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Monday 1st March

Whole College Event

Monbulk College Swimming Carnival

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Division Swimming

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Eastern Region Swimming

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Year 8 Division Volleyball

Thursday 1st April

Whole College Event

Monbulk College Cross Country

Dear Parent/Guardian

After thirteen and a half years as Principal of Monbulk College I have decided to take some Long Service Leave in 2021. I would therefore like to welcome Fran Ibbott who has been appointed to the Principal's role during my absence.

Regards

Margaret Uren

Principal's Report

Welcome back

Welcome back for 2021. It has been a busy start to the year! Year 12's have started with an Orientation Day, focusing on study skills, approaching the year with a positive mindset and a mantra from guest speaker, Declan Fay 'don't wonder what if...'. Year 7's have also undertaken a range of orientation activities, including Camp! And Year 8 to Year 11 have headed straight into class and into the learning. The College also extends a warm welcome to our new families and students at the College.

Year 12 Results & Pathways

Year 12 was a definitely a year to remember for the 2020 cohort. Their results were released in the last days of 2020, and we have had little opportunity to celebrate their successes. Monbulk College achieved 17 study scores over 40. The highest of the government schools in the Dandenong Ranges.

Congratulations to all students on their achievements; and particular congratulations to the following students who achieved ATAR results over 80 and entrance in:

- **Jasper Crotty** – studying Engineering (Honours), Swinburne University
- **Aleysha O'Connor** – studying Applied Health & Global Studies, ACU
- **Caitlin Currie** – studying Exercise & Sport Science, Deakin University
- **Alivia Dingfelder** – studying Global Studies, Monash University
- **Amity Clark** – studying Paramedicine, ACU
- **James Sands** – studying Engineering (Honours), Swinburne University

Further congratulations to the following students who achieved ATAR results over 90 and entrance in:

- **Jackson Trundle** – who achieved an outstanding ATAR of 91.00, 41 in Legal Studies, 41 in Media and 42 in Studio Arts; studying Film & Television, Swinburne University
- **Joshua Robson-Spencer** – who achieved an excellent ATAR of 91.95, 45 in Physical Education; studying double degree Engineering (Honours) & Science, Monash University

The **Dux of Monbulk College** was **Liam Couvreur** with a phenomenal ATAR of **97.95** and a 40+ score in every subject he studied. 40 in Biology, 40 in English, 41 in Further Mathematics, 44 in History: Revolutions, 46 in Health & Human Development, 47 in Legal Studies. He will undertake studies in Arts/Science at Monash University.

60% of the Year 12 cohort applying for further study received their 1st preference of course. We have students going into teaching, criminology, science, nursing, psychology, forensic science, veterinary and wildlife sciences and apprentices! Congratulations to the class of 2020.

Year 7 & Camp

Year 7 Camp ran successfully last week, with the cohort and their enthusiastic teachers spending 3 days at Phillip Island Adventure Resort. A highlight for many students included the water safety activities at the beach and the Giant Swing. The students spent time getting to know each other and staff. Thanks are extended to Eleanor Rockelmann (Year 7 Team Leader), Rod Salan (parent) and the staff who not only attended – but helped make the camp successful. An extra special thanks is extended to the College Captains – Courtney, Abby, Michelle, Ruby and Amalija for their efforts; and to Dan Murray for his expertise on the beach.

MYLNS & Tutoring

DET Tutoring Learning Initiative is in place at Monbulk College for 2021. A range of students have been identified and the model largely being applied at Monbulk College is ‘in class’ supported learning which means that a wider range of students will be enabled to access support in their learning as a result of limited progress from COVID19 and remove learning.

The Middle Years Literacy and Numeracy Strategy targets catch up learning for students. Letters will go out this week for those who are invited to take part in these targeted initiatives to support and improve outcomes for students.

School Council Elections

Today’s newsletter contains the required nomination forms and details about membership of College Council. The call is for nominations for the 3 vacant parent members and 1 vacant student member which will close on Thursday 18th February 2021, 4pm. The timeline for the process, nomination form and the fact sheet are included at the end of this newsletter.

