PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Farewell to Heather Cameron:
This week we bid farewell to Heather Cameron who is retiring from her role in the school office. Heather commenced at the college in 2005 and has assumed a wide variety of responsibilities over the years and been a wonderful asset to the school. As our school captain, Sara Bolch, said at Monday’s assembly, Heather has had a great relationship with everyone in the school and staff and students alike will miss her a great deal. We wish Heather all the best as she moves to a more active role on the farm.

Beacon Ambassadors:
Included in this newsletter is an article that was published in the Beacon Foundation newsletter last week reporting on the South West cluster meeting of Beacon ambassadors held at Mortlake College in the last week of Term 2. Congratulations to Stacey, Charmarelle and Brad on their excellent presentations to the group and I’m sure our current ambassadors would have gained inspiration from their presentations. The Beacon program provides a great opportunity for the Year 10 students as a whole to gain valuable insights into the world of work, the variety of pathways options open to them and what is required to be successful.

Parent Opinion Surveys:
Later this week Parent Opinion surveys will be posted to a randomly selected sample of parents. If you receive a survey please take the time to complete it as it does provide important data for the school. Completed surveys need to be returned to the school not later than Friday 2 August.

Warrnambool Eisteddfod Debating:
This week a number of students from Years 5-7 are participating in the Warrnambool Eisteddfod debating competition. This will be an invaluable experience for the students. The process of preparing arguments, working together as part of a team and then having to debate a topic in front of an unfamiliar audience are all very challenging but rewarding aspects of the experience. Congratulations to the following students for their participation in the debates;

Years 5/6:
Phoebe Calvert Keely Moore Grace Thulborn Alice Tanner- Chairperson

Years 7/8:
Kismet McCarroll Erin McGuigan Henni Roxburgh
Bobby Jamieson Harry Quail Henry Kain

Parent-Teacher Interviews:
Our Parent-Teacher interviews for second semester will be held on Tuesday 20 August from 2:00pm until 6:30pm. Students will be dismissed at the end of period 4 and buses will leave at 1pm. As has been the case in recent years interview times will be sent home for our P-4 students in the coming weeks and teachers of students in Years 5-12 will be located in the BER building for parents to meet with as staff become available.

Professional Development Day for Staff:
Please keep in mind that Friday 23 August is a pupil-free day to enable staff to participate in a day of professional development.
State Schools’ Spectacular:

Good luck to the following students who will be part of a 1500 strong choir performing at the State Schools’ Spectacular in Melbourne this weekend:

Cooper Lower       Nikki Hustwayte       Jake Tanner       Jade Petrovic
Gerald Monteith    Bree Cummins         Claudia Calvert   Shona McGuigan

I would like to thank Lyle Russell and Kate Calvert who will accompany the group during their stay in Melbourne.

VCE and Tertiary Information Sessions:

Following Parent-Teacher interview on August 20 Information sessions will be held for;
- Current Year 12 students and their parents on applying for tertiary courses, scholarships etc
- Students and parents of students intending to study a VCE course or subject(s) in 2014.

More information on these sessions will be provided in next week’s newsletter.

Literacy/Numeracy Week:

Next week we will be celebrating Literacy and Numeracy Week. During the week students will be involved in a range of activities including Peer Reading on Thursday morning with senior students reading to P-4 classes, quizzes and spelling competitions across the school.

A ‘Great Book Swap’ fundraiser is also being conducted where students are asked to bring in a book that they love but can bear to part with as part of a fundraiser to raise money for children in remote Indigenous communities. Students are able to bring in a gold coin donation on Friday and select a book from our collection. The Indigenous Literacy Foundation will use these funds to provide books and literacy resources to students.

On Friday 2 August staff, students and visitors are asked to dress up with a ‘mad’ hat or fairy tale related hat. Year Prep to Four students have invited grandparents and special visitors into their classrooms from 9.30am to 10.30am for some literacy and numeracy activities and presentations. Visitors will also watch P-4 students parade their hats and then enjoy a ‘Special Visitors’ morning tea in the library.

