

Mooroopna Secondary College

Our Vision

To create and sustain a stimulating and harmonious learning environment in which all students can experience success.

We are committed to:

- Maximising student performance. Expanding the range of programs and pathways.
- Enhancing student engagement, connectedness and leadership opportunities.

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Please ring 5825 1498**

This service is an answering machine and is available 24 hours per day—7 days per week.

If your student will be absent from school please ring and leave your name, your student's name and the time and dates of the absence.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT— Gary Fletcher COLLEGE COUNCIL

Last Wednesday saw our Annual General meeting of the new College Council. At this meeting we welcomed the new Council for 2009 – 2010. Mr Russell Hall was elected President and Mr Russell Steddar Vice President. Their leadership of the College is greatly appreciated and I wish them well in their roles.

It is my pleasure to announce the result of our College Council elections. As the number of candidates matched the number of vacancies, the following parents have been duly elected to College Council for the next two years:

Mr Martin Baumber Mrs Kerry Booth
Mr Daryl Cordy Mr Russell Hall

They will join the following parent members on Council who have one more year of their term:

Mr Warren Chesser Mrs Karen Clampit
Mr Russell Steddar

The student representatives on our Council for 2009 will be our two Year 11 College Leaders in:

Cayne Clampit Kierra Fordham

Co-opted members on our Council for 2009 are:

Mr Ross Wheelhouse Ms Chantal Gardner
The staff representatives on Council are:
Stephen Bolton (Assistant Principal)
Lynn Emmerson (Assistant Principal)
Adrian Camm Leonie Dyason
Paul Tozer Jeff Trevaskis

College Council plays a vital role in our school and parents as well as students are encouraged to contact their representatives on any matters relating to the college they wished discussed.

2008 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

At our Council Meeting on Wednesday, our 2008 Annual Report to the Community was formally accepted. This report outlines the progress of our College over the last 12 months as well as outlining our plans for 2009. Parents can access and view a copy of the report on our College website www.mooroopnasc.vic.edu.au or parents can collect a copy from our College office during business hours.

ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Also at our Council Meeting on Wednesday, I presented our 2009 Annual Implementation Plan. This plan outlines in detail how the College intends to improve our college goals in regard to Student Learning, Student Engagement & Wellbeing and Student Pathways and Transitions. This can also be accessed via our College website.

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Term One will finish on Friday 3rd April at 2.30pm.

SHEPPARTON ARTS FESTIVAL

Last week I had the privilege of attending the Shepparton Arts Festival. This was a fantastic experience and it was amazing to see the contribution made by Mr Daryl McConnell and our Mooroopna College students. They did themselves and the College proud. See article page 3.

SUNSMART

Parents are reminded that all students are required to wear a wide brimmed hat this term and in term four as stated in our SunSmart Policy. Hats are available for \$6.00 at the office.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 24 March
-MSC Athletics

Wednesday 25th March
- Yr 7 & 10 Immunisation

Thursday 2nd April
- VCE Melbourne Arts Excursion

Friday 3rd April
- Last Day term 1 Classes end 2.30pm

TERM 2

Thursday 23rd April
-1st, Parent /Teacher interviews 3.45 -5.45pm

Thursday 30th April
- 2nd, Parent/Teacher interviews 3.45 -4.45pm

Year 7 Encouragement Awards

At the Year 7 Assembly held on Wednesday 18th March a number of students were presented with certificates. These awards recognised the positive start to which individuals have made in Year 7 so far this year. Students who received awards are as follows;

7A: Sam Muir, Ruby Ferguson, Hannah Brian, Bernice Oakley, Coby Donnellan, Cody O'Sullivan, Haelie Keep, Mitchell Thomas, Amy Lavery

7B: Chanel Taylor, Nikisha Haass, Joshuha Rozsa, Evarn Pichugin, Temequa Turner, Riley King, Megan Berner, Alana Charles, Beth Prosser

7C: Ashlee Battiston, Jayden Scrivens, Mikaela Delaney

7D: James Tuffnell, Kayla Turvey, Dana Lynch, Luke Kniese

7E: Madison Douglas, Rohan Musolino, Beau Henry, Murat Tanrikulu, Tanesha Rowe

The year level as a whole has started off their secondary education really well and we encourage them to continue to do so. Please if you have any queries don't hesitate to contact us during office hours.

Mr Scott Burton & Mrs Alicia Cornelius
Year 7 Coordinators

Year 9 NAL-E

Google Earth Yr 9 NAL-E: We have had some successful uploads of images recently to the Google Earth website. Our students have been taking images of the school and of the War Memorial area in Mooroopna. To access these images you need Google Earth and to zoom down to 500 metres. The more people that click on the images the more prominent the image becomes on Google Earth. Notable photographers so far this term have been Ben Osmond, Justin Aylett and Mitch Duncan. Mitch took a number of quality photos of the memorial. We are heading over to Shepparton on the last Wednesday of term to take photos of the Lake area and the Telstra Tower in Shepparton.