Emergency Management

Monbulk College is listed on the Bushfire at Risk Register (BARR) which means that on a **CODE RED** day the College will be closed and the buses will not run. We are also a school that is listed as higher risk due to our location, proximity to forested areas and which have a high bushfire attack risk rating. This means that we will be pre-emptively closed when the local Monbulk area has an **Extreme Fire Danger Rating**. When the college is closed NO teachers, students, parents, volunteers or contractors are allowed to be on site.

On Friday 5th February, we sent an SMS and emailed the required test communication. Thank you to those who responded promptly. However, there were a small percentage who did not respond – can I ask that you please contact the General Office and check your details to ensure we are reaching the correct phone number and email address.

Should the college be pre-emptively closed in 2021 you will receive a message from the college (both email and SMS) to which you must respond as well as it being posted on both the College's Website and the DET website. If this does not occur then the college is open. As a BARR school we also run a number of drills throughout the year so all students are aware of our emergency procedures. The college has already run the Year 7 students through all our procedures.

Staffing for 2021

We also welcome new students, and our new and returning staff members:

New staff

- Tam Ha – Maths & Science
- Robert Blackham – Maths & Science
- Sarah-Rose McIvor – Education Support

Returning staff

- Hayden Gestautas – Systems
- Shani Sheeran – English & Humanities

Year Level Team Leader roles for 2021 are:

- Year 7 – Eleanor Rockelmann
- Year 8 – Alex Stott
- Year 9 – Daniel Mackney
- Year 10 – Sandra Miller
- Year 11 – Michael Hyett
- Year 12 – Naomi Schenk
- VCAL – Ellen McDonald
- Headstart – Louise Sverns

Parent Access to the College

Drop off and pick up

Parents are reminded that student drop off and pick up at the start and end of the day is ONLY via the gym carpark. Parents are reminded to park in the parking bays for drop off and pick up.

General Office

There are 3 parent car parks available for convenience if parents need to access the College during the day. Please park there only if you are required to attend the General Office, rather than walking up through the College.

Parents are also reminded based on the current COVIDSafe requirements, that they are required to wear a mask at all times within the College buildings.

Sick Bay

Parents and students are reminded that if a student becomes unwell during the day, they should report to Sick Bay where we will assess and monitor. At no time should a student contact a parent without the College being aware of an unwell student and arrange for collection. Any student who is unwell should report to Sick Bay.

Mobile Phones

The College does allow students to bring mobile phones to the College, however, in line with the agreed processes students are expected to lock this in their lockers from when they arrive at school and prepare for class; to when they depart the College. They should not be accessing their phone during the day. If there is a reason why a student needs access to their phone during the day, an application to the Principal needs to be made to discuss these arrangements.

Uniform

2021 has seen the final roll out of the new College Uniform. It is pleasing to see that the majority of students are in the new College Uniform and looking fabulous. The Uniform Shop has been run off its feet and will continue with the booking system (COVID Safe practices) and to fill orders to provide uniform items to students. And, a reminder to all that students should be wearing plain black leather shoes, to meet OHS requirements.

COVIDSafe Plan

Monbulk College continues to meet the COVIDSafe plan, based on DET advice, including:

Masks, Hygiene, Physical Distancing

- **Face masks** are now required indoors and when physical distancing of 1.5 metres should be maintained
- Students and staff should continue to practice **physical distancing**, where practical
- Maintaining good **hygiene** through
 - hand washing,
 - using hand sanitiser upon entry to classrooms
 - coughing into your elbow
- Students should limit sharing materials in classes and any other items
- Drinking taps will be available for use, but students should **bring a drink bottle** to school for use in classes

Stay home when unwell

Students and staff must stay home if unwell and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms.

Annual Privacy Reminder

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For more information about privacy see Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents on the Department's website. This information is also available in nine community languages.

Personal Items

Each year DET requests that we remind parents and students that personal property brought to a school by students is NOT insured and DET does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. As a Government college Monbulk College does not accept any responsibility for the loss or damage of personal property brought to the College by students.

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. If you wish to take out student accident insurance there are a number of companies who offer this type of insurance.

Coming up

Term 1 is a busy term, with a range of events for students and families.

