

TERM 3 NEWSLETTER 2022

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Article

This is our newsletter for term 3 we had a few excursions and also we had our celebration day for the official school opening.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Old Priory Camp
4th to 7th Oct 2022
- Photography Workshop
10th Oct to 14th Nov 2022
- Dandenong Ranges
Botanic Gardens
18th Oct 2022
- Caldermeade Dairy Farm
21st Oct 2022
- Curriculum Day
TBD

Continue to check compass for additional events, excursions and activities.

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WHITE CARD

By Khy Barton

On the 12th of August students were given the opportunity to complete training for our white card. A white card is required for workers who want to carry out construction work. People who need a white card include site manager, supervisors, surveyors, labourers and trades people.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

And before you know it, we mark the end of Term 3 and say goodbye to the winter. It feels like I was only writing the Term 2 newsletter yesterday, but what an exciting opportunity to reflect on the term that has been.

We continue to develop and grow each term, and this has been no different in term 3. Our new Assistant Principal Allan Langley and classroom teacher Ewen Morris have settled into our amazing College, and I thank them for taking the time to build positive relationships with existing staff and students.

A number of our staff have been in a position to attend professional development around Process and Performance Management. This workshop over four days was delivered in partnership with Independent Schools Victoria and will continue to support our policy development for the benefit of our students.

We have been super busy with excursions. Our goal at MDCC is to have our young people immerse themselves into as many opportunities as possible to get a sense of what is out there. To that end, students have attended Rayner's Orchard where they were able to learn about seasonal fruits and preservation, a tour of the mighty MCG which is always popular where students were able to meet an Olympian, a local winery, and the Yarra Glen Chocolatery and Ice Creamery. Students (and the grown-ups) had plenty of tastings and made our own decorated chocolate lolly pops. Hopefully some treats were taken home for families as well.

A number of our students took up the offering of a photography course which ran across many of our Monday afternoons. This provides another avenue for students to think and see things creatively and the feedback about this has been so positive that we will look to run another course in the near future, thanks to Rachael for her passion in this space.

And of course, we marked the calendar with our Inauguration Day. This was an amazing afternoon of fun, and whilst the dedicated staff (special shout out to Cymone) steered the preparations, it was very much student led, as it should be. Every corner of the community garden was filled with flavour and colour, whether it was a homemade pizza, popcorn or donut, there was something for everyone. I'd like to thank Ryan King, one of our senior students who spoke on behalf of the College. His words of reflection were sincere, insightful and at times emotional, and we are very proud to have him represent MDCC. A thankyou also goes out to the team at MDLC who entrusted us to use this beautiful space for the event, and the rain stayed away.

We look forward to Term 4 and no doubt we'll be talking about Senior students graduating and Christmas plans. In between, we will continue to develop our student enrolments and monitor progress. I look forward to seeing you all back for another exciting chapter.

MDCC INAUGURAL CELEBRATION

By Cymone Levell

On Friday August 5th, Mountain District Community College (MDCC) was able to celebrate becoming a registered secondary college. The MDCC students organised a fair style celebration for a variety of learning outcomes. The celebration included woodfired pizzas, coffee, hot and cold drinks and popcorn. There was also face painting, strength testing, a photobooth, flying donuts and clowns. The students were given a Mountain District Community College t-shirt to commemorate the day and a great afternoon was had by everyone who attended. Below are some photos from the day along with the speech made by Ryan King, a Senior student who has completed all of his VCAL with us and seen the transition from MDLC to MDCC.



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MDCC INAUGURAL CELEBRATION SPEECH

By Ryan King

In my 3 and a half years of attending this school there has been nothing but change. During this year alone we have become a registered school, we changed our school name, there have been more new faces that have come in and out than I can count and the shotty extension on the main building deserves a mention.

Nowadays everything in our school is so different compared to what I'm used to, all I can recognise while walking into school is the loving, supportive and understanding teachers, social workers and our 2 awesome receptionists. In saying that I have also grown and changed with the school. I surprisingly got a haircut for the first time in 9 years, I learnt so many OH&S skills that I have become like a paranoid mother and most importantly I learnt the value of initiative and community.

When I started at this school the stereotypes that people have of small schools were true, we had close to no school resources, we were just slightly understaffed and underfunded and some of the kids that came in were having a real rough time.

Up to this point in the year there has been more changes within the school than there was in the first 3 years that I was here. Now that the school has the funding to support a larger staff, I have seen a dramatic change in the support not only for the students but more importantly the teachers and social workers/aids as well.

