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# MONBULK COLLEGE NEWS

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## Dates to remember

**Monday February 29<sup>th</sup>**

*School Photo Day*

**Wednesday February 24<sup>th</sup>**

*2016 Deb Ball - full  
payment due*

**Monday March 14<sup>th</sup>**

*Labour Day Public Holiday*

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## Upcoming Sport Dates:

**Friday March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Whole College

Swimming Carnival

Croydon Memorial Pool

Cnr Hewish Rd &

Springfield Ave

(Melways 50 K3)

All Welcome!!

## Principal's Report

### College Council Elections

At the close of business on Friday there were three parent nominations for three positions and two DET nominations for two positions. I would therefore like to congratulate the following parents and DET employees on their election to College Council.

#### Parents

Brian Dennis

Melinda Riddell

Melinda Carey

#### DET Employees

Fran Ibbott

Eric Markham

### Student Successes

Congratulations are extended to **Ben Grimes** of Year 7 who competed in the State Athletic Championships 2 weeks ago at Albert Park and won the 1500 metre race.

### School Photos

School photographs will be taken on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February so it is important that all students are in full school uniform. Photos are taken without windcheaters or jumpers being worn.

### Accident Insurance and Ambulance Cover

Parents are reminded that the Department of Education does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Student accident insurance is available from some commercial insurers and it is up to individual parents / guardians of students if they wish to take out their own policies.

Please be aware that at Monbulk College if your child is ill and it is deemed to be serious by our first aid attendant, we will endeavour to contact you but your child's well-being is important and if it considered necessary we will call for an ambulance to attend to your child. Costs of ambulance attendance and transport are the responsibility of the parent / guardian and I would recommend families take out their own ambulance cover as costs of ambulance attendance and transport are significant. However, this is your choice.

### Student Drop Off and Collection

Parents are reminded that normal student drop off and collection at the start and end of the day is via the car parks beside the Gymnasium and not from the Staff Car Park (Gate 2). Parents of students who are being collected from Sick Bay should park in the staff car park and come into the General Office to collect their son or daughter.

**Margaret Uren**

Principal

# Student Photographs

Student Photographs will be taken on Monday 29th February by SchoolPix.

- Students must be in correct uniform to have their photo taken
- All students will have their photo taken as they receive an ID card.
- Students have received a personalized order form and they should bring the order form and payment on photo day or use the on-line service.
- Payment can be made online up to two working days after photography. Payments online are by MasterCard, Visa, or PayPal. Please note a \$1 surcharge applies to all credit card or PayPal payments.
- If students bring the order form on the day then it must be cash. Please make sure that you have the correct amount of cash as change cannot be provided. Envelopes are available now at the General Office for those who are paying cash. Payment for all children in one envelope is encouraged.
- Sibling portrait (family) pre-paid envelopes are available from the General office or they can be ordered online up to 10am on photo day.
- A family discount of 25% is available to any family that has three or more children provided you purchase a pack for each child and it is ordered online.
- Pre-order your photos on-line. The benefits of ordering online are family discounts, sibling portraits, discounted extras, extra pack choices and no need to return order form. All orders placed online will receive a free 20cm x 25cm black and white portrait print. All internet orders will be accepted up to two days after photo day without incurring the \$14.95 late fee.
- To pre-order online take your personal order and ID Numbers found on your order form and go to [www.schoolpix.com.au](http://www.schoolpix.com.au)
- If you have any issues with purchasing online please contact the Customer Service Team at Schoolpix on 1300766055, 87864800 or email - [enquiries@schoolpix.com.au](mailto:enquiries@schoolpix.com.au).

Eric Markham  
Assistant Principal

## Working Bee Thank You

It was wonderful to see so many families at our Working Bee last week. Much was accomplished and the gardens are looking great

Thank you to:

Wendy Neagle, Gord, Rebecca and Piper Funk, Peter Marotta, Amy Bartrop, Dan & Brad Langridge, Scott and Melinda Riddell, Gary Creek, Kate, Steve and Yasmin Page, Kevin Ellis, Craig, Jo, Adele and Jenelle Jordan, Simon and Amelie Storey, Fran Ibbott, Brian Dennis, Brett & Breanna Gowers, Steve, TJ and Zali Utting, Jess Dunn, Isabelle Schubert, Peter and Margaret Uren, Tony Hylard and Eric Markham.

