Macleod P - 12 College



Newsletter Issue 12, 11th August, 2016

PARENT FORUM

All Prep - Year 12 parents are invited to attend a parent forum to discuss and identify strategies that will be included in the new school Strategic Plan. **WEDNESDAY 17th AUGUST** 6.15pm - 7pm **School Social Staffroom**



College Principal: Mario Panaccio College Council President: Nicholas Abbey Assistant Principals: Georgina Convery, Michelle Wallis College Captains: Madeline Stier, Tom Abbey (Secondary) Ruby Gruer, Ben Virlios (Primary)

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CALENDAR

AUGUST

Friday 12th Year 10 Subject Supermarket **Later Years Formal**

Tuesday 16th **OUT OF UNIFORM DAY**

Wednesday 17th YEAR 10 INTERVIEWS -All day by appointment no scheduled classes 6.15pm Parent Forum **College Council**

Wed 17th - Fri 19th **Year 12 German Camp**

Monday 22nd August -Friday 2nd September Various Music Groups to South Street, Ballarat

Tuesday 23rd 5.30pm Chaplaincy & Wellbeing Support Group Meeting

SEPTEMBER

Friday 2nd **Primary Dance**

Tuesday 13th - Thursday 15th **Year 9 City Experience**

Wednesday 14th Prep - Year 10 Walkathon

Friday 16th End of Term 3 - 2.30pm finish

AS OF MONDAY 22 AUGUST THE SCHOOL **CARPARK WILL BE LOCKED FROM** 8.45am - 9.15am & 3pm - 3.30pm

NOTE: ALL STUDENTS MUST BE IN THE NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM BY **TERM 1, 2017**

If your child is absent from school please record their absence by: calling 9457-0207 or emailing

absence@macleod.vic.edu.au

Principal's Report

Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you to those parents who completed the Parent Opinion Survey. Your input is greatly appreciated.



Year 11, 2017 Parent Information Evening

Parents of all current Year 10 students should have received in the mail details concerning a **Parent Information Evening tonight from 7pm - 7.30pm** regarding the Year 11 program in 2017. Parents will receive a copy of the Year 11 - 12 Senior School Course Guidelines 2017 - 2018 and Year 11 subject selection sheets. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ALL PARENTS OF CURRENT YEAR 10 STUDENTS ATTEND THIS EVENING WITH THEIR CHILD.**

Also enclosed was a letter regarding your child's interview time on **Wednesday August 17.**

A reminder that Year 10 students will have no formal lessons that day but will attend their interview in full school uniform. Parents are welcome to attend this interview with their child.

Year 11, 2017 subject selection sheets are due in on Thursday August 18 at the latest.

Year 12, 2016 VTAC Parent Information Evening

A Parent Information Evening for parents of current Year 12 students is also being held tonight from 7.30pm - 8pm to advise on the VTAC process.

VicSRC Congress

Four secondary students attended the VicSRC Congress in the holidays with other secondary school student leaders.

Students were in focus groups and voted on priority areas. On the final day they did a Resolution Action Pitch presentation. Ideas and student led solutions will be released soon.

LEARNING & ASSESSMENT - We believe in a future where students are taught to think smart and are prepared for real life.

DIVERSITY - We believe in a community where everyone understands the terms relating to race, disability, or the LGBTQ+ community and consciously choose appropriate language to create a culture of respect and equality.

PEER RELATIONSHIPS - We believe in a perfect school where everyone would feel like they belong, where grades wouldn't define intelligence, where social status doesn't decline your worth and your hobbies don't define your gender. A child isn't to be held down by the war in their heads.

STUDENT WELLBEING - We believe in a learning environment where students feel comfortable to seek help.

STUDENT VOICE IN DECISION MAKING - We

believe in a state where schools have the resources and guidelines to promote students having a say in core decisions that affect them, so that teachers and students may understand the steps toward being heard.

STUDENT-TEACHER RELATIONSHIPS - We believe in a school where students and teachers unite to better support and understand each other.

Macleod College was capably represented by Madeline Stier, Bethany Prasad, Ethan Billman and Thomas Mathews.

Senior Girls Table Tennis

Congratulations to the Senior Girls Table Tennis who won the Northern Metropolitan Championships last week and at the State Championships on Tuesday came 5th in the state. WELL DONE!

Mario Panaccio Principal

Australian Sports Commission Survey

Dear Parent / Guardian at Macleod College,

Recently a newsfeed for parents Year 7-10 has been put on compass asking parents to complete a survey for the Australian Sports Commission.

