Term 3 - Week 4 - 7th August 2013

Principal’s Report:

Literacy & Numeracy Week

Last week’s celebration of literacy and numeracy was a great success and culminated in a very exciting day on Friday where many parents and grandparents visited the school to spend time in classrooms, view the Mad Hatters’ parade and enjoy morning tea. Over $200 was raised for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation through ‘The Great Book Swap’ and hopefully, lots of students have also got some new books they can enjoy. I would like to thank our Literacy Coordinator, Jane Povey, for all her work in organising the week.

New Zealand camp

It was pleasing to see so many parents and students at last week’s NZ camp meeting. As Mr DeManser said at the meeting, planning for the camp which is to be held towards the end of first term next year is well underway and families are reminded that their commitment to the camp is to be made by Friday this week.

School Production: Oliver

The school production is now underway with the first matinee having been held on Monday and another on Wednesday. As I have mentioned before we are extremely fortunate to have staff and parents prepared to take on the very significant commitment required to present a major school production each year. Again, I would like to wish everyone involved every success with the show.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Project

Included in this newsletter is information about a working-bee for the proposed Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden project that is being introduced in 2014. The Kitchen Garden is a very exciting project that has applications across many curriculum areas but it does require quite a bit of preparation so it would be great to see lots of families at the working bee on Sunday 18 August commencing at 10am.

Education Support staff

During August schools across the state are celebrating ‘Education Support’ month where we acknowledge the wonderful contribution that Education Support staff make to our schools. We are extremely fortunate at Mortlake College to have marvellous ES staff. Our ES staff may work in diverse areas across the school but they all contribute to making Mortlake College a great school.

Parents’ Association- Bunning’s BBQ

I would like to thank all those who assisted at the Bunning’s fundraiser on Sunday and helped make the day a success. I would like to especially acknowledge Wendy Lynzaat for all her work in organising the day.
**Newsletter format**

You would have noticed a change to both the format and the content of last week’s newsletter. We are hoping that the new format will enable the newsletter to be more informative so that communication between the school and family is strengthened. A lot happens at school and we will endeavour to provide a range of reports and information each week.

**Reminders!**

I would just like to remind all our families that classes will conclude at 12:50pm on Tuesday 20 August to enable Parent-Teacher interviews to commence at 2pm. Also, as mentioned in previous newsletters, two information sessions will be held after the interviews conclude at 6:30pm, one for our current Year 12 students and another for those intending to study a VCE/VET course/subject(s) in 2014. Senior students are reminded to check the University and TAFE Open Days schedule as most institutions hold their Open Days in August. Last weekend, some of our Year 12 students attended the open days at Monash and Deakin and found them to be very valuable. There are more open days scheduled for the coming weeks.

Also, please remember that Friday 23 August is a pupil-free day as all staff will be involved in professional development.

Graeme Good

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**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Working Bee**

We are very excited to be creating our own Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden at Mortlake College. This will enable students to gain an understanding and appreciation of how to grow and prepare our own food.

To help establish the garden area for our students we are planning to hold a **Working Bee on Sunday August 18th at 10am at Mortlake College.** At this time we would like to clear some areas in the junior playground and build some garden beds for students to fill and utilise. As some of these projects require heavy lifting and building we would like the support of our school community to help. If you are available to assist for 2-3 hours on the 18th it would be most appreciated.

Please complete the note below or email or call Jane Povey or Kath Tanner if you are available on this day. If you are able to bring along your own gardening implements, wheelbarrow etc. it would be very helpful.

**Email** – Povey.jane.e@edumail.vic.gov.au and/or Tanner.kathryn.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

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**SPORT SPOT**

**CLAY TARGET SHOOTING**

Any secondary students wishing to compete in a Clay Target Shooting competition in Noorat on Thursday 22nd August need to see Mr. Jones a.s.a.p.

**LUNCHTIME SPORT 2013**

Just a reminder that lunchtime Sport for Years 5-12 starts next week (Week 5), Junior Girls Netball. Student who signed up will need to bring appropriate sports gear and footwear. If you have any queries please feel free to contact me.

Mr. Nathan Jones
Sports Coordinator 7-12
jones.nathan.t@edumail.vic.gov.au

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I/We are available to assist with the working bee on August 18th.
Our Term So Far in 1/2M

We have been learning about what real reading looks and sounds like. This term we are learning about Fairy Tales and we know a lot about Goldilocks, Pinocchio, Little Red Riding Hood and Jack and the Beanstalk. We have new writing goals and are using full stops and capital letters properly. We love the Daily 5 and we like writing a lot!

In Maths we are learning about Multiplication and times, and groups with Miss Matters. With Mrs. Reichman we are learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We love having Mrs. Reichman back, and its lots of fun having 2 teachers.

So far this year we have liked Pirate Day the best!

By Adam White & Chelsea McCosh

FREE Wednesday Breakfasts

Breakfast is 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 also have a hot drink available.

Students have to get in early so that they make it to class on time.

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.

