COLLEGE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The College Swimming Carnival started off with all students travelling by bus to Oak Park swimming pool. All students were able to witness Maribyrnong’s elite swimmers in a 50m invitational race that was tightly contested. The overall day was a success with the number of participants up significantly from last year, with a number of records broken and the sight of everyone wearing the house colours was a sign of the student involvement. The Final result came down to the relays with Green (463pts) narrowly ahead of Red (451 pts) who won the day. Gold (404pts) finished 3rd with Blue (320pts) finishing 4th.

Individual's winners were:

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Following the success at the carnival many of our students represented the school at the Divisional, then Regional finals, where Maribyrnong was the overall winner of both carnivals.

From these events, 24 students have qualified for the state finals. These students will compete on the 7th April at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. We wish them all good luck.

U'13, Lushavel Stickland, Renee Farrugia, Jasmine Caruana, Georgia Allan, Tom Gnaden, Leonardo Larizza, Josh Hindle
U'14, Amaya Nicolson-Biggs, Ashleigh Rich, Mikayla Adam, Isabella Ragusa, Tim Ma
U'15, Alice Webb, Keziah Hillas, Stefanie Wagenknecht, Taylah Moore, Nathan Smith, Andy Panow
U'16, Nadia Gril, Joel Downey, Jordan Bennett
U'17 Natalie Roberts
U'18 Brad Moore
SENIOR YEARS - YEAR 12 PLANNING FOR SUCCESS DAY

On Monday 21st February all year 12 students were involved in a series of workshops designed to assist them in planning for the year ahead. The day began with a presentation from Natalie Titcume (Olympic Softball Medalist) who spoke to students about the importance of goal setting, planning and utilizing a support network. Other focuses of the day included Pathway Planning, Stress Management and Effective Study Habits.

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2011 / 2012

Congratulations to the following people who, with Principal Nick Scott, will be your representatives on School Council this year;

- Parent Reps; M. Rutherford (Treasurer), D. Stuart, G. Birch (VP), C. Messikaaris (P), L. Burdett, L. Davidson
- Community Reps; S. Allada, S. Kroll, H. Or, K. Wright
- Employee Reps; R. Carroll, D. Angelico, B. Vero, A. Hester
- Partner Reps; W. Tattersall (Bulldogs), B. Sierakowski (VIS), T. Watts (VU)

DEBATING HAS ARRIVED AT MARIBYRNONG COLLEGE

We are most excited to have joined the Debating Association of Victoria’s (DAVs) School’s Competition this year. The competition involves over 200 schools from around Victoria. Five teams from Maribyrnong have taken on the challenge to represent the College in the Essendon region. The 20 students involved range from Years 8 to 12.

Round 1 of the season was held on at St Bernard’s College. Students successfully debated topics such as, ‘That we should not build houses in disaster prone areas’ and ‘That the government should not fund major sporting events’.

Two teams were successful in WINNING, which is an amazing achievement considering this is our first experience in the competition! Congratulations to:

C Grade Team 1 who defeated Melton Christian College 1:

Michael Samarlin, Eric Papaluka, Levi Van Lammeren and Nick Seers

D Grade Team 1 who defeated Keilor Downs Secondary College:

Claudia Seers, George Parker and Alex Dearnaley-Johnston

Further congratulations to two students who were named Best Speaker in their respective debates:

George Parker (Year 9) and Michael Samarlin (Year 10)

MARIBYRNONG COLLEGE 2012 HIGH ACHIEVERS

Year 7 Enrolments are now open. Applications close on Friday 29th April, with testing scheduled in May
Please contact 9091 8100 for further details and application forms. Scholarships to the value of $250 for high performing applicants for Year 7 are also available.
During the course of 2010, members of the school community worked on a Rights and Responsibility document which is incorporated in the College's, Student Wellbeing and Engagement Guidelines. In the course of the discussions that took place, a common thread emerged regarding what each group believed to be their rights. These appear under the heading of Rights of the College Community.

Each group also acknowledged their responsibilities. Parent representatives on the Education and Community Sub-committee of the School Council met to discuss parental responsibilities. All students met in their SSR home groups to brainstorm. It was interesting to note that in the collation process, regardless of year level, students articulated similar responsibilities.

