

Welcome to the last of the 2015 editions of the MOCB12 Term Update. We publish this brief overview at the beginning of every term to update the community on any whole of college changes for the forthcoming term.

During the term you will receive newsletters as usual and at the end of this term in the mail out all families will receive a copy of our 2015 Year Book

I am delighted to be back for one last term and what an action packed term it is – Year 12 Graduation, Children's Uni Graduation, MOC on the Green to name just a few. Major dates included in next column.

Many thanks to Dean Clark for his fabulous work whilst I was on secondment.

Currently we are undertaking the annual parent surveys asking for your views on how the college is going. Please take the time to complete the survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MOCPSS2015>

This link is also available via the front page of our website.

www.moc.sa.edu.au

STAFFING

This term our staffing is reasonably settled and we have welcomed back Pirooska Biro, Gayle Bonnett and Natalie Clifford. Bianca Gerardis is on a short period of leave and during this time Nicole Van Loggem is in her class. Nikki Giles and Mel Dudek are going on maternity leave during the term.

We are also beginning the exercise to plan for 2016 staffing and any specific EY or PY class placement requests should be directed to Kim Cooper, similarly any MY or SY requests to Kathleen Hoare

GOOD NEWS – INNOVATIVE SCHOOLS



Over the holidays MOC was announced as one of the 40 most innovative schools in Australia. One of only two schools in South Australia awarded that honour.

GOOD NEWS - Public Education Awards

Hopefully most in our community are by now aware that two of our teachers won awards through the Excellence in Public Education Awards.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT - Ray Moss

Ray has committed his 40 year teaching career to Smithfield Plains High School, now Mark Oliphant College. He fosters a love of English among his students and supports them to achieve excellent pass rates. Ray has been a moderator of Year 12 English and was a supporter of youth basketball in the north for decades.

SECONDARY TEACHER- CO WINNER – Emil Zankov

Emil has been at Mark Oliphant College (MOC) since 2011. He has worked enthusiastically to develop a number of new curriculum areas under the SACE subject Design and Technology - Communication Products including Cert 2 and 3 in Creative Media. We have also seen the establishment of a multi purpose and multi owned maker space.

FACILITIES

Major work has continued with the shade structures going up around the college. While not quite finished we are close! This will mean more outside seating and shaded areas for students.

In addition we have seen paving increased around the Middle years area and again we are now organising more student seating.

PUPIL FREE DAY

This term we do not have our Pupil Free Day at the end of the term but rather in the middle on Friday 20 November. On that day and Saturday 21 November we host our annual Make Learning Better Conference – with guests and visitors from across South Australia, other states and internationally.

TERM 4 KEY DATES

October 28 – Preschool to Reception Induction begins
November 4 – 2016 Year 8 Family Information Evening
November 18 – Children's Uni Graduation
November 19 – Year 12 Graduation
November 20 & 21 – Make Learning Better Conference
December 1 – Premiers Reading Challenge Awards
December 11 – End of term 4

Other dates and programs will be published through facebook, our newsletters and on the website.

As always thank you for your support of the college.

Lynne Symons
Principal