

The Mountain Ear

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Parent Teacher Interviews: Our Term 3 interviews are being held on Wednesday 20th September from 4 – 7pm. We apologise that we are unable to offer a full day of interviews like in Term 1, but our 4 student free days are already assigned elsewhere. It will be a normal school day, with staff available for 10 minute interviews from 4pm. Booking sheets will be available from Monday 11th and the Interim Reports will be given to students on Friday 15th. If you are unable to see your child's teachers, please make sure you leave a phone number/email and the staff will contact you regarding their progress.

This week saw the end of the 2017 ski program, with plenty more skiing opportunities available due to the volume of snow. Thanks again to Heath Matheson for all the time and effort he puts in to make this program run as smoothly as possible, and to the parents that assist. The school would not be able to run the program as cheaply as we do without the volunteers.



The Future Makers program has already had a few days of activities back at school. Here, the students were just about to set off for the day to do some community work by helping to set up for the Hoppet.

Our Year 9 students will be heading off to the Future Makers Program at the Outdoor School – Bogong next week, for nearly the last 2 weeks of this term. This opportunity for our students is so highly regarded by the College that the school subsidised half the cost of this program so that all students are able to attend. I would like to thank Hannah Little for so capably taking over the school liaison role from Esther Leccardi while she is on leave.

Thanks to all the families that completed the Parent Opinion Survey. We ended up with a 42% response rate by the close of the survey. I take it to mean that the remaining 58% of families must be satisfied with how their child is progressing and with the school in general!

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.

<p><u>Year 7</u> English Rules worksheets (1 per week) Maths Mate Sheets (1 per week) Indonesian vocab words (10 weekly words) Weekly Food Evaluation</p> <p><u>Year 8 – 9</u> English Rules worksheets Maths Mate Sheet Indonesian vocab words TF02 - Weekly Food Evaluation HI86 -</p>	<p><u>Year 8/9/10</u></p> <p><u>Year 9 - 10</u> English Weekly Sheets Maths Mate Weekly Sheet (Year 9) Indonesian vocab words</p> <p><u>Year 10</u></p>
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COMING EVENTS

2017

Fri 8th Sept	Alpine Shire Youth Awards
11th Sept-21st Sept	Future Makers Camp
Tues 12th Sept	Elevate Parent Sem
Thurs 14th Sept	Yr 12 Studio Arts Exc
Fri 15th Sept	OMDSSSA Athletics
Tues 19th Sept	Writers Festival Exc
Wed 20th Sept	OMDSSSA 7/8 Sport
	Parent Teacher interviews starting 4:30pm
Thurs 21st Sept	OMDSSSA 9/10 Sport
Fri 22nd Sept	Last Day Term 3- 2:30pm Finish
Mon 9th Oct	First Day Term 4

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents & Students,

Congratulations to the college gymnastics team for their awesome results in Melbourne last week. All of the reports I have received have been nothing but glowing about not only the competition, but also the wonderful way our students conducted themselves whilst there. Thanks to Jenny Farrington and co for running this trip. Next week sees our intrepid Year 9 students head off to their 'Future Makers' camp with the Bogong Outdoor School. This is the inaugural Term 3 camp to run, so good luck! Thanks also must go to Hannah Little and Esther Leccardi for the organisation of this camp.

Information regarding the '2017 Great Victorian Bike Ride' (GVBR) is now available for interested students to collect from my office. The GVBR is an event we can participate in this year, but it is an expensive one. The following is a link that leads to a YouTube clip highlighting the event.

GVBR -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2LadmVmcMcg>

Interested students should submit their 'Expression of Interest' form to me by the end of this term.

Uniform has started to slip a little bit, mainly with some students wearing incorrect jumpers and socks. Just a reminder that socks should be plain black or white with no logos showing.

Today is the last day of the Edrolo trial for VCE students. We've asked the students and staff what their opinion is, but we'd love to hear some feedback from the parents/carers. Keep in mind the cost per subject would be \$30 (with a likely cap of \$90) for 2018. Please contact Mr Wilson with your thoughts on this VCE resource.

For families of current Year 10, 11 & 12 students; please add to your diary/calendar **7pm Tuesday 12th September**. We will be hosting a guest speaker who will be making a presentation for parents/guardians around VCE student motivation, time management and tips for managing distractions, as well as a chance for Q & A. The presenter is addressing the students the following day, so this night does not require student attendance. A note will come home with students today regarding this event.

We have a Facebook page with many members of our college community following/liking the page.

However, the best way to communicate with the college is still through our General Office.



