Term 3 - Week 5 - 14th August 2013

**Principal’s Report:**

**Video conferencing**

Over the past two weeks Ms Matters’ Years 1/2 class has participated in a very exciting project using the Polycom video conferencing unit. The unit is a portable large-screen television that can connect with other groups or individuals anywhere in the world via a data connection and allows for collaboration and interaction as participants.

Ms Matters’ class has joined with children from schools in Queensland and South Australia in two conferences. The first conference was with the illustrator of the picture storybook *The Moose is Loose*, where the class learnt how to create their own cartoon ducks and sheep. In the second conference author Kate Knapp discussed her new picture storybook *Ruby Red Shoes*. In this session the students completed activities about their environment and their feelings. Individuals are chosen within the classroom to interact with and ask the presenters questions, and also display their works to up to 10 different classrooms.

Ms Matters said that her students had adapted really well to this new learning style and she was pleased that they had demonstrated a really positive attitude throughout the process. Videoconferencing certainly provides a great opportunity for students to have ‘face to face’ access to a range of really interesting presenters that would not otherwise be possible.

**‘Aussie of the Month’**

The Aussie of the Month award has been awarded at Mortlake College for the past seventeen years as a means of acknowledging student contributions to the school community. Students can be nominated by their peers or by staff for demonstrating some of the following qualities:

- Pride in the way they conduct themselves
- Pride in the school
- Concern for others
- To see a need and respond to it without being told.

The Aussie of the Month for July was presented Sophie Goldsworthy. Sophie recently supported a student through a difficult situation; she also assisted Mr Boyden in running a PMP class during second term and she always has a positive approach in everything she does. Congratulations Sophie!

**School Uniform**

I would like to remind students and parents that we expect all students to adhere to the school’s uniform policy. We have quite a number of secondary students wearing items of clothing that are not school uniform. Some boys are wearing black canvas type shoes which, as I have mentioned previously, are unacceptable. Similarly, long sleeved tee shirts worn under the school shirt without a jumper or ‘hoodies’ worn under school jumpers are not acceptable. All students have been told on numerous occasions that “hoodies” should not be worn to school at all!Scarves are not officially part of the school uniform and should not be worn in class. The classrooms are all heated so warmth is not an issue! I understand that there will be occasions when a student is out of uniform and a note from home will suffice on those occasions. However, we do have some students **choosing** not to wear the correct uniform and that is my main concern. House mentors will be following up issues with uniform and will be contacting parents where necessary.
BBQ with the Boys
On Wednesday our Year 10 and 11 boys participated in The Beacon Foundation’s “BBQ with the Boys” program. This is a one day mentoring program that helps prepare senior students for a successful transition from school to life beyond school through competencies in a range of ‘21st Century Skills’. The program is designed to develop an awareness and understanding of skills such as: communication, collaboration, initiative, self-direction, social skills, leadership, teamwork, resilience, self-awareness and personal responsibility. The day involved both collaborative and competitive elements which were designed to challenge and support students in their learning throughout the day.

School Production
The school production of ‘Oliver’ concludes this Friday and performances to date have received glowing reports. Good luck to all involved for the remaining performances! I would like to thank Glenice Justin and Carmel Bourke for all the work they undertook for the supper night last Friday. Their efforts were greatly appreciated by all.

Some reminders!
Kitchen Garden Working Bee
The working bee to establish the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden is being held next Sunday, 18 August commencing at 10am and it would be great to see a large group of helpers in attendance.

Parent-Teacher Interviews
As has been noted in recent newsletters, Semester 2 Parent-Teacher interviews are being held next Tuesday 20 August commencing at 2pm. Scheduled classes conclude at the start of lunchtime and all buses will be leaving the school at 1pm.

VCE Information sessions
Two information sessions will be held after the Parent-Teacher interviews for students currently studying VCE and for those who will be doing so in 2014. For more details refer to the past two newsletters or contact Anthea Good, our VCE Coordinator.