Which has helped our school to continue to share love and support and become a more functional school community.

So much within myself has happened for the better in the last 3 and a half years. I had no clue what I was going to get myself into when I started at this school, but it has been nothing but change and insightful conversations and experiences.

I want to sincerely thank and slightly apologise to Cymone for all the debates we have had over the years, Nikki for all her understanding and insightfulness she has shared with me, Catherine for going easy on my friends and I in year 10 when she was the VCAL coordinator, Nat for helping me learn about my bodies health and for bringing in her beautiful dogs and bloody Steven. Thank you for actually teaching my peers and I the things you have and somehow making it fun while also keeping us on our toes.

I also want to take the time to thank our new principal Elise and all the new social workers/aids for taking on the role of helping the next generations that come through our school. I can only ask that you continue to carry the torch that helped me so much and I hope there are at least a handful of students that take and utilise all the opportunities you amazing people will offer them, like it was to offered me.

I want to leave this quote with all the younger students, please practice being comfortable in the uncomfortable because life is nothing but change and change will happen with or without you.

Thank you everyone for listening to me express some of my feelings towards this beautiful school and community, enjoy life and be safe!

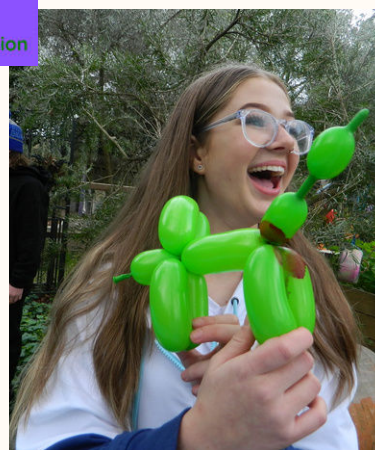
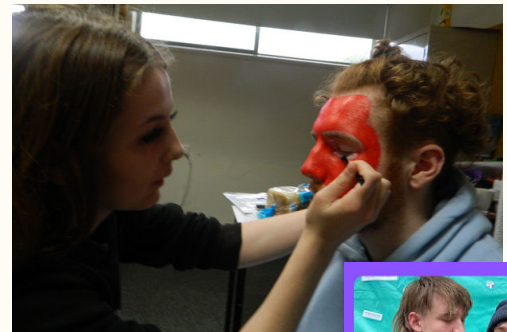


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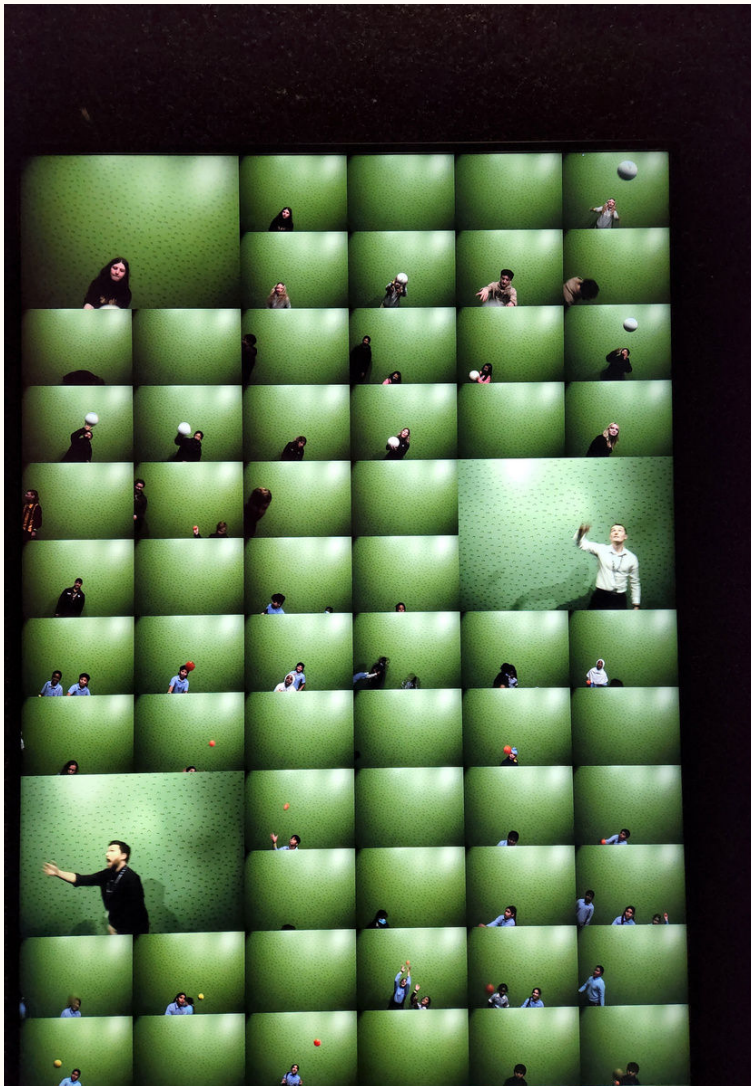


