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- Tuesday 9 November

6pm-7.30pm 2022 Year 7 Information Night - Webinar
- Friday 12 November

VCAL Last Day
- Monday 15 November

Year 10 Exam Preparation week
- Monday 15 November

Year 11 Exams
- Friday 19 November

Year 7 Immunisation
- Friday 19 November

Year 4 Early Settlers Experience
- Friday 19 November

Year 11 Last Day
- Monday 22 November

Year 10 Exams
- Friday 26 November

2022 Year 11 Aspire Day
- Please refer to email communications for more information and check calendar for updates

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Earth is the Lord’s

“If I try and bend that far I will break!”
(Tevye in ‘Fiddler on the Roof’)

Dear Parents,

Perhaps you remember ‘Fiddler on the Roof’. We performed it as our school musical many years ago, or you might have seen the movie.

Do you remember Tevye? He is the main character of the musical. Tevye the milkman, father to all those daughters.

The plot follows Tevye very reluctantly dealing with change. He doesn’t like change, not at all. Yet all the while, at every point through the storyline, change is the constant.

Tevye’s oldest daughter wants to break tradition and choose her own husband. It’s unheard of! Change intrudes. Then his second daughter also falls in love. Intolerable! Change intrudes. Next, Tevye’s third daughter loves a non-Jew. Change intrudes. It is at this point in the play, right where the third daughter has fallen in love, that Tevye makes the statement: “If I try and bend that far I will break.” The trouble for Tevye is, if he doesn’t bend, the family will break.

How far have we had to bend?

Do you teach teenagers? You may have had to bend pretty far. Are you a parent? You also have had to bend and sway, adapt and flex in order

not to break. Do you live in a household with others? You have to bend, you have to amend.

In the Bible, Paul the Apostle says: *“I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances ... I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation ... I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.”*

Paul the Apostle makes a remarkable statement right there. He acknowledges that his source of strength is God. Even Paul, who is often known as Saint Paul because of his remarkable dedication to others and to God, couldn’t do it in his own strength. Even the great Saint Paul had to rely on strength from God. How much more must we, ordinary people, rely on strength from God and not our own inadequate strength.

Any of us can find strength from God simply by asking God for strength. Praying is easy. Personally, I often close my eyes when praying; it helps somehow. Many people lower their heads, some join their hands together, others rest their hands by their sides; there are not too many dos and don’ts about praying. The most important thing is sincerity. God promises to hear you.

So, parents and teachers, since we are a Christian school, start today. Let’s pray, especially for the strength to bend, and the strength to endure when we ourselves are too weak to endure.

Yours sincerely,

David Gleeson
Principal



WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE

Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves.

Romans 12:10(NIV)



Community

PRIMARY UPDATE

What a great day it was on Wednesday, 3 November! A long time coming, but we were finally able to welcome all our children back onsite together. Now it’s all our jobs to work together to ensure that we make the most of these last few weeks and focus on teaching and learning the fundamentals of numeracy and literacy, ready to make a successful transition into our 2022 year levels.

Now that we have resumed as ‘normal’, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the following:

- Uniform**
 - All children must now be in the correct summer uniform
 - Items bought at other venues are not MCC uniform
 - Be mindful of any jewellery that

- your child is wearing to school
 - Hats are now compulsory – no hat means staying in an undercover, allocated space
 - All details can be found on pages 27 to 32 in the College Handbook
- Stationery**
 - Ensure that your child has brought back all their stationery to school
 - If you have any issues, please let your child’s homeroom teacher know
- Pick Up**
 - Pick up is between 3.15pm and 3.30pm
 - Dismissal points are by surname
 - A to D – usual entry gate
 - E to I – gate near A block

- toilets
 - J to P – Prep playground gate
 - Q to Z – basketball court gate
- End of Year Dates**
 - Friday 3 December – Primary Orientation from 11:00am to 1:00pm
 - Tuesday 7 December – Year 6 Celebration Day
 - Tuesday 7 December – Final day for students

Thank you for your perseverance, your partnership and your support. We value you.

Take care and stay safe,

Jodie Vamplew
Head of Primary



Physics Excursion

SECONDARY UPDATE

The VCAA Unit 3 and 4 Exams have started.

All Year 12 VCE students have now sat at least one exam. Some rules have changed, some COVID checks have been added, and some new protocols are in place for PCC students; but mostly, it is the same exam experience as every other year. Much like every other year, we desperately want our students to do their very best; however, we all know that we, the staff, are developing more than just an ATAR score. We are developing young adults who will, in just a month’s time, head out to be a positive impact on the big, wide world, and undoubtedly glorify God.

I have always admired a letter written by a teacher for a Year 3 class who were entering a NAPLAN exam. It read:
“The people who score these tests don’t know that some of you love to sing, are good at drawing or can teach others how to use a computer program.

