TERM 3 LEADERSHIP AT MARIBYRNONG

Term 3 has been a really busy term at Maribyrnong. The SRC have been running an Indoor Soccer tournament with a record 34 teams vying for the title of champions. The senior and junior SRC’s have been giving up their lunchtimes to run a very professional outfit. Congratulations to all involved. The money raised will be donated to charity to put towards building wells in needy countries.

We have also had a casual clothes day to raise money for medical research. Blue House helped organize Jeans for Genes Day where the students and staff all wore their jeans and raised $491.

Our second whole school assembly was another great success thanks to the performances by the music department, our Olympic guest speaker and staff member Andrew Smith and the whole assembly was hosted by the senior leaders of the school. We look forward to our remaining assembly to farewell our Year 12 students.
On the 9th of May, the Year 9s went to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. It took us approximately 1½ hours to reach Sovereign Hill. The purpose of the excursion was to study and get a better insight into what it was like at the time of the "Gold Rush". I personally found the underground mine tour very interesting as it felt like you were in the 1850s searching for gold. It reminded you of how brave and desperate these miners were to find an ounce of gold. I learnt a lot from the Gold Smelting Works, which explained the process in refining gold. I was surprised with the temperature the furnace had to reach to finally melt the gold. The Bowling Alleys were also very interesting, seeing how far the people had to bowl and how they scored compared to today’s game. I would say you had to bowl the ball 50 meters and you weren’t supposed to knock all the pins down, you are to knock everyone but the middle pin which I found very strange.

The difficulties I had in achieving my aim was that most exhibits weren’t running all the time. Since we could only spend a minimal amount of time in Ballarat, I didn’t get to see all the exhibits I would have liked to. Overall I thought the excursion was very worthwhile and I learnt a lot from the experience. I would certainly recommend anyone studying the “Gold Rush” to visit Sovereign Hill, as it was very beneficial for myself and other classmates.   Ben Allan 9C

SUCCESS AGAIN FOR YEAR 8 NETBALL GIRLS….STATE CHAMPS 2 YEARS IN A ROW.

This time last year our Year 7 girls were the first netball team from Maribyrnong College to be the State Champions. After making it through School Sport Victoria division, region and conference rounds undefeated, the time came around on Monday 5th September 2011 for the girls (now the Year 8 netball team) to compete in the state Championships.

Coached by Marg Lind, and Richo the girls played a round robin tournament. Competing against Vermont SC, (last year’s runners up), St Joseph’s Mildura and Frankston High School were no match for our Marby girls. In what was a true display of teamwork and skill the girls won all three games convincingly. It is a credit to all the girls to have walked away the 2011 State Netball Champions. Congratulations to Zoe Albon, Libby Birch, Rhys Carter-Coleman, Shelby Crameri, Linda Nekelo, Grace Rogers, Alice Webb, Claudia Seers, Soli Iva, Navada George (Year 7)
MATHEMATICS

Australian Mathematics Competition
On Thursday the 4th of August, 30 students from across all year levels participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition. This was a multiple choice style competition that allowed students to apply their mathematical knowledge to solve problems. The students competed at the Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions. Our students achieved some outstanding results. Hiep Do (year 11) was awarded a High Distinction which placed him in the top 4% of the Senior Division nationally. The following students were awarded Distinctions: Year 7 – Yanki Luk, Matthew Williams; Year 8 – David Le; Year 9 – George Parker; Year 11 – Nguyen Tran. In addition, 14 students achieved a Credit and the remainder received either a Proficiency or Participation Certificate. Congratulations to all participants.

Year 8 Maths Games Day
On Wednesday 27th July, eight Year 8 students represented the school in the Annual MAV (Mathematics Association of Victoria) Games Day held at PEGS. There were 151 teams from across Victoria that competed in a range of problem solving tasks, One-on-One strategy games and analysis activities. Our two teams both put in outstanding performances to come in 20th and 51st place. The students that competed were Michael Azizagdam, Ashleigh Rich, Tam Le, Abby Bravo, Claudia Seers, Joanna Tran, Libby Birch and Marija Borkovic. These students are to be congratulated for an outstanding effort on the day. Thanks also to Mr Collins and Mr Moloney for supervising.

