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KEY DATES AND EVENTS

Tuesday 5 October

Term 4 Students Commence

Tuesday 12 October

10am -11.30am School In Action

Wednesday 20 October

Year 12 Celebration Day

Wednesday 27 October

VCAA Exams commence

Thursday 28 October

5pm - 6pm School In Action

**Please refer to email communications
for more information
and check calendar for updates**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Earth is the Lord's

Dear Parents,

When you enrolled your children at Melton Christian College you probably had an enrolment interview with me. If you did, you might recall that during our conversation I spoke about partnership. It is a topic that I often talk about.

I would have said partnership is the best way to get the best schooling for your child. You see; our shared success isn't about being a perfect school, and success isn't about being a perfect parent. Our school isn't perfect, and your parenting isn't perfect; and that's ok, because successful schooling comes directly from the success of the home-to-school/school-to-home partnership.

Parents and teachers: it's how well we work together that defines how well we work.

So, on the topic of partnership, I just loved this email that came in from the mum of one of our Year Twelve students. I think you'll enjoy reading it too.

*Hello,
My daughter in Year Twelve has come to the end of her final year of secondary school and I honestly don't know where to start...*

I wish to send a huge warm-hearted thank you to EVERY SINGLE BEING at Melton Christian College for accepting us and taking care of us from day one... from the moment we first applied for admission.

For example, it began in the very first interview with Mr Gleeson. We had been so nervous entering the room but were soon 'knocked off our chairs' with David Gleeson's warm Christian welcome. In fact, the interview was enjoyable, and we actually laughed really wonderfully together throughout the interview so that my anxieties were all dispelled.

If you know this school, you know the beautiful, kind, generous and approachable staff in the front office. You also know the lovely staff in the Uniform Shop who are gracious and knowledgeable. Then there's the school newsletter that I looked forward to reading every week. It is full of refreshing quotes from the Bible: filling and reminding me of God's word, love and grace.

Let me mention the aides and dedicated volunteers and all associates of the school, bless you, and bless the wondrous teachers, whose dedication and ruddy hard work - encouraged, bemused, humbled, guided, taught, tolerated, entertained, challenged, shared, bewildered, shaped, managed, and enlightened my daughter every single moment of every single day.

There's a lovely community among the warm-hearted parents, grandparents, carers etc who are so kind and welcoming with a lovely 'Hello' in and out of the school grounds.

... And then there's the students who emulated Christian love in every step they took in each and every unique way that you would have to search the world over to find. Really, this reflects the whole Melton Christian College Community - the students are the result of all the strengths and input mentioned above. I am the most grateful person in the world to be the mother of one of those students. The youngest of my three children is now finishing school. I wish to say THANK YOU from my heart. Now for the big beyond - whatever that will bring! Sent with a warm Christian hug and Kindest regards.

What a lovely legacy for someone to leave as they prepare to depart our school community. Let's learn from this letter and continue to treat partnership as precious.

Yours sincerely,

**David Gleeson
Principal**

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.

Proverbs 17:17 (NIV)



Community



PRIMARY UPDATE

Welcome back to a new term.

Let me start by revisiting what I wrote about at the end of last term. Were you able to rest? Were you able to spend some time being thankful for what you do have? Were you able to spend some time marvelling at God's creation (even if it is within 15km of your home)? Were you able to spend precious time with your family and create fun memories? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you have used your break in the best possible way.

I want to use this opportunity to reinforce what was sent home in an email at the end of the term break. Here is another look at the guidelines that have been issued by the Victorian Government regarding primary children and their return to onsite learning. Now, it looks like this:

Week 3 (commencing Monday 18 October)

- Prep students onsite Monday, Tuesday and

Wednesday (remote learning Thursday and Friday)

- Years 1 and 2 students onsite Thursday and Friday (remote learning Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)
- Years 3 to 6 continue with remote learning

Week 4 (commencing Monday 25 October) and Week 5 (commencing Wednesday 3 November due to no school on Monday and Tuesday)

- Prep onsite Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (remote learning Thursday and Friday)
- Years 1 and 2 onsite Thursday and Friday (remote learning Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)
- Years 3 and 4 onsite Tuesday and Wednesday (remote learning Monday, Thursday and Friday)
- Years 5 and 6 onsite Thursday and Friday (remote learning Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)

Yes, it may seem a bit confusing, but the primary team are totally committed to ensuring we do our best for your children during this time. Whether it is delivering teaching and learning onsite with the whole year level, or whether it is delivering teaching and learning via Zoom on their non-onsite days, or whether it is onsite supervision for essential worker's children – we will do our best.

As always, feel free to contact your child's homeroom teacher if you are unsure of anything at all. If your child's homeroom teacher doesn't have the answer, they will have someone contact you that does know. Let's navigate this new pathway together as a team.