Professional Development Day for Staff
Friday 23 August is a pupil-free day to allow staff to undertake professional development.

Graeme Good

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Working Bee
To help with the establishment of Stage One of our new vegetable garden we are having a Working Bee on Sunday August 18th at 10am at Mortlake College.

At this time we hope to clear some areas of the junior playground and create 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.

If you are available to help please reply via the school’s facebook page or to the email addresses below. If you are able to bring along your own gardening implements, wheelbarrow etc. or building tools to create garden beds it would be very helpful.

If the weather is inclement please provide a phone number so that we can call you, or you will be able to check the latest news from the school’s facebook page.

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

Name - Phone number -
I/We are available to assist with the working bee on August 18th.
Good morning everyone Elise and I are Year 1/2P Class Captains this term.

At the moment we are learning about castles and designing and making our own. You can see the start of our projects outside our classroom.

For numeracy we are investigating groups of and multiplication. We have been making arrays with counters and playing games about grouping. Some of us have started to work on our times tables using the ipads.

We are looking forward to the P-4 production and our new vegetable garden.

By Charlie Calvert

I think that the country is better than the city because the city is very busy. You can’t get to sleep at night. Its very noisy in the city and the air is much fresher in the country. I also don’t like the traffic in the city.

In the country it is quiet most of the time. There is less houses and not as many people as the city has. Please keep the country the same; I like the country better because here it is quieter. I do not like the city one little bit. Cars make the city noisier; they don’t do this as much in the country.

In the country there is nice air. I do not like it in the city because it has pollution. Pollution is made from cars and factories. In the country there is not as many cars and nearly no factories. So it has fresh air. Fresh air is made from trees and plants and in the country there is more room for trees and plants. In the city there is not very much room for trees and plants because of houses, buildings and factories. Do not change the country to a city because of pollution and the lack of trees.

People in the country are more active and they normally live on a farm. I have seen it before. In the city they use cars a lot. If a person was to walk in the city, it would be hard because of the traffic.

That is why the country is definitely better than the city.

By Mitchell Hughes

(This is Mitchell’s Persuasive Writing piece)
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

What a great show we have going at the moment!
Only 2 nights left.....there is still seats available for Thursday 15th seated show but our Finale &
Supper Night on Friday 16th is now SOLD OUT!
Congratulations to the 70 students involved as cast and backstage crew and the staff and parents
who have put an amazing amount of hours in to provide us with this fantastic entertainment!
HEALTH & WELLBEING

Soft Drinks and Sports Drinks in Dental Health Week

You might have heard it before but soft drinks are not good for your health. Apart from weight gain, the problems with soft drinks and your teeth is that they have a high sugar and acid content. The sugar causes tooth decay and the acid in the soft drink attacks your tooth enamel.

Many students, and adults too, try to be healthy by drinking fruit juice drinks, fruit juices and even “zero” sugar colas, all of these are still damaging to your teeth. Every sip of one of these starts a 20 minute acid attack on your teeth. Attending a seminar with the head of Public Dental Health in Australia two years ago I heard him describe drinking “cola” was like pouring vinegar on your teeth. That’s a scary image!

What to do? **Drink water.** Or if you want something more filling sometimes, you can drink plain milk. If you do have fizzy drinks and high sugar drinks cut down on the number of drinks and don’t drink them before bed. Other ways to help include using a straw, waiting one hour after drinking these drinks before you brush your teeth, or drink water afterwards.

**Eat well and drink water for a great smile.**

See your local dentist or the school nurse for more information.

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Parents Association

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.

School Fete Saturday 19th October

As the fete is fast approaching, I am putting the call out for donations of:

- *plants*
- *preserves*
- *chocolates/lollies for prizes*

Also looking for:

- *stall holders/party planners*
- *sponsorship of rides*

Once again we will be holding the washing basket raffle where each grade will need to fill a washing basket with goodies. A letter will be sent out in the near future detailing your child’s classroom topic.

