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MONBULK COLLEGE NEWS

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Dates to remember:

Wed 6th - Tues 13th
September
Year 10 in 2018 Course
Counselling

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Upcoming Sport

Dates:
Australian
Volleyball Schools
Cup
3 - 8 December
(to assist your budget
- you can start making
payments now)

Principal's Report

Student Progress Conferences - Semester 2

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those parents who came up last night to discuss their child's progress. Education is a partnership between the school, the parents and the student and one of the keys to success is the involvement of parents in supporting their child.

Victorian Government School Agreement 2017

The Department of Education has agreed on conditions for all staff who work in Government schools. Fair Work has approved the agreement which therefore came into effect on August 22nd 2017. One of the aims of the new agreement is to provide time for staff to work collaboratively and to provide schools with a learning specialist. Information about changes for 2018 will be provided in the newsletters during Term 4 as the details become available.

German and Japanese Tours

Both tours leave at the end of this term and there are a number of very excited students in the college who are looking forward to catching up with the students they hosted earlier in the year. I would like to wish Shani, Fran, Sue B and Lesley an enjoyable time as they accompany our students overseas and I look forward to hearing about their adventures on their return.

Margaret Uren

Parents and students of Year 9

A reminder to parents/guardians to please check Compass for your 2018 Year 10 Pathways interview times.

If you need to change your time, call Louise Sverns on 9751 9000 and don't forget to bring your Passbook and Semester 1 Report to your interview.

Science News

The Year 12 Chemistry class are a bit smelly these days.

They have been busy making esters last week.

Esters are organic chemicals used in perfumes and artificial flavours.

Exams are fast approaching!



2017 Tour of German Speaking Countries

This weekend, our group of Monbulk Year 10 and 11 students depart on their one month tour through Switzerland, Germany and into the Netherlands. As part of this tour, they will spend 8 days at the Schwerin Sportgymnasium and experience life in a German family.

Isabella Melford, Isabella Dennis, Liam Dennis, Luke Slattery, James Bilson-McAlister, Janey Doddrell, Sian O'Connor, Elaya Carbone, Emily Muldoon, Damien Chapman, Declan Garnett, Mitchell Riordan, Monty Hall and Tom Murray have already worked well as a team to prepare a presentation about Monbulk and life in Australia for the school in Schwerin.

Fran Ibbott will accompany me this year on Tour. We are all very excited about the adventure ahead.

Shani Vander-Young - German Tour Organiser





School for Student Leadership News



2016 SSL Team :

last year's team have been continuing to work on their Community learning project - the vegetable garden out the back of the school. Recently, top soil was kindly donated by **Nicole Argoon** (Joel Britton's mum), so the team were able to further prepare the garden beds. It was great to have Isabella Strathairn's mum also join in and despite the rain, it was a fun and worthwhile afternoon.

Isabella Strathairn has been liaising with **Matt** from **Paddy's Plants in Monbulk**. They have agreed to oversee the planting next term when the soil is warmer. Matt suggested we help warm up the soil with a layer of manure and sugar cane mulch. Once again we thank Nicole Argoon for obtaining this for us and delivering it to the school. Great team effort!



2017 SSL Team:

In Term 4, Monbulk College will be sending a new team of students to the Gnurad- Gundidj Campus of the School for Student leadership. While last year, our students enjoyed the alpine environment of the Dinner Plain Alpine School, this year the team will experience life in Victoria's Western district near Camperdown.

Monbulk College congratulates the following year 9 Team on their selection:

Tilda Elvesjo-Woolcock, Alex Hall, Jackson Creek, Lester Coulthard, Eadie Arcaro and Trinity Lewis.

The School for Student Leadership is a Victorian Department of Education and Training (DET) initiative offering a unique residential education experience for year nine students. The curriculum focuses on personal development and team learning projects sourced from students' home regions.