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 —

Latrobe Uni—Shepparton Campus—9th Aug—4-7pm
ACU—Melbourne Campus—11th Aug—10am-4pm
Deakin Uni—Geelong Waurn Ponds—11th Aug—9am-3pm
Deakin Uni—Geelong Waterfront—11th Aug—9am-3pm
The Gordon—11th Aug—10am—3pm
Longerenong College—11th Aug—10am-3pm
RMIT—11th Aug—10am —4pm
Academy of Design Aust—11th Aug—9am-5pm
Aust. College of Sports Therapy—11th Aug—10am-4pm
SOLDIERS’ MEMORIAL HALL

ONLY 1 Week till Opening
Tickets on sale NOW—
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03 55992204

Friday 9th August
“Opening Night”
Includes Pre-Show Finger Food
Meal & Complimentary Beverage
And Coffee & Cake © Interval
BYO Drinks—including Alcohol
- Seating with Small Tables-
6:30pm - $25

Thursday 15th August
“Theatre Night”
- Seated Show-
7:00pm - $15 adult & $8 student

Friday 16th August
“Supper Night
&
Final Celebration”
- Tables Show -
(Tables of 10 but individual
tickets sold)
6:30pm - $25

2 shows down and only 4 to go!
The Soldiers’ Memorial Hall is a buzz with excitement as our first shows have kicked off and been a
great success. The Cast and Chorus look and sound amazing and the performance showcases the
artistic talent at Mortlake College. Great work from everybody behind the scenes !!
Tickets for the remaining shows are still available from the Office so if you still haven’t got your tickets
we suggest you get in quick.
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. (ONLY A FEW SEATS LEFT for this night ! )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 August is always a special night with great food—this night is also BYO Drinks and is selling
fast so don’t miss out !
“fruit AND vegies”
How often do you eat fruit and vegetables every day? At 5 serves of vegetables and 2 of fruit that’s a lot of good healthy food to help you get through the day with more energy.

You should try to eat more:
- Fruits and vegetables
- Breads
- Grains such as rice and pasta
- Beans and lentils.

These are all foods that come from plants. These foods all contain vitamins, minerals and fibre. Try to eat a wide variety of these foods. Plant foods have lots of nutrients (small parts), which helps to prevent becoming ill. Other foods that are important for health are dairy, meat, fish and nuts.

Parents Association

Thanks to everyone that helped us at the Bunnings BBQ last Sunday—we made over $500 profit which is absolutely fantastic on such a cold day!

Our FETE meeting is to be held this Monday 12th August at 9am in the BER building—please come along with your ideas and support.

We are holding an “Alligator Pasta Drive” in Term 3 - please find an order form in the pages following in the "Classifieds" section of this newsletter.

Please return order form and payment to school office by Friday 30th August.
**NEW OPENING TIMES**

- **Terms 3 & 4**
  - **Tuesdays** - 1pm - 4pm
  - **Thursdays** - 8:30am - 12 noon

If these times do not suit - a uniform order form, with payment, can be left at the General Office.

(Forms can be obtained from the office)

Filled orders can be sent home with your child.

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**Literacy and Numeracy Week**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our Literacy and Numeracy Week celebrations!

Congratulations to Tom Hetherington for guessing the exact number of jelly babies in our jar. I’m sure he will be able to share his winnings fairly between his class!

Congratulations to our word task winner - Lily Burford.

It was fantastic to see the interaction Tuesday when students and staff participated in a ‘Poem in your pocket’ activity by creating and reading poems to each other around the school.

‘Read for Australia’ was held at 2pm on Wednesday with Mr Good reading Herman and Rosie by Gus Gordon to all P-4 students.

Thursday morning all students across P-12 were involved in peer reading sessions. Many of the older students read their favourite books to P-4 students and the younger students enjoyed having someone else to share their stories with.

We welcomed our Grandparents and Special Visitors on Friday for our Mad Hatters Tea Party. Thank you to everyone for the effort you put in to creating and wearing your hats. There were some fantastic fashions. Our P-4 classrooms were abuzz with activities and our visitors participated with enthusiasm.

The ‘Book Swap’ to raise money for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation has been very successful and had raised $125.25 so far. It will remain open for this week for those who have not had the opportunity to buy a book.

Jane Povey
VCE INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

VCE teachers are looking forward to seeing all parents and students at the Parent/Teacher Interviews on Tuesday 20th August. As well as discussing current progress, house mentors will be discussing Pathways plans with students. In particular, house mentors and teachers will be looking at subject selections for 2014.

Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 have just received the 2014 VCE Subject Selection Guide, and should bring this along with them to Parent/Teacher Interviews. At the back of this guide is a course planning sheet, which students should fill out after discussing their choices with their parents. This preliminary planning sheet should be filled out prior to Parent Teacher Interviews.

Immediately following Parent/Teacher interviews (6.45 Tuesday 20th August) there will be a Year 12 Information session for current Year 12 students run by Mr Bell, and a VCE Information Session for students below Year 12 run by myself and Mr Croucher.

If students and their parents are unable to attend on Tuesday 20th August, it is important to let me know as soon as possible so that we can make alternative arrangements.

Please also contact me at any stage with any other VCE queries.

Anthea Good
VCE Co-ordinator.

Mentor and Mentee Lunch - Thursday 1st August

Last Thursday, all the Mentors and Mentees attended the lunch. Each of the Mentors told a bit about what they did with their mentees. Some of the Mentees got to show what they had done this year.

We would like to thank Henni Roxburgh and Mrs McDonald..... By Ned Quail
PHOTO SHOP

More Literacy & Numeracy Week photo’s ....

....... This week’s P-4 Award Winners
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.
## Classifieds

**alligatorbrand**

**FRESH PASTA FUNDRAISING**

**Melbourne Metro**

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Friday 23rd August -

**PUPIL FREE DAY**

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