We will also be conducting a car boot sale, so if you need to have a clean out, fill your car boot and bring it along on the day.

To book your car boot spot, if you have any donations of goods or can help out in any way, please contact Natasha Gibson on 0418129371 or contact the school.
GET INVOLVED: Lunchbox Blitz South West Victoria

A regional initiative of South West Healthy Kids: helping schools to help parents provide healthy lunchboxes for their primary school aged children

Make it fresh! Make it fun! Make it a habit!

About South West Healthy Kids
South West Healthy Kids (SWHK) is a collaborative partnership of local government, health and community agencies working with communities to improve the food and physical activity landscape and habits of families in south west Victoria to improve health and wellbeing and prevent obesity.

Community partners
Nine schools currently involved in the SWHK community stakeholder’s network are invited to participate in the ‘Lunchbox Blitz’ healthy lunchbox project. This includes West Warrnambool Primary, St Pius Primary, Port Fairy Consolidated School, St Patrick’s Port Fairy, Koroit and District Primary, St Patricks Koroit, Hawkesdale P-12, Macarthur Primary and Mortlake P-12 College.

Funding
In June 2013, South West Healthy Kids successfully received a $20,000 grant from the Medibank Community Fund to deliver a healthy lunchbox initiative in schools over 12 months. The initiative was modelled on the successful LunchRight project delivered in Western Australia in 2004.

Why is a healthy lunchbox initiative needed?
The 2012 SWHK community needs assessment project which explored factors influencing physical activity and healthy eating in children, identified the quality of food brought to school in lunchboxes as a key concern. In particular the audit illustrated the number of lunchboxes without an identifiable main meal (13%), without fruit (28%), vegetables (95%) or dairy (81%); and the number of lunchboxes with energy dense nutrient poor (EDNP) packaged snacks (50% had at least one packaged snack and 21% had two or more) and confectionary (19%) was concerning.

The needs assessment project also identified a lack of food knowledge skills by parents as a barrier to children eating well and better menu planning and a need to build home-based food knowledge skills was identified as a possible action to improve lunchboxes. Schools indicated they would like support to reach parents with healthy eating messages and evidence shows that it is an effective approach.

Timeframe, target group and expected numbers of participants
The project will be delivered in six-month (two school terms) blocks from August 2013 – March 2015, starting with four schools in the second half of 2013 followed by the remaining five schools across 2014.

Each participating school will recruit at least 15 parents/carers and their families to develop and trial a healthy lunchbox menu planner with corresponding recipes.

More information will be available at the parent teacher interviews on the 20th of August from 2-6pm. Stay tuned!!
REMINDERS

VCE INFORMATION NIGHT

The VCE Information Night will start at 6.30 next Tuesday 20th August, immediately following the conclusion of the Parent/Teacher night. It is important for all students contemplating VCE study in 2014, even if it is only one subject, to come along and take the opportunity to find out more information and ask questions about the programs we offer.

Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 were given the VCE Subject Selection Guide last week, and there is also a copy of this on the school website. Students need to complete the planning form at the back of the booklet, and return their sheet to school by next Monday so that we can look at their proposed course prior to discussing it on Tuesday night.

Next week after the Information Night students will be given a final subject selection sheet to fill out and submit.

Please feel free to contact me in the meantime if you have any queries.

Anthea Good
VCE Co-ordinator

‘COWS CREATE CAREERS’ PROJECT

Currently students in Years 8-10 ‘Entertainment Cookery’ are working on a project titled ‘Cows Create Careers’. The aim of the project is to introduce the dairy manufacturing industry to secondary school students, and give them hands-on experience working with dairy products.

Below is a sample of some of the products made in last week’s production session. Watch out for more information about our activities in coming weeks!

Anthea Good
Food Technology Co-ordinator
July Aussie of the Month
Sophie Goldsworthy :)

Assembly Presenters—
Thomas Hetherington &
Caleb Humm

Some our students
strutting their stuff
on the big stage of
the MCG — our
future stars!

