WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

The beginning of the school year is a happy and optimistic time as we look forward to new programs and new opportunities for our students.

In 2011 we hope to build on the successes of last year. Student results demonstrated the robust learning culture in the College. VCE outcomes were strong with 8.6% of eligible students gaining an ATAR of 94 or better and 21% achieving 80 or above. The Dux of the College achieved an ATAR of 99.55.

NEW FACES FOR 2010

I am happy to welcome to Mullauna the following new staff:

- Ms Emma Craig (Legal Studies & English)
- Ms Sigrid Cunningham (German)
- Mr David Bradke (Art)

KEY PERSONNEL

As there have been some changes to student management roles this year, I have listed the key personnel in this area:

**Year 12 Student Co-ordinator**
Ms Meredith Maher

**Year 11 Student Co-ordinator**
Ms Lisa Larmour-Reid

**Year 10 Student Co-ordinator**
Ms Natalie Feddersen

**Year 9 Student Co-ordinator**
Ms Vivian Zamprogno

**Year 8 Student Co-ordinator**
Ms Robyn Dyer

**Year 7 Student Co-ordinator**
Ms Daniella Taglieri

**Student Well-Being & Learning Support (Yrs 7-9)**
Ms Helen Selwood

**Student Pathways & Well-Being (Yrs 10-12)**
Ms Anna Healey

**Adolescent Health Nurse**
Ms Shelley Beasley

**Chaplain**
Mr Michael Tilley

MULLAUNA YEAR 7 BOYS EXCELING ON THE CRICKET FIELD

Over the summer, many cricket fans would have despaired at the performance of the Australian Cricket team. However, help may be at hand.

During January, four of our new Year 7 students were selected in the BHR representative U12 side. They were Harry Baker and Bradley Moritz from the Mitcham Cricket Club, Thomas North (Heatherdale CC) and Brady Robinson (Park Orchards CC).

The team played 7 games over two weeks and...
finished 4th on the ladder. Unfortunately the semi final was a wash out with the team finishing higher on the ladder moving through to the grand final.

Congratulations to the boys on a great effort and we wish them well on their sporting journey.

**BRINGING PERSONAL PROPERTY AND VALUABLES TO SCHOOL**

At the start of each year we strongly advise students not to bring valuables, such as I-Pods to school.

Please note the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. This applies to mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.

**EDUCATION TAX REFUND**

Parents are reminded that if you are entitled to the Family Tax Benefit Part A, then you will be eligible for the Education Tax Refund (ETR). This means you can claim a 50% tax refundable off-set up to $1500 for each child undertaking secondary schooling (that is, a refund of $750 per child per year). Eligible items are laptops, home computers, prescribed text books, stationery, etc.

**NOTICE OF COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Parents are invited to nominate for elected positions on our College Council. College Council is responsible for determining College policy, curriculum charges and how we spend discretionary funds. Council meets twice per term on a Tuesday evening. A typical meeting would begin at 7.30 pm and end about 9.30 pm. Councillors may also choose to attend subcommittee meetings which generally take place two or three weeks prior to Council meetings.

If parents wish to nominate for College Council or nominate another parent, they should complete the Nomination Form which is available upon request from Reception here at the College. I encourage parents to consider nominating for this very important role.

Nominations close at 4.00pm on Friday 18 February 2011.

**TOP ARTS SUCCESS**

Congratulations to Jack Daye whose Studio Arts Photography work has been selected for the prestigious exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria from 31 March - 19 June this year.

From 1500 applications, 124 artists were short listed and only 52 made the final selection.

The selection panel comprised the State Reviewer for Art, the State Reviewer for Studio Arts, a regional representative teacher as well as two representatives from the National Gallery of Victoria.

Top Arts is an exhibition of photography, drawing, painting, sculpture, mixed media, ceramics, film and printmaking produced by VCE Art and VCE Studio Arts students. It will be held at The Ian Potter Centre, NGV Australia. Education programs include introductory lectures, folio viewings floor talks, sessions with exhibitors, education officers and the curator. The exhibition is a major teaching resource for VCE Visual Arts teachers’ statewide. The Exhibition is a part of the VCE Season of Excellence.

Only works that address all of the following criteria are selected: the folio must achieve an A+ or fulfil the assessment criteria for VCE Arts or Studio Arts demonstrate strong conceptual development, display imaginative and individual qualities, demonstrate technical excellence, an awareness of aesthetic considerations and an awareness of past and contemporary art practices.

Jack worked extremely hard to produce his folio of photographic works during 2010, and it is a credit to him that he has been selected for such an elite exhibition. He has also been invited to assist in the construction of a mini-installation of his selected images in the exhibition space.

We look forward to the opening of the exhibition in March, and being able to take our VCE Visual Arts students to see the work first hand.

More information regarding the exhibition will be published closer to the event.

Rebecca Holmes
Visual Arts & Design Technology Co-ordinator

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Phil Vear
Principal
HATS AND SPORT

The College follows a “No Hat No Play” policy for Sport and Physical Education.

During Terms 1&4, students must take a hat to all Physical Education classes; as well, a hat must be worn during Sport Education if the sport activity is played outside. The hat may be either the College baseball cap or another hat/cap appropriate for wearing at school. If no hat is worn, then the student will be unable to participate in the lesson.

