

## ~ PRINCIPAL ~

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Welcome back to our students, staff and College families to what will become one of the busiest times of the year in terms of our planning for 2010. Term 3 becomes a time of consolidation of work for students as interruptions are minimised for students and staff. For our VCE and VCAL students, Term 3 is the last consistently long period of time in the year whereby students are working to complete their studies in preparation for exams in November. I would encourage students to make sure they take all the opportunities available to them to ensure a very successful term.

### Staffing – Term 3

At the end of Term 3 we farewelled the following staff:

- Ross Jurey and Bernadette Huysing resigned from DEECD. Ross had worked at the school for a great number of years and we thank him for his contribution to the Physical Education / Sport area that ensured a lively and very active curriculum for so many students over the years.
- Craig Cowie returned to Scotland at the end of the term.
- Leah Bright began Family Leave.
- John Mills and Agi Birchell are both on long Service Leave for Term 3.

We welcome to our staff:

Sabine Joseph and Rob Lowe into the Maths area, Jason Drew into Art, Max McBain into Technology and Chris Jackson into the PE area.

### Subject Selections – Years 9 – 11

Parents and Students in Years 9 -11 will notice there are specific information evenings scheduled over the next few weeks in order to assist with subject selections for the following year (2010). These sessions are designed to explain how the selection processes work. To ensure the processes are completed in a timely manner, students and parents must ensure that due dates for the return of forms etc. must be adhered to. I would encourage all parents / guardians to become involved in their children's course selection. Research has shown that the more interest and support from parents / guardians in their children's school, students will be more successful and the parents more knowledgeable about what their children are doing at school. I would like to thank the Heads of Schools, Year Level Coordinators, Spiro Onisiforou and Linda Lopez, our Careers Coordinator, for their work in this activity over the term.

**Dorothy Henwood**  
College Principal

## ~ IMPORTANT DATES ~

### JULY

- 27 Monday Sport: Intermediate  
2010 Year 10 Subject Selections issued
- 28 Tuesday Excursion: Yr 12 Careers  
Eastland Careers Expo  
**College Council Meeting 7.30pm**
- 29 Wednesday Parent Evening: 2010 Yr 10 students
- 30 Thursday Parent Evening: 2010 VCAL students  
Incursion: Music Concert
- 31 Friday Excursion: Yr 11 Psychology  
Final day for submission of Subject Selections 2010 Year 10 - 12  
Excursion: Leaps & Bounds

### AUGUST

- 3 Monday Year 11 Ski Day
- 4 Tuesday 2010 Year 9 Subject Selections issued
- 5 Wednesday Excursion: The Cuckoo
- 6 Thursday Transition: Maths Challenge
- 7 Friday Incursion: Year 12 RACV
- 10 Monday Incursion: Year 7 Music Police Band
- 11 Tuesday Excursion: Year 12 VCAL Science Works  
Final day for submission of Subject Selections 2010 Year 9
- 12 Wednesday Excursion: Leaps & Bounds  
Music: Soiree Night
- 13 Thursday Parent Evening: Year 12 VTAC Information  
Year 12 Ski Day
- 17 Monday Excursion: Year 10 Science
- 18 Tuesday Excursion: Year 10 METEC
- 19 Wednesday Excursion: Year 10 METEC
- 20 Thursday Excursion: Year 10 Outdoor Ed - Caving
- 21 Friday Excursion: Leaps & Bounds  
**College Council Meeting 7.30pm**
- 25 Tuesday **Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews**
- 26 Wednesday **4.00pm - 8.00pm**

### UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is open ...  
Tuesday 2.30 – 5.00 Thursday 12.00 – 2.00

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

Parents are requested to ring the College Absence Line before 9:00am if their student is to be **LATE** or **AWAY** due to illness or for any other reason. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation in this matter.

## EMA – Semester 2

If you are the holder of a current Centrelink Pensioner Concessions Card or Health Care Benefit Card and have not yet completed a claim form for 2009, please visit the General Office to complete the application for Semester 2 by **Friday 3 August**. Applications received after this date cannot be processed for Semester 2.

**Your card must be valid from the 13 July 2009 to be eligible.**

Those families who have received EMA for Semester 1 will automatically receive their EMA for Semester 2, given that the College has an **up to date copy** of your Health Care Card.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

From Monday 15 June – Friday 26 June our Year 10 students completed their work experience components. Below are some happy snaps of a few of our students.



## Science

### Science at Marlborough Primary School

Students at MPS have science lessons as part of their normal school work. But now to enhance their curriculum, a group of grade 5/6 students are having an extra lesson a week of science. Here are some of the students investigating force. They are building their own "force measurers".



Abbey and Bevan are calibrating their force measurer. Ashley looks on.



Jed is using the force measurer to "weigh" objects in the classroom.

**Julie McDonald**  
Science Teacher

# MIDDLE SCHOOL

## BOOKS

Most students have begun the semester well. Unfortunately a few students have chosen not to have the correct books/texts/pens and pencils in class. This makes it very difficult for students to maximise the learning opportunities made available. If parents are unable to supply the necessary texts they can receive assistance from our student wellbeing team. Please make contact soon.

## LOCKERS

There will be a change of locker location for Year 9 students as a significant number of lockers are being damaged and students are not maintaining the cleanliness of the locker bay. Lockers are a privilege not a right and students are abusing this facility in the College.

## HOMEWORK

Students in 9A-D are currently in the HIPE@9 program and will be issued with their HOMEWORK – PASSPORT early next week. Students will have one homework task to complete each week and failure to submit the work will result in exclusion from excursions/special events organised within the program. We are asking parents for support in this aspect of the work. In mainstream classes all students are expected to be reading “DEADLY UNNA” for English and in Maths they have an outline of each unit with work requirements listed. Students currently in 9E-H will be undertaking a MATHS EXAM and ENGLISH EXAM later in the term, preparation for this will be discussed in specific classes.

## CAREER PLANNING – 2010 Year 10

I strongly urge students and parents to take the opportunity to attend

1. Careers Expo – Eastland Tuesday 28 July
2. Information Evening – 2010 Year 10 – next Wednesday 29 July
3. VCAL Information Evening – Thursday next week

See further details in the Careers section of the newsletter.

## CANBERRA TOUR 2009

During late November our College is taking a group of students to Canberra. There is an opportunity for a number of students at Year 9 level to be included.

Selection will be dependent on the following conditions:

- A strong interest in developing leadership skills
- A commitment to the College in co-curricular activities (eg student leadership/representing the College)
- Exemplar behaviour throughout the year
- Parental approval and the willingness to fund the trip.

Any student interested in getting the required information please see Ms Rienits asap.

**Mandy Rienits**  
Head of Middle School

# Year 10

## Student Learning Profile

Over the next few weeks we will be conducting a series of tests designed to provide parents and students with information relating to student abilities.

*What the Student Learning Profile will provide you with is a basic yet sound measure of student ability, in four domains; verbal reasoning, numerical reasoning, abstract reasoning and visual-spatial reasoning. This common external assessment will provide a rich basis for advice and support regarding subject selection and career advice.*

*Carmel Richardson, University of Melbourne*

We will keep all Year 10 students and parent/guardians informed of the profile results. These results will not be used for assessment purposes. They are designed to assist students with career planning. Please contact me if you have any questions.

**Michael Fitzgerald**  
Assistant Principal