



MENTONE GIRLS' SECONDARY COLLEGE

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NEWSLETTER

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23rd April, 2009

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2 at Mentone Girls' Secondary College. I hope staff and students are refreshed and reinvigorated and ready to get stuck into the educational program.

At the end of last term we held abbreviated Parent/Teacher/Student interviews, and I am aware that it was impossible for every parent to see every teacher had they wanted to do so. Please ring and leave a message for any teacher you would like to speak to regarding your daughter's progress, and they will get back to you.

Robin Liddell, our Canteen Manageress for the last 16 years, retired at the end of Term 1. Thank you to Robin for all her years of service to the school, and we wish her a happy and healthy retirement.

Mrs. Val Felsenthal is the new Canteen Manageress, and she would always love to hear from parents who could give up some of their time to volunteer in the canteen. While we have some paid staff, the volunteers are really what makes it run so smoothly and we welcome all comers.

The Athletics Sports are to be held this week, and hopefully we will have results for the College Assembly on Friday, April 24th. Good luck to all competitors.

Last year we had Ms. Lindsey Watkins with us on exchange from Ossett School in West Yorkshire, England. Her sixth form students this year heard about the terrible bushfires and have sent us \$500.00 to pass on to the Bushfire Relief Fund. The generosity of students so far away is a wonderful thing and it shows how the world has reacted to the disaster.

May I remind parents and students that the blazer must be worn every morning to school. Now summer has passed, it is expected that all girls will wear it all the way home as well. Should it rain, there is a navy

blue uniform rainproof jacket available for purchase at Costume World located in Mentone, which is to be worn over their uniform. During the next few weeks girls can elect to wear summer or winter uniform but not a combination of both i.e. no scarves with the summer dress.

Deborah M. Lehner
Principal

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School Uniform

Summer Uniform is to be worn in Term 1.

Either complete summer or complete winter uniform may be worn in April and May, not a mixture of both. Winter Uniform is to be worn from 1st June until the end of August.

Either complete summer or complete winter may be worn in September and October.

From November 1st summer uniform is to be worn until the end of the year.

Remember that the blazer is to be worn to and from school every day.

Ordering Winter Uniform

All Year 7 girls and new students need to order their winter uniforms from Costume World. They have the winter blue shirts, tights, scarves and some tracksuit pants in stock now. They are taking orders for rugby jumpers, sports jackets and winter skirts and track pants. Due to the long production time of the skirts they ask that all skirts are ordered by the end of April. There are sample sizes in store so they can fit students for the correct size. They require a 20% deposit at the time of ordering. Please note that the skirts are made by special order so it is important that students order the correct size as it can be difficult to swap sizes once the orders arrive.

Piercings

As stated in the school record book, students are allowed to have pierced ears only. Any girl who has another piercing will need to remove the piercing completely or wear a clear plastic plug in it. Girls who continue to wear other piercings will be asked to remove them and they will be confiscated for a 2 week period.

Confiscated Items

As of the start of term 2 all confiscated items will be kept in the First Aid Room. Items will be placed in a zip lock bag and kept in a lockable area. Jewellery will be kept for 2 weeks and electronic items can be collected at the end of the day.



Students are reminded not to have iPods or phones on in class and then there will be no need to confiscate them. Similarly they are reminded to wear only those items of jewellery which are permitted (watch and earrings – sleepers or studs).

Parents can contact me at the school if they wish to discuss any of the above matters.

Bronwyn Moline
Assistant Principal

Senior School

We hope the girls had a restful holiday and at the same time were able to ensure their school work is all up-to-date and first term revision completed. Term 2 is an extremely busy term as we complete Units 1 & 3. All Unit 1 studies will have exams in the week beginning June 1st. VCAA exams for Unit 3 Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Psychology will be held on the 9th and 10th of June and the GAT is on June 11th. Any student doing a 3-4 study this year must complete the GAT. This includes students doing the second year of a VET subject or students taking a 3-4 language outside school, and of course includes all Year 12s even if they did the GAT last year. Units 2 and 4 commence on Monday 15th June.

Congratulations to Louise Mapleston of Year 11 who has been invited to attend the UBS Young Women's Leadership Academy this week in Sydney.