A special thank you to Trish Rambaldo for the magnificent morning tea.

## Attention: Health Care Card / Pension Concession Card Holders

**CSEF Allowance Applications now open**

Parents of currently enrolled students who are in receipt of a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card are invited to apply for a \$225 secondary school allowance per student to be applied to your family account at the college. This allowance will act as a credit which can be used to help pay for any camp, sport or excursion in which your student participates. It will be an annual payment, applied for each year, for as long as your student is enrolled at a Victorian Government School (and aged between 6 and 17) and you remain eligible.

The credit can ONLY be used for the purpose intended (camps, sports activities or incursions/excursions) so cannot be credited to other outstanding charges and is not redeemable for cash. Any unused portion of the payment will carry over to the next year.

DET has advised that CSEF applications can now be processed each year in Term 1, with payments made as applications are endorsed and will be open until Friday 3rd June. So if cardholders are NOT eligible on the first day of Term 1 (27th January), but ARE eligible on the first day of Term 2 (11th April), application can still be made.

**PLEASE ENSURE THERE IS A COPY OF THE HEALTH CARE/PENSION CARD ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION.**

I would encourage all eligible parents/guardians to lodge an application form at the General Office. Application forms can be picked up from the General Office or are downloadable from Compass (Community/School Documentation/CSEF Application).

Jenny Halkier, Business Manager

# EVERY DAY COUNTS

## Secondary school attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of a child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

### Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Students develop good habits by going to school every day – habits that are necessary to succeed after school, whether in the workplace or in further study.

In Years 7-10, students miss on average almost **a week every term** - that's **four weeks** of school per year.



Missing school can have a big impact on students academically and socially. It can affect their test results, including VCE, and, just as importantly, it can affect their relationships with other students, and lead to social isolation.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

**For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:**

[www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx)

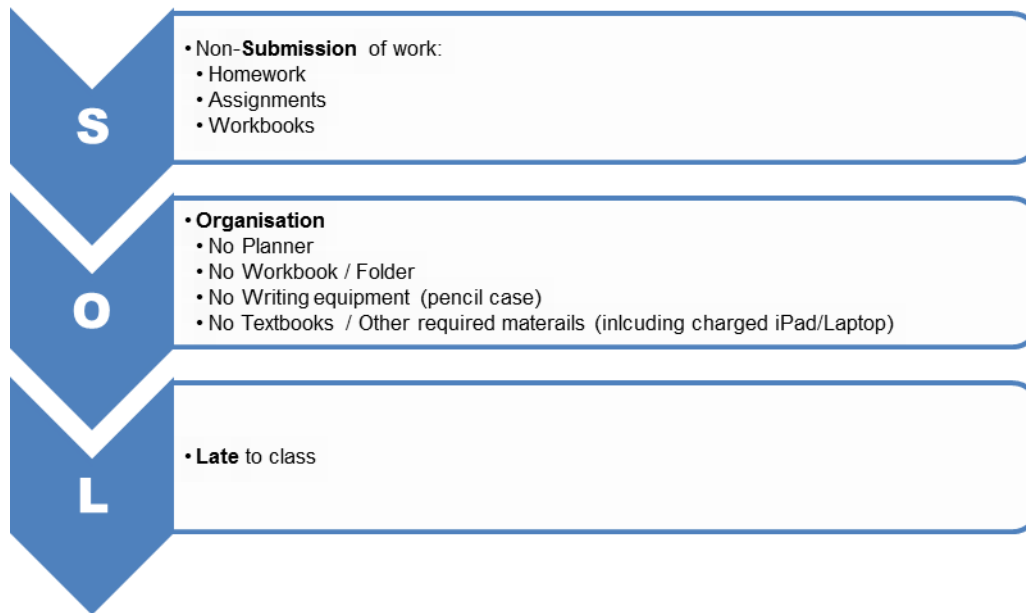
**VICTORIA**  
AS A LEARNING  
COMMUNITY



## STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is going to be or is absent from school, please log into Compass to approve their absence! Parent log ins are different from student log ins, and should not be shared!