Please look after yourselves and stay safe,

Jodie Vamplew
Head of Primary



Monique and Ella - Supporting Kids with Cancer

SECONDARY UPDATE

It's great to have the Year 12s back with us this week. Despite the recent College closure, the Year 12s have continued to work hard and are doing a great job preparing for their upcoming exams. Let's keep praying for our Year 12s as they start their subject exams in few weeks.

Now, just because we have all been in lockdown doesn't mean our students have not been making the most of this time. Monique, one of our year 11 students, has been an amazing

contributor over the years to supporting people that are contending with cancer. She has practically been there for others by putting her hair where her heart is. She is preparing to do this again with her little sister Ella following in her steps and joining her this year.

They are raising funds for 'Challenge', an organisation that helps care for children with cancer as they go through treatment and their families. I encourage you to have a look and be

encouraged that there is still much good going on, even in difficult times. If you would like to support her efforts, here is a link to her fundraising page.
<https://challenge.grassrootz.com/monique-s-challenge?tab=donations>

Derek Bendall
Head of Secondary





SPOTLIGHT ON WELLBEING

Victoria - Keep moving forward

I was washing my car on the holidays and I couldn't help but smile when I wiped over my number plate that says "**Victoria: the place to be.**" Then I thought back to my previous car that had "**Victoria: on the move.**" This may be more apt for some heading out of our beautiful state. But most of us who aren't going far beyond their homes, perhaps I can suggest another slogan. A slogan that might be most appropriate today, for our 850 plus students and their families as we enter this new term, "**Victoria, keep moving forward.**"

My role takes me in so many directions and I am privileged to listen and speak into a wide variety of situations with varying levels of difficulty and challenge, but I think, to be, or becoming continuously well beings, we do need to, in the simplest of things, our attitude, our response, our behaviour, is to keep moving forward. So, as we enter the last term of 2021 let's determine to press on together. The words of Dr Martin Luther King, Jr. sum this up beautifully: "*If you can't fly, then run. If you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.*"

However, if your current season makes you feel that this is just too hard and that being still and waiting is your only option at the moment, then I leave you with some beautiful words from an even more trusted source, ... *but those who wait on the Lord, shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not grow weary, they shall walk and not faint.* Isaiah 40:31 (NKJ)

Bless you as we continue together.

Bonnie Lang
Head of Wellbeing



Victoria - Keep moving forward

INTERVIEW WITH JULIAN BURNSIDE AO QC

Unit 2 Legal Studies Interview with Julian Burnside AO QC

Legal Studies students followed their interview with Senior Opposition MP Tanya Plibersek by interviewing Human Rights lawyer and activist Julian Burnside AO QC.

Julian is best known for his role in the 'Tampa incident' in 2001, and his assistance to indigenous victims of the 'stolen generation'. He is also well recognised for his subsequent work on behalf of refugees. After some initial research into Julian's legal career and expertise, students met with him in a Zoom conference (thanks again, Mrs Escaner!). Julian has appeared in the High Court of Australia, which is rare air in legal terms.

Students questioned Julian principally about his involvement in refugee and indigenous justice

matters. As always, their questions were relevant, insightful and probing. Julian complimented students on their acuity and acumen in framing inquiries.

The interview was a great opportunity for students to engage with one of Australia's foremost jurists and legal minds.

I really enjoy interviews like this, I think it helps us put what we are learning into perspective. I really enjoyed today's interview with Julian Burnside; it helped me see what work he does as well as what's going on with our government. – Sanyukta 'Sunny', Year 11

In regards to the interview with Julian Burnside, I really like the way that he expanded on his answers and was really trying to engage with us which was good. Overall, I had fun and enjoyed speaking and listening to him. One thing I noticed is that I seem to

learn more from the questions I thought of, than from his talking. – Liz, Year 11

I found listening and talking to Julian Burnside really informative and interesting. Through the stories and personal experiences he shared, I learnt a lot. I found it specifically interesting when he talked about how he and his wife took in refugees into their home and their experience with that, as well as the story he told towards the end about the young girl.

– Hannah, Year 10

I believe that the Julian Burnside interview was very interesting and all of the topics that he talked about were all semi-related to my questions, which was good. He is a very engaging person, he was able to explain his thoughts in a way that was understandable. – Zivannia, Year 10





ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Reusable Face Masks Available

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Primary COVID Guidelines for Term 4

Children in Years 3 to 6 will be required to wear masks indoors at school.

The CHO strongly recommends masks for children in Years Prep to 2.

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The Uniform shop is closed due to current restrictions.

Online orders and phone orders are available.

Regular hours will commence when restrictions have been eased.

Orders can be placed at the Uniform Shop or via email with an order form on the College website.

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