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Principal's Report

The **Year 12 Valedictory** Dinner was a wonderful celebration of the class of 2016 and their time at Mount Erin College. Family and friends joined the students to reflect on their memories, experiences and the friendships they have made. The College Captains spoke beautifully, thanking the many teachers who had worked with them over the years, particularly their Year 12 teachers. They encouraged every student to be brave and to follow their dreams as they move on to the next phase of their lives. Students were recognised for their efforts and accomplishments over the year. The highlight of the evening was acknowledging the Valedictorian for 2016. Megan M was voted the most outstanding, not just for her strong academic performance, but also for her leadership, her support for others and her positive attitude. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mr Caspar, Ms Tonizzo and the Year 12 team for ensuring the evening was such a success. With their final exams now well underway, we wish the VCE students the very best and will look forward to their results in December.

It was a great pleasure to attend the **Victorian Schools Design Awards** ceremony at Federation Square last Thursday night with Mrs Worrall. These awards acknowledge the great work being undertaken across Victoria in the design of new schools. Presented by the Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, James Merlino, the awards have been reinstated after a five year break.



Architects work very closely with teachers to design innovative learning spaces that will work well for the particular needs of the school community. Our DATS

Centre (Design, Arts, Technology and Science), designed by Hayball Architects, was nominated in the best Secondary School category. Unfortunately, we did not take out the award, but were one of only three finalists in this category.

Friday saw a highly successful **Year 8 Market Day**. Once again, the sun shone and while a little blustery, the courtyard was a-buzz with activity. Students have been preparing for the day over the term. The aim of this project is to build students understanding of small business, including planning, designing, investigating, financing and marketing a product for the Market Day. This year we had 250 Grade 5 and 6 students from our feeder schools, arrive to experience the day. It was high excitement as they decided how they'd spend their market money. From games and challenges; home-made cup-cakes and ice-creams; popcorn, milk shakes, tie-dyed T-shirts, music, hair colouring, glamorous nails.... The list was long. At the end of the day, the teams worked through the financial outcome of their ventures. There were great successes and some stalls that needed to rethink their costs. Collaboration was the key skill that students had developed and it was everywhere to be seen. Congratulations to all the students and particular thanks to teachers in the Year 8 Team.

We were very shocked to hear that **Mr Kaighin** was involved in a serious road accident in the second week of term. Knocked from his motor bike on his way home, he remains in hospital with serious leg injuries. Sadly, he will not return this year and will have a long period of recovery ahead. We are in regular contact with him and send our best wishes to him and his family at this difficult time.

Last Friday, the **College Captains for 2017** were announced. After a lengthy process of written applications, interviews and speeches to staff and peers four outstanding students have been chosen to represent the student body and the College for 2017. The successful students were: Catie G, Ashley G, Tessa K and Tyler S. I congratulate them and look forward to working closely with them over the coming year. Each one of these young people had very clear ideas for the year ahead and plans to make Mount Erin College an even better place to be. It was very uplifting to hear their passion and commitment to the

school. I would like to make special mention of the students who were not successful this year. They presented themselves and their ideas for the College so well and should be very proud of their efforts. Alan D, Tabitha C, Italia S, Ella M and Blake A. These students have been offered leadership positions within MESEM and they have much to contribute to the school.

I am very pleased to announce that we have appointed a new **Assistant Principal** to the College. Mr Jarrod Main will take up his position at the start of 2017. I look forward to him joining the Principal Team and working with staff, students and families to ensure our school continues to improve outcomes for every young person.

Karen Lee
Principal

Deaf Education Centre (DEC) News

It has been a great start to Term 4 and we are looking forward to the next few weeks.

There was a terrific send off for the Year 12 students, starting with a delicious breakfast cooked by the staff. There were awards given and glitter and streamers everywhere, but we know they had a great day. We had a lovely time celebrating the end of their schooling at the Valedictory and we are so pleased to say that Amber received an ASPPIRE award for the hard work and determination she has put in throughout her years here at Mount Erin, but particularly though Year 12. Congratulations and good luck with their final exams.