Numeracy/Literacy Week
Numeracy/Literacy week was celebrated from 5th September with a range of activities for the students. The numeracy activities included a Maths Scavenger Hunt where year 7 and 8 students formed teams to find examples of mathematical concepts around the school, a Jellybean guessing competition, puzzles from the SBS show – Numbers and Letters and a range of problem solving tasks. The winners for these competitions will soon be announced.

LUNCHTIME MUSIC PERFORMANCE
**YEAR 7 SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY**

“Systems is good because I’ve learnt a lot about soldering and other stuff, its great fun” Archie Nankivell 7D

“I really enjoy Systems Technology. We learn lots of different engineering skills and have a lot of fun. We get to use soldering irons and melt stuff which is really entertaining. I think Systems is a great class. I enjoy it very much” Ben Caluzzi 7D

“I really think Systems Tech is a great learning experience. I love having the freedom of creating our own moving creation” Nicholas Morosoli 7D

“Systems Technology is a subject where you learn how to put things together and make things work and move. It is a fun, creative and interesting subject that helps you produce your skills on wires and electronics. Everyone in the class enjoys Systems Technology because we are so fascinated by how a little solder and wires can make things move.” Rose Nguyen 7F

“Systems is a class where we make electronic bugs, cars and other stuff. It is a class where you can learn how to use electronics, soldering and other things.” Donato Dos Santos 7F

“Systems is one of the subjects that we can learn and have fun, making electric components. Systems is a chance to be creative and use our imagination. It is a great subject.” Costa Thyssen 7F

**VOLLEYBALL NEWS**

**Vic Cup: One-day event**
Maribyrnong College won the Champion School trophy, claiming 4 gold medals awarded to U/14 Boys, U/15 Girls, U/16 Girls, U/17 Boys, 1 silver to U/14 Girls and 2 bronze medals to U/14 Boys and U/16 Girls.

**Junior State League**
Our Girls team will play in upcoming semi-finals. The Boys missed out on the finals, but improved as the season progressed.

Players nominated for awards: Joey Yigit, Hannah Wright & Bonnie Lethlean

**State Beach Volleyball squad selection**
Congratulations to Jack Schallmeiner, Joey Yigit & Hannah Wright who were recently selected into the 2011 U/17 State team.

**Western Region Volleyball- Junior Volleyball League**
Our Senior Girls & Boys dominated their divisions. All of our teams are playing in the semi-finals.

Congratulations to our squad members on their achievements, Vivien Maslov (MVP Senior & Intermediate Girls), Dang Tran (MVP Senior & Intermediate Boys) and Victoria Azizzagdam (MVP Junior Girls)
MINISTER DIXON VISITS MARIBYRNONG COLLEGE

On Tuesday 23 August, Minister for Education, The Hon Martin Dixon, MP visited Maribyrnong Sports Academy to recognise our 2011 sporting athletes. Mr Dixon acknowledged 65 student-athletes who have made State and National representation and he also was on hand to announce the addition of 13 students to the prestigious Honour Wall in the Academy.

“These students are already representing Australia in elite sport all over the world, and it is great this specialist Victorian Government School is supporting them on their path to further sporting glory,” Mr Dixon said.

Minister Dixon congratulated each student and endorsed the Academy as a leading example of what is being achieved in Victoria’s specialist schools. The Minister commented that Maribyrnong Sports Academy provides a supportive environment that ensures students are ahead of their game by providing a balance between academic commitments and their sport schedules.