## Student Learning: “SOL”



The SOL system, as described above aims to improve student work ethic and learning behaviours. The system has been in existence at Monbulk College over a number of years and we have found it to be very successful in promoting improved learning habits for students. This system operates across Year 7-12.

In this system, teachers provide ‘strikes’ to students for any breaches of the above learning behaviours. At the third strike, in any class, a parent is contacted; at the sixth strike, the parent is contacted again and a lunchtime detention is issued; and at the ninth strike a parent interview and individual plan may be arranged.

We believe, this system allows parents to be involved early on if there are concerns about student learning progress. Further to this, students may also receive consequences for required work that remains incomplete via a ‘Coursework Notification’ (emailed to parents through Compass). As a part of these procedures, students will be required to attend a lunchtime detention to aid in this work being completed.

We believe that setting clear expectations for work ethic at Monbulk College will ensure that students are practising their skills widely; and ensuring that they are ready for the demands of study in the future.

**Fran Ibbott**  
Assistant Principal



## SCIENCE NEWS - Grand Prix- Year 8’s

All Year 8 students will be attending the Grand Prix on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Cost will be \$20 per student. More details to follow soon. Should be a lot of fun!

**Sandy Miller**

## Uniform: What footwear is ok?

Monbulk College Uniform policy requires students to wear plain black shoes.

Year 7-9: Black Leather Shoes (all the time, except for PE)

Year 10-12: Black Shoes (Leather for Tech classes, runners for PE)



Remember, a change of shoes into runners is required for PE.

Students are required to swap these shoes during the day, when they have PE classes.

## MONBULK COLLEGE 2016 DEBUTANTE BALL

Preparations for this year's Debutante Ball are under way.

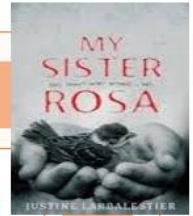
At present we have seventeen couples participating.

There will be a meeting Tuesday 23rd February at 7:00pm in the theatre for participants and their parents.

The 2nd and final payment is due **this Wednesday 24th February** and should be handed into the office with any outstanding consent, or participations forms.

Dance classes start on Tuesday 15th March at 3:30pm - 5:30pm in the theatre.

**Kerrie Cotterell**  
Deb Ball Coordinator



# CURIOSITORIUM NEWS

## ERL (Eastern Regional Library)

Students should take advantage of the free resources such as eBooks offered by the ERL. To get your pin number, don't forget to return your application forms, signed by a guardian/parent, to the Curiositorium Library. Application forms can be picked up here at the Curiositorium.

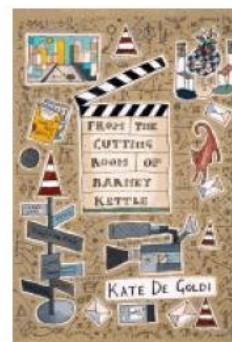


*The Art of being Normal*



*Australia to Z*  
Armin Greder

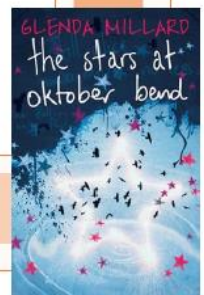
**New**



*From the cutting room floor of Barney Kettle*

## Story Scraps

Story Scraps will begin soon. This is a lunchtime activity when teachers and students read aloud excerpts from their favourite novels.



# SHOP AT THE GOOD GUYS BAYSWATER



**This is how it works!** For every \$25 you spend at The Good Guys in Bayswater and you nominate Monbulk College as your beneficiary, the College receives \$1. They will give you the bucks which you then give to the school office.

We are hoping to use our Good Guys Bucks to purchase items for the school!

## Community Announcements



**We are looking for casual  
School Crossing Supervisors in  
your area now!**

**you will have excellent  
remuneration and conditions,  
Social club and more.**

**If this would interest you,  
and you have the time—and  
passion to be a part of this  
program, please contact**

**Sharon Moran**

**from the**

**Local Laws Department**

**9294 6463**