Friday November 4th, from 11:30am, the Deaf Education Centre had an Open Day. This was a great time for future students to come and have a look around the school and our centre and to look at what we have to offer. Afterwards they had the opportunity to join in for Market Day.

Market Day - Our Year 8 students were very excited about Market Day. The students had been working on this for the past 4 weeks with planning their stalls, preparation of what they need on the day and how they were going to sell their goods. This was a great learning opportunity for the students to experience management, budgeting and being an entrepreneur. Many students and staff came along to see what was for sale. It was a fabulous day.

Australian Hearing will be here on Tuesday November 15th and we will meet our new audiologist Sherree who will be with us while Laura is on maternity leave.

Below is a story written by Kenny, Year 7.

Happy reading.
DEC Staff.

The Secret Passageway

Kenny 7E

Darkness befell and the world was bleak. The Bony Subway was very busy with hundreds of people walking back and forth. There was one particular man, a lone wolf, who stood on the path. All he could hear was nothing – only silence, not even the supersonic jet roaring above him could be heard. He was profoundly deaf.

The Lone Wolf made his way to the ground level. But then, he changed his mind because he thought he might miss the train so with great haste returned back to The Bony Subway. It used to be busy, but at midnight, no one was there, except him and the tired staff members. Slowly, he just wandered around aimlessly, and waited patiently for the train to arrive. He then drank his hot coffee and sat on the rusty bench. Suddenly, he felt a vibration - a hidden vault unlocked behind him without a sound, and he didn't notice that it had actually opened. There, a remarkable secret passage was revealed...

"I wonder what's there?" he asked himself, with an inquisitive mind, recalling the phrase, 'Curiosity killed the cat, but satisfaction brought it back'. "Hello?" he called out tentatively, "Anyone there?"

With great apprehension, he descended the stairs into the darkness, shakily holding his trusty torch. He found the shining crystal ball, known as 'Exosphere'. Legend has it that it can unlock any vaults or doors by simply tapping it lightly. He nervously picked it up and strolled to another vault, and tapped the artefact. He saw a slightly transparent blue mist appear and go into the vault. It revealed a dark crypt, with cobwebs everywhere and the dormant skeletons with jaws hanging open. He went in.

"Right, now what I am going to do?" he asked, "Ooh, might be a good idea to go back!"

But the door was already shut tight, and the skeletons started to show its movement.

"Holy—" he said, shocked by the skeleton's effort to be in motion. "What the heck is going on? Am I dreaming? Am I dead or alive?" He's now shaking and speaking the words so quickly, he feared he would die.

"Hello, stranger," one of the skeletons said in a deep and terrifying voice, like a Terminator or an evil robot.

"Arrrghhhhh!!!!!" he screamed in great horror, his shrilling voice echoed around the room. "Get out of here!!!" He jumped up, picking up his cell phone and his torch, and ran outside at high speed. The door that was closed, was now opened by him and it automatically shut tight again.

While he was outside, he thought with great relief, "*That was freaking awesome!*"

Breathing heavily, he went home with great determination, to make his sister believe that there really are such things as ghosts, aliens or perhaps...live, moving, talking skeletons!!

Auslan signs to practice:



Exam



Congratulations

Food Technology Recipe

An easy to cook and eat recipe that Year 7's enjoyed this week.

Chicken Burgers

(Each Student)

INGREDIENTS

BURGER

80 gm chicken mince
¼ onion - finely diced
¼ tsp mixed herbs
2 tsp egg

1 burger bun
1 tab butter
1 lettuce leaf – shredded
1 cheese slice
2 slices tomato



METHOD

1. Combine burger ingredients and roll into a patty shape.
2. Prepare bun and filling ingredients.
3. Shallow fry chicken burger on both sides
4. Toast bun and then butter.
5. Place all ingredients into toasted bun.
6. Serve.