Our Mentor/Mentee Cooking
Program—Anna Roxburgh helps
Lily Schuuring make yummy
cookies !!

Inspire House—Yr 8-12
Show & Tell
Tara Anderson

......... This week’s P-4
Award Winners
HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JANUARY 2014
EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS
IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME

In January 2014 we will be receiving exchange students from Europe, Japan, the USA & Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student.

Host families come in all shapes and sizes, backgrounds and ages. To this end, we would again be grateful if you would place a notice in your newsletter/bulletin or mention it on your website. You can download the newsletter notice here in Word format or as a JPG.

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies. If you would like to provide your students, parents or language teachers with further information on our inbound students you can also view some student profiles on our website. Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to a family.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

“It’s been a fantastic experience so far...It’s been great having an older brother for our young kids. Simon has been a fantastic role model...Simon helps around the house a lot. One of the first things he said to us during the first couple of days he was here was what should my chores be? I was delighted to hear him say that.” Victoria, Host Mum

“Being the youngest and the only one left at home I was looking forward to having another teenager in the house. While Charlotte helps me with my French I help her with her English lessons and I have taught her many Aussie words and sayings. We both love to shop and shop and shop...” Grace, Host Sister

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education & regulatory authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au.

If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, you can either respond to this email or call our office on 1300 135 331. No obligation.

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W: www.studentexchange.org.au

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Wellington 6440 New Zealand
T: 0800 440079  F: 0800 440077
W: www.studentexchange.org.nz
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**

**2013**

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**PLEASE FORWARD PAYMENTS DIRECT TO YOUR ORGANISATION**

- PAY WHOLESALE & SAVE
- KEEP FRESH UP TO 7 DAYS
- 20% SALES TO YOUR FUNDRAISING

- FROM $2.20 PER ADULT SERVE
- FREEZE FOR 6 MONTHS
- HEALTHY FAMILY MEALS
- HALAL CERTIFIED

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**Website:** www.alligatorbrand.com.au
RIST would like to invite you to the:

2013 RIST Information Session
Monday 02 September 2013 - 4pm to 6pm or 7pm to 9pm
RIST, 915 Mt Napier Rd, Hamilton

This is a great opportunity to learn more about RIST and to see what study options are available for 2013/14. Along with presentations, staff will be on hand to provide specific details and answer any questions you may have about the following programs:

- Diploma of Agriculture
- Traineeships in Agriculture (Cert II, III, & IV)
- Wool Classing (Cert IV)
- Shearing (Cert II, & III)
- Lifetime Ewe Management & High Performance Weaners
- Managing Beef/Sheep Health
- Pasture Courses
- Profitable & Sustainable Cropping
- Short Courses

Please RSVP by 29th August 2013 to: ristvic@rist.com.au or (03) 5573 0943

GREAT PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION!

WannonWATER is running the 2013 savewater! Photographic competition this year with great prizes on offer across 3 categories:

- JUNIOR (Up to 12 years)
- SENIOR (13-17 years ) and
- OPEN (general public)

For further information re: entries, prizes, conditions and how to submit photos visit www.savewater.com.au

The 2013 competition is looking for photographs which capture the importance of water and conserving it for the future.

ENTRIES CLOSE Monday 30th SEPTEMBER.

If you have specific queries about anything to do with the competition, contact:

Amanda Wearne 035565 6648 or email amandawearne@wannonwater.com.au

Terang and District Netball Assoc AGM

Thursday the 12th of September at 7:30pm at the Terang Stadium.

Election of Office Bearers

Calling for teams for the 2013 Spring/Summer Ladies & Mixed seasons.

A representative from each interested teams will be required to attend.

For more details please contact :Stephanie Mathew on 0458 988 121 or Gill Hampson on 0417 503 230

FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

Keep this date free
# 2013 Calendar

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