



Mark Oliphant  
College

# Senior Years

NEWSLETTER

TERM 2, WEEK 7

12 JUNE 2015



*“Once you’ve decided that something’s absolutely true, you’ve closed your mind on it, and a closed mind doesn’t go anywhere. Question everything. That’s what education’s all about.”*

*- David Eddings, Belgarath the Sorcerer*

## KEY DATES...

### Tuesday 16 June

Excursion: Refugee week – School Conference @ Uni of Adelaide

### Wednesday 17 June

School Photos  
Operation Flinders

### Thursday 18 June

Governing Council @ 6pm  
Operation Flinders

### Friday 19 June

Habitat for Humanity  
Operation Flinders

### Monday 22 June

Year 11 Work Experience  
Excursion to Migration Museum  
Presentation for Year 9 & 10s

### Tuesday 23 June

Photos – Mop Up  
Operation Flinders  
Year 11 Work Experience

### Wednesday 24 June

Operation Flinders  
Year 11 Work Experience

### Thursday 25 June

Photos – Mop Up  
Year 11 Work Experience

### Friday 26 June

Year 11 Work Experience

## A NOTE FROM SENIOR YEARS LEADERSHIP

As educators of young adults we cannot ever over emphasise the importance of goal setting, understanding and acknowledging your strengths and weaknesses and the value of team work. For many of our students, the latter part of adolescence is when the struggle to see the purpose of education begins to raise itself as a topic of conversation. This is also often compounded by the doubts and fears that young adults face when confronted with new challenges or difficult periods in their learning.

It is clear that when a goal or end point is clearly established, then the work required in a challenge or the effort needed to learn something new is much easier to understand and embrace – there is a purpose to this. Sometimes the purpose can be a reward, an acknowledgement of achievement or just simply the personal satisfaction of knowing you worked hard and made it through! A large part of this is knowing what you are good at and what others around you are good at and learning how to best utilise all of these strengths to your advantage. This was particularly evident during the SAASTA Aboriginal Power Cup Carnival over the long weekend.

The carnival is the culmination of a semester of work by a group of our Senior Years students. The success of the team at the carnival is contingent on their academic achievements, attendance, general behaviour at school, team work and demonstration of leadership at events. This year our team was made up of 30 students from MOC and Quorn Area School. Many of the students were unknown to each other and had not worked as a team before the start of the year. It is a credit to these students that they were able to quickly establish a team culture and support each other through a huge range of tasks, including short stays at Quorn and MOC.

This year we were successful in achieving two significant goals – obtaining the 2015 Curriculum Excellence Award and playing in the boys Grand Final on Adelaide Oval! Neither of these goals would have been achievable if the staff and students had not worked together and supported each other to complete all the tasks to such an outstanding level. One particular aspect of the Carnival needs acknowledgement and that was the boy’s team decision to play everyone in the final and not just the ‘best’ players. The boys unanimously agreed that everyone had earned the right to play and it was not just about winning but sharing in the reward of achieving the goal of being a finalist.

Congratulations to all the students who took part in the carnival this year and a huge thanks to the staff who supported them throughout Terms 1 and 2. I look forward to seeing what else you can achieve this year as we move in to the Semester 2 challenges and the SAASTA Shield.

**Kathleen Hoare**  
Executive Leader  
(Years 7-12)

## FORMAL

We are heading towards the end of the term which also means for year 12s we are getting closer to the formal. The formal is an exciting event on the school calendar and a night that students will remember and talk about for years to come.

### A few things to remember:

- Final payment is due by Tuesday Week 8
- Seating arrangements need to be sent to Ms Steer by Wednesday Week 8
- Dietary requirements to Miss Steer or Mr Brown by Thursday Week 8

We look forward to this special event. Please see Ms Steer or Mr. Brown with any questions.

**Jerelle Steer**  
Leader (Learning and Well Being)



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## VET STUDENT PROFILE



**STUDENT:**  
Tito Irankunda

**VET COURSE:**  
Certificate II in  
Construction Pathways

"When I finish school I want to be a General Builder. In my VET course we are learning how to plan for building, how to stay safe on site, how to measure and cut wood and how to use a range of machinery. I really enjoy it because most of the course is hands on, which is how I like to learn. There is also a theory component of the course that is mostly mathematics based and even though it is difficult, it is a really important part of our learning.

I would recommend this course to students who are genuinely passionate about construction because it is harder than you think so you have to be committed to be successful."