Can You Solve It?

How far?

At 1:00pm, two planes leave one after the other, from Auckland airport. One lands at Christchurch airport at 2:30pm and the other lands at Sydney airport at 2:30pm.

Does that mean that Christchurch and Sydney are both the **same distance** from Auckland?

If not, how long does the plane going to Sydney actually take?



Last issues answer: Moana's watch.

Since there are 31 days between the last day of April and the last day of May, Moana's watch will have lost $31 \times 11 = 341$ seconds. To convert this into minutes, divide by 60. Hence $341 \text{ seconds} = 5 \text{ minutes and } 41 \text{ seconds}$. Then subtract 5 minutes 41 seconds from 13:00:00. This gives 12:54:19. This is the time on Moana's watch.

Homework Club

Located in the resource centre at the school on Thursday afternoon from 3-4pm. All students are welcome to attend Homework Club for assistance to meet deadlines in Term 4. Please sign permission form attached at the end of the newsletter or ask Home Group teacher for a form.

Important Dates:

Nov 9th (Wed) – Year 10/11 Exams begin
Nov 18th (Fri) – Student Free Day
Nov 21st (Mon) – Early Commencement
Nov 30th (Wed) – Awards Night
Dec 6th (Tues) – Grade 6 Orientation Day

Staff Profile

Melissa Charalambous

English Teacher



[Describe your current role at Mount Erin College.](#) I currently work in the Senior School, teaching English and Literature. I love teaching senior English, in particular Literature where I can share my love of reading with students. I have started a book club amongst the students in my Literature class, where we discuss

and share books frequently. The current class favourite is 'The Girl on the Train'.

[What is your background in education?](#) I studied at Deakin University (Burwood) where I completed a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Secondary Teaching. I worked at Kumon and various schools, before moving to Mount Erin.

[Which things do you enjoy most about working at Mount Erin College?](#) I love the sense of community. The students are fantastic, they are energetic and I genuinely look forward to seeing their smiling faces when I walk into the school every morning. The staff are so supportive and often go above and beyond to assist colleagues.

[Do you have a message you would like to share with the school community?](#) It is that time of year where the year 12s are undertaking their final exams. So to my year 12s I would like to say that you're about to enter the next phase in life, and you will feel excited, nervous and full of anticipation.

But remember...

-Life is all about chances and opportunities. Never leave anything to chance and never let an opportunity get away.

- Everyone has a talent and so do you. Let it shine out, is all you have to do.

- Life is less complicated than it seems. Good habits and hard work are all it takes to succeed and win.
 - Failure is only temporary. The only thing that should be permanent is your will to overcome it.
 - Take risks, learn from your mistakes and never give up.
 It's been a pleasure to teach you and watch you all grow this year, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.



Gold Medal

A big congratulations to Caitlin G. Year 8, who recently won a State Gold Medal in the U/15 girls High Jump. An outstanding achievement which Mount Erin College are very proud of. Well Done Caitlin!

The pedagogical aims of the project centre on fostering and developing research strategies, which are intended to be used to scaffold any future research. Furthermore, the project requires and is aimed at developing higher order thinking skills necessary in selecting, analysing and synthesising research materials unearthed in the process.



Report by students Mia M and Maggie F

On Wednesday the 26th of October, our class presented their chosen 'notables' to parents, friends, teachers and family members. The evening took place in the DATS centre where a variety of esteemed role models were presented in character when students transitioned into their chosen notable and outlined key achievements and the various contributions these people made to society. This was followed by creative interactive displays, which generally represented various aspects of the lives of these people.



Night of Notables Year 8 SEAL 2016



About Night of Notables

The **Night of Notables** is an inquiry learning project in our thinking curriculum. This is a 5 week long program premised on the assumption that we all need our heroes.

This year's unit culminated in an evening's presentation where students had the opportunity to showcase to their parents, family members and teachers what they had discovered about the highlights and fascinating details of many notable people throughout history.



