PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Notice of election and a call for nominations for the MBSC School Council.

Self-nomination forms for parent and staff (DET) representatives for the Mount Beauty Secondary College School Council are attached to this newsletter or available from the General Office. Nomination forms must be lodged at the General Office by 4 p.m. on Friday 19th February, 2016. A list of nominations will be posted after the closing deadline at the College and in the Newsletter board at the Supermarket. A ballot, if necessary, will close at 4 p.m. on Friday 4th March, 2016, with ballot papers available from Friday 26th February, attached to the newsletter and from the General Office. The term of office is for two years from Wednesday 23rd March, 2016 and there are 3 positions vacant for parents and 2 positions vacant for DET employees. I encourage all parents to consider nominating, as Council provides the school with valuable feedback and guidance and it is a rewarding experience.

Wednesday’s perfect weather was the backdrop for our House Swimming day. There was a great turn out of students and lots of participation in swimming, as well as volunteering for odd jobs to earn points for houses. It was a close battle, but the winning house was Hotham. Congratulations to all the team, who worked well together to earn their success. Congratulations to the other teams and thank you to the parents that visited. A big thank you to Jenny Farrington for her organisation and to all the staff that helped run the event.

The Department gives schools 4 student free days in a year for planning, curriculum and reporting purposes. The first student free day was on 27th January, leaving 3 more days for this year. To assist you with your planning: Wednesday 20th April is set aside for Parent-Teacher Interviews and Friday 10th June is report writing day. The last student free day’s date (has been the Monday before Cup Day for the last few years) has not been finalised, so I will let you know once it has.
HOMEWORK

Homework is a weekly or fortnightly task. Students are expected to hand in homework on the due date. Unsubmitted homework, after one period’s grace, will result in detention until the work is completed. It is a student’s responsibility to collect homework if you have been absent. You can ask your teacher for the task. NB: Students may receive other homework as necessary for other subjects.

### Year 7 –
- English Rules worksheets (1 per week)
- Maths Mate Sheets (1 per week)
- Indonesian vocab words (10 weekly words)
- Weekly Food Evaluation

### Year 8 – 9
- English Rules worksheets
- Maths Mate Sheet
- Indonesian vocab words
- TF03 – Weekly Food Evaluation
- GE83 – Australia Travel Project 22/2
- EC83 – Enterprising People 23/2
- SC81 – Neurones 15/2
- PH83 – Cover Page 17/2
- TM01 – Tool Research 19/2
- VC18 – Camera Settings 15/2

### Year 8/9/10
- TT03 – Theatrical Costume Design 23/2

### Year 9 - 10
- English Weekly sheets
- Maths Mate Sheet (Year 9)
- Indonesian vocab words
- TF06 - Weekly Food Evaluation
- SC98 – Salts and Equations 15/2
- SC94 – Thorne Kidnapping Case 15/2

### Year 10
- SE14 – Career Family Tree 23/2

COMING EVENTS

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Students have settled in to the school year with enthusiasm and hard work. Please give us a ring if you need any help with homework routines,

Cheers

Rhonda Gargan

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY UPDATE

We find that students whose families have the newsletter emailed to parents/carers often miss out on reading it each week. There is valuable information for students so we have decided to email a copy of the newsletter to each student’s school email account (this is a google account) as well. Most students will know how to log in to check their school email but if they are having trouble they can come and ask staff members to help.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Our first Parent Information Evening is coming up next Monday 15th February at 5.30pm. This evening is for Year 7 Parents and starts off in a casual manner with a family BBQ. Parents are then given some valuable tips from Year 7 Co-ordinator, Jonathan Serpell. Parents and students will then enjoy some classes together until 7.30pm.

In early March, Year 12 students and parents are invited to an invaluable information session that will start at 7pm.

Year 12 Information Session

Wednesday 2nd March

7.00pm

In the Jessie Hollonds Studios
RESILIENCE PROGRAMME

What is resilience and why build it?
The word ‘resilience’ is used to describe the capacity people have to cope, learn and thrive in the face of change, challenge or adversity. Some children and young people find it harder than others to cope with the challenges they face in life. However, all children and young people develop coping strategies to help them deal with stress and challenge.

There are things that families and schools can do to help build the resilience of children and young people, and to help them to develop positive coping strategies.

What are the key skills for resilience?