## MEET THE STAFF

### Tina Prizzi

"Hi all, I teach PE/ Health and PLP and have worked at SPHS/MOC for the past 8 years.

By the end of Year 10, I knew that I wanted to

become a teacher due to my passion and interest in Health/Physical Education. I was fortunate enough to have some amazing teachers throughout my primary and high school years who inspired, motivated and mentored me to achieve my best.

My top 5 hobbies that get me in the "FLOW ZONE" are tennis, surfing, playing drums, reading and learning new instruments like the harp. My top 5 VIA Character Strengths are Fairness, Kindness, Creativity, Spirituality and Humour."



## SENIOR YEARS TEAM

### Kathleen Hoare

Executive Leader (Years 7-12)

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### Colette Bos

Senior Leader (Learning and Achievement)

### Stephen Cavanagh

Leader (Year 11 and SACE)

### Jerelle Steer

Leader (Learning and Well Being)

### Craig Brown

Leader (Year 12)

### Olivia Brett

Leader (Year 10 and VET)



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Middle & Senior Years  
2015 Semester One

**EXHIBITION of LEARNING**

Wednesday 1st of July  
3.30 to 6.30pm

Come and view our amazing Project Based Learning products which have been created by students in year 7 to 10 and see what has been learnt throughout the semester.

Live music  
Live science experiments  
Putting the MO in MOC performance  
Medieval food taste tests  
Plus MUCH more!!!

## PROJECT BASED LEARNING AT MOC AND EXHIBITION OF LEARNING

"Too often we give children answers to remember rather than problems to solve."  
- Roger Lewin

Project Based Learning (PBL) has become a big part of many successful learning environments today in Australia and throughout the world. It takes students on a journey of creativity and exploration but with real-world connections. Students learn problem-solving skills by successfully

navigating learning challenges. PBL gives students and teachers more time to spend on specific topics that are cross curricula, which enhances engagement and develops deeper understanding.

At Mark Oliphant College, Semester 1 has seen over 25 projects implemented across Middle and Senior Years. On Wednesday the 1st of July all PBL projects plus much more will be presented at the Exhibition of Learning evening held to celebrate what our talented students do here. All are very welcome between 3.30 and 6.30pm to view all the amazing work.

Katrina Axford

## UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Winter has arrived, bringing with it the arrival of cold, rainy weather. We are seeing a large number of our students coming to school and attending in non-uniform clothing. Wearing of our Mark Oliphant College uniform is **compulsory** for all students in Reception through to Year 12. The Governing Council has endorsed our School Uniform Policy and as part of the enrolment agreement and process at our school, parents and students sign a Code of Conduct in which you agree to wear the school uniform. School uniform is important because;

- our school is large and we know immediately if there are stranger on campus
- the colour coding ensures that we know to which sub school a student belongs
- it encourages student pride in themselves and their school
- it prepares students for the workforce

**Our Uniform Shop has Opening Hours of Mondays (2.30 – 4.30pm) Wednesdays and Thursdays (8.30-10.30am).** MOC tracksuit pants have arrived, feedback from our students, tells us they are both warm and comfortable.

Colette Bos - Senior Leader (Learning and Achievement)



## Week 8 is Industry, Diligence and Perseverance



This means that you work hard to finish what you started. This also means that no matter what the project, you complete it in a timely fashion. In addition, this means that you do not get distracted when you are working.

Maryjane Tenison Woods - Coordinator of College Well Being



## SAASTA

Massive congratulations go to the students in the MOC South Australian Sports Training Academy. The weekend just passed saw the culmination of the semester's hard work. Due to the successful completion of a number of tasks such as designing a road safety campaign in the form of a billboard, designing a Guernsey, completing draft camp football tests and creating Player Profiles, the academy was awarded for Curriculum Excellence.

As a result of their attendance and the completed tasks, the boy's team made the final of the Power Cup and played on the Adelaide Oval. They narrowly went down in a hard fought encounter with Ocean View/Cooper Pedy. All students should be commended for the way they conducted themselves over the 3-day carnival. We look forward to continuing to work with students from Quorn as we continue our studies into the SAASTA Shield.

Stephen Cavanagh - Leader (Year 11 and SACE)



## "Say Cheese"

MSP Photography are on their way!!!

School Photo Day is:

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Have your child's school memories captured forever.

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP payment envelopes & remember these helpful points:

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other - You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelope opens are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given - cash, cheques and money orders only. Credit card payments can only be made online.

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[www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au)

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