Most of the 'notables' were included in a partnership - a dynamic duo - and some of these notables included incredible Indigenous athletes like Cathy Freeman and Evonne Goolagong-Cawley, in addition to Australian author and illustrator, Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton. One of the more fascinating performances and amazing displays on the night was by Kyle S who played the role of Sir George Hubert Wilkins. This incredible 'notable' was a famous polar explorer and interestingly, Sir Wilkins was Kyle's actual great, great uncle.

We had prepared for this night for some time and we really loved researching and learning about interesting people that we chose ourselves. Our chosen 'notables'

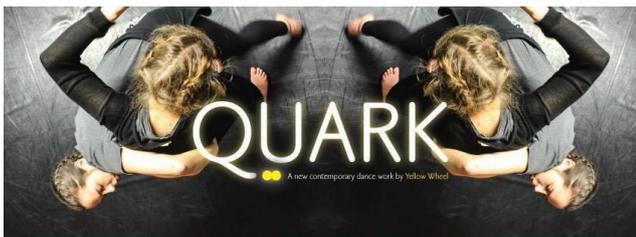
taught us that it is important to set goals for ourselves and to always strive for and achieve our best. It also taught us about overcoming obstacles and how self-discipline and hard work is so important.

We'd like to thank Ms Thomson and Miss Bray for their never ending hard work and support throughout this project and all of our mentors, Mr Bowers and Ms Andrews. The night could not have run without you!



Yellow Wheel is a contemporary youth dance company in Melbourne which strives to provide young artists a pre professional experience in the field of contemporary dance. At Yellow Wheel we have been exposed to many esteemed industry artists and to a myriad of performance opportunities which a young dancer like myself could only ever dream of being a part of. With an age range of 14-26, the company has a vast variety of dancers from different training institutions and backgrounds. It has been amazing dancing with dancers from full time dance institutions and seeing the level of skill I'd love to one day achieve. I'd highly recommend Yellow Wheel to any young dancer out there who wishes to pursue a career in the contemporary dance industry.

Tessa K. Yr. 11



In early October, I had the pleasure of performing in Chunky Move Studios at Southbank for Yellow Wheel Dance Company's 2016 major season of 'QUARK'. Quarks are the smallest layer of matter in the known universe and can only exist in pairs. Deep within our existence we have to be connected to another but our digital world is tearing that notion apart. QUARK explored issues of social isolation and the role of social media all through the means of contemporary dance. Performing in a professional environment to a sell-out season, in front of industry professionals as well as family and friends has been without a doubt the highlight of my year.





Photography: Pippa Samaya

Indonesian Week

During Indonesian Week several classes were lucky to participate in a traditional Indonesian dance, Saman. We, the Year 9 Indonesian class, were first to experience this dance and found its many movements and clever synchronising mesmerising. Aside from the dance there was also a performer singing the accompanying lyrics in Acehnese, one of the many dialects spoken in Indonesia. After the performance we enjoyed the chance to learn a few moves, or sets as they are called, ourselves. We were also impressed that amongst the 10 dancers, 11 different languages were spoken.



Year 9 Indonesian



Pencak Silat **(Indonesian Martial Arts)**

During Indonesian Week students were also fortunate enough to have some world champion Pencak Silat experts visit. Pencak Silat is an Indonesian style of martial arts. Students were taught the culture behind Pencak Silat and also had a go at the drumming that accompanies performances.



Students then learnt some moves themselves and found the performance very engaging.



Students continuing the fun and activities with a Prawn Cracker eating competition.



Year 12 Update

END OF CLASSES

Monday 17th October was a significant day for the Year 12 Class of 2016. After two normal periods, they were assembled in the Auditorium for an excellent presentation by Sue Hannah for the Mornington Peninsula Shire Youth Services, where police officers Theresa Baker, and Peter Vandermeer from Somerville Police focussed on Schoolies, Safety, and Security for both short term and longer term plans and activities of our students.