The objective of the Academy is to

- Introduce year 11 students to a diverse group of contemporary women leaders
- Demonstrate the possibilities and satisfaction of a career in business
- Encourage leadership aspirations in young women
- Provide leadership skills development

Louise will be experiencing a creative mix of practical and theory with industry exposure, field visits and syndicate work and will be developing her leadership skills and relationships with peers from across Australia.

We hope parents and students had meaningful and constructive interviews with teachers at Parent /Teacher interviews held in the last week of term. This interview comes at a critical time as patterns are emerging about the way your daughter is approaching her year and feedback is available on her level of achievement in assessment tasks. It allows your daughter to get early direction on how she can work to continue to improve her results. If for any reason you were unable to attend or have further queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Senior School Team

Middle School

Melbourne City Experience

At the end of last term students in Year 9 received a list of suggested items to take with them on camp. Earlier this week all students attended an assembly at which further

information and a list of expectations regarding behaviour on camp was distributed. Please take some time to read this information and discuss it with your daughter.

If your daughter falls ill and is unable to attend camp please phone the school so that the staff supervising the camp can be notified.

Global Youth Impact

Two Year 10 students have successfully applied to take part in the Global Youth Impact program this year. Tamara Partridge and Ella Sheldon have already participated in three days of workshops in early April, which will be followed up with workshops in May and June. The Global Youth Impact program is designed for Year 10 and 11 girls to develop leadership and advocacy skills with a focus on issues of gender, social justice and human rights.

Support for adolescent's health and wellbeing

There are many resources available for young people seeking support with common concerns. Your daughter might be interested in visiting www.inspire.org a safe and secure website that offers "practical online programs that... improve young people's mental health and wellbeing".

In the Middle School Office we also currently have Youth discount cards provided by Bayside City Council's Youth Services. These cards are a great resource to connect young people to important support services in Bayside and the discounts on the cards are valid for two years. All Middle School students are welcome to visit the Middle School Office to collect a card.

Information session for Learner drivers and their parents

All students in Year 10 received an invitation to Keys Please, an interactive forum for learner and pre-learner drivers and their parents. This very popular and practical information session presented by Vic Roads will be held at the College, on Tuesday May 5th at 7.30pm.

The expectation is that all Year 10 students will attend. Please remind your daughter to return the form she has received to the Middle School office before Tuesday, April 29th.

Middle School Team

Junior School

What a difference a term makes! This time last term 203 shy, nervous, excited, Year 7 girls arrived with their parents to start their secondary school journey. This week, 203 confident, (hopefully excited) Year 7 girls started term 2. We hope all Junior school students and their teachers had a restful holiday.

Year 8 Cranbourne excursion

Late last term, all Year 8 girls travelled to the Botanical Gardens at Cranbourne to complete a

Humanities and Science project. The girls were extremely well behaved and hopefully obtained a lot of valuable information from the day.

Parent/ Teacher evening

It was terrific to see so many parents at the Parent/Teacher evening. Don't forget that if you have any concerns about your daughter's progress in any area to give the Junior School a call.

Year 7: 9581 5240

Year 8: 9581 5244

Junior School Team



SRC

The SRC plans for Term Two are already well underway!

The SRC girls are looking to continue their fantastic work. After hearing Louisa Tatton's speech at the International Women's Day assembly and becoming aware of her experiences working in a hospital in India, the SRC has chosen to donate all proceeds from their fundraising efforts at the Athletic sports to support this hospital.

The SRC are preparing for another busy but successful term, with many more great activities being planned including Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, so keep an eye out in the coming weeks.

A big thankyou to the SRC team and Mrs Liakos for their hard work and support.

Sam Sleep
SRC Executive

Music

Music and Drama Events 2009

Term 2

April 24: Jazz Band Performance at College Assembly

April 29 & 30: Singfest at MGSC

May 6: Vocal Night 7.30 p.m.

May 7: Open Night 7 - 9 p.m.

Week 4: May 11-16: VCE

Theatre Studies Performance – Polly Anna - various nights

May 13: VCE Recital Evening

May 15: House Music Combined Rehearsal/Meeting

May 20: House Music Competition Dress Rehearsal

May 20: House Music Competition 7.30 p.m.

May 25: MSO Educational Passports Concert 1, Hamer Hall 6.30 p.m.