Graeme Good
P-4 Mad Hatters Tea Party
To Celebrate
National Literacy and Numeracy Week

GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL VISITORS MORNING

- Classroom Visits: 9.30-10.30am
- Hat Parade: 10.30am Undercover Area
- Morning Tea for Visitors Library (after the Hat Parade).

Please wear your favourite “Mad Hat” or a fairytale related hat to our parade.
Invites sent home last week. RSVP: Monday 31 July

Parents Association - Bunnings BBQ Warrnambool
Sunday 4th August - 8:30am - 4:00pm
We are holding a Bunnings BBQ as a fundraiser for the school and need parents help in cooking & serving. Please see roster below and contact Wendy Lynzaat if you are able to help out - it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

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SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL HALL

Tickets on sale from Wednesday 19th June 9am
Mortlake College Office
03 55992204

Book, Music & Lyrics by Lionel Bart
Orchestral arrangements by William David Brohn

By arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty. Ltd, exclusive representative of Cameron Mackintosh and the Southbrook Group.
Three of last year’s BSAs from Mortlake addressed the Beacon Southwest Term 2 cluster meeting held on June 26. They have all been involved in some great leadership activities on a national scale this year and told us all about their experiences.

Stacey Shalders recently attended the Outward Bound National Aspiring Leaders’ Summit in Canberra on a Beacon scholarship with other young people from all over Australia. Stacey won the opportunity after successfully coming up with an idea about how she wanted to make a difference in her local community. Stacey’s idea for a community project was to hold a 'Thrifty Formal' to encourage young people in Mortlake to enjoy themselves without drugs or alcohol. The event was held recently with great success.

Brad Tanner is the Communications Captain in the school this year and recently attended the Rotary Adventure in Citizenship Program in Canberra. As well as visiting various cultural institutions, the program also included role-play, guest speakers and parliamentary chamber visits. Brad entertained us with his stories of Politicians being kicked out of the Parliament for bad behaviour and meeting Kevin Rudd in a bombproof car park! Brad’s advice to the current BSAs was to make the most of every opportunity to meet as many people as possible in their role this year.

Charmarelle McCarroll is very active in the local community and was lucky enough to attend the UBS Young Women’s Leadership Academy in Sydney earlier this term. The objective of the program is to provide leadership skills to emerging and potential female leaders in local communities. The students involved interacted with a diverse group of contemporary women leaders who provided them with assistance to help them look beyond their experience.

Stacey, Brad and Charmarelle all agreed that their experience in being a Beacon Student Ambassador last year had been very beneficial and had particularly benefited them in terms of their confidence, networking skills, people skills and organisation.
The Book Fair – Books for Everyone

When: Tuesday 30th July and Wednesday 31st July
Where: In the Library

The Book fair will be opened for business in the library before school, at recess and after school on both days. Books for all ages, bring your family and friends.

Wednesday Breakfasts

Breakfast will be available on Wednesday morning before school in the Home Eco room. This will consist of cereal, milk and also fresh fruit when available. On the cold mornings we will also have a hot drink available. The breakfast is FREE and we have to thank Kelloggs for a wonderfully large donation of cereal this term.

Breakfast will be available from 8:40 am till 8:55.

Any questions or if you would like to assist in some way, contact Jenny Williams, Adolescent Health Nurse at Mortlake College.

Aussie of the Month June – Anna Roxburgh

New Zealand Camp 2014 – Information Session

We will be having a short meeting next Tuesday 30th July at 6:30 pm in room 1.

In this session we aim to explain some of the ideas and logistics of taking an overseas camp and will also provide some background from the past camps we have taken.

We ask that all students considering going on New Zealand camp next year come to the meeting and bring at least one consenting adult with them. At the conclusion of the meeting we also ask that families commit to camp so that we are able to put charges onto family accounts and begin making firmer bookings and finalising budgets. The cost of the camp is $1300 and the first payment of $500 will be due at the end of this term.

At the meeting we will provide a list of frequently asked questions and will be available to answer questions at the end of the presentation. We will also have some useful passport information available.

