Mark Oliphant College

Senior Years

NEWSLETTER

TERM 1, WEEK 9
1 APRIL 2016

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it."
- Aristotle

KEY DATES...

Thursday 7 April
Year 11 Excursion: RAA Street Smart Entertainment Centre

Year 11/12 Visual Art Excursion – SACE Art Show

Friday 8 April
Years 7-12 Sports Day

Monday 11 April
Year 10 Work Experience Week

Thursday 14 April
Last Day Term 2
- 3pm Dismissal

Friday 15 April
Pupil Free Day

Monday 2 May
First Day Term 2

EXECUTIVE LEADER'S MESSAGE.....

Welcome to our final edition of the Senior Years' Newsletter for Term 1. Staff and students in the Senior Years have worked consistently throughout the term to ensure positive outcomes for all of our senior students.

Year 10 students have focussed on organising their Work Experience in preparation for their placement in either Week 11 of this term or Week 1 of term 2. Work Experience for MOC students is extremely important offering our students the opportunity to take on some really interesting and challenging responsibilities.

An interesting fact about work experience is that young people are more likely to be successful when looking for work if they have already completed some type of work experience. For students yet to determine their pathway, work experience is a perfect way to sample the vast range of career options available without committing long term. If students have a determined a dedicated pathway, work experience is a wonderful opportunity to attain a real sense of their chosen career. Finally, work experience is an integral component of the Personal Learning Plan, which is the first mandated SACE requirement for our Year 10 students. Thank you to Ms Anna Winston our Year 10 Coordinator who has led the work experience process for Year 10 students this year.

Year 11 and 12 students are well on their way to gaining credits towards their SACE. Staff have been involved in a range of professional development opportunities to support students with a particular focus on SACE moderation. This means that staff have collaborated to plan, clarify, confirm and improve in order to ensure that our assessment processes are valid and reliable against the performance standards for each subject. Moderation procedures are part of the confirming phase for our school assessment in the SACE quality assurance cycle. Thanks also to Mr Daniel Quinlivan our SACE Coordinator for supporting Senior Years' staff through the range of moderation activities thus far.

Angie Michael
Executive Leader 7-12

2016 FORMAL

On Friday the 4th of March, a group of ten students from the formal committee, as well as Mr Brown and Miss Newbound, attended an excursion into Adelaide to view four potential locations for our 2016 formal. These included the Entertainment Centre, the Convention Centre, the Crowne Plaza and the Adelaide Zoo. After viewing these venues, and looking at our criteria we narrowed it down to two options by the end of the day. As a student body we looked at the pros and cons of each venue and a voted to decide on the local of the 2016 formal. We would like to officially announce, the 2016 formal venue is the Crowne Plaza.

Courtney Mackinlay
Formal Committee

Government of South Australia
Department for Education and Child Development

Ph. (08) 8209 1600
www.moc.sa.edu.au | info@moc.sa.edu.au
99 Douglas Drive, Munno Para SA 5115

VET STUDENT PROFILE

STUDENT:
Courtnee-Lee Howell

VET COURSE:
Certificate III in Beauty Services

"My name is Courtnee-Lee Howell and I am currently in Year 11 and undertaking Certificate III in Beauty Services at Elizabeth TAFE.

So far we have covered the basics in WHS and are currently focused on the first topic, waxing. We will also be learning how to apply makeup and I am particularly looking forward to learning how to do nails.

I am really enjoying my VET course so far as it is fun, I am making new friends from other schools and I am learning skills that I can use in my future career."

MEET THE STAFF

Sadie Gent
- Art/ Home Economics Teacher

"Hi, my name is Sadie Gent and I teach Art, Home Economics, Food and Hospitality and Research Project in the SY here at MOC. I am a graduate teacher and prior to coming here I worked as a fishmonger and sold pottery at markets as a ceramic artist.

I lead a fairly active lifestyle outside of school and can be found playing netball during the winter. In the summer I spend as much time at the river wakeboarding as I can, or swimming at the beach.

I would like to thank the MOC community for welcoming me with open arms and I look forward to spending more time with you all in the year ahead. As I am a new face in such a big place, please come and talk to me if you see me around."