Your child is also being asked to complete a survey on their participation levels in sport. If you would not like your child's survey responses to be used you can complete the opt out form attached to the newsfeed and send it back to the school. A detailed explanation is attached to the newsfeed.

Macleod College is currently being funded to run a sports program with the *Australian Sports Commission Youth Participation Project*. This program aims to better understand how sport can be best delivered in Secondary Schools, and we are interested in getting your opinions about your child's sport and your sport engagement.

We would like to **invite you to complete a 15 minute survey** (you do not need to compete in sport to complete the survey). You can complete the survey by clicking on this link or copy and pasting it into your web browser:

http://surveys.intuitivesolutions.com.au/s3/ASC-Youth-Participation-In-Sport-Research-Parents-1

When you complete the survey, you will have the opportunity to enter the draw for one of seven Coles/Myer Gift Vouchers (1 x \$1000; 1 x \$250 or 5 x \$50).

During the next 15 months that the program is delivered in your school, we would also like to survey your child about sport. Participation is entirely voluntary, and should not inconvenience you or your child. You and your child's feedback will offer valuable insight into the how sport programs can be most effectively delivered to engage students in the secondary school environment.

Sharon Moussa - PE Co-ordinator

Careers

Reminders:

'INSIDE MONASH' UNIVERSITY SEMINARS – Final seminars in the series: Science - August 24; Teaching - September 13; Details and bookings: www.monash.edu/inside-monash



- YEAR 12 VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE (VTAC) applications for 2017 courses open Mon 1 August; timely applications close 29 Sept (see www.vtac.edu.au)
- MONASH ART, DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE (MADA) WORKSHOPS - 26 & 27 Sept, MADA (Caulfield campus) for Year 11 & 12's; Book: www.monash.edu/mada/workshops.

OPEN DAY REMINDER – Make sure you attend Open Days this year. They are your opportunity to 'try before you buy' your university or TAFE course. Use Open Day planners before attending. For example, La Trobe University has a handy tool for browsing the Open Day activities and lets you build a personalised schedule to follow on the day. You can download the La Trobe Open Day app which you can use to access your timetable as well as maps to help you get around.

Some Open Day Dates for 2016:

- Sat 6 Aug Monash (Peninsula)
- Sun 7 Aug Deakin University (Warrnambool); La Trobe University (Bundoora); Monash University (Caulfield & Clayton)
- Sun 14 Aug Australian Catholic University (Melbourne), La Trobe University (Bendigo); RMIT University; William Angliss Institute
- Sun 21 Aug Box Hill (Lilydale campus); Deakin University (Waterfront & Waurn Ponds); University of Melbourne; Monash (Parkville)
- Sun 28 Aug ACU (Ballarat): Box Hill Institute (Box Hill); Deakin University (Burwood); Federation University; Victoria University (Footscray campus)

YEAR 12 NEWS -

- VTAC APPLICATIONS Applications for TAFE and university courses open on the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) website on Monday 1 August, 2016 at www.vtac.edu.au. Use Course Searches as it is the primary source of course information. You will also find very useful VTAC videos about applying for courses, SEAS, scholarships, offers and changing preferences at www.youtube.com/vtacmedia.
- You can apply for up to eight courses, placing them in the order you most want them. You will be offered a place in the highest course in your list for which you meet the requirements.
- Don't forget to check out the Selection Requirements for each course for which you apply. Many use only the ATAR for selection, however, a lot have other requirements such as an audition, folio presentation, interview or an extra form or documents that must completed as well. You will NOT be offered a place in any of these courses if you do not meet the selection requirements, regardless of your ATAR.
- You have until 29 September for a 'timely' application. After that, the normal application fee of \$32.00 rises to \$100.00

- When applying for courses you will be asked for a contact email address. You are advised NOT to use a your school email address
- Some B. Fine Art degrees at the University of Melbourne (Southbank campus) have earlier closing application dates; they close on 31 Aug for Animation, Dance, Film and Television and Screenwriting. For Production, Music Theatre, Theatre Practice and Visual Arts, timely applications close on 29 Sept and no later applications are allowed.

SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS) – This Scheme allows selection officers at universities and TAFE's to grant special consideration for course entry to applicants, but doesn't exempt you from meeting course requirements. SEAS doesn't change your educational results or qualifications but enables course selection officers to consider circumstances that may have affected your results or educational progress.

