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Dates to Remember

Thursday 12th August

GAT

Mon 9th – Wed 11th August

Music Camp

Thursday 19th August

Curriculum day – student free

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Upcoming Sport Dates

Friday 6th August

Year 9 & 10 girls Eastern Region
Netball

Monday 16th August

Monbulk College Athletics Day
(Whole College Event)

Friday 27th August

Year 7 Basketball

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome back to Term 3!

It is hard to believe that we are into the second half of the year already. I take this time to welcome new families and students to the College and encourage contact and communication with staff at the College.

Welcome to new staff

We welcome Sarah Clark, Bree Tucker and Megan Parfitt to the Monbulk College staff. Sarah and Bree will be taking English and Drama classes across a range of year levels. Megan will be a new and friendly face in Sick Bay to cover the administration tasks there. We farewelled Shani Sheeran and Mel Albers from the College, and Bill Ten Eyck has taken leave for the remainder of the year. We sent well wishes on to Shani, Mel and Bill; and warmest of Monbulk College welcome's to Sarah, Bree and Megan.

Remote Learning & Return to Classrooms

Staff and students have responded quickly to remote learning classrooms - yet again! However, we are very grateful to be back in classrooms. I take this time to remind families that when we are in Remote Learning, there is a face-to-face instruction in every single period, every day (on MS Teams) where all students are expected to be online and engaged in the instructions teachers are giving in addition to the Compass Lesson Plans, answer questions, engage with their students and check in on their wellbeing. This is an important part of our program and ensures that students remain connected and engaged!

A number of excursions and events have had to be either cancelled or postponed and we have endeavoured to postpone events so students have some really positive experiences that they usually enjoy as part of their schooling. We have managed to obtain dates for rescheduling the College Athletics, the Presentation Balls and several excursions should we be given permission by the Department to run these events. Volleyball Victoria has postponed the Vic Schools Cup and hopes to run it later in the year.

Processes: Ready to Learn, Uniform, Behaviour & Detentions

We have a few new processes that have been in place at the College this year that have had a positive effect on the climate for learning. The '**Ready to Learn**' identifies that students are coming into classrooms in the right mindset for making the most of the learning environment.

We are conscious of what students miss when they are not in a face-to-face learning environment with their teachers, and this will help ensure that they are 'ready to learn'. More information on this can be found later in the newsletter.

Our **High Achievers Ceremony** which was scheduled for Friday July 23rd has been rescheduled and the date will be confirmed soon! It will be live streamed for parents due to COVID restrictions.

GAT 2021

Due to the lockdown the GAT has been rescheduled to Thursday 12th August.

Stage 3 Building Works

Stage 3 works are progressing well and it is anticipated that a Certificate of Occupancy will be able to be provided for the new STEAM building by the September term break. The old technology wing will then be demolished and staff and students will move into our new, modern classrooms. I am really looking forward to having all new classrooms for our Arts, Technology, Science and Year 8 students.

Senior School Pathways

Term 3 is a very busy term for students in the Senior School and those students about to enter the Senior School. Pathways counselling was completed last week for students in Year 10 and Morrisby Career interviews will take place prior to the Year 9 into Year 10 Pathways counselling later in Term 3. It is really important that this process is a three way discussion between parents, students and teachers from the college to ensure we set all students up for success.

Information evenings have been held on line and handbooks and details about courses have been put up on the college's website. Selection forms have also been put on line.

Curriculum Day

Thursday August 19th is our term 3 curriculum day which is a student free day.

Fran Ibbott
Acting Principal

Curiositorium Library News

What: CBCA BOOK WEEK

When: 21st – 27th August

Activities: To be announced

Start reading:

Older Readers:

Cath Moore *Metal fish, Falling snow*

Zana Fraillon *The lost soul atlas*

Jane Godwin *When rain turns to snow*

Davina Bell *The end of the world is bigger than love*

Anna Whately *Peta Lyre's rating normal*

Younger Readers:

Sue Whiting *The book of Chance*

Katrina Nannestad *We are wolves*

Ambulance Cover & Accident Insurance

Parents are reminded that the College does not have student accident insurance or ambulance cover. The College **strongly advises all families**

to consider taking out ambulance cover. In the

event that there is an incident that requires urgent/immediate care, an ambulance may be

called to assist. As a College, we will always endeavour to make contact with you, but we also

maintain a duty of care for our students. If you wish to take out student accident insurance there are a number of companies who offer this type of insurance.



BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS present THE FLIP SIDE- Tuesday 17th August Year 7-10

Award-Winning In-School Theatre Company, Brainstorm Productions, will be performing THE FLIP SIDE for Year 7 -10 on Tuesday 17th August in the College Gym.