Mr Craig Parker- NAL-E Coordinator

Junior School News

NAPLAN: Naplan testing is coming up in May of next term. This will mean all Year 7's and Year 9's will be completing the National Test in English and Numeracy. Maths and English teachers will be working through past papers over coming weeks. The NAPLAN test is an important source of data in comparing where our students are against like schools, and the State and Federal average.

Bus Bay Revegetation: I am meeting with Shepparton Council representatives this Friday to discuss how the Junior School can contribute labour towards revegetating the Bus Bay area. This is an exciting opportunity for some of students who maybe looking at a future in Landscape Gardening.

Interschool Academic Competition: We have led the discussion with other Shepparton Schools to initiate an Academic Interschool Competition between our Year 8's. We are meeting next week to discuss the possibility of organising a Spelling, Maths, General Knowledge and Debating competition for our Year 8's who are excelling in their studies.

Year 7 BBQ It was pleasing to meet the families who came along to the Family-Teacher BBQ last Thursday. The night was an informal way to meet up with the Year 7 teachers. Parents should look forward to more formal Teacher Parent Interviews in early term 2.

Mr Craig Parker- Junior School Leader

Account Payments by BPAY

In order to provide the easiest and most cost effective way for families to pay their accounts Mooroopna Secondary College have introduced BPay facilities. This will allow families to pay by Telephone or Internet Banking. On your next statement you will notice the Biller Code Details and Reference Number required to make payments. If you are paying a particular charge to your account we suggest you phone our finance department to advise the charge you would like your payment allocated to. If you have any queries please contact me.

Lyn Ward- Finance Manager

Winter Uniform

JUNIOR SCHOOL POLARTEC JACKETS

We have Green Polartec Jackets in stock which may be purchased by students in Years 7-9. The total cost of these jackets is \$60.00. Jackets will not be given out until the balance has been paid in full.

SENIOR SCHOOL POLARTEC JACKETS

Stocks of the Blue Polartec Jackets have arrived!! Students who have been 'sized' for the blue Polartec jackets may pay the total of \$60.00 at the general office and collect their jackets from June & Judy in Sick Bay. Other students will need to pay a deposit of \$30.00 by the end of term. Jackets will not be given out until the balance has been paid in full.

SENIOR SCHOOL RUGBY TOPS

Orders for the Rugby Top have been forwarded to the supplier. Year 10 & 11 students who have submitted their sizes and orders for the Rugby top need to pay a minimum deposit of \$40.00 by the end of term.

Parents of students who have put in an order for either a Rugby Top and/ or the Blue Polartec Jacket will receive an account in the mail to confirm their order. Any further queries please see Mrs. Emmerson/ Chantal Gardner.

Lynn Emmerson- Assistant Principal

Mooroopna Blue Light Disco

Where: Mooroopna Hub (Seniors Hall)
When: 27th March 2009
Time: 7pm to 10pm (doors do not open till 7pm)
Cost: \$5 per child
Free BBQ for the kids.



CHILDREN MUST BE DROPPED OFF, SIGNED IN AND PICKED UP BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

Fully supervised with Police Presence, No alcohol, No drugs, No passouts.
Any queries please call Pam on 0400 596 691.

"Mooroopna Blue Light Inc reserves the right to refuse entry"

What's happening in Biology?

Unit 1 students are nearing an end to the first area of study "Cells in Action". Some students have just completed their first School Assessed Course-work (SAC) task this week whereby they designed their own investigation of how temperature affects enzyme activity. The enzyme they were testing was catalase, an enzyme found in liver cells. The prac was a fun one and I think the picture of Nicholas holding onto his test tube demonstrates the 'explosive' nature of the reaction!



VCE Biology students are also invited to join the MSC Biology VLC (virtual learning community) that I have set up. The idea behind the VLC is to provide students with a means of discussing ideas and collaborating with each other, Biology staff at MSC and other invited participants. To access the invite, students need to go to <http://msc-biology.wikispaces.com/>. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Kirsten Gass

Maths/Science Curriculum Program Leader

2009 Australian Museum Eureka Prizes

University of Sydney Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize: The University of Sydney Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize encourages students with a passion for science and for communicating ideas to tell a scientific story via a short film. Entries must tell a real scientific story, which may be a scientific concept, discovery, invention, or the producer's own scientific hypothesis! Anything goes, but keep the science in the story, and keep the science real. Entries are to take the form of a 1-3 minute film. This competition is about scientific content and communication of the content, not production values ie. judging criteria are not related to how much money is spent on production and editing. While good quality production is encouraged, this will not be a major consideration in judging entries. After all, the Sleek Geeks use simple slides and stand-up comedy (with excellent research and writing) to effectively communicate science to thousands of people each year.

Macquarie University Eureka Schools Prize for Action Against Climate Change: The Macquarie University Eureka Schools Science Prize for Action Against Climate Change is awarded for an online science presentation about reducing the effects of climate change. Any area of science can be used to investigate and form a reduction strategy. Students are to apply scientific methods in their investigation. Students can use their home, school or community as the basis for their study. Great prizes to be won! For more information go to <http://australianmuseum.net.au/eureka> or see Miss Gass.