Honour Wall Inductees (left to right): Nathan Pellissier (Australian Paralympic Table Tennis Team); Rory Atkins (AIS AFL Team); Luke Pinnons (Australian Junior Men’s Boxing Team); Hannah Wright (Australian U/19 Volleyball Team); Gronya Somerville (Australian Badminton Team); The Hon Martin Dixon, MP, (Minister for Education), Guy Walker (Australian U/15 Cricket Team); Alice Cuddy (Australian Fencing Team – Year 12 student in 2010); Touk Miller (Australian U/15 AFL Team), Peter Wright (Australian U/15 AFL Team) and Dillon Viojo-Rainbow (Australian U/15 AFL Team)
Absent: Danelle Mollison and Rebecca Lane (Australian U/19 Lacrosse Team); Mel Condon (Australian Women’s Handball Team)

YEAR 11 STUDY CAMP

Early this term, Year 11 students attended a 2 day camp at Melbourne University. Over the two days students were involved in a range of workshops focusing on strategies to assist them in preparing for Year 12 and the successful completion of Year 11. These workshops included: stress management; coping with large quantities of reading; understanding the ATAR, introduction to study skills; developing memory techniques and mnemonics. Students were given a tour of the university and were lodged at Ormond College, one of the university’s student residences. This two day experience was intended to provide students with motivation and confidence and a renewed focus leading up to the end of semester examinations and the completion of Year 12.
COMBINED SCHOOLS MUSIC CAMP

In Week 3 of Term 3, Maribyrnong College music students participated in three day Music Camp with Galvin Park, Suzanne Corey and Caroline Springs Secondary Colleges. This annual event is a great opportunity for students to participate in a range of performing ensembles as well as meeting and working with music students from other schools. This is the second year the College has participated in the camp and the students have continued to benefit educationally from this experience.

HOST FAMILIES
Do you have a spare bedroom in your house? Would you like the experience of having an Overseas Student living with you? This year Maribyrnong College has three students from China in need of Home Stay Families. These have been boys aged between 16 and 17. Most students attend a Language Centre for 2 Terms and then come into the main school. If you are interested in finding out more about providing a home stay for our Overseas Students, please contact Judy Cameron, cameron.judy.ja@edumail.vic.gov.au.

YEAR 9 CITY EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

I would like to congratulate all the year 9 students who have participated in the City Experience Program. They have demonstrated exemplary behaviour during their City Experience week and made us all proud of their achievements.

For many of our students in the last four weeks, it was their first time to be traversing the roads of busy Melbourne, hopping in and out of the trams and trains, to get to their research destinations and to find places during their Scavenger Hunt Activity. It was a huge step for each one of them towards being more self-reliant and independent as well as a great tool to learn to listen to their peers and be cooperative.

The Reach Program provided an avenue for our students to be more aware of each other and be more respectful and understanding. For many of our students it was THE COOLEST thing that they did during the week. The session finished with hugs, apologies and promises of trying to be a better person and student. It was great listening to students being very honest with each other, realising their own shortcomings and coming up with solutions on how to make things better.

The SynFM activity was also engaging for all of them as they had the opportunity to be creative and be heard all over Melbourne. Their podcasts are now available online.

The Themed Picnic Challenge was enjoyed by all the students. So much energy and planning went into each student groups’ menu during the picnic and it was a great sight to see the students trying to budget the money. They had to buy the best and freshest food following a themed criteria. The best part of all was seeing them enjoying the food as a group under the big umbrellas outside the Queen Victoria Market Food Court. The students did not even notice that the rain was pouring hard during the picnic and all they know is that Baklava and Prosciutto are delicious. They certainly learned a lot roaming around Queen Victoria Market. One student even commented, “Miss, I learnt one thing today, the food in the fridge is not free, my mum works hard for it!”

Certainly for the staff involved it was wonderful to see students so engaged and having fun in all the planned activities. The City Experience Presentation on Friday afternoon was also a testament that the program was a success.

On behalf of the Year 9 students and staff, I also would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to the Parent and Friends Association of Maribyrnong College for helping us make the Year 9 City Experience Program possible.

Helene Refuerzo, Junior School Program Manager