Principal’s Report:

Literacy & Numeracy Week

Literacy and Numeracy week is being celebrated this week and lots of interesting activities have already taken place. Just a reminder about a couple of things. Hopefully, by the time you read this newsletter lots of pre-loved books will have been provided for ‘The Great Book Swap.’ On Friday, if students bring a gold coin donation they can select a book from those that have been brought to school. Funds raised from the purchase of books will be used by the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to provide books and literacy resources to indigenous students.

Also on Friday 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.

Parents’ Association

The Parents’ Association has had a number of very successful fundraising efforts this year, and, of course, their major fundraising initiative for the year will be the fete which is to be held on Saturday 19 October so please keep this date free. The PA is hopeful that, if the fete is successful, they will be in a position to fund new playground equipment for the primary students. There was great excitement among the students last week when they got to look at a couple of playground designs and indicate which one they favoured. The next fundraising event is a ‘Bunning’s BBQ’ next Sunday and hopefully, by the time this newsletter is being read, there will be sufficient helpers for the day.

Information Night

Thank you to all the families who attended the Prep Information Night on Tuesday evening. It was great to meet a number of parents who will be new to the school next year and also to catch up with those who already have children at the school. Many thanks also to Sue Amos, our Prep teacher, for all her work in preparing for the evening. It is important for planning purposes that enrolment forms be completed and handed in at the school office as soon as possible.

School Council

At school council meetings this year a number of students have made presentations to council detailing special programs or events that they have participated in. At our recent meeting Lily Grant and Jake Tanner spoke about their time at the School for Student Leadership – Snowy River campus during second term. They outlined some of the activities that they had participated in including their three day expo where they hiked and canoed whilst coping with heavy swags and some difficult weather. They both thoroughly enjoyed their time at Marlo and felt that they had got a lot out of their time there.

Stacey Shalders, our senior Wellbeing captain, also reported to council on the senior formal that was held in June. Stacey had presented her proposal for the formal to council back in April, so it was great to hear that the evening had been such an overwhelming success and that it had been so well supported by the senior students.

School Council members have really enjoyed hearing from the students and learning about their varied experiences.
“Let’s Talk Reconciliation”

On Friday July 19 three of our staff members; Lyle Russell, Olivia Campbell and Alison Coate joined local community leaders at the Framlingham community to discuss ways in which Aboriginal culture and community could be better reflected in the school curriculum. The staff members came away from the day feeling that, whilst we as a school are committed to educating our students about indigenous culture, there was certainly scope at both primary and secondary levels to build on what is currently being done at school.

Japanese Sister School

This year we have commenced a sister-school relationship with Tateno Primary School in Yokohama. During her recent study tour in Japan, our Japanese LOTE teacher, Danielle Blomely, had the opportunity to visit the school. Danielle prepared a brief report for school council on her visit to the school and I have included that in this newsletter as it makes for very interesting reading. We are certainly hopeful that we can continue to strengthen the ties between the two schools into the future.

School Production: Oliver

The 2013 school production of ‘Oliver’ commences next Monday with a matinee performance for schools and I would like to wish everyone associated with the production every success over the coming weeks. With a demanding schedule it is very important that students look after themselves over this time.

Beacon ‘Business Event’

On Tuesday, as part of the Year 10 Beacon program a ‘Business Event’ was held. The Beacon Ambassadors invited Michelle Lehmann and Heather Erwin to talk to the Year 10 students about their respective careers in the Health Sciences field. Both Heather and Michelle had very interesting stories to tell and they certainly provoked a lot of interesting questions from the group. Mason Fagan, one of our Beacon ambassadors, has provided a report which is included in this newsletter.

VCE Information

As I mentioned last week, there are some important meetings scheduled for students either currently studying VCE subjects or who will be doing so in 2014. Please refer to the information sheet that is included in this newsletter and, if you have any queries at all, please contact Anthea Good at school.

Graeme Good

**Education Maintenance Allowance 2013: Instalment 2**

**REMINDER - Parent Applications Close this Friday—2nd August!**

Any new applications must be received at the school by 2pm to ensure eligibility for the 2nd payment due Mid August.

No further Applications can be processed after this date.

Please see Dot Jenkins, Business Manager, if you have any queries.

**BOOK SWAP—**

**Friday 2nd August**

**DONATE A BOOK AND RAISE MONEY FOR INDIGENOUS LITERACY DAY**

All books available to purchase for a gold coin!
You are invited to a Mad Hatters Tea Party

To Celebrate National Literacy and Numeracy Week

GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL VISITORS MORNING

Friday 2nd August -

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

Please wear your favourite “Mad Hat” or a fairytale related hat to our parade.

On Tuesday the Beacon Ambassadors hosted a Business Event where invited guests spoke to Year 10 students. Heather Erwin is a trained nurse, sports massager and football trainer for her local club. Michelle Lehman, a former student, studied Chinese medicine at university in Melbourne and is working currently in the district in Portland, Hamilton and Mortlake.