Week 6: May 27 & 28: Year 9 Drama Performances



June 4: Year 7 Band Night 7.15 p.m.
 June 16: Salaka – African Drumming Interactive Concert – Year 8
 June 19–20: Music Camp - [a 3 day camp which singers and instrumental students with at least one years experience attend]
 June 2: Music Camp Concert

Term 3

July 17: AMEB entries close
 July 27: MSO Educational Passports Concert 2, Hamer Hall 6.30 p.m.
 August 7 [Fri]: MGSC Jazz and Stage Band Performances with Sisters of Sass (to be confirmed)
 Aug 19: Winter Concert 7.30 p.m.
 August 24: MSO Educational Passports Concert 3, Hamer Hall 6.30 p.m.
 Sept 17: VCE Recital Evening



Term 4

Recital for Brass Students
 October 5 – 14: A.M.E.B Music Exams various dates
 Oct 8 and Oct 13: Two Information evenings for incoming Year 7 Students interested in learning an instrument or voice
 Oct 14: Vocal Evening 7.30 p.m.
 Nov 5: Year 7 Band Evening
 Nov 26: Presentation Evening
 Dec 1: Due Date for music levies for 2010. Students will not be placed with a teacher until levies are paid (to be confirmed)
 Dec 8: Orientation Day Performances (to be confirmed)
 Dec 8: MGCS school instruments need to be returned
 Dec 17: MGSC instruments available for holiday hire [hire forms are available from staffroom A]
 Other Performances
 Middle School Music Performances
 Year Level Assembly Performances
 College Assembly Performances

Susanna Rummel

Sport

VSSSA : State Swimming Finals.

Congratulations to all our competitors :
 Alana Howard 10G, Caitlin Bennet 12, Danielle Macpherson 10F, Emily Gorban 7A, Evelyn Clark 8F, Georgia Scott 8F, Holly Treverton 9C, Katarina Schnell 9B, Kirsten Roode 8A, Louise Nelson 12, Maddie Lee-Gow 12, Megan Lewis 7F, Melissa Oldham 10E, Nicole Quine 8D, Ruby Greig-Hurtig 8F,

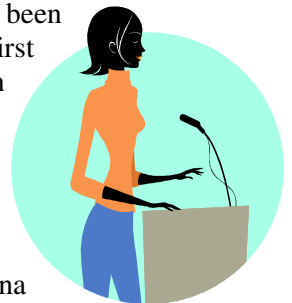


Sophia Andrews 12, Taylor Tobin 8B, Charlea Coram 7F, Vienna Schnell 8F, Tahli Howard 8F, Molly Dunstan 8F & Sarah Cooper 10C.
 Mentone Girls' Secondary College achieved some outstanding results in both individual and team events at the VSSA State Championships: 1st Diving – Taylor Tobin, 2nd 50 metre Backstroke – Kirsten Roode, 3rd 200 metre Freestyle – Kirsten Roode. 1st 200 metre 14 years Freestyle Relay with a new State record of 2.03 : Ruby Greig-Hurtig, Evelyn Clark, Georgia Scott & Kirsten Roode. 3rd 200 metre 13 years Freestyle Relay : Nicole Quinne, Megan Lewis, Emily Gorban & Vienna Schnell. 4th 200 metre 12-14 Medley Relay : Kirsten Roode, Tahli Howard, Ruby Greig-Hurtig & Evelyn Clark.
 As expected, the behaviour of the girls from Mentone Girls' Secondary College was exemplary. Thankyou, to the numerous parents who came to MSAC to support our girls.

Dominic Santos
 Kerry Merrick

Debating

The 2009 debating teams have been selected and completed their first round, which was held on Monday evening, 23rd March, at Brighton Grammar School. The topic of the first debate was, "That We Should Value Literature More than Science"



Congratulations to Team 1, Anna Howard 9C, Isabelle Kiss 9E and Camille Acuna 9C, who spoke for the affirmative side and won with 225 points against Brighton Grammar finishing with 219 points.

Plus a special mention to Isabelle who was awarded with the 'Best Speaker Award' after their great round.

Well done to Team 2, Alaina Reynolds 9C, Rosie Cole 9E and Lucy Kenny 9G who argued on the negative side but unfortunately lost to Sandringham Secondary College, finishing with the score 227 to 229. As well as an outstanding effort from Team 3, Abigail Sheepers 9D, Loryn Foster 9B and Ashlea Young 9C who also sadly lost with 220 points to St. Bedes at 225 points.

