ANNUAL PRODUCTION

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER
6  TERM 4 BEGINS
6-7  Yr11 Leadership Camp
10  Marby Cup - Academy Students
14-17  Yr12 Practice Exams
15  Yr7 & 9 Boys Immunisations
17  Academy State, National Rep Photos
20-24  Art Exhibition
22  Last Day for Yr12 Students
23  Yr7 & 9 Immunisations
24  Yr12 Celebration Day & Valedictory
29  School Council Meeting
  Yr12 Exams Begin

NOVEMBER
4  Melbourne Cup - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
17-21  Yr11 Exams
24  Yr9 English, EAL & Maths Exam
  Yr11 Exam Feedback & Course Confirmation
24-28  Yr10 Exams
25-28  Yr11-12 Transition
26  Instrumental Music Concert
27  Yr 9 Music Concert
29  Last Day for Yr11 Students

DECEMBER
1  Report Writing - PUPIL FREE
2  Yr10 Exam Feedback & Course Confirmation
3  School Council
  Senior School Principal Awards
3-5  Yr10-11 Transition
  Yr9-10 Transition
4  Grade 6 Parent Information Evening
5  Last Day for Yr10 Students
8  Middle School Principal Awards
9  Grade 6 Orientation Day
8-15  Yr7 & 8 Step-Up Program
10  Sports Academy Awards
11  Junior School Principal Awards
16-18  Activities Week
18  LAST DAY TERM 4
LIBRARY NEWS

Cold winter days mean busy warm break times in the library. It’s been great to see so many new faces become regular visitors to the library this term. Term 3 has been a busy one, with many events drawing to their conclusion. The Premiers’ Reading Challenge, the Art and Writing Competition (see separate articles) and the Chess Master Competition were all completed this term. The introduction of the Marby Chess Master Competition piqued the interest of our loyal chess players, and a number of rounds were held before crowning our 2014 Chess Master – Minh Nghia (Louis) Huynh. The competition proved to be so popular we are considering it as a bi-annual event. Chess is played by many of our students in the library, along with Backgammon, Scrabble and card games. With lots of new titles being added to both our Overdrive (eBooks) and hard copy collections for the students are able to launch into Spring with our “Spring into Books” theme. Happy reading over the break!!

OLIVER PHOMMAVANH TALK

To help celebrate Book Week the library invited Oliver Phommavanh to do a book talk to all Year 7 and 8 students. Oliver was very entertaining and made all of us laugh. Oliver has written several funny books including:

- Thai-riffic
- Thai-no-mite!
- Con-nerd
- Punchlines

These books are all available from the library.
ARTS AND WRITING COMPETITION

This year the library organised an Arts and Writing competition. We had great entries from different year levels. We would like to thank all the students who participated.

The winner of the:

  Arts competition was: Tirth Nayak (Year 10)
  Short story competition was: Danyon Adams-Newey (Year 10)
  Poetry completion was: Samrawit Piolo (Year 7)

Congratulations to these three students.

Below is this year’s winning poem.

‘The Peaceful Walk’

I hear chattering from the tweeting small birds above me,
Whooshing noises as the tree branches sway side to side like their dancing,
Leaves scattered all over the grounds as they leave their homes above,
  Dry leaves crackle within each step I take,
  Barking dogs chase crazily after the flying ball,
Some people whispering their voices low, others stare their thoughts unknown,
  I hear shouts and screams as we get closer to the playground,
  Kids squealing like piglets with laughter as they run from each other,
I sit on the cold swing and let myself rock back and forth,
  Letting the wind creep towards me,
Making the goose bumps appear and my teeth chatter,
  As the day gets darker,
People start disappearing until I am left alone,
  When the sun finally sets,
I walk past the dancing trees and leave the sleeping birds above,
  Walk though the gates as my day has now ended.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HEALTH AND SAFETY

As part of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s Health and Safety Management Plan, new labelling has been installed at our school.

The labels remind people to contact school reception prior to undertaking any works at the school, to ensure they have up-to-date information from the school’s asbestos register.

Asbestos - which was used extensively in building materials in the past but is now banned - is considered safe unless damaged or in poor condition.

The new labels form part of a comprehensive program to ensure Victorian government schools remain safe. Children’s safety is our number one priority. That is why we are taking this extra step as a precaution.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Parents are reminded that the school and the Department of Education do NOT provide accident insurance for students whilst at school, on excursions, swimming, sporting programs or on camps.

Parents/carers are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including transport costs.

For your information: reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers.
The 2014 Premiers’ Reading Challenge is over and students who participated this year have put in an incredible effort. A total of 96 students registered to participate in the Challenge and collectively these students have read a total of 1365 books!

Alan Van 8E, Leann Trandy 7F and Summer Leatitagalaoa 7B have each read 100 books - what an amazing achievement!