Students should have a hat that they can leave at school so that they always have access to it. During Sport Education and Physical Education lessons, students have access to sunscreen from their teachers.

COLLEGE TRACKSUIT

Students and parents should note the following points:

Students can wear the Mullauna College tracksuit to and from school on their allocated Sport Education day:

- Tuesday - Year 8
- Wednesday - Year 10
- Thursday - Year 9
- Friday - Year 7

- During Terms 1 & 4 students can wear the tracksuit pants and College polo sport shirt without the Jacket. If the weather is extremely hot, wearing of tracksuit pants may not be comfortable, as these must be worn in the correct way, not rolled up.

- During Terms 2 & 3 students must wear the full College tracksuit (pants and top). As weather conditions are cooler the tracksuit pants and top will keep students warm. If you do not own a tracksuit top they are available from the Victoria Schoolwear Company.

- In addition, students in Years 7 to 9 can also wear the Mullauna College tracksuit to and from school on their allocated Physical Education day. This day will appear on the student’s timetable and refers to the day on which they have their double practical lesson.

- Under no circumstances are students to wear to school their sport shorts and T-shirt. However, students will be able to wear their sport shorts and T-shirt home on their allocated Sport Education day.

- In the cooler months the only tracksuit that can be worn is the Mullauna College tracksuit.

THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

Students who are well read are able to recognize the good writing of others. Students who are well read are able to recognize their own good writing.

It is difficult for students to edit their own writing if they do not have a standard against which to compare it. Beautiful imagery and powerful phrases are rarely found on television, in malls and school hallways.

Reading is a subtle but powerful teacher. Without knowing it, the reader absorbs not only the phrases and vocabulary, but also the thoughts, even visions of the writer.

Students who are well read are able to express themselves well, in both speaking and writing:

They incorporate more sophisticated language into their essays, show more insight, and consequently earn higher marks.

Good writing expresses a writer's inner thoughts and emotions. It also gives the reader the power to express himself or herself. For example, people today describe an object as "disappearing into thin air"; a situation as "full of pomp and circumstance" or a person as "dead as a doornail." These exact words were written over 400 years ago by William Shakespeare, and communicated to the modern reader through his plays.

Students who are well read understand MORE:

Literature is full of historical and cultural references called literary allusions.

Students who are weak readers lack the background knowledge to really understand much of what they read. For example, a poem may make reference to Noah’s ark (from the Bible) or sour grapes (from Aesop’s Fables).

Taken from http://www.bestlibrary.org/well/2006/09/encouraging_stu.html.

Nola Fitzgerald
Librarian
SCHOOL PHOTO DAY — 17 FEBRUARY

- All students must be dressed in summer uniform
- Only black school shoes are to be worn and laced/buckled up
- All shirts (regardless of type) must be tucked in during the photo session
- Any chunky belt buckles or studded belts are not to be worn on photo day
- All jewellery must be removed for photos (sleeper, studs/earrings ok)
- Photo envelopes are to be presented to photographers on photo day

Come Play Table Tennis
Starts Friday 4th February

Every Friday night during school terms, we conduct 2 sessions of Junior Pennant.

Beginners are placed into the earlier session, All players will be able to play 2 singles matches and a doubles match.

Session 1: 6.00pm-7.45pm  Session 2: 8.00pm-9.45pm

Players will be placed into a team of two players, based on playing ability, at the start of a season, where you will get to play against other similar standard players near a session. This is available for anyone under 21 years of age.

(Please contact us even if you have missed the start date)

For any further information, please contact: Greg Bristowe on 0411 237 351

KILSYTH INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS STADIUM
Kilsyth Sports Centre
Liverpool Road, Kilsyth, 3137
[Melways Ref. Map 51 H7]

Email: kilsyhtennis@gmail.com
Website: www.kilsyhtennis.com.au

Come and join the Donvale Magpies JFC Family!

Registration Day
Sunday February 13th, 2011
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Auskick & Mixed Teams under 8’s to under 16’s.

DONVALE RESERVE, Noonan Way, Donvale.
Corner Springvale & Mitcham roads Melway Ref; 48/3
Phone: 0412 499 534 or 0418 586 356

Forest Hill Junior Football Club Inc
2011 Player Registration Day
U9 to 16

When: Friday 18th February 5:30pm to 7:30pm
Where: Forest Hill Football Club Rooms,
Forest Hill Reserve, off Fraser Place, Forest Hill (Melway: D2/E2)

The 2011 season commences on Sunday 3rd April and it is time to step forward and join up for another year.

A reduced registration fee of $130.00 applies until the end of February.

Coaches and committee will be available at registration to answer questions
All new to the club registrations will receive a free Zebra cap, while stocks last.

Please consider the Forest Hill Junior Football Club, We are a small, friendly, family orientated club that enforces and provides benefits in U9’s to 12’s. Please come to registration, have a sausage while the cricket goes on out on the oval and talk to our club to understand what this club has to offer you and your children.

“Come along and join the herd”

For more information please contact Jenny Ollivarius on 0425 735 581 or email foresthill@yell.org.au
Website: www.foresthillfc.org.au