- **Curriculum Day** – Wednesday 24th February
Monbulk College is in its year of Review, and much important reflection and analysis of its achievements will occur during this time. Feedback will be sought and reported to the Community.
- **Swimming Carnival** – Monday 1st March
Students should participate in a range of events, wear house colours and support each other. Parents are reminded that we are required to limit parent attendance and a mask should be worn, there will be an area where parents can sit and watch the races but we are required to limit interaction with the school community
- **Year 7 Family BBQ** – postponed
Due to COVIDSafe requirements we will postpone the Year 7 Family BBQ as the intermingling between students and their families is unable to occur. Stay tuned for a new date!

Thanks so much for your ongoing support. I acknowledge that this update was a long one and there is likely to be continued updates and news. Please check the Compass Newsfeed regularly. I am looking forward to an exciting term as Acting Principal.

Fran Ibbott

Acting Principal

STUDY HALL

Study Hall will be running in the Library from 3:15 – 4:30pm on Thursday afternoons, beginning Thursday 18th February.

Students from all year levels are welcome to attend. You are welcome to drop in for assistance or a quiet place to study, you do not need to stay the entire time or come every week.

Please contact Ms Schenk if you would like more information.

Working Bee

The first Working Bee will be Saturday 13th February from 9am to 12 noon

Reminders have been sent to families who nominated this as their preferred date but if you are available to help us maintain our grounds on the 13th please contact the office on 9751 9000. We would love to see as many families attend as possible.

New Process for Disrespectful Yard Interactions and Out of Class without Permission

Our College values of Respect, Responsibility and Excellence align with our new processes. If students are disrespectful to any member of staff or found to be out of class without permission, they are required to attend the next available Lunchtime Detention in Room B4. Parents and Guardians will be alerted via text message and/or email. Detentions will be visible on Compass. Non-attendance will result in a phone call home, a make-up detention plus an additional detention for non-attendance. (miss one get two) We are pleased to see students taking responsibility for their actions by ensuring interactions are respectful and positive at school. We ask for your support at home also.

Uniform

We have transitioned to the 'updated' uniform items as per the Compass newsfeed and the storyboards below. Please note, the current College Maroon Pullover is being retained and students should be wearing this as a warmer option in the Winter months. We are doing our best to process orders as quickly as possible and again ask for your patience as we fill orders and distribute to students. The uniform shop is open on Monday from 8:30 – 1:00pm, via appointment only. Please contact the general office for bookings. A reminder, students are required to wear plain black socks (no logo) and plain black leather shoes (again, no white or coloured markings). Parents will receive an email if students are not in the correct footwear. The Monbulk College Bucket/Cap and Beanie are the only hats permitted at school. All hats are \$15.00 and we encourage students to purchase a hat for sun protection in the yard. If you require Wellbeing or financial support, please contact Alissa Bassi, our Student Wellbeing Coordinator.



including Maroon Pullover



Sport News

Welcome to parents, students and staff to 2021. After the disappointment of no Sport in 2020 due to Covid, let's hope this year is much better.

Term 1 is very busy on the sports calendar, so there are lots of opportunities for students in all year levels to get involved. Following are the Term 1 Sport Dates:

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Thursday 1 st April	Monbulk College Cross Country

Sports Notice Board

For more information on the above see the Sports Notice Board in the gym or see Mr Utting

MONBULK COLLEGE SWIMMING CARNIVAL:

Date:	Monday, 1st March
Venue:	Croydon Memorial Pool, Springfield Ave, Croydon (Melways 51A3)

A reminder to students, parents/guardians that this is a **whole College activity** and all students are expected to attend. Adults are welcome to attend and support the students (approx. 10.00am start).

Students are reminded about being SUNSMART – please bring hats, T-shirts and sunscreen.

Students can dress in their House colours, otherwise normal school uniform applies. Students should barrack for their House members and remember every event they enter gains points for their House.

House meetings will occur soon, to discuss the day and to organise relay teams.

Year 7's will receive programs before the day, all other students can get a copy of the program from Mr Utting before the day or else on the morning of the carnival. Students are able to enter a maximum of five individual events plus the two different relays.