A special congratulations to 7A and 8A for having read the most books as a class in the Challenge. They are the proud winners of canteen vouchers and their class will appear on the Premiers’ Reading Challenge honour board located in the library.

Well done to everyone who participated.
Year 9 student Arabella Williams was selected to participate in the British Council’s Commonwealth Class program. Arabella and Maribyrnong College teacher Fiona Walker travelled to Scotland to participate in the program, which ran in conjunction with the Commonwealth Games. The program brought together students and teachers from ten Commonwealth countries. The group worked together on a range of activities ranging from art to sport while engaging with Commonwealth values. The group went to the Commonwealth Games opening ceremony, Edinburgh Castle, museums, art galleries and saw Badminton and Boxing matches. It was an unforgettable experience, which everyone involved benefited from. If you want to find out more head to: [http://vimeo.com/105221392](http://vimeo.com/105221392) and watch the video about the program produced by the British Council.
Term 3 has seen a new batch of budding chefs emerge from the cooking room. Year 7 and 8 students have practised their culinary skills when creating scones, orange and poppy seed cupcakes, stuffed potatoes, minestrone, noodle stir fry and many other recipes. The classes have had a lot of fun experiencing new skills and improving their cooking repertoire. Students have also gained a solid understanding of the basic requirements needed to ensure safe handling of food, equipment and ensuring hygiene standards are met. In addition, it is always encouraging to hear from students that they have gone home and replicated the recipes learnt in class.

OUR KAYNE TURNER PLAYS HIS FIRST GAME IN THE AFL

Year 12 student Kayne Turner made his AFL debut for the Kangaroos in August, and at 18 years of age makes Kayne the AFL’s youngest listed player. Kayne moved from Tallangatta Secondary College to attend our school and undertake his Year 12 studies. Kayne qualified for the 2013 Rookie Draft by just 6 hours and the former Murray Bushranger has played 12 games for Werribee in the VFL this season, where he was named in their best player five times. Despite having to juggle his AFL commitments with his Year 12 studies, Kayne has thrilled coaching staff at the Kangaroos. North Melbourne legend Glenn Archer has supported Kayne’s position in the team, particularly following his four-goal effort against the Demons, followed by kicking two goals against Adelaide Crows in Round 22. Kangaroos coach Brad Scott paid him the ultimate compliment this year, stating: “His attack on the footy is second to none”. Kayne plays with tremendous determination and maturity beyond his years. He enjoys the life balance that our school environment provides and the support of other AFL program athletes in our school. We wish Kayne every success as the Kangaroos move into the finals series. Congratulations Kayne!
JUNIOR SCHOOL LEADERSHIP GROUP VISIT TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE

In August our Junior Leadership team went into the city to visit the State Library and Parliament House. The students had a tour of the library and a guided tour of Parliament House. The experience was enjoyed by both the leadership team and the students.

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LOOK WHO IS ALREADY MAKING THE MOST OF THE NEW PHYSIOTHERAPY AND MASSAGE SERVICES OFFERED BY THE CREW AT BACK IN MOTION Braybrook

TIME TO MEET OUR NEW PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

Back In Motion (BIM) Braybrook are proud to support the athletes and staff at MSA and act as the new preferred provider of physiotherapy and massage services to the school. Ian and Tara have replaced the previous physiotherapists and were hand picked by the sports academy from a large list of physiotherapy clinics. They will still be seeing athletes each morning at injury clinic before school.

Their clinic, BIM Braybrook, is just 5 minutes drive away at Central West Shopping Centre in Braybrook. As well as being able to communicate directly with the rehabilitation team and coaches at MSA, BIM Braybrook will be prioritizing bookings for all athletes as well as offering a specially discounted service. This offer extends to all MSA students, family and friends. So when you call for a booking remember to mention you are from Maribyrnong College.

BIM Braybrook are excited about joining the MSA community and would like to start a regular Q and A feature in the newsletter. If you have any questions over the coming term please email or call us and we will gladly provide an answer. The best questions will then feature in the following newsletter so everyone can benefit, as it is likely you are not the only one thinking it!

The first question of the Q and A section: Why choose BIM Braybrook?

Apart from the fact Ian, Tara and the rest of the team at BIM Braybrook are very caring, professional and committed to your best interests, they are also very passionate about providing the highest quality treatment to ensure athletes perform at their peak all year round. By working closely with our rehabilitation team and your coaches at MSA, they will make sure you get back to playing your sport to your best as quickly as possible.