A fantastic effort from all the teams. Good luck in Round 2!

Ramona Long
 Junior English Captain

Careers



Monash eNews

Students from Years 10-12 who subscribe to Monash eNews will receive regular updates via email and SMS about courses, careers, admissions, scholarships and events in their area of interest at Monash. See www.monash.edu.au/study/eNews to register.

'At Monash' Seminar Series Continues

Free seminars for students and parents (all commence 6.30pm): (For info call 9903 4758, or Valerie.foster@adm.monash.edu.au)

Tues 5 May: Education, Sport & Outdoor Recreation, Peninsula campus, Frankston

Thur 7 May: Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Health Sciences, Peninsula

Tues 12 May: Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences, Parkville campus, 381 Royal Pde

Wed 13 May: Architecture, Caulfield campus

Mon 18 May: Psychology, Clayton campus

Tues 19 May: Drama & Theatre Studies, Clayton campus

Wed 20 May: Business & Economics, Caulfield campus

Thur 21 May: Engineering, Clayton campus

See www.monash.edu.au/study/events for details, to book a place (the link is at the bottom of the list of seminars) and for seminars later in the series.

UMAT News

For Year 12's who want to study a medical-related course next year, you may need to sit the Undergraduate Medicine & Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT). This is used in the selection of students for certain Australian degrees; eg selection of students to study medicine at Monash University involves a combination of ENTER, UMAT and interview; pharmacy and physiotherapy at Monash use the ENTER and UMAT. The UMAT test date for 2009 is 29 July; The UMAT 2009 Information booklet is NOW available at <http://umatweb.acer.edu.au>.

VCE and Careers Expo

This is a chance to collect information at one location from a range of sources - Universities, TAFE's, student exchange, defence forces, independent colleges, professional bodies, VCE resource providers. What: 'Age' VCE & Careers Expo When: 10am-5pm, 24-26 April; Where: Caulfield Racecourse; Cost: \$10 (incl. 'Age').

Greg Feben
Student Pathways

Ride2School

National Ride2School Day

Sarah Baradhi receives her Ride2School sticker from College Captains Georgia Sheil and Rosemary Sheppard.

Congratulations to all the girls who braved damp conditions and rode their bikes to school on March 25th - National Ride2School day. All cyclists have gone into a draw for some mega cycling prizes including helmets, bike locks and water bottles.

Peter Bartlett

MORDIALLOC NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Brush'n'Stuff: Childrens after school Art classes
A 6 week Art course where children will be encouraged to explore their creative sides, make a mess and have fun with **ART**.

Introduction Class will be held on Wednesday:

April 1. 4:15pm – 5:45pm

Cost: \$12.00 per child

6 week course begins: May 6 – June 10: 4.15pm – 5.45pm

Cost: \$48.00 per child

Bookings essential: phone 9587 4534

ADOLESCENT GIRLS GROUP

A peer support group for girls who would like to improve their mood and manage their emotions more effectively.

An 8 week program for girls 13-17 years

When: Every Tuesday afternoon beginning Tues. 5th May at 4.30pm

Where: 332 Carlisle St, East St. Kilda

Ph: 9526 1600

50 YEARS
Gordon St
Pre-School



Gordon Street Pre-School opened it's doors for the first time in 1959.

For 50 years children have raced through the gate to get to kindy - a place where friendships grow, curiosity abounds and big steps towards independence are taken by little feet.

Gordon Street Pre-School Committee and Staff

**invite you to celebrate it's 50th birthday.
Sunday 3rd May from 12 - 4pm at Gordon Street Pre-School**

Shenanigans Bush Band, Sculpture to commemorate 50 years unveiled, Time capsule to bury, 50 new books for the Pre-School library, 50 balloons to release, Sausage Sizzle, BYO drinks (and food if special dietary requirements), Cake

See you there!



Bonjour! Ciao! Or just plain G'day!
INTERESTED IN HOSTING AN EXCHANGE STUDENT?

Open a door to other countries! Expose your family to another culture and extend your family unit on an international level.

World Education Program (WEP) is looking for Volunteer Host Families for International Students arriving in July 2009.