End of term reports will be coming home soon as will the Yr 7 & 9 NAPLAN results. The end of term Parent-Teacher interviews will also be running on Wednesday the 20th. If you're in at school that afternoon/evening, please feel free to introduce yourself if we haven't met, or say G'day if we have!

Thankyou,
Ross Wilson

YEAR 9 FUTURE MAKERS HOPPET FRIDAY!

A few weeks ago the year 9s travelled up to Falls Creek as part of the Future Makers program to help set up the finish and start area of the Kangaroo Hoppet. It was an amazing day up the mountain, with a bluebird sky and almost everyone wearing t-shirts for the whole day. The Future Makers team got to meet all the other local volunteers and give something back to the community, helping to get ready and setup for the biggest cross country ski race in the Southern Hemisphere, which was pretty special.

The purpose of the whole day, was to give back to the community. As part of the Future Makers program the year 9s will be exploring different ways to help others whether it's in their own community, less fortunate communities maybe from other countries, or even just in a group of friends. They will also learn by having these volunteering skills that they will be able to make plenty of friends and fit into a new community very well.

Georgia Moorman

The Future Makers team head off next Monday on their 2 week camp that includes a 5 day journey through the snow. This is all made possible through The Outdoor School Bogong. They will be returning to MBSC at 8.30pm Thursday 21 September.



CSU PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday 21 September;

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Albury Commercial Club Albury, Stanley A Room (Elizabeth St entrance), 618 Dean Street Albury

Read more at tinyurl.com/y96lojmq

ACCESS REVISION LECTURES

Forms have been given out to VCE students regarding the upcoming revision lectures at Latrobe University, Wodonga on the weekend of the 14th/15th October.

There are also lectures in Shepparton in September.

Students are able to order tickets through the school at the special price of \$38/lecture, as we do a bulk order.

Orders have to be in by **September 15th**.

For more information visit

www.accesseducation.com.au

CASUAL DRESS DAY

Friday the 22nd of September (last day of term) will be a combined day supporting both our sponsor child Omi as well as 'R U OK Day', which raises awareness for suicide prevention. To take part, students can come in casual dress and bring a gold coin to support those causes. The dress theme is 'yellow' for R U OK Day and donations of **\$2** would be appreciated, as the proceeds are being split.

YEAR 7 HUMANITIES

All year 7 students are reminded to bring to school a toy or teddy to complete a mummification wrapping on in Humanities. Please do not bring a treasured toy, if the student does not have a suitable item please advise Miss. Hinde or Ms. Rose asap.

Thanks.

VTAC IMPORTANT DATES

VTAC and other state Tertiary Admissions Centres are open for student applications.

If you need help see Ms Sadler, Ms Bellingham or Mrs Macklan.

VTAC Course Applications

Lodge your course application by 28th September.

SEAS for special consideration by 10 October.

Scholarships by 13 October.

Don't forget to visit the careers page for lots of career info. www.mtbeautycareers.com/

SYDNEY EXPERIENCE TOUR

Payment Plan for the Sydney trip:

Second instalment of another \$100 is due by 22 September;

75% payment (\$300) due by 20th October;

100% (\$400) needs to be paid by 17th November.



A NOTE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

On this cold and damp spring morning I send a reminder to you all that the Chaplaincy Service is available to all members of the school community.

If you are in need of a chat or some friendly advice (or just a warm space to sit in!) please make the most of this opportunity.

Students can find me in the Student safety and Wellbeing Office (at the Year 12 end of the corridor) or they can ask at the General Office and the office staff there will find me.

Remember, if you have made an appointment, it is polite to keep that appointment or to see me to reschedule. If you change your mind, or can't make it, another person could use that time slot.

Parents, please contact the school and I will make a time to catch up.

My times for next week (only) are extended. They are:

Monday: from 8:30 to 4:00

Tuesdays: from 11.00 am to 4.30 pm.

Wednesdays: 8.30 am to 8:50 am and 1:00 to 4:30 pm.

Thursdays: from 8.30 am to 12:04 pm.

Today I am sharing an expression from the internet:



Have a special week everyone. Support each other with a smile!

Rosemary Oldis



If a student is absent, it is the school's responsibility to make sure they are away with parental permission.

Please remember to ring the office and send notes to explain late arrivals and absences. If you know in advance of an absence please send a note to the home group teacher so that office staff don't ring in the morning.

ZOOS VICTORIA WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM 2018

Applications are now open for 2018!

Each year, Zoos Victoria selects a limited number of students as part of their work experience program to gain experience at one of Victoria's three zoos; Healesville Sanctuary, Melbourne Zoo or Werribee Open Range Zoo. The program is an all-weather, full day work program (start and finish times vary per property). Successful students will be required to perform physically demanding manual labour duties under supervision.

Who is eligible?