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MCG TOUR

By Lily Reynolds

On Tuesday 16th August the school met at Ferntree Gully Station for an excursion to the MCG. We caught the train to Richmond then walked as a group to the MCG. When we arrived we split up into groups and met our tour guide. My group first went on the oval and walked around the grounds. We walked up the stairs and went up each level. As we went he showed us different facilities including the MCC library, the restaurant where the families sit, the Ron Casey media room and the portraits of the past players. We learnt about the game of cricket and the players and how they put the grass on the field. We went to meet the Olympian and he told us his story about the Olympics. He spoke about his friend and we asked him questions about his experiences. Before we left we went to the footy shop, the play area and the museum where we saw a tribute to Shane Warne. We walked back to the station and caught the train back to Ferntree Gully. The day overall was interesting.



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PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

By Michael Pearson

Mountain District Community College has been doing a photography workshop for five weeks from 1:30 pm to 2:50 pm and will be done with different students from every class next semester. During the course we learnt different things about cameras including the exposure triangle, shutter speed, white balance and ISO. We also got to use an off camera flash with coloured gel and portrait lens. We would walk around using these techniques taking photos of people, trees and trains. We will also be going to the Dandenong Ranges Botanic Gardens using our new DSLR cameras and taking photos for our exhibition happening in term 4.



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FOUNDATION CLASS

YARRA VALLEY CHOCOLATERY

By Brandon Moore

Friday August 26' the year tens went to the Yarra Valley Chocolatery for an excursion. We met at the school and got a bus to the chocolatery. First we had a look around then went to the café. We all got food and drinks with myself getting a pizza and a coke spider.

We then had a little more time to look around until we all got called to get a talk from the owner Lan Neeland about how he started the business and how chocolate is made from the proper and natural way.

We then had a chocolate lollipop making experience where we got to make our own chocolate lollipop with anything we wanted on it. After that we had a tasting test with all the chocolate they make there.

To sum up, it was a very fun-filled day that I would recommend to anyone to go.



YARRA GLEN CHOCOLATE FACTORY

By Phoebe Fenwick

On the 26th of August the year 10s visited the Yarra Glen Chocolatery and Ice Creamery. When we got there we got to free roam, some ate lunch at the cafe while others were shopping. The owner of the chocolate factory collected all of us and he taught us where the cocoa beans came from and how chocolate is made. Another lady came and got us and brought us into the creation room. She let all of us try different types of chocolates, and we all got taught how to make chocolate lollipops and got to decorate them how we wanted to. As the chocolate was hardening they gave us all a free icecream pass, so we all went and got a scoop of ice cream. After we finished the ice cream we collected the lollipops and went on the bus back to school.



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INTERMEDIATE CLASS

By Nikki Harris

Continuing on from their Fast Fashion and Op shop volunteering tasks, the Intermediate class completed an Up cycle project where they chose three items from the local op shop to screen-print, bedazzle, tie-dye or chop up and create their chosen item into something else. Becky chose a denim vest, designed a sunflower stencil, and screen printed this on the back panel. On Fridays, Naomi, our Wellbeing co-ordinator, ran a resilience program with the students to help build self-awareness, self-care, mindfulness and resilience skills. Students in this photo are choosing positive words to describe one another and help fill each other's cups.



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SENIOR CLASS

By Cymone Level

Another big term is over, this term has seen the Senior class doing lots of fun (depending who you ask) things. The seniors worked closely with the intermediate class to organise the Celebration afternoon. As part of the learning outcomes the students needed to present their project plan and overview on how it went. The seniors also went to Rob Dolan wines where they learnt about the winery's plan to become a registered sustainable winery. In term 4 the students will be working with Rob Dolan wines to assist them in their application. The seniors also learnt about flow charts. Not only how to read them but also how to create their own fun flowchart. They also completed a 'Welcome to the Real World' numeracy task where they were given a real life scenario and had to create a budget based on this and present this explaining why they chose to budget the way they did to the class. Below are some photos from term 3.



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By Pheobe Fenwick



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