- Years 7 & 8 – Period 2
- Years 9 &10 – Period 3

Consent and payment of \$7.00 per student is required to attend. Please check Compass and pay and consent as soon as possible. We are looking forward to welcoming back BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS after our 2020 performance was cancelled due to COVID-19 Restrictions.

Please see attached the Brainstorm Productions FACT SHEET for more information or contact Fiona McNair.

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BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS: Fact Sheet

Award-Winning In-School Theatre Performances

DESCRIPTION:

Brainstorm Productions is Australia's largest in-school touring theatre company, performing to over 350,000 primary and high school students every year. Established in 1983, Brainstorm Productions tours over 1,700 shows annually that tackle a range of issues affecting Australian students including bullying, cyber bullying, violence, under-age drinking, depression, eating disorders, family separation and discrimination.

MISSION:

Brainstorm Productions' aim is to reduce the incidence of bullying in schools and improve student behaviour and wellbeing. Using real-life scenarios, Brainstorm Productions anti-bullying, cyber safety and wellbeing programs use live theatre to connect with students and enact change, including:

- Empowering students with real-life strategies to help enhance their mental health, happiness and wellbeing
- Reducing the incidence of bullying, cyber bullying and aggressive behaviour in schools
- Helping students understand the importance of developing respectful relationships at school, at home and online
- Providing teachers with a range of unique school resources to enhance existing anti-bullying, wellbeing and cyber bullying programs
- Helping students develop a greater understanding of cyber safety and digital citizenship
- Providing bystanders of bullying and aggressive behaviour with the tools and confidence to support their friends and peers
- Engaging students in live, interactive theatre, using authentic real-world youth experiences, that are designed to help develop student self-awareness and empathy for others
- Using young professional actors as role models to inspire a new generation to participate in and appreciate the arts

AWARDS:

- Best School Bullying Prevention Project by The Australian & New Zealand Mental Health Association's STAAR Awards
- Award for Excellence for Performances in Schools from NSW Department of Education and Training (winner for 10 consecutive years)
- Australian Violence Prevention Award from The Department of Criminology
- PINS Award for Excellence from Performers in Schools (winner for 5 consecutive years)

Senior secondary certificate reform

Victoria is transforming the delivery of senior secondary education with the introduction of a single senior secondary certificate that will offer greater access to quality vocational and applied learning pathways for all students. The senior secondary education reforms aim to provide access to education and training that is relevant, engaging and that delivers in-demand skills for the future world of work, ensuring that students can access education that leads to employment.

Next year students will still be able to enrol in either the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) or the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE). The following year, in 2023, VCAL students will be enrolled in the new VCE Vocational Specialisation or the new foundation pathways certificate which will be introduced to replace Foundation VCAL.

The VCE Vocational Specialisation will be recognised internationally, be valued by employers and will build on the strengths of VCAL including providing:

- flexible timetables that allow students to study at school, TAFE and work
- opportunities to experience real-life workplaces
- subjects that will build students' skills and prepare them for life after school
- greater access to high quality VET learning, either in school, a neighbouring school or a local TAFE

The new certificates are part of a suite of 38 reforms recommended in the *Review into Vocational and Applied Learning Pathways in Senior Secondary Schooling* (the Firth Review) to lift the quality and perception of vocational education and help more students access high-quality applied learning programs.

Course selection in 2022

We are supporting all students in their course selections for 2022 and are providing the following advice and information to students considering a VCAL pathway.

If students are studying VCAL in 2022 they will transfer into the VCE Vocational Specialisation with credit for completed VCAL subjects in 2023. In 2023, students will continue to study Senior VCAL subjects in the new certificate as part of the implementation process. At the end of 2023, these students will be awarded the VCE Vocational Specialisation if they meet the requirements.

Students who are studying Foundation VCAL over multiple years, including in 2022, will transfer into a new foundation pathways certificate in 2023 with credit for completed subjects. These students will study the new foundation subjects and graduate with the foundation pathways certificate.

This approach provides assurance and clarity to current Year 10 students some of whom will be among the first cohort to receive a VCE Vocational Specialisation certificate in 2023.

The following diagram sets out the senior secondary pathways for students commencing the VCE or VCAL in 2022.

Enrolment options



* Note: Students can also move between certificates

If you would like to talk further about these changes please contact our **Jobs, Skills, Pathways Leader, Ché Gittus**.

To learn more about Victoria's senior secondary certificate reform, you can email the [Senior Secondary Reform team](#)