Next in a busy day was a Sausage Sizzle provided by the College. There was a great turn up of staff and most of the student group were in attendance. This event was much appreciated by the students, it seemed some students hadn't eaten for a month! A very special thank you to Wayne Burgess and Rosemary Lumley for the organisation and gathering of supplies, and to Craig Blake, Coral Byron, Ros Nimmo, Toni Barrett, Fiona Tonizzo and Alex Robinson for the masterful cooking and efficient distribution chain.



Lastly, a wonderful Farewell Assembly was thoroughly enjoyed by all Year 12 students. The singing of the National Anthem by Darcy T-H, accompanied by an impressive contribution by students and the excellent performance of Lily C. featured as did thoughtful speeches delivered by the MESEM Captains and the College Captains. Speeches acknowledging the superb example set by the 2016 Year 12 group and also thanking the Year 7 students for their messages to the 2016 Year 12 students were delivered by Karen Lee and Michael Caspar. The customary "Guard of Honour" was formed for departing Year 12s, then the lower forms were dismissed.

A special thank you to Jodie Linz for her organisation, the posse of helpers including Ryan and Ardin, and teachers for their patience and cooperation in organising students into the gymnasium for this assembly. It was mentioned by many that the response and respect shown by students of years 7-11 during the assembly was outstanding, hopefully the encouraging messages from year 12s for students to take every opportunity has resonated in many of them.

CELEBRATION BREAKFAST

To complete the celebration of the end of Year 12 classes, students and teachers gathered early on Thursday

morning, resplendent in their finest Fancy Dress to dine heartily on bacon, eggs, hash browns and juice.

The Senior School Study Centre and the Pavilion were then decorated in streamers and posters. Student generated awards were announced and distributed to all, cheered on by an appreciative audience and the recipients.

A clean up was enthusiastically undertaken by students before they were dismissed to prepare for the Valedictory Dinner that night.



VALEDICTORY 2016

The 2016 Valedictory dinner was held at the New Peninsula Centre in Mt Martha on Thursday 20th October. Staff, parents, students and guests enjoyed this celebration of the cohort's achievements in this elaborate venue which was decorated beautifully, and featured photo-booths and roving photographers. Formal proceedings included speeches from Mrs Lee, Mrs Tonizzo and Mr Burgess. Year 12s received their Graduation Certificates, as well as select students receiving additional Excellence and Endeavour Awards, with their Year 7 and 12 photos projected as they crossed the stage. Eight carefully selected students then received their ASPIRE awards for their exceptional contributions to the College.

The College Captains spoke magnificently of their journey at Mount Erin, and their aspirations and goals for the future. The announcement of Megan M as the 2016 Valedictorian was enthusiastically received, and she delivered an inspired Valedictory speech on behalf of her cohort.

The night was concluded by an entertaining video presentation which showcased many memorable activities enjoyed by the cohort, and which captured the fantastic personalities that were a part of the class of 2016.



Year 12 ASPIRE award recipients for 2016 Georgia H, Megan M, Emily C, Caitlin T, Emma T, Amber G, Tyson W, and Tahlia M

The Evening's Program

- 6.45pm Welcome – Mrs Fiona Tonizzo (Year 12 Educational Leader)
Principal's address – Mrs Karen Lee
- 6.50pm Presentation of the Class of 2016 - Mr Michael Caspar (Year 12 Wellbeing Leader) and Year 12 Pastoral Teachers, Fiona Tonizzo, Lucy Joyce, Coral Byron and Paul Deacon Accompanied by PowerPoint presentation
- 7.30pm Presentation of College **ASPIRE** Awards – Mr Wayne Burgess (Associate Principal) to Emily C, Amber G, Georgia H, Megan M, Tahlia M, Caitlin T, Emma T and Tyson W
- 7.40pm Introduction of College Captains – Mrs Fiona Tonizzo.
College Captains 2016 – Emily C, Vinni P, Mia R, Emma T



- 7:50pm Introduction of Valedictorian - Mrs Fiona Tonizzo to Megan M
Valedictorian's speech on behalf of students.
- 7.55pm Dinner served
Student Presentations – Anthony K.
Year 12 Video presentation
- 9.15pm Dessert
Dancing and enjoyment!