The completed document was presented to all students at year level assemblies during Term 1, 2011. All students received a copy of the student section of the document and in 2012 it will be incorporated in the College planner.

The complete document is included with the Term 1 newsletter. I would personally like to thank all members of the school community for their contribution to this important document. Branka Raniti - Assistant Principal

YEAR 7 CAMP REFLECTIONS - WARATAH BAY

I like the camp because I like the activities here. The giant swing was my favourite because you go so high and so fast. I also like the activities at the beach because we got to play soccer and other sports. The cabins are good because they have a toilet and shower in them. The food is nice and I like the Bon Fire and the marshmallows. I also like when we go for walks on the beach. I really enjoyed how we went to the rock pool because we found crabs and a lot more things. I think that the rock pool was the best activity out of all. The bus trip was pretty fun because we just talked the whole time. I like that there is rooms that you can play Table Tennis, pool and other games. I really enjoy doing the obstacle course and the Rock Climbing. Overall I thought it was good.

By Thomas Laus 7G

My experience at camp Waratah bay was an enjoyable one. I enjoyed participating in activities most of which I had never participated in beforehand. I also got a chance to meet and get to know more people in my year level. My favourite activity at Camp Waratah Bay has been the giant Swing. It was very, very frightening but fun. I also enjoyed the long walks on the beach where I had some quiet time to myself while taking in the breath taking sights. We also had a camp fire on the first night after a long walk on the beach in the dark. This was one of my favourite parts of Camp. I loved it! I really enjoyed my time at this camp, and hope to come again in the future.

By Faduma Said 7G
TWO ATHLETES FULFIL THEIR DREAM

Our students are fulfilling their dreams, with the opportunity to represent their country later this year. Year 10 cricketer, Guy Walker has been selected to represent Australia in 7 one-day matches in the West Indies later this year. Guy captained the Victorian team which finished third in the School Sport Australia Championships in Adelaide. He was rewarded for his performance at this event, by winning selection in the Australian team where he hopes to emulate his performance in November.

VOLLEYBALL - STATE TEAM SELECTION

Four of our athletes recently won selection in Victorian U/15 teams. Brianna Pyritz (Year 8) achieved selection in the U/15 Girls Blue team, Tayla Mangles (Year 8), won selection in the U/15 Development team. Selected in the U/15 Boys Development team were Zach Santamaria (Year 8) and Ben Tran (Year 9).

Three Year 9 students won U/17 selection; Bonnie Lethlean, Garang Anyang and Andrew Christensen. All three began playing volleyball at Maribyrnong College in Year 7.

Also chosen were two Year 11 students who are new to our College this year – Joseph Yigit and Hannah Wright. Both are state team veterans, having won selection in previous years.

Hannah Wright has also been selected as part of the Australian Under 19 Women’s Volleyball squad which will tour Thailand next month. This is an exceptional effort and caps off a very exciting year for Hannah, where she has already represented Victoria at other Junior levels.

YEAR 7 BBQ

On the 10th March we invited all Year 7 parents & families along for a BBQ to meet the Teachers and School Community. Our Senior Leadership Team showed people around the school and our wonderful Parents & Friends Association put on a great BBQ.

THE W.W.W

The WWW is important in today’s business world and is essential in a young person’s world. Not being connected 24/7 is unthinkable. Of course there are many great things to do, learn about and people to connect to on the WWW, but there can be some downsides. Cyber bullying can be an issue, recent research shows that one quarter of Australian children report that they have been cyber bullied. For young people 14-17 years, the prevalence is 31%. Cyber bullying has an extra dimension to face-to-face bullying, as it can happen any hour of the day from people known and unknown. It can leave affected people feeling unsafe and alone.

Parents also have an important role in supporting young people to use technology safely. Below are some websites if you are looking for some ideas about the issues to consider and some conversations starters with your child: www.ThinkUKnow.org.au www.cybersmart.gov.au

You may also be interested in joining the ABCD Parenting Program in Term 3. This 4 week evening program has been a great success at the college for the last 3 years. The free program is led by an experienced educator. Parenting adolescents can be challenging, the program encourages discussion with other parents and thinking about some useful approaches in supporting young people through the turbulence of adolescence. Look out for more information about the ABCD Parenting Program in term 2.