They both spoke about their career and life including their schooling life and university and the training they did to get to where they are now. They both talked about their career and aspirations in depth to the students and answered many questions asked by the students. Both Heather and Michelle told the students about the work force and university and to work towards a job that the students will enjoy.

The next Beacon activity being organised is a BBQ with the boys which will involve Year 10 and 11 boys in a day long activity with trained presenters. This event will be held on Wednesday 14th August.

There was coffee, tea and milo for everyone there as well as cupcakes made by the ambassadors. Beacon is a non profit organisation aiming to help students look for possible occupations and career pathways and encourage them to pursue them. Also any suggestions for Beacon excursions should be put forward to the Beacon Ambassadors.

by Mason Fagan

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 20th August
2:00 — 6:30pm

Yrs 5 - 12 in BER
(no appointments necessary)

Yrs Prep - 4 in classrooms
(appointment times needed)

REMINDER—STUDENTS HALF DAY ONLY - HOME AT 1PM

Careers Corner

Open Day Dates this weekend —

Monash (Berwick & Peninsula) 3rd Aug - 10am-4pm
Monash (Caulfield, Clayton & Parkville) 4th Aug - 10am-4pm
Deakin (Warrnambool) - 4th Aug - 9am-2pm
Swinburne Uni of Technology (Hawthorn) - 4th Aug - 10am-4pm
Rehearsals for this year’s Production are in full swing and everyone is getting excited about the show’s opening in 1 weeks time!

The Soldiers’ Memorial Hall is slowly being transformed and the Cast, Chorus & Crew are all working hard on pulling together another fantastic display of artistic talent at Mortlake College.

Tickets for all shows are still available from the Office so if you still haven’t got your tickets we suggest you get in quick.

Just a reminder that this year we are offering a Matinee Performance on Wednesday 7th Aug at 12 noon—this is a great show for the Grandparents to come along to (to avoid the cold night). Opening Night - Friday 9th - promises to be a little different from past shows with an air of mystery - Plenty of Finger Food will be served so no need to bring any food, but BYO drinks including alcohol is welcomed. Thursday 15th August is our Theatre Night—this is a good value night to bring the whole family and the Finale Supper Night on Friday 16th Aug is always a special night with great food—this night is also BYO Drinks and is selling fast so don’t miss out!
STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR 2013

The SPECTACULAR has become an annual event that a group of dedicated students, teachers and parents have tackled over the years. This year, six students travelled to Melbourne to take part in the musical SPECTACULAR performed at the Hisense Arena. This is an Education Department initiative for government schools: students can audition for principal parts, play in the orchestra, dance in the ensembles, or take part in the 1500 strong mass chorus or dances groups.

Our students – Claudia Calvert, Shona McGuigan, Jade Petrovic, Jake Tanner, Gerald Monteith and Cooper Lower – learnt a series of songs and harmonies, attended 2 rehearsals in Melbourne and took part in the 2 day preparation for the 2 performances on Saturday. With a sensational light show, an 80 piece student orchestra, a series of talented student soloists, it was truly a spectacular show.

Thanks to Kate Calvert who has been instrumental in transporting students to Melbourne and a vocal member of the chorus. The Spectacular can be viewed on Channel 7 at 2.30pm on Sunday, October 20th. As we were positioned directly behind the special Performing Arts Choir, we won’t be hard to see!

Lyle Russell
Performing Arts Coordinator

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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Tateno Primary School — our sister school in Yokohama, Japan.

During my recent time to Japan, I had the opportunity to visit our sister, Tateno Primary School, in Yokohama. Yokohama is the second biggest city in Japan with Tateno being situated in an older established suburb, just a short train trip from Yokohama Station. The school itself is beside a train station in an area of high-density housing.

The first view as you exit the station is of a 4-storied building with playground and an extremely high net fence around the perimeter of the grounds. While this fence keeps play equipment in the yard, it also serves as a security fence. To enter the school ground, one must speak to the office by intercom and then key in the security number to open the gate. Speaking with the teachers, the school’s proximity to the station necessitates this extra security.

As mentioned, the school was a 4-storied building. The offices, meeting rooms, staffroom, health centre, library and gymnasium are all situated on the first floor while the floors above contain the classrooms. The school also has a 25 metre swimming pool on the roof of the building.

I was pleasantly surprised to find a very progressive and lively school. The wall between each classroom and corridor has been removed to create open learning spaces. The students in all classrooms were able to move around and there seemed to be lots of “hands on” activities. Students had access to computers in their classrooms as well as the computer laboratory. This is not usually the case in Japanese schools where the classroom layout is more traditional and computer access is limited to computer classes. The school had a real buzz and positive energy about it.