Students from Belgium, Italy, Brazil, France, and Germany are looking for families that are prepared to welcome them into their homes as a family member.

These young ambassadors are looking for life long friends and a place to call home during their stay. If you would like more information on becoming a Host Family, please contact our National Office.

World Education Program

Toll Free: 1300 884 733 Ph: (03)

9598 4733 Fax: (03) 9598 4233

Email: wep@wep.org.au

An information pack can be sent on request.

It's easier than you think & a fantastic experience for all!

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MORDIALLOC NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE TERM 2

We are now taking bookings for the following classes :

Mandarin Language

German Language

Writing For Pleasure and Publication

Guide to Painting

Calligraphy

Sewing

Computers for Beginners, includes Digital Photos

Bookings essential

For further information and bookings, please phone : 9587 4534

Key Dates 2009

TERM 2

APRIL	
Thursday 23 rd	House Athletics
Friday 24 th	College Assembly Poetry competition – lunchtime
Monday 27 th	Year 9AB City Experience Camp
Tuesday 28 th	Year 9AB City Experience Camp
Wednesday 29 th	Year 9AB City Experience Camp Year 9CD City Experience Camp Singfest – day and night event
Thursday 30 th	Year 9CD City Experience Camp Singfest – day and night event Past Students Reunion – 5 years (Class of 2004)
MAY	
Friday 1 st	Year 9CD City Experience Camp
Monday 4 th	Year 9EF City Experience Camp Debating competition
Tuesday 5 th	Year 9EF City Experience Camp 'Keys Please' presentation for Year 10 Parents 7.30pm
Wednesday 6 th	Year 9EF City Experience Camp Year 9GH City Experience Camp Vocal Night 7.00 – 9.00pm
Thursday 7 th	Year 9GH City Experience Camp Open Night 7.00pm
Friday 8 th	Year 9GH City Experience Camp
Monday 11 th	Year 7 Immunisations Theatre Studies evening performance
Tuesday 12 th	NAPLAN - Years 7 and 9 Open Afternoon 2.00pm Theatre Studies evening performance Parents and Friends Association 7.30pm
Wednesday 13 th	NAPLAN - Years 7 and 9 VCE Music Recital Night
Thursday 14 th	NAPLAN - Years 7 and 9 Open Afternoon 2.00pm Theatre Studies evening performance
Friday 15 th	Cross Country 1.15pm – 3.25pm Theatre Studies evening performance
Monday 18 th	Year 9ABCD Shrine Excursion
Tuesday 19 th	College Council 7.30 pm
Wednesday 20 th	Year 8 Leadership Conference House Music Competition 7.30pm
Thursday 21 st	Year 7 Anti-Bullying workshops Periods 1-3
Friday 22 nd	Year 9EFGH Shrine Excursion
Monday 25 th	Debating competition
Wednesday 27 th	Year 9 play 7.30pm
Thursday 28 th	'Reading matters' activity for Year 7 and 8 Year 9 play 7.30pm

Key Dates 2009 cont'd

JUNE	
Monday 1 st	Unit 1 Exams
Tuesday 2 nd	Unit 1 Exams
Wednesday 3 rd	Unit 1 & Year 10 Exams
Thursday 4 th	Unit 1 & Year 9 & 10 Exams
Friday 5 th	Unit 1 & Year 9 & 10 Exams Year 7 Band Night
Monday 8th	Queen's Birthday holiday
Tuesday 9 th	Unit 3 Exams Parents & Friends Association 7.30pm
Wednesday 10 th	Unit 3 Exams
Thursday 11 th	GAT Exam Year 7 Zoo Excursion
Friday 12th	Report Writing Day – Pupil Free Day
Monday 15 th	Debating competition
Tuesday 16 th	Year 8 Music workshop Period 4 College Council 7.30pm
Wednesday 17 th	Year 9, 10 and 11 reports verification 2.30 – 4.30pm Past Students Reunion – 10 years (Class of 1997)
Thursday 18 th	Year 8 workshops Year 7, 8 and 12 reports verification 2.30 – 4.30pm
Friday 19 th	Year 12 English performance Period 4 Year 8 workshops Music camp begins
Tuesday 23 rd	VCE Music recital
Thursday 25 th	College Assembly
Friday 26th	Last day Term 2 finish at 2.15pm