SENIOR YEARS TEAM

Angie Michael
Executive Leader 7-12
E: Angie.Michael@moc.sa.edu.au

Olivia Brett
Senior Leader

Anna Winston
Leader - Learning and Year 10

Daniel Quinlivan
Leader - Learning and Year 11/SACE

Craig Brown
Leader - Learning and Year 12

Amy Newbound
Leader - Learning and Wellbeing

https://www.facebook.com/SYatMOC

YEAR 11 ROAD SAFETY

As many of our Year 11 students begin the process of obtaining a driver's licence the school is working with a number of community organisations to offer programs which promote safe driving.

In Week 10 all Year 11 students will attend RAA StreetSmart High. At Street Smart High students will:

- witness a simulated crash scene, including pre and post-crash outcomes
- hear from young people whose lives have been affected by road trauma
- interact with leading community, state government and industry organisations who provide programs that aim to keep young people safe.

The school will be sending consent forms home this week. Please make sure your son or daughter returns this form as soon as possible. The program is free of charge.

Another free service is the keys2drive program. Keys2drive is a revolutionary approach to learning road safety and provides a free driving lesson for the learner driver, driving instructor and parent/supervisor to learn skills together. For further information please go to https://www.keys2drive.com.au.

There will also be visits from SA Police and Metropolitan Fire Service later in the year. By participating in these programs we aim to equip our students with the knowledge and skills to be safe on our roads.

Daniel Quinlivan
Leader - Learning and Year 11/SACE

SENIOR YEARS STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

This past fortnight the Senior Years Student Leadership Team has been formed and I would like to offer my congratulations to the following students who have joined the team either for the first time or who are joining us again from previous years. These students are ***Daniel Hocking, Courtney Mackinlay, Amber Court, Nicolette Trembath, Brianah Hugo, Matthew Orchard, Chelsea-leigh Ryder, Caleb Sager, Kassie Elliss, Gemma Phillis, Emma-leigh Durbridge, Sarsha Carroll and Latisha Francis***. Being part of the Senior Years Student Leadership Team allows students to develop and refine their leadership and decision making skills while also making a difference in their local community.

These students will contribute to the MOC community by expressing student voice, organising awareness events, running assemblies and fundraising for community causes. I look forward to working with these students in the near future.

Amy Newbound
Leader - Learning and Wellbeing

NEIL ATKIN WORKSHOP "More Small Shifts: Huge Changes"

On Thursday 3rd of March 2016, we attended Neil Atkin's workshop. The session was full of fun with challenging inquiry activities to spark divergent thinking. We engaged with plenty of enthusiasm and determination to be rebellious and think differently.

Teachers were paired with a student and were asked to work collaboratively and in a team with the others. The session commenced with students asking their teachers the question, "Are you the teacher you would like to be?" Obviously the teachers' answers were "NO!"

We learned effective questioning technique by modelling Pose, Pause, Pounce, Bounce (PPPB), which was one of the highlights of the sessions. We made the best water rocket in 25 min, it reached the maximum altitude and its structural integrity was perfect to carry an egg to the sky and bring it down without breaking it. Our MOC Rocket was a definite standout from the rest.

We all had lot of fun. We came away with plenty of good ideas to enrich our lessons and to make Science lessons inquiry-based, engaging and fun. This professional development helped us to be curious and rebellious - to think differently.

Anu Dissanayake

SPORTS DAY
YEARS 7-12
Friday 8th April
8:50 - 3:00pm
Wear your house colours and remember to be sun smart (hats and covered shoulders - no singlets)!

Peachey | Douglas | Beaumont | Newton

Are you looking for *career guidance?*

iTrack online mentoring program is coming to MARK OLIPHANT COLLEGE in Term 2

Calling all students in Year 10 to take up this great opportunity to explore your career options!

This is your chance to explore study and career pathways with a volunteer mentor from our corporate and community partners.

We have limited places for this great program which is running each week in Term 2. Don't miss out!

To find out more please speak to Ms Winston in Building 11 and ask for an information pack.

thesmithfamily.com.au

The Smith Family
everyone's family