The students at Tateno study the usual range of curriculum areas. The school has a strong desire to develop global citizens and so, students also have a subject called international studies. This is held in a dedicated classroom and involves learning about different countries from visiting guests as well as the teaching staff. While the Japanese Government has only recently mandated the teaching of English in primary school, English has been part of the curriculum at Tateno for ten years and is taught from Year 1 to Year 6.

In line with this, the school is very keen to develop our sister-school relationship as part of its program to develop global citizens. Our students have already written class letters to Tateno, we have exchanged basic information about our schools and during my absence, both schools created videos to show more about their school. I was able to meet with the Principal and the two teachers coordinating the sister-school program and together we discussed the program and how we can implement it to meet the needs of both schools. We devised a program of exchanges and topics to share over the coming year and are looking at Office 365 as the means to make actual contact with each other. We are in the process of setting this up and hopefully, will have a video conference with Tateno before their summer vacation starts next.

My visit to Tateno Primary School was a thoroughly enjoyable and productive experience. It was so nice to put faces to names and to be able to personally talk with the coordinating teachers. I think that we are very lucky to have established a relationship with such an enthusiastic and progressive school.

Danielle Blomeley
Term 3 is a very busy and important time for all VCE students. After reading their Semester One reports they should have set some meaningful goals for the rest of the year and be making a concerted effort to achieve them! All VCE students should have a realistic and effective study plan worked out to ensure that they are putting an appropriate amount of time at home into each of their VCE subjects. If they need help with this they should approach their house mentor or myself as soon as possible.

Year 12 students intending to go to University will need to work out their tertiary selections for 2014, and try to attend appropriate Open Days, many of which occur during August. Year 11 students should also look at attending some of these Open Days to help with decision-making in Year 12! Year 12 students should also be researching scholarship and accommodation opportunities, and drafting letters of application. Students not planning to go onto further studies need to prepare a resume for job seeking purposes, and speak to Mr Croucher (Careers Co-ordinator) about ways in which he may be able to assist.

Next week students (excluding Year 12) will be given the VCE Course Information Booklet for 2014. It is important for students to look at the options available, and also to seek additional information from the VCAA website, which has detailed descriptions of each VCE unit offered. Students will have approximately one week to return an initial subject selection sheet, which will allow us to look at courses students are considering prior to Parent Teacher interviews.

All parents and VCE students are expected to attend Parent Teacher interviews on Tuesday 20th August. If parents are unable to attend for any reason, please contact the school to arrange an alternative time to meet with me. Along with discussing progress in individual subjects, it is intended that house mentors will be discussing with prospective VCE students and parents the initial course preferences to see whether the course chosen is the most appropriate pathway.

Immediately following the conclusion of Parent/Teacher interviews at 6.30 there will be two information sessions held. One session will be specifically for current Year 12 students, and will explain a wide range of issues dealing with applying for tertiary education (how the process works, changing preferences, special entry application schemes, scholarships, accommodation etc). I would encourage all current Year 12 students and their parents to attend, even if they are not intending to pursue tertiary study at this stage.

The second session is for students currently enrolled in Year 11 and below. It is particularly important for Year 10 students and their parents to attend this session prior to entering their first year of VCE in Year 11. It is also important for younger students who are thinking about studying a VCE/VET/SBA subject in 2014 (ie. current Year 8/9 students). A whole range of VCE issues will be discussed, and details will be given about the range of courses and subjects available.

Students will be expected to make final decisions about their VCE course structure for 2014 in the days following this Information Night.

Finally, Year 11 students will need to be working towards their Year 11 exams to be held in Week 8 of term (Week beginning Monday 2nd September). Year 10 students should be reading their copy of the book ‘Where to Now’, which is a 2014 guide to the VCE, VCAL and Apprenticeships and Traineeships. If students did not receive a copy of this book they need to see Mr Croucher.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the above information, please feel free to contact me at school.

Anthea Good
VCE Co-ordinator
P-4 Assembly - Wednesday 31st July - A very proud bunch of Award Winners!

Sean Dennis & Caleb Humm
Leading Assembly.

Lockie Lehmann displays his hard work!
Raising Teens
A program for parents of children in Years 8, 9 & 10

Topics include:

- Normalising behavior
- Setting boundaries & Discipline
- Identifying at risk behavior
- Maintaining your relationship
- Communication

Date: Tue 22nd October 2013
Time: 6.30pm—8pm
Venue: Mortlake College
Cost: FREE
Book at the office for free supper.
TERANG JUNIOR BASKETBALL - Registration Form

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

Any enquiries to Donna Judd 0439 681 048

All players must be seven years or older by first round 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/\textit{payable by 2\textsuperscript{nd} week of play}

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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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**** REMINDER **

Friday 23rd August - PUPIL FREE DAY

**Sorry, we're CLOSED**