There are four categories of special consideration:

- Personal Information and Location
- Difficult Circumstances
- Disadvantaged Financial Background
- Disability or Medical Condition

For information about SEAS participating institutions, how to apply (demonstration provided), supporting evidence required (with suggested tips) and other details, see: www.vtac.edu.au and search for SEAS.

WHAT IF I DON'T GET THE ATAR REQUIRED FOR MY DESIRED COURSE? Firstly, remember that even if you think the ATAR will be too high for you, still put your most desired course first in your VTAC application. ATAR's sometimes come down on previous years, and some applicants get in on lower ATAR's because of bonus points achieved, or with a successful SEAS application, so you might be surprised.

However, what can you do if you do not obtain a high enough ATAR to access your course(s)? Many universities offer **pathways** into university. For example, **Deakin** has Deakin College, **Monash** has Monash College, **La Trobe** has La Trobe Melbourne and **Swinburne** has UniLink. These institutions can be accessed with lower ATARs and usually provide pathways into university.

Many other pathways exist. For example, Monash offers some diploma programs (in business, science, education & nursing), the University of Melbourne offers a Diploma of General Studies as a pathway, ACU offers courses through ACUCom, and Swinburne, RMIT and Victoria Universities offer certificate and diploma courses in their VET divisions, often offering pathways to university. Some VET providers (eg Box Hill Institute) have formal pathways to university.

Keep in mind as well, as noted in previous issues, that some universities allow students to access their courses on a lower ATAR as a result of their involvement in their communities (eg Aspire program at La Trobe and the Early Achievers Program at ACU).

NEW COMMON FIRST YEAR FOR ENGINEERING STUDENTS AT SWINBURNE – In 2017 engineering students will begin their studies with a common first year. The B. Engineering (Honours) will teach students the fundamentals of engineering before they choose their major, ensuring they can make informed choices about their career in industry.

Those who enrol in the B. Engineering (Honours) (Professional) will also complete a guaranteed 12-month paid professional work placement.

http://www.swinburne.edu.au/study/course/bachelor-of-engineering-honours/

NEW MAJORS IN HEALTH SCIENCE AT SWINBURNE – In 2017 Swinburne's B. Health Science will include four new majors. The degree is designed to equip students for careers promoting health and wellbeing. New majors in biomedical and clinical technologies, exercise science and nutrition will be offered alongside a revised major in biomedical science. Student who enrol in the B. Health Science (Professional) will also complete a guaranteed 12-month paid professional work placement. Find a course at: http://www.swinburne.edu.au/study/find-a-course/health/

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY NEWS -

Find out more about your professional personality, about life after finishing Year 12, and about how to improve your study habits. Check out some of these latest articles featured in the Deakin digital content hub at: http://this.deakin.edu.au/careers/whats-your-

professional-personality-the-careers-quiz;

http://this.deakin.edu.au/careers/what-life-was-like-after-i-finished-year-12 and

http://this.deakin.edu.au/study/five-ways-to-get-on-top-of-your-study-workload.

Also remember to check out the **Deakin EXPLORE** facility at: http://explore.deakin.edu.au. Find out which course suits your interests, major studies available to you, and how to qualify for a career that interests you, plus a lot more.

SPOTJOBS CAREER EXPO COMING – This Expo will showcase career opportunities from large employers and trades through to higher education.

There will be free career advice, industry panels, interactive training demonstrations and exhibits, seminars, and a wealth of information and opportunities for further study.

When: Fri 26 – Sun 28 August;

Where: Melbourne Exhibition Centre, Southbank;

For details and a free ticket see:

www.careerexpo.com.au.

Penny Hysen - VET/VCAL/Careers

Unit 1 Business Management

'Dream it, Plan it, Pitch it'

Unit 1 Business Management students: Ikram Zamir and Ivy Liew have had the opportunity of working with the La Trobe University Business School to 'Dream it, Plan it, Pitch it'. Ikram and Ivy presented their business ideas to judges from La Trobe University on Thursday 21st July 2016. The Unit 1 Business Management students would like to thank La Trobe University Business School for this opportunity to participate in this program.





Penny Hysen - VET/VCAL/Careers

Food Technology

A reminder to all students in Year 8, 9 & 10 that are studying food technology subjects this semester that fees are due now.

Year 8 Food Technology	\$50
Year 9 Food Technology	\$80
Year 9 Patisserie	\$80
Year 10 Creative Cooking	\$80

Should you have any difficulty in making these payments please do not hesitate to contact the school to make an alternative arrangement.