The House Shield will be awarded to the winning House and Individual Age Champions will receive Medallions.

Students who finish first in an event (not heat) qualify for the **Division Swimming Carnival to be held on Friday, 5th March.**

Steve Utting

Sports Co-ordinator.

Monbulk College

SchoolPix is coming to photograph on:

Monday, 22 February 2021

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Please keep an eye out for Order forms, which are being sent home with the students this week.

Please note: should your student miss their photo on Monday the 22nd of February a "Catch Up" day has been organised for Tuesday March 2nd.

PRESENTATION BALL

At this stage, this year's Presentation Ball will be held on Saturday 29th May at The Grand on Princes.

Practices will be on Tuesday nights in rooms 30 and 32 (next to the food room) Year 11's will start at 3:15 and finish at 5:30pm and year 12's will start at 3:30 and finish at 5:45pm.

Our dance teacher will be Monica from Dancesport Kingdom.

We will let you know of any changes due to COVID 19 as soon as they come through.

Kerrie Cotterell

Presentation Ball Co-ordinator

STOP! Don't throw your old uniform into landfill! We have a plan!

As students have now transitioned into the full new uniform, you may have some old uniform items lying around. The school is currently collecting the items so that we can recycle them through a textile recycling company to avoid them going into landfill. We have had a positive response so far, showing our students and parents commitment to sustainability in our school community. Please bring your bag of recyclable uniform items into the general office and once we feel we have received most of the communities uniform items we will arrange a collection. Please note the uniform does not have to be wearable and may have rips/tears.

Rebecca Bos (School Council Member)

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CAN YOU SING? DO YOU WANT TO SING?

JOIN THE HILLTOP TUNES

We are looking for singers of all abilities and ages to join
our new vocal group.

**REHEARSALS WILL BE IN THE MUSIC ROOM -
TUESDAY LUNCH TIMES**

Come along! Bring your friends along! Tell others to come along!



School for Student Leadership

A team of seven students: **Freja Elvesjo- Woolcock, Emma Cunningham, Noah Gardiner, Mitchell Jenkins, Lilly McLeod, (Year 9) as well as Beau Stephens and Pearl Kidd (Year 10)** will begin their Term One experience at the new School for Student leadership Campus in the Yarra Valley.

They will spend the remainder of this term participating in this Victorian Department of Education and Training initiative which offers a unique residential education experience for year 9 students.

The curriculum focuses on the development of personal and leadership skills as well as team learning projects sourced from students' local communities. There is also a focus on a variety of outdoor education opportunities. As part of their commitment to participating the team is also required to develop a Community Learning Project.

Monbulk College wishes them well on this exciting adventure and and I look forward to visiting them during the term.

Shani Vander-Young
SSL Liaison Teacher

Schedule 5A: Self-nomination form for Parent member category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a Parent member on the Monbulk College School Council		
<input type="checkbox"/>		
Name		
<input type="checkbox"/>		
Residential Address:		
<input type="checkbox"/>		
Contact phone (mobile or landline):		
<input type="checkbox"/>		
Email:		
<input type="checkbox"/>		
I am the parent/guardian of		
<input type="checkbox"/>		
who is/are currently enrolled at this school.		
<input type="checkbox"/>		
Statement	Yes (Mark with an x)	No (Mark with an x)
I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training and not engaged in work at and for the school.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council.

I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or
- a registrable offender within the meaning of the Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004.

Signature of Candidate
<input type="checkbox"/>

Date:

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

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Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable). Further, the name, membership category, gender (optional), term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on:
9751 9000

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted.

If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.

School council election process and timetable

Name of the School: Monbulk College

Event	Date
a) Notice of election and call for nominations	Tuesday 9 February 2021
b) Closing date for nominations	Thursday 18 February 2021
c) Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Monday 22 February 2021
d) Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	On or before Monday 1 March 2021
e) Close of ballot	Tuesday 9 March 2021
f) Vote count	10 /...3.../...2021....
g) Declaration of poll	...10 /...3.../...2021....
h) Special council meeting to co-opt Community members (the principal will preside)31.../...3.../...2021.....
i) First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)31.../...3.../...2021.....