Looking forward to seeing you there. - Geoff and Anne De Manser
1. Well done to both Airlia Munn and Lizzy Kelly who competed at Werribee National Equestrian Centre in the EA State Championships over the last week of the school break. Airlia competed in the main competition with several class choices, (Dressage/Showjumping/ Novelties/Show/Rider/ Handy Mount) and Lizzy competed in the Showjumping. Whilst the weather was cold (with those freezing mornings), at least it was drier than the previous couple of years. Both girls performed well in their various classes.

2. We welcome back to school this week Asha Kelly, who has spent the past three weeks in Germany, with a group of other young riders on a trip organised by The Horse Magazine. A lot of riding was involved and Asha achieved her competency certificates which enable her to ride at competitive events in jumping at 1m 20 in Germany. Well done Asha, and we look forward to further details in a future issue once the jetlag has passed.


We haven’t fielded entries in this event for the past couple of years, but someone may be interested. Entry forms on Noticeboard. Please note: I need to sign off entry forms and then you mail them off with your personal cheques payable to Warrnambool Pony Club. Annette Janes

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**Asthma tips for Parents and Carers this Winter**

Winter can be a hard time for people with asthma as cold weather, coughs, colds and the flu can bring on more symptoms and attacks.

- The common cold is caused by a virus and it is important to try not to cough and sneeze near other people, and to wash hands properly to prevent passing on the infection. The flu is different to the common cold and can be a much more serious viral infection.
- People with asthma are recommended to have an annual influenza vaccination (the flu shot). Preventing the flu protects people with asthma, as those with asthma are often unwell for longer and have a much harder time recovering from the flu.
- Make sure your child’s asthma is well-controlled; this will help them to bounce back quicker from a cough or cold and will help prevent asthma attacks when they are unwell.
- Some medications and herbal remedies that we use for colds and flu can make asthma worse. Speak to your doctor or pharmacist about any concerns you may have.
- Antibiotics are not normally prescribed for the common cold, or influenza, as these medications will not help a cold get better. Effective medications may include paracetamol and decongestants; however seek advice from your doctor or pharmacist before purchasing them for your child.
- Suggested remedies for the flu and the common cold are: rest, staying hydrated by drinking plenty of water, staying away from cigarette smoke, using steam inhalation, gargling with salty water for a sore throat and seeking medical advice if concerned at any time.

For more information on the common cold, medications and references used in this article please see the Better Health Channel (State Government of Victoria) - [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au) and the NPS website - [www.nps.org.au](http://www.nps.org.au). Contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462) or [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au).
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due to be paid from mid-August onwards for parents/guardians who chose the 'direct deposit' or 'pay direct to school' payment option on their application form.

Parents/guardians who chose the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August / early September.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Parents/guardians whose children have transferred to this school since 28 February 2013 will need to submit a new EMA application form. Applications close on 2 August 2013.

Eligibility information can be obtained from: www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm

**Contact:** School Office for an application form and further information.

**Key Dates:**
- Eligibility day - **15 July 2013**
- Parent applications close - **2 August 2013**
- Direct Deposit payments - **Mid August 2013** onwards
- Cheque payments - **Late August / Early September 2013**
TERANG JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Registration Form

Player registration form for 2nd season 2013 to commence on Friday 23rd August, 2013 (to be confirmed). Names to be handed in to stadium, or faxed to Terang Stadium by Monday 5th August, 2013. Stadium fax 5592 1747

Any enquiries to Donna Judd 0439 681 048

All players must be seven years or older by first to register for participation.

Division 1 $7.00 weekly               Division 2 $6.00 weekly               Division 3 $5.00 weekly

Victorian Country Basketball Registration/Insurance $31.00 per year for all new players and players due/payable by 2nd week of play

Name: _____________________________ Date of birth: __________ M/F

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Contact Phone: _________________ Contact Email: _________________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: ________________________________

Willing to coach: YES / NO

We are in need of coaches for all divisions, please put your name down to assist, this would be much appreciated.
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