They have not seen the way that some of you can dance with grace or speak confidently to a large group. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them when they are sad. They don’t know that you participate in sports, help your Mum and Dad or that you play with your little brother, sister or cousins. They do not know that you are caring, thoughtful and that every day you do your best. Because these attributes cannot be tested. The scores you get from this test will tell you how you did on that day, but they will not tell you everything. They can’t tell you that you have improved on something you once found difficult. They can’t tell you that you brighten up your teacher’s day. They can’t tell you how amazingly special you are.”

If I could translate this for our senior students. It would say.... that these exams are testing only a small area of knowledge in your given subject. Whilst we want you to do your very best on these exams, we know that they won’t be testing how well you work with other people, how well you can come up with clever solutions when a

problem occurs, what a creative being you are, how generous you are with your time, how well you can lead and care for people, how committed you are prepared to be for a cause, and how you are guided by God in your life. All these things determine how successful you will be. All these things are what employers are looking for. All these things make a person who they are.

Finally, I wish the Year 12s all the very best for their upcoming exams. I pray a blessing over them, and that they reach their potential. At the same time, I am confident, whatever their individual outcomes are, that because they have been part of the Melton Christian College community, they will have developed enough ‘other’ important attributes to be successful in anything they choose to do.

Derek Bendall
Head of Secondary



SPOTLIGHT ON WELLBEING

Step Forward Together

As I stepped out my front door last Friday, on the morning of the big windstorm, there was a huge fallen tree right across our front yard. My husband grabbed his hand saw, stepped forward, and began what seemed to be a crazy, huge job on his own with such a small tool. Within minutes, there were neighbours and a local lawn care guy, all with chainsaws and a willingness to step forward to help. Within half an hour, the job was done and a feeling of community had replaced the mess that was the aftermath of a long, windy night. I relay this story, as I consider the aftermath of another lockdown, and a long couple of years as a community and a College. Some may feel

a little battered, and be tempted to step back as the world around steps forward. Can I encourage us and remind us of the power in **community**? As we saw our year 12 students step forward these past two weeks to bring their best with their exams, I see their teachers stepping forward to give a last encouragement and congratulations. I see our year 11s being encouraged to set their sails towards a great year 12, as our staff step forward to begin preparing them. I see our primary and secondary students reconnecting, while the staff step forward to reassure, reinforce, and reinvigorate our learners. It has been a long, windy night; but the community is strong, and God has designed us to be resilient. So, let's all determine to step

forward with our own *"small tools"*. Let's make these days and weeks count, and ensure a good, clean end to this year. It will be a platform from where we can spring forward into a brand new and hopefully undisrupted year ahead. If there is any one in our valued community requiring support in any way, please reach out and let us help each other. blang@mcc.vic.edu.au

Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed Ecclesiastes 4:9

Bonnie Lang
Head of Wellbeing



Australasian Math Olympiads: Elle, Amy and Jack

THE AUSTRALASIAN MATH OLYMPIAD

Our Year 7 and 8 Maths program at Melton Christian College includes the opportunity for students to challenge themselves and demonstrate excellence through their voluntary participation in The Australasian Mathematical Problem-Solving Olympiad (AMPSO) competition. The overall aim of this competition is to encourage students to develop important mathematical problem-solving skills in an enjoyable environment. Students are engaged in exploring real-world problems, and are later shown different methods for solving those problems. This highlights to our learners that there is always more than one way to solve a problem; in Maths and in life.

The competition requires participants to draw on their learnings, bringing together Maths skills and knowledge in unique ways to solve different problems. The very process of sitting and struggling with a problem often assists students to develop a deeper understanding of the mathematics surrounding the problem itself.

We are pleased students could still compete in the APMSO while learning remotely, and we would like to acknowledge some outstanding achievement. Amy, Jack and Elle placed first, second and third in our school respectively. They also finished in the top 30%, 40% and 50% of all

students who participated internationally. This is a great achievement, and demonstrates an excellent ability of these students to synthesise different skills they've learnt and organize these in helpful ways to solve real world problems.

We wish to congratulate all participants on their efforts and acknowledge the commitment they've demonstrated to their ongoing learning. We look forward to more opportunities where we can help grow the God-given gifts, talents and interests of our students.

Belinda Broad
Maths Faculty Team Leader



Community



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Art Show

Welcome to this year's Art Show online!

Mrs Linda Karman and Mrs Elizabeth Sfameni are so excited to share this year's Melton Christian College art show online. Students have continued to show great resilience this year and have expressed themselves again throughout the arts. We are so proud of our MCC artists and all that they have achieved this year!

We encourage them to keep on being creative & sharing their artworks with us to enjoy.

Well done everyone!

Simply click [HERE](#) for the Art Show link.

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**. Once registered, it's easy to make and manage your bookings online via the Parent Portal. Visit the blog: <https://campaustalia.com.au/blog>

Reusable Face Masks Available

Ultra-comfort, reusable face masks available for purchase from Reception.

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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.

Canteen News

The Canteen will not be available for breakfast for the remainder of the year.

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Uniform Shop (Located in the College Auditorium)

MCC Uniform Shop opening hours:

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

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