Victorian secondary students aged over 15 years at the time of their placement and are currently enrolled in a State, Catholic or Independent School are eligible for the program. School Careers Coordinators can only endorse one student per school.

Key Dates

Online applications for the 2018 Secondary School Work Experience placements close at 5.00pm **Friday 15 September, 2017**. No late applications will be accepted. Successful applicants will be notified in early Term 4 2017.

Application Process

1. School career coordinators can only nominate one student application per school.
2. Students must choose one property to complete their work experience placement.
3. Students must write a COVER LETTER detailing how they meet the criteria listed in the property's role description then scan and attach this as their cover letter.
4. Students must complete the Department of Education and Training's Work Experience with Animals Summary form, have it signed by their parent or guardian and submit it to their school's careers coordinator who also need to sign this form as an endorsement. Then scan and attach this form as your RESUME.
5. The student must then submit their application **with the help** of the school's careers coordinator through the online application process. Students must enter **their details** in this process.

Property role descriptions and the Animals Summary Form are available at the following link:

<https://www.zoo.org.au/about-us/careers-at-zoos-victoria/work-experience/secondary>

Please be advised that a nomination of a student does not automatically guarantee a placement. Please speak to Mrs Macklan or Ms Bellingham ASAP if you are interested in nominating for the program.

KWONG LEE DOW SCHOLARSHIPS

The Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program offers opportunities, such as free VCE revision sessions in Melbourne, to high-achieving students currently in year 10. Recipients are also guaranteed a place into the University of Melbourne provided their ATAR is over 90 and they are given some support to assist with the costs of settling in Melbourne for study at the university.

Recipients are chosen by the University of Melbourne. For the past few years they have awarded scholarships to one male and one female student from our school. Students need to apply online and provide a response to each of the selection criteria by **Monday 9th October**. For more details, please google 'Kwong Lee Dow' or click on the link below.

Interested students should see Ms McCraw.

futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/kld

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY

Upper Kiewa Landcare are organising a Community Planting Day to assist with the beautification of the Rockpool site carpark.

Please meet at the car park at the end of Rockpool Road, Mount Beauty on **Sunday 10th Sept**, 9am.

Wear sturdy footwear, gloves, and hi vis and we will conclude with a BBQ sausage sizzle.

For more information contact:

Ian Howley 0428 500 123

Barb Mason 0418 357 525



TAWONGA KINDERGARTEN

Situated in the grounds of Tawonga Primary School Recently rated exceeding in all National Quality Standards

3 and 4 Year old Kindergarten Enrolments are now being taken for 2018

Enrolments are strongly encouraged by 31st October, 2017

For enrolment information or to organise a tour call: 5754 4468 or email tawonga.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
3 and 4 year old programs run together on Mondays and Wednesdays

3 year old program - 9am-1pm (8 hours a week)

4 year old program - 8.30 – 4pm (15 hours a week)

Numbers are limited to 20



JUNIOR GOLF LESSONS Term 4, 2017

The Mt Beauty Golf Club will run a series of 7 free golf lessons for girls and boys 6-14 years old, with members coaching.

Equipment will be provided by the club.

Come and Try day and registration is at the golf course, Tawonga Cres., on Sunday, 15th October at 10am for about 1 hour.

Lessons will be 10am -11.30am for the following 6 Sundays, finishing with a break-up bar-b-q and party on Sunday, November 26th.

Cost – Absolutely free!

Enquiries to Liz Harvey 5754 4077 or e-mail lizh7272@gmail.com

SCHOOL HOLIDAY GOLF PROGRAMME.

For all secondary students and grade 5&6 primary students

When – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 2nd to 4th of October 2017

(2nd week of Vic. School hols.)

Time 10am sharp

Each day will include

- lesson with qualified coach, individual or small group
- Sausage sizzle and drink
- Short supervised game after lesson.

COST

\$40 for the 3 days and \$30 for any siblings

Applications to Michael Bartholomew on e-mail communications@mtbeautygolfclub.org.au

or

ph. 0418 431 531

HOW TO SURVIVE VCE

Thursday, October 5

4.30 to 5.30pm Wodonga Library

This free workshop will help you achieve good mental awareness during stressful times, and teach you tips and tricks to ensure you're prepared before exams start.

Take a step today to ensure your mind stays healthy and strong. Supported by Headspace Albury Wodonga.

Enquiries: Wodonga Library (02) 6022 9330

Cost: Free

www.wodongalibrary.com.au



Friday 8th September, 2017.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Parent/Teacher interviews are being held **Wednesday 20th September** from **4pm to 7pm** and teachers will be available for 10 minute interviews.