Congratulations to the Class of 2016.

Onward to exams and best wishes from all staff at Mount Erin.

Community News

Go for 2 and 5!

Most Australians eat only about half the recommended amount of fruit and vegetables. You need to eat 2 serves of fruit and 5 serves of vegetables every day (a serve is roughly a handful of fruit or veg).

Here are some handy tips for getting more fruit and veg into your day:

- Add leftover vegies to an omelette for a healthy and filling breakfast
- Bananas, strawberries or tinned fruits can be blended along with milk, yoghurt or juice for a delicious fruit smoothie
- English muffins topped with diced vegies and cheese can be turned into a quick mini pizza: a great idea for the lunchbox!
- Have low fat dips with carrot and celery sticks instead of crackers
- Add lots of vegies to stir-fry, casseroles and curries
- Beans or lentils taste great when added into soups
- Chop different fruits and mix them with natural yoghurt for a sweet and healthy dessert

More great ideas can be found at www.gofor2and5.com.au



Building a **Healthy Community**, in Partnership

Stay hydrated this summer

Keeping our kids hydrated, especially over the hot summer months, is an important part of supporting their health and wellbeing. Drinking plenty of tap water is the best way to keep hydrated and it has the added benefit of being low cost, contains no sugar and is easy to access.

Replacing one regular 600ml soft drink with water every day will avoid consuming 25kg sugar over a year.

Drinking sugary drinks regularly can lead to weight gain and obesity. Being overweight or obese increases the risk of problems like type 2 diabetes, heart disease and some types of cancer.

So instead of grabbing a sugary drink, why not try water instead?

Here are two quick facts about drinking water:

1. Water helps to keep your body temperature normal while also lubricating your joints and protecting your spinal cord.
2. Victorian tap water is one of the cleanest and safest water sources in the world. Make the most of this amazing resource by refilling a reusable water bottle.

More information can be found at <http://www.rethinksugarydrink.org.au>



Building a **Healthy Community**, in Partnership

Quit for the kids

If you have children in your life, whether you like it or not, you are probably a role model to them.

Quitting smoking sets a great example for your children, reducing the chance that they will take up smoking themselves.

Talking with your children about how hard quitting is will make them think twice about taking up smoking themselves. As a non-smoker you'll also have more energy and more money to spend too.

Smoking kills one in four smokers in middle age. This is the time when kids really need their parents. Quitting now will increase your chances of being there as your children become adults and have children of their own.

The decision to quit smoking is a personal one but it is important to remember that your smoking also affects those around you.

We now know that children's delicate airways are sensitive to smoke on clothes, hair and skin after you've smoked. It can be hard for parents to fully protect them from the harmful effects of smoking.

The number one way to improve your own health and ensure the health of your family is to quit.

For further information call Quitline on 137 848 or Peninsula Health Quit Smoking Support Services on 1300 665 781.



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STUDENT NAME: _____ FORM: _____

To attend Homework Club in the Resource Centre on the following dates (please tick boxes below)

Term Four 2016

Thursday after school 3pm – 4pm: 06/10 13/10 20/10 27/10 03/11 10/11
17/11 24/11 01/12

Signed Parent/Guardian _____

Contact number _____

Dear Parents and Guardians, This year Mount Erin College will run a Homework Club in order to support student learning. Sessions will run on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 3pm to 4pm. All sessions will be supervised by teachers. If you would like your child to attend an after school session you must sign the attached permission slip to indicate selected dates and acknowledge that you may be required to make alternative arrangements for transport home. If you would like any further information contact Cheryl Millership at the college.