including,

piano, flute, trombone, guitar, ukulele, and recorder. As a music educator, I believe that music, movement and dramatic expression has the power to give students a sense of belonging, self-esteem and confidence, joy, and allows for opportunities to express themselves as a group and as individuals. Teaching performing arts appreciation, knowledge and fundamentals is an important life skill that can aid the development of self-discipline, responsibility, teamwork, commitment and so much more. As a Christian Educator, I believe it is a great privilege and responsibility to promote a safe and caring Christian community that provides opportunities for students to develop confidence in their faith and feel free to be themselves. I look forward to helping students at Melton Christian College learn and grow as we all strive to praise and glorify God.

Monica Lamos
Teacher



Community

PRIMARY ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS

Prep

Harjas Singh
Evelyn Vennik
Brighton Gold
Phoenix Montague
Charlotte Schofield
Emberly Meijer
Reej Sidhu
Trisha Sharma
Sehaj Kaur
Aaryan Nair
Mia Rajak
Levi Bajada

Year 1

Karen Kaur
Hudson Charteris
Natalie Horley
Naomi Banigo
Khoda Rust
Aiden O’Halloran
Eden Ferguson
Zayden Paley
Avish Prasad
Michelle Chihwayi
Alexander Allen
Madeleine Tandy

Year 2

Mason Charteris
Khush Patel
Sehaj Dahawan
Charmaine Testa
Milan Mahal
Sofija Rakic
Chris Badenhorst
Hayden Beard
Nadiya Garcha
Brooklyn Hussey
Abhayjeet Brar
Aarush Ajara

Year 3

Davina Mata-Hooper
Zander Attard
Franky Spiteri
Hope Oastler
Nairit Barua
Daniella Portelli
Angad Virk
Elisha Lorenzo

Year 4

Brendan Le
Sidhak Arora
Lucas Chamberlain
Kierra Squires

Year 4

Estelle Karman
Nicholas Borg
Jason Corado
Shereen Sekhon
Joseph Escalante Aquino
Crystal Ram
Kian Pas
Catelyn Thompson

Year 5

Eliana Aguila
Avani Agnihotri
Max Hughes
Ishivneet Kaur
Sasha Kadir
Eva Klopp
Aliyah Bertan
Trinity Gonzalez

Year 6

Isaac Toms
Charlotte Grubb
Geneve Pangli
Isabelle Ferguson
Noah Portelli
Lucy Hustler
Ellie Edwards
Matilda Franzo

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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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For information on service times, go to:
www.mcchurch.com.au



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.

VCAL Structured Workplace Learning Needed

As part of their VCAL certificate, our students are required to find SWL (Structured Workplace Learning).

A number of students require placement in the areas of carpentry, electrical and automotive.

If you are able to assist in finding placement from May 31 through to June 11, please contact one of the VCAL staff or the College Reception. Thanks in advance, the VCAL team

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.

School Photo Day 2021

School Photo Day is fast approaching! Have your child's school memories captured forever on Monday, May 24.

- All payments are due by photo day.
- Sibling photo envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please note the uniform requirements:

Prep – Year 10- full winter uniform - Year 11 and 12- Full winter uniform including blazer.

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

Western Ranges Cross Country Day

Selected MCC students have won their way through to the Western Ranges Cross Country Day representing the MPSSA 1 District. This event will be held on Wednesday May 26 at Presidents Park, McGraths Rd, Wyndham Vale. The carnival is held over one day with events commencing at 12pm. Students will travel by bus from the space next to St Dominic's Primary School in Church Street, Melton departing at 9.30am sharp and expecting to return to St Dominics 2.45pm-3pm. There will be no transportation available for students from the College. Parents are permitted to drive their child to and from the event at a reduced fee. The children are to wear their full school PE uniform and need to bring lunch, snacks and drink bottle.

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. It will be 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.

CSEN Interschool Sports Bendigo

On Tuesday June 1, 2021 (Term 2, Week 7B) selected students from the secondary college will be travelling to Bendigo to compete against other Christian colleges in Volleyball and Netball. There is Junior, Intermediate and Senior sections across the sports. All the best to all students involved.

Buses depart the College at 7.45am sharp and return approx. 4pm.

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.campaustalia.com.au/account/login](https://campaustralia.com.au/account/login).

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

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