Booking sheets will be up on the front windows at the school next week for students and parents to make appointment times. You can also phone through requests. Interim reports will be given to students on the afternoon of Friday 15th September to help parents determine if they would like to make an appointment – we apologise for the lateness in getting the reports out to parents this term.

Unfortunately, we are only able to see a small number of parents in this evening session. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to contact the teachers at school regarding your student's progress.

Please record your student's subjects, teachers and the interview times you have made, by reserving a time on the booking sheets at the College, which will be up on the windows at the front entrance.

Subject	Teacher	Interview Time

THE APPOINTMENT SHEETS ARE UP AT SCHOOL FOR YOU **OR** YOUR SON/DAUGHTER TO MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENTS WITH CLASSROOM TEACHERS.

If you have any queries please contact the General Office on 57544005.

SEMINAR-TUESDAY THE 12TH SEPT 7PM

Parent Seminar Summary



We have found that schools that follow-up the seminars at home have higher levels of skill uptake amongst their students compared to schools that simply run the in-class seminars. The parent seminar is designed to run in the evening, preferably in proximity to the student sessions. The presenter examines the skills that are covered in the sessions with a focus on the ways that parents can reinforce the skills at home. In addition, parents can utilise further resources through a dedicated website for parents at www.elevateeducation.com.

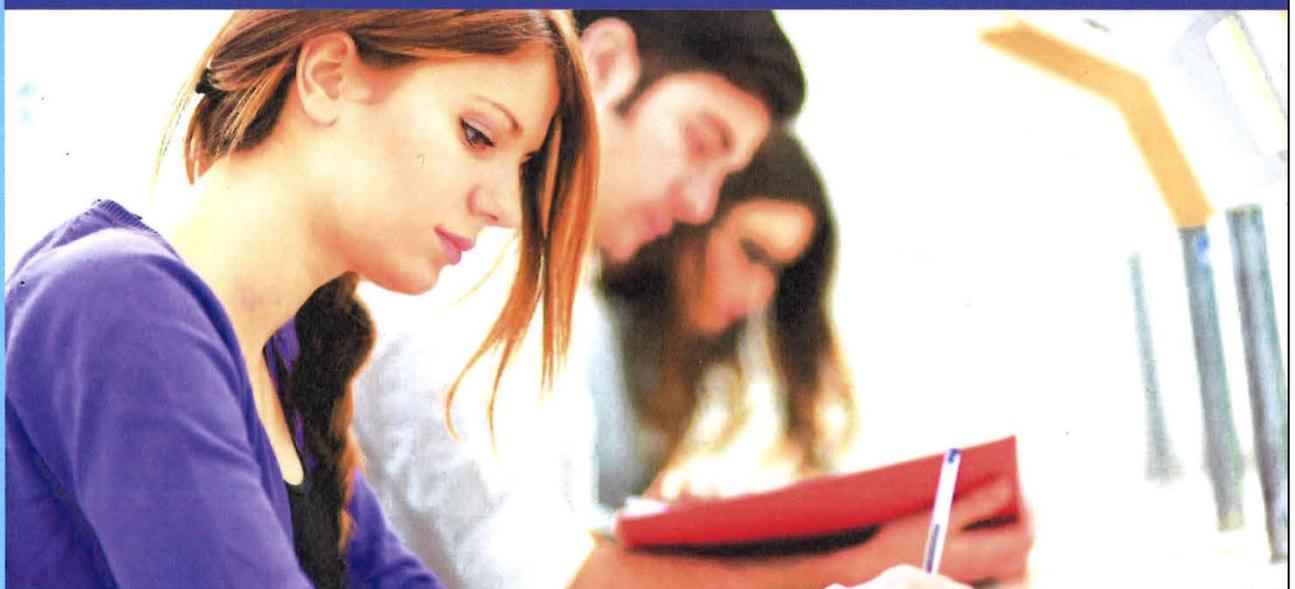
The session is 60 minutes long and is designed to be run as an open forum for discussion. This allows parents to ask our study skills experts any questions they have about being the parent of a secondary school student. Typical questions are:

- How do I help my child become more motivated
- How do I help my child improve their time management?
- What work should my child be doing?
- How do I help my child deal with distractions?

The presenter then answers these questions by highlighting critical techniques from the Elevate seminars. For example:

- Creating realistic goals that actually work.
- Developing an effective study timetable that parents can help design.
- Providing parents with a road map of what work students should be doing and when.
- Understanding the impact of distractions and the best ways to manage them.

The presenter will also stay after the session to answer any additional questions that the parents may have.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?



The CFA Youth Crew gives our students the chance to meet and work with other schools, as well as learning valuable skills. Hopefully some of these students go on to join their local brigades in the future.