So if you have any questions or require some physiotherapy or massage treatment, call Ian or Tara on 96872700 or email to braybrook@backinmotion.com.au
VENICE IN LOVE - A COMMEDIA DELL'ARTE PLAY

On the 4th of September the Year 8, 9 and 10 Italian students watched a Commedia dell'Arte play named ‘Venice in Love’. It was a romantic comedy about a wicked old lady named Pantalona, a charming man named Il Capitano, a bubbly, harlequin girl named Arlecchina and Isabella, who was Il Capitano’s true love. An adventurous play evolved around a love potion. The audience was very involved and the actors were a great laugh. **Stephanie Elias**

The Commedia dell'Arte play was great! The story was about the Capitano who was looking for love, but by the end every character in the story finds love through audience participation and improvisation. The play was shocking to some of the audience with its funny script and acting, but was entertaining to watch. The fact that the audience were able to participate was a great way to connect to the story. **Simone Posteraro**

‘Venice in Love’ was a play in the genre of Commedia dell’Arte. It gave me a sensible chuckle. The funniest part of the show was the audience participation, especially when Efehan got selected to go up and act. When I saw him stand up and begin walking towards the stage, I instantly knew it would be good. **Alan Lu**

YEAR 8 TRIP TO ECOLINC

Ecolinc, located in Baccus Marsh was established in 2005. It is a government run centre in which the main objective is to teach students about sustainability and the environment.

Upon arrival the students were taken on a tour of the Ecolinc Sustainability Trail, and learnt about how they use renewable energy sources to power the centre.

The students then constructed a solar powered house, testing the efficiency of various light sources on the powering of a fan.

Students also had the opportunity to test the effectiveness of different types of insulation and calculate the carbon offset of their households.

The students had a great day investigating renewable energy sources.

SCIENCE WEEK

Maribyrnong College celebrated Science Week from August 18th - 22nd. Science staff spent an afternoon decorating MSC’s very own “Hallway of Science” which overflowed with scientific facts and trivia that students enjoyed as they walked passed to their classes. Each lunch time, students enjoyed a science video which included Top Gear, Mythbusters and Futurama. On Wednesday during lunch time, Ms. Gould conducted a food science experiment which resulted in some yummy candy for the participants to enjoy. Congratulations to Simge, Zoe and Kevin for winning the “What’s inside the beaker?” competition.
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AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

The Australian Mathematics Competition was held on Thursday 7th August. A total of 168 Maribyrnong College students took part. Our students performed well, receiving the following awards:

- Year 7: 7 Distinctions, 16 Credits
- Year 8: 4 Distinctions, 15 Credits
- Year 9: 2 Distinctions, 8 Credits
- Year 10: 3 Distinctions, 4 Credits
- Year 11: 1 Distinction, 4 Credits
- Year 12: 1 Distinction, 2 Credits

Students will receive their awards at an upcoming assembly. The best score went to Nathan Boc of 9A who scored in the top 4% of all Year 9’s in Australia. Congratulations to all participants!

LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK

Maribyrnong celebrated Literacy and Numeracy Week in August with a range of activities including a daily problem solving competition in the Library and a Letters and Numbers competition at lunchtimes. Participants from all year levels had fun, and our Year 12 hosts Zach Arnold, Amisha Mangal and Steven Rutherford created an entertaining atmosphere.

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION OFFICIALLY OPENS OUR SPORTS FIELDS

The Minister for Education, Honourable Martin Dixon, visited our College on the 10th of September to officially open our sports fields and also congratulate 22 student athletes who have been inducted into our Australian Representative Honour Wall.

The Minister was hosted by College Principal, Nick Scott, Sport Director Rob Carroll, and Assistant Principal, Joy Moore. The group enjoyed a tour of the College buildings and sports fields, followed by a ceremony to acknowledge our 2014 inductees.

He commented that “the College and Sports Academy are a fantastic example of the benefits of community partnerships and the $5.6 million synthetic sports fields is a great complement to the stadium precinct”.

The Minister was joined by representatives from our partnership organisations, local government, College Council, Advisory Board, staff and family and friends of our 22 inductees.

Please congratulate the following students on their outstanding sporting achievement: Chanchai Sookton-Eng, Greg Polmans, Libby Birch, Monique Conti, Lachlan King, Katerina Valos, Jemma Singleton, Gabby Mifsud, Tyron Boorman, Ben Caluzzi, Jade Milne-Parry, Samir Dar, Jaden Rice, Giuliette Lugara, Zach Santamaria and former students: Ibby Balla, Georgiana Ruhrig, Andrew Scanlon, Lucas Vuradin, Melanie Hartshorne, Angus Thompson-Pritchard and Joel Smith.
VOLLEYBALL

Our teams performed very well at the recent Victorian Schools Championships. Our three girls teams each won the state championship in the highest level in the state.

ITALIAN DRESS UP DAY

YEAR 9 COMMUNITY ELECTIVE STUDENTS VOLUNTEERING AT FARESHARE

On the 14th of August students helped to prepare over 1,100 meals for people in need. Since then, FareShare has cooked its millionth meal since moving into its new Abbotsford kitchen in June, 2013.
Maribyrnong College

ART SHOW

21-24th Oct: Hall (old gym)

Opening Night & Awards
Tuesday 21st October
5.00pm onwards