Welcome back to a new term at MCEC. We trust that you had a safe and happy break. We have jumped into the new term head first, and are looking forward to lots of fun activities and learning.

**First Aid Training**

We have participated in our first session for first aid training. It was very successful and the feedback I have received from the students is that they have really enjoyed the session. The trainers were very impressed by the enthusiasm of the students and everyone is looking forward to the second session which is scheduled for Thursday 5th May.

**School Council**

This year the school has its annual review. Council had a special training session—improving School Governance run by the Department of Education. This session focused on the roles and responsibilities of school councils for this important process. We will develop the plan for MCEC’s next three years over coming meetings.

During the training session we discussed the importance of the school community in making the best decisions for our students. We will be calling on parental input through phone conversations, surveys and possibly online forums.

Further to this we have created a “Comments and Feedback” box in the reception area. We invite all students and parents to contribute if there is something they would like to discuss/suggest.

**Communities of Practice**

Following from the council training I attended the local principal’s meeting this week. This was completely relevant and reinforced the Council training session. Building Communities of Practice relates to sharing resources—experiences, stories and tools to determine the best method to approach a shared interest. Our interest is wanting the best for our students.

Problem solving, requesting information, seeking experience, reusing assets, co-ordinating, building confidence, discussing developments and documenting projects are all examples of ways communities develop their practice.

We will be working closely with you to help build the Montague Community of Practice.

**Anzac Day Celebrations**

I attended a wonderful service for Anzac Day in Bay Street Port Melbourne. Next year we will be preparing a special wreath from the students for the service.

**Rubicon Camp**

Lee and Ella took five students away for the night to Camp Rubicon. They all had a fantastic time, and we will include their reflections of the camp in the next newsletter.

Finally, in closing I will be taking some long service leave from 5th—13th May. I will be back at school on Monday 16th. In my absence Sotiria will be in-charge.

Best wishes,
Video Entries for MFB Film Competition

Some students in Sotiria’s room have been working on fire safety videos that have been submitted into the Melbourne Fire Brigade Film Competition. So you can see the excellent efforts of Josh H, Josh P, Abby and Noah we have uploaded the films onto the school website. Please log on and we’re sure you’ll be as impressed as we are!

Go to: www.montague.vic.edu.au
Click on Students and Student Work Examples, or click here

Welcome Josh D and Daniel B

We have two new students this term and we would like to welcome them and introduce them to you. Both boys are here 3 days a week, and are aiming to complete their VCAL this year.

In the Garden

This year Sam Belden has taken on the role of maintaining our gardens and grounds. Sam is a former student of MCEC and is studying Certificate III in Horticulture at TAFE. We think Sam has been doing a fantastic job, coming in every Friday to sweep, weed, mow and more.

To assist him during the week Lee’s team have been working in the garden as well. On Tuesday mornings they are out in the gardens helping to keep MCEC looking fresh and healthy.
Keep the sickness away!

- Coming into the kitchen with your germs... um no thankyou. If you are sick make sure you stay out of the kitchen because not only are you contaminated but then you will always contaminate the people around you and the others who you are cooking for.
- Once again if you cough or sneeze make sure you wash your hands.

Excerpt from “Kitchen Hygiene” Powerpoint By Mack and Liv

All about me.

My name is Josh D, I am 17 years of age. I currently live with my mum in an apartment. I currently have a cat called Jasper, he’s a grey shorthair (I think) and he is currently 10 years of age. My main interests are Computers, trains, horses, photography and literally anything to do with transport. I think my strengths at school are that I am really good with computers and as such, everyone asks me for tech support. My goals for this year? Uhhhh... I don’t have one as of writing this. (18/4/2016).

The reason why I really like computers is that building and messing with them is like Lego. Very expensive Lego. Another thing I also like about them is that every configuration is unique in every way.

Newsletter

In this newsletter I’m going to tell you about what I have done this week.

On Monday I wrote on padlet about what I did in Duke.

In Duke we went to Jay park. I did 7 lap of the Jay park oval.

Then we had mindfulness with Janet. On Tuesday I was not at school because I had lots of appointments. On Wednesday I went to sport with Peter. Have a great day and see you next time.

By harri

How we vote in Australia

DANIEL B

As we all know this year is an election year.

Elections are held every 3 years in Australia for the federal governments House of Representatives and 6 years for the Senate.

How a party wins an election is quite simple each member of the house of reps has to campaign in his or her home town also known as an electorate or a seat.

The residents in these electorates then have to decide which candidate is best suited to represent them in the parliament.

Small parties/micro parties campaign in these electorates aswell to try and get elected into parliament most of the time they don’t win you can also run for parliament as an independent which means you have no affiliation with a political party.

If one party fails to get enough majority to secure a seat they can use their preferences to secure a seat preferences mean a deal done with large and small political parties to bail each other out depending on how much of the vote they get.
This week we did the first part of our first aid course. In this part we learnt about C.P.R. It was really cool. We were taught how to preform C.P.R on these dummies. To preform C.P.R you have to first check the airways. Open up the mouth to check if anything is there, if there is then take it out, then you tilt the head back by putting your hand under the neck and on the forehead to clear the airways. If there is blood or vomit turn the person to the side using the arm and leg of the person for support then scoop the blood or vomit out with your finger or the person’s finger then turn them back. Then you push on the person’s chest using your body weight instead of your arms. Alternate between 30 compresses of the chest and to breath in to the mouth letting the air go in and out before you do the next one. Continue this till the paramedics arrive.

By Jonathon—22/4/16

Montague Street Bridge Project

The Montague Street Bridge has been making numerous headlines recently in the news.

As a part of the Silver Duke program, David and Ella will be working with the students to collect data, analyse it and design a warning system for trucks breaching the height restrictions.

We expect this will be a fun investigation, along with being an excellent learning experience for the students—working on their numeracy and analysis skills, to present a recommendation to improve community safety. Ella and David expect this investigation to take the Silver Dukes until term 4.

The initial stage of investigation was to collect data, including photos of warning signs and symbols currently in place, and counting and classifying vehicles successfully travelling under the bridge.