However, if payment is not made or an alternative method of payment has not been arranged, an alternative, non-practical, theory program will be provided for students who do not contribute these fees.

Keren Fazio - Food Technology

Year 9 Health - Grade 5 / 6 Breakfast

On Monday, 22nd August, as part of the Year 9 Health program, students will be participating in activities to raise awareness and better understand the issues surrounding homelessness.

They have already taken part in a soup luncheon where the Food Technology and Patisserie classes prepared soup for the whole year level.

A group of Year 9 students will be preparing breakfast for our Grade 5/6 students and they will also give a presentation on homelessness.

A gold coin donation will be appreciated as the money raised will be donated to the Salvation Army to assist them in providing services for Melbourne's homeless. Thank you in advance for your contribution.

Keren Fazio - Year 9 Health

Tennis Excursion

Last week Year 8 students started a Tennis programme at the Macleod Tennis club. In an effort to foster sporting links to the local community and encourage more participation of students in sport outside of school, we applied for funding through the Sporting Schools grant and the Youth Participation Project. This enabled us to run a free programme through Tennis Australia.

We have received portable goals, pedometers and tennis racquets for our permanent use. The coaches and venue have also been provided.

The programme involves:

- Cardio Tennis (2 sessions);
- Playing The Game (2 sessions);
- FAST 4 modified competition (2 sessions).

The programme may be extended to other year levels. Parents are asked to show their support by completing the parent survey on compass for the Youth Participation Project.

We had lovely sunny weather for our first session last week and the feedback from the teachers and students was positive!





Sharyn Moussa - PE Co-ordinator

Community

Certificate III in Education Support (Teacher's Aide) -CHC30213 - September 2016

This qualification will give you the skills and knowledge to provide assistance and support to teachers and students in a range of educational settings. This includes early childhood education, as well as Primary, Secondary and Special schools.

Graduates work as education assistants/teacher aides and support workers (working with children with disabilities)

Starting: 7th September

Day: Mondays & Wednesdays 9.15am to 3.15pm **Duration :** 24 sessions , 2 workshops + 100 hour practical placement.

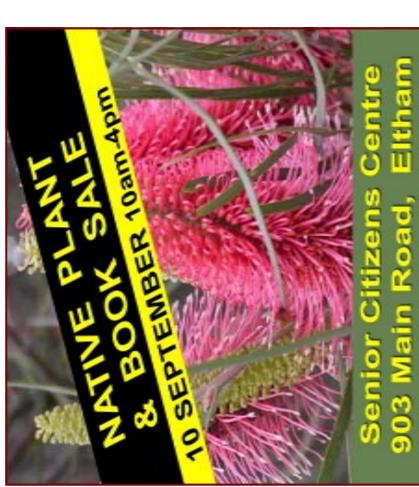
Cost: Concession: \$180, Full: \$900, Fee For Service—Conc.: \$2,685 (limited places) + Service & Amenities Fee

For more details please ring PRACE on 9462 6077 or visit our website: www.prace.vic.edu.au

DIAMOND VILLAGE CRAFT MARKET

Saturday
13 August

78 Nepean
Street
Watsonia



A 'Spring Outdoors' event



SunTuff Plants Member growers

Organised by Australian Plants Society Yarra Yarra Group Inc.

Saturday Oct 8th

(With Melbourne Shopping Tours)

Meet: 7:45 am Macleod College Car Park

Date: Saturday 8th October 2016

Returning: approximately 5:30pm

Cost: \$70.00 per person

To book your seat on the bus, call or text Julie Devine on 0425 717 855 or book at the school office.

Account before 31st August 2016. Details of the account can be obtained by contacting Julie Devine. Payment is to be paid to Macleod College Office or directly to the College Wellbeing & Chaplaincy

Itinerary (to be confirmed):

Natio Cosmetics

Beaches & Women's clothing outlet

Bambis giftware

Morning Tea (cuppas and cakes!)

Diana Ferrari

The Linen Factory

2 Course lunch with soft drink - other drinks available at bar prices

Taking Shape (TS) Clothing

Newmans Chocolates

Siricco Leather and non-leather goods



Funds raised will support the Wellbeing & Chaplaincy Program at Macleod College

FREE INFORMATION & NETWORKING SESSION Morking with newly arrived young people



Featuring a presentation from Omar Alhomsi who is a young refugee from Syria who now lives locally.

He will tell his powerful and moving story on overcoming adversity, working towards peace and the importance of community connection.