Sports Report

Eastern Zone Senior Boys Cricket: Twelve keen cricketers headed to Benalla on Thursday 5th March to compete in the VSSSA Eastern Zone cricket competition. With their first round opposition- Rutherglen pulling out at the last minute, the MSC boys went straight through to the grand final for the day. In the grand final they took on Wodonga Senior Secondary in a 20:20 style match. Coach Scott Burton gave a few words of wisdom to the boys before the big match in a hope to get the team pumped up. The Mooroopna boys fielded first with Brodie McDonald and Jordan Crisp opening the bowling. On a small and lightning fast ground the Wodonga opening pair dominated our attack until Cooney and Hill slowed the onslaught. Johnstone completed the fight back taking two wickets at the death to leave the Wodonga side on 4 for 134. Brady Mulcahy and Dylan Johnstone were first batsmen for the MSC team. With the regular fall of wickets that followed, the MSC boys gave it a decent crack, but could not match the 134 runs scored by Wodonga initially. They finished on 9 for 112, dropping short by 22 runs.

MSC Athletics Sports- Tuesday 24th March: A reminder to all students and parents that the MSC athletics carnival will be held at the Shepparton Athletics track next Tuesday 24th March. All students are encouraged to get involved in the day and get dressed up in their house colours to support their team.

MSC X- Country- Tuesday 5th May: Our school cross country will be held on Tuesday 5th May. The course is around Mooroopna and is 3km for all girls and boys up to the 16 yrs age group, and 5.5 km for the 17yrs and 18-20 yrs boys age group. This event is compulsory for all year 7's, whilst students in year 8-12 need to sign up if they are interested in competing. There will be a sign up day late this term and students will also need to collect and return an indemnity form closer to the event.

Inter-school Swimming Sports: A number of students performed exceptionally well at the inter-school swim sports held in Shepparton on Friday 6th March. The MSC swim team were second overall, taking out 4th place in the girls aggregate and 2nd place in the boys aggregate. We had two age group champions in Tamara Whittaker (two gold, two silver and a bronze) and Sam Mackenna (four gold and a silver). James Milne and Rachel Macdonald was runner up in their respective age groups. Our relay teams were quite successful with the 12, 14 yrs boys medley relay team; the 15, 16 yrs girls medley relay team; the boys 17, 18-20 yrs medley relay team and the girls 16 yrs freestyle relay team all coming first.

Winter Sports Days: The senior (years 9, 10, 11 and 12) and the junior (years 7 and 8) Winter sports days will be held in term 2. The junior sports are on Wednesday 24th June and the senior sports are on Tuesday 26th May. Students have the opportunity to compete in a sport of their choice for the day. We hope to see lots of students having a go! The sports are Badminton, Soccer, Football, Clay Target Shooting, Basketball, Indoor cricket, Hockey and Netball.

Next Edition: Eastern Zone Swimming carnival results.

Simone Nalder- Sports Trainee

MOORoopNA STUDENTS STAR AT ART FESTIVAL

Mooroopna Secondary College would like to recognise the efforts of the students who performed as part of the recent Shepparton Arts Festival. Students who starred in the twilight community art festival were:

Dylan Kernagan	Aimee Willis	Leigh Hitchcock	Ben Osmond	Matt Arter
Laura Cousins	Micky Clampit	Melinda Finnen	Reece Rowe	Jacqui Neal
Michaela James	Victoria James	Cayne Clampit	Jasmine Cordy	



We would also like to pass on the quote below from John Head, Director Shepparton Arts festival-

"Just wanted to pass on my congratulations again to you and your team at Mooroopna. The performance was a great success thanks to the perseverance and ingenuity of your guys. I was absolutely blown away by the way they came together and focused on the night and dealt with the near disastrous issues in an efficient and safe manner. The show went on with no one being aware of the

drama in the background. We have been receiving rave reviews from everyone in the audience and in the performance. It has generally been acknowledged as the best Community Performance the Festival has ever produced. This is thanks in a big part to you and the Mooroopna Secondary 'A' team! Thanks again and well done!"



Staff Profiles

Name : Alicia Cornelius

Background: Attended Ardmona PS, Mooroopna High School, Ballarat University College.

Year started at MSC: 1996 or 97 (doesn't seem that long ago!)

Faculty: Physical Education

Subjects taught Yrs 7 – 12 Phys Ed, Leisure Life and Looking Good.

Teaching Interests:

Interest /Hobbies: Sport, cooking and gardening and just being a 'mum'.



Name Kaye Bence

Background: I grew up in Shepparton and attended Sacred Heart College. I completed my Bachelor through Griffith University, Queensland and then studied for my Graduate Diploma of Education at Catholic University, Melbourne.

Year started at MSC: I began working at MSC in 1998.

Faculty: I currently work in both the English and SOSE faculties.

Subjects taught: : This year I am teaching Year 7 English, SOSE and Information Technology as well as Year 11 English.

Teaching Interests: I really enjoy getting to know the students and have met many wonderful young people that have a diverse range of skills and abilities to offer.

Interest /Hobbies: My main interest would be my family and I love it when we all get together. I also enjoy running, walking and I am learning Pilates at present. In my spare time I like to read and catch up with friends.