- Self-awareness– understanding emotions and needs and being able to communicate them to others
- Self-control– managing anger and anxiety and the expression of emotions
- Social awareness– being aware of the needs and feelings of others, and building the capacity to respect those with different views or beliefs
- Social management– developing the skills and confidence to talk and mix with other children and adults, and to work and play well with others
- Responsibility– taking responsibility for a range of tasks, such as tidying up, doing their homework and helping others
- Effort and persistence– understanding the importance of hard work and persistence
- Hope– believing in the possibility of a good future and in the value of education
- Self-esteem– feeling proud of the effort they make at school, and their efforts to get along with others, and to be part of the family
- Problem-solving skills – building the capacity to think about how to deal with a range of challenges
- Positive coping strategies – developing the capacity to cheer themselves up, calm themselves down, ask for help when needed, and to work out ways to solve a problem

Every fortnight the whole school will have extended home group for half an hour with the aim of teaching resilience. Please visit education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/health/Pages/resilience.aspx for more information about the program. Each week we will have more info about resilience in the newsletter.

YEAR 7 PARENT PARTICIPATION EVENING

Parent Participation evening this Monday 15th February at 5:30pm for Year 7 students and their families. This is a great chance to see what your kids are doing in a range of classes, score a free delicious BBQ and meet some of the staff.

Please contact the office before 12:00md on Monday to confirm numbers.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience is part of the schools’ educational program where students experience working life. It is a short term placement to provide the insights into the industry and workplace in which they are located. It is primarily to observe and learn – not to undertake activities which require extensive training or expertise.

It can be done in any year as long as you are 15 years of age. Students can do a maximum of 10 days per term or 40 days per year.

How can parents help?

It is an exciting time when your son/daughter first enters the world of work via work experience and there are several things you can do to assist with this:

- Help your child understand the employers’ goodwill in offering a placement
- Encourage realistic expectations – they will not be able to do hands on tasks and the day will be longer than a school day
- Complete the required paperwork
- Talk to your child about OHS and their responsibilities.
- Help your child organise safe travel to and from work.
- Help organise accommodation if required
- Discuss and help with any perceived difficulties.
- Notify the school immediately if your child is absent from work or having difficulties with the placement.
- Talk to your child about work and careers.
- Talk to Ms Bellingham if you have any queries about the work experience program.
CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to apply for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is $225 for Secondary School students.

HOW TO APPLY
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Forms to be returned to school by Friday 26th February.
education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/CSEFFAQs.aspx

STUDENT INSURANCE

Schools are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students.

Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

ADMIN HOUSE KEEPING

- School fees are payable now. Please pay by the end of Term 1.
- Application forms are now available for the Camps, Sport and Excursion Fund. If you have a valid concession card as at the first day of school you may be eligible. Please pick one up at the office or phone us and we can give one to your child.

Thank you

PUBLIC TRANSPORT VICTORIA CONCESSION CARD

If you are a student aged 17 and over, you must carry a valid Victorian Public Transport (VPT) Concession Card to travel on concession fares. If you hold a current health care card then you do not need to purchase a PTV student concession card.

Please pick up an application form at the office, fill in and attach two passport size photos, return it to the office for authorisation and then take the form to a train station for processing. The cost is $9.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MOUNT BEAUTY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Photo Editing for Beginners: Thursday 18th February
Provide First Aid: Thursday 18th February and Thursday 17th March
Wild Women Workshops: Sunday 13th March
Craft Group: Tuesdays

For more info about other courses and activities, please call 03 5754 1166 or visit website:
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1 Tennis Court Avenue,
Mount Beauty
VIC 3699
Tel: 03 5754 1166
Fax: 03 5754 1662
E: info@mountbeauty.org.au

MOUNT BEAUTY FOOTBALL CLUB REGISTRATION DAY 2016

All Senior and Junior Grades
Football and Netball
SUNDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2015
STARTING AT 10.30 AM TO 12.00 PM
DEDERANG MULTIPURPOSE HALL DEDERANG
Come and meet the coaches
Netball/Football Drills and Activities commencing at 10.30 am
Free BBQ Sausage at 11.30 am
Soft Drinks available for purchase @ $2.00
Registration from 10.30 am to 12.00 pm
2016 Memberships Available
PLEASE COME ALONG AND BE A PART OF OUR GREAT CLUB
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME
School Council Elections
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

MOUNT BEAUTY SECONDARY COLLEGE

Name:

Residential address:

Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school

Yes / No (please circle)

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: ____________________________ 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.

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, 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 03 5154 4905

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.
WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING?

Jaakko Korhonene is with us until April from Salo, about 1.5 hours west of Helsinki and on the coast of Finland. He has been enjoying his stay with the Veikannen family.