2:30-4:30pm



Edendale Farm, 30 Gastons Rd, Eltham

More info & RSVP Lisa F 9457 9897

E Usa said@banyule.vic.gov.au



Open to anyone who works with young people in either or both Banyule & Nillumbik (youth workers, housing workers, teachers, centralink workers, volunteers etc.)



Healthy Schools Banyule Newsletter



Macleod College VCAL Health Day

Macleod College VCAL students visited BCH to learn a range of tips that will assist them in making informed decisions regarding their health. Students caught public transport to BCH to ensure they are able to make their way here on their own in the future.

Students learnt about the services offered at BCH, how to make an appointment and navigating Medicare.

They were visited by a dietitian who discussed mood and food, the importance of breakfast, sugary drinks and mindful eating.



The West Heidelberg Community Legal Service, a service of BCH, also visited the students to discuss young people, sexting and the law.



Overall it was a very successful day and it was a pleasure to have the students visit the centre.



Diamond Valley United Soccer Club presents....

2016 Summer Squad

DATE: 9TH OCT-DEC ITTH

(NO MELB CUP WEEKEND SESSION 30/16)

TIME: 10:30AM-11:45AM

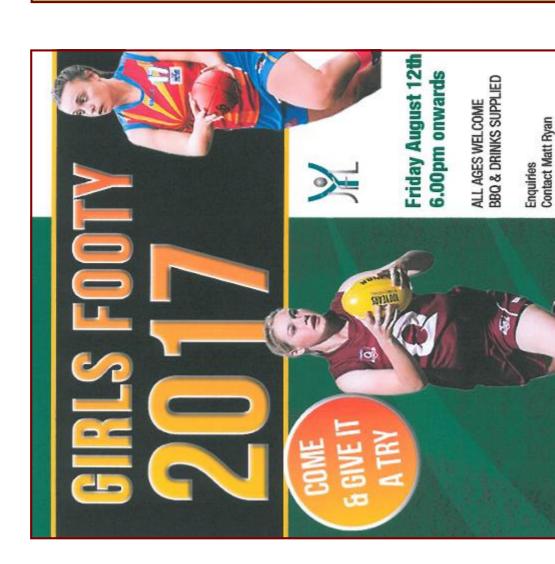
COST: \$80 (CASH/CHEQUE PAYMENTS AT IST SESSION)

** INCLUDES 2016 DVUSC SUMMER SQUAD TRAINING TOP

** OPEN TO ALL CURRENT + NEW JUNIOR PLAYERS

** BOYS AND GIRLS AGED BETWEEN 5 -13

** CANTEEN OPEN FOR BRUNCH!



Macleod Cricket Club – Junior Cricket 2016-17

Junior Sign U

Age groups U16's, U14'2, U12's and U12 Development

Sunday August 21 10am-noon, Sunday Sept 11 10am-1:00pm,

stion: Macleod Cricket Club - 60 Chapman St, Macleo

one: Kevin Picton (Junior Co-ordinator) — 0409 43

\$140 first child. (\$180 total for 2 or more child

Ve value good sportsmanship at all times

We are a family club and we succeed due to the generous volunteer work of parents who provi their time as coaches, team managers, umpires, taxi drivers, and canteen or BBQ operators.

Please help if you can.



0400 488 180

SKILL SESSION & GAME

HEIDEL BERG JUI



Teenage Aggression Responding Assertively (T.A.R.A.)

Northern Region

A workshop for parents of adolescents who are behaving with aggression and violence







Please join us to discuss the impact of challenging behaviours and violence on families and relationships and to consider the role adolescent development, styles of communication and patterns of relating have in family relationships.

Our intention is that parents feel less alone, better equipped, more hopeful and confident in their ability to respond to challenging behaviours in a way that promotes safety, trust and connection for all family members.

Course run over two Tuesday mornings (attendance required for both sessions)

Tuesday August 23rd 14th 9.30am – 12.30 & Tuesday 30th August 9.30-12.30

RSVP by 19th August

For more information or enquiries please contact:

T.A.R.A Program on (03) 9450 4700

ny Street 677 The Bouleyard Eaglamont WC 308

Sustainable Macleod fundraiser.

Save water now and be ready for summer!

1000 L crate tanks available - \$80 each with free local delivery.



Contact Chris on 0418 404 265.

The Macleod Organic Community Garden is open

Wednesday 1 - 3pm and Saturdays 1 - 5pm in August. (Entrance Somers Avenue at the back of Macleod College)
New Members welcome!