Jenny Taaffe - Health Promotion Nurse
LEADERSHIP AT MARIBYRNONG COLLEGE

What a great start to the year we have had in Student Leadership at Maribyrnong SC. This year has seen a new era in Student Leadership throughout the whole school.

Late last year a group of budding Year 11 students attended a workshop leadership camp. The aim of this camp was to develop necessary skills needed to enhance the Student Leadership at Maribyrnong. School captains, working party groups, an SRC executive team and House captains were chosen through a three-day interview process.

Our leadership group include School Captains Jake Scullin, Sarah Butler, Shivangi RajKumar & Angelo Fusca (for a full list of student leadership names, please see the website)

WHAT HAS THE LEADERSHIP GROUP ACCOMPLISHED IN TERM 1?

The Leadership team went back to the archives and researched the original names of the Houses used at Maribyrnong back in 1959. It was put to the vote and decided that Manuka (green) Waratah (red) Banksia (gold) and Kurrajong (blue) were the names to be used from 2011 onwards.

In the second week of the year the House Captains and Vice Captains got dressed up in their finest red, blue, green and gold colours and cheered, organised and happily ran events at the House Swimming Carnival. A great day was had by all.

Throughout the term the individual executive committees were involved in running projects relating to their area of interest. Look out for more initiatives from the Leadership Team.

JUNIOR SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Class Captains Role - The role of class captains for Year 7 to 9 is a leadership position in the classroom. Participants need to be responsible, caring and have an ability to help and respond to issues relating to fellow students in their class at Maribyrnong SC.

Duties include: -  Linking in with SRC (2 from each year level), Homework monitors, Announcing information relating to class activities, Reporting class activities to YLC, Meeting with YLC once a month

Year level Ambassador's Role – The role of an Ambassador is to support and help the Class Captain. Participants need to be responsible, caring and have an ability to help and respond to issues relating to fellow students in their class at Maribyrnong SC.

Duties include: -  Backing up role of Class Captains, Helping out at information evenings, Parent Teacher, and School Tours. Going on school visits to local primary schools with the Junior Program Manager.

Thanks to all the students who applied and congratulation to our new captains and ambassadors in the Senior & Junior levels. The ambassadors will be helping at the parent teacher interviews while the Senior SRC and leadership teams are looking forward to working with you all next term.
THE VICTORIAN SCHOOL SPORTS AWARDS

The prestigious Victorian School Sports Awards, commonly known as the “Blues Awards” were recently held at the Members Dining Room at the MCG to honour the best young sportsmen and women in Government Schools. This year 54 awards were presented to Primary and Secondary students who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in their chosen sport. A Sporting Blue is the highest sports award that a student can receive and Maribyrnong College featured significantly and we are very proud to announce that the following student-athletes were acknowledged.

Gronya Somerville – Year 10 Badminton Award. In 2010 Gronya competed in the successful Victorian team and won the June Bevan Under 17 national title; competed in the Singapore Open; and represented Australia in the Under 19 age group at the 2011 Oceania Championships. She hopes to be selected in the Youth Commonwealth Games team and Junior World Badminton Championships this year.

Christian Georgopoulous – Year 12, 2010 – Soccer Award. Christian travelled to France as a representative in the Australian Youth Soccer Team. He is a member of the Football Federation Victoria national training centre squad and plays for Melbourne Victory in the National Youth League.

Eliza Smith – Year 12, 2010 – Volleyball Award. Eliza made the Australian Youth Women’s Volleyball team which competed in the Asian Youth Championships and was selected to train with the Australian Senior Women’s Volleyball squad. Eliza is a silver medallist at the Australian National Junior Championships in Indoor Volleyball; was a member of the University Renegades Honours women’s team that won Gold and is a member of the Alistar team which competed in the State of Origin in 2010.

Three Year 7 students, nominated by their primary school, have entered Maribyrnong Sports Academy in 2011. These students were also acknowledged with a Blue Award. They are: Bronte James – Cricket Award, Stefan Skadarka – Tennis Award and Najvada George – Netball Award.

We are also very proud to announce that Maribyrnong College received the Outstanding School and Community Partnerships Award. Tony Schibeci – Sports Media Commentator at SEN radio also received the Outstanding Community Contribution Award for this contribution to the Sports Academy.

IMPORTANT DATES

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