Principals Report -

Welcome back!

Welcome to the 2016 school year! I hope you all had a great break and that you are looking forward to the year ahead. We have had an excellent start to the school year with everyone, including our new Prep children settling into the routine of school very quickly. Thank you to all who attended the testing and interviews last Thursday. It is a great opportunity for classroom teachers and mentors to discuss with students and parents the year ahead.

In the final week of school last year all families should have received information in the mail about the new reporting system that is being implemented this year. If you didn’t receive this information please contact the school office and they can provide you with the information. If you have any questions at all about the new method of reporting please contact either your child’s classroom teacher/mentor or myself. The Assessment Guides have been posted on the school website so you can see exactly what your child will be assessed on in each reporting period. I strongly believe that by reporting on each child’s attitude, effort and achievement every 6-7 weeks, we will be able to work more closely with families to ensure all our students really do achieve their potential.

The Parent/Student/Teacher interview day for first semester will be held on Monday 21 March. This will be a pupil-free day for all students. Further details of times and the new online booking system will be outlined later in the term.

Student Leadership:

Leadership Assembly: The special assembly to induct our student leaders and to introduce our new Preps and Year 12s will be held on Friday 26 February commencing at 9:15 am in the BER. Our special guest speaker will be former student, Josh Stafford.

Below is a list of our 2016 leaders and I would like to congratulate the following students on their appointment.

Senior Leadership team:

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Senior House Captains:
Endeavour House: Green  Bree Cummins  April Edwards
Inspire House: Blue  Kira Firth  Erin McGuigan
Succeed House: Yellow  Shona McGuigan  Isaac Wareham

Years 5-7 House Captains:
Endeavour House: Ruby Schuuring  Sarah Gubbins
Inspire House: Katie Jarvie  Amy Hughes
Succeed House: Jaime Killen  Abbey Burford

Years P-4 House Captains:
Endeavour House: Alice Kane  Charlie Calvert
Inspire House: Jordyn Rohan  Nirvana Cameron
Succeed House: Chelsea McCosh  Ashton Maher

House Mentors:
Endeavour House: Years 8-12  Lyle Russell
Years 5-7  Geoff DeManser
Inspire House: Years 8-12  Mark Croucher
Years 5-7  Alison Coate
Succeed House: Years 8-12  Linda Simkin
Years 5-7  Nigel Boyden

VCE Coordinator:  Anthea Good

The house mentors are responsible for all matters relating to the students in their house and are the first point of contact for parents (with the exception of Year 11&12 students where the contact person is Anthea Good)

P-4 Class Captains:
At Monday’s assembly our school captains, Bree and Jake announced the P-4 Class Captains for Term 1 and I would also like to congratulate the following students on being selected for this important role:

Year Prep:  Nathan Mann and Sommer Jones
Year 1:  Grace Stephens and Clayton Monahan
Year 2  Jack Richie and Mady Cameron
Year 3/4P:  Zoe Leske and Mazin Burgess
Year 3/4C-R:  Ashton Maher and Jordyn Rohan

Student Uniform:
All students have a responsibility to wear the correct school uniform each day and it is really pleasing that almost all are wearing the full uniform. If for some reason a student is unable to wear uniform they need to provide a note on that day to their class teacher or house mentor but the note is only designed to give approval on a very short-term basis. It is important to note that the uniform policy endorsed by school council specifies that black leather shoes must be worn; canvas shoes are unacceptable.
Attendance and Punctuality:

As was mentioned at the interviews last week regular attendance and punctuality are an essential aspect of a successful education. If students miss school regularly or are often late it does have a significant impact on their learning. If your child is going to be absent please inform the school by telephone (55992204) or text message (0427 841239) preferably between 8am and 9am on the morning of the absence. If we haven’t received notification of a child’s absence, parents will be contacted at approximately 10am. If you know in advance of an impending absence (eg. medical appointment) please let the office know prior to the day. Senior students must have a minimum 80% attendance in order to be considered for satisfactory completion of a unit.

Bus Travel:

All bus travellers are reminded of their responsibilities whilst using the school bus service. This includes remaining seated and behaving appropriately at all times. Students must also wear seatbelts where fitted. Of course, the utmost care must always be taken when students get on or off the buses and it is important that parents constantly reinforce these safety measures to their children. It is also important that parents inform the office staff as early as possible about any changes in bus travel as accurate records are essential in the case of an emergency.

Walking/riding to school:

All students who walk or ride bikes to school are reminded that it is essential they use the school crossing if they need to cross Dunlop Street.

School for Student Leadership

At last Friday’s assembly we farewelled the six Year 9 students who are attending the Snowy River campus of the Leadership school during first term. The students; Isaac Wareham, Jack Lehmann, Jackson Boyden, Jordan Loader, Keely Moore and Olivia Anders are into their first week and have all settled in really well.

Hoax phone calls to Victorian schools

I am writing to reassure you in light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the last few days.

Our school has not received such a call but I wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year.

Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans and they worked well.

The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Graeme Good
FIRST DAY OF 2016

Lovely to see lots of happy, rested kids getting stuck straight into the year’s work today. A special welcome to our wonderful prep class of 2016. Hardly any tears - not even from the mums and dads.
FIRST DAY OF 2016
Come and meet the teacher….

On Tuesday 9th of February at 2:30 pm, we will be holding an afternoon tea and would like to invite all P-4 parents to come along and meet any new families joining our school community. Whilst enjoying a cuppa in the Library, Mr Good and Mrs Tanner will answer any questions you may have.

Then the information sessions will run as follows:

3:30 - Preps will meet with Mrs Amos in Room 15
3:45 - Year 1s meet with Mrs Povey in room 14
4:00 - Year 2s meet with Mr Vangeninden in room 13
4:15 - Year 3/4s meet with Mrs Partridge, Ms Carmody and Mrs Reichman in Room 21

This is an excellent opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher to find out classroom routines, expectations and curriculum initiatives. We are trialling this new timeslot instead of having it in the evening. We hope to see you all there!

There will be afternoon tea available for the students and activities run by Mrs Tanner

Kath Tanner P-4 Leader
Mortlake College

YEAR P-4 & 5/6/7 ART - ART SHIRTS!

Would parents please ensure that their child has an old shirt or art smock to wear over their uniform for ART. Any type of shirt is better than getting paint on uniforms. This should be kept in their locker and worn to Art as part of each student’s individual responsibility. Thank you,
**STUDENT NOT ON SCHOOL BUS**

For students wanting to travel on a bus they normally don’t travel on requirements are outlined below.

Parents/guardians must contact the school not later than **one school day prior** to request the travel.

If seating is available, a bus pass will be sent home with the child.

The bus pass **must be signed and dated by a parent/guardian, returned to the school office on the morning of the travel arrangement.**

*Please note that bus passes may be requested in the week prior to the travel but cannot be approved if made on the day the travel is requested.*

It is important to keep in mind that we cannot always guarantee a pass as it is dependent on the seating capacity of each bus.

If your child is not going to be on the afternoon school bus can you please send a bus note with your child or call the school **before 2.30pm** so one can be organised. Or alternatively let the bus driver know on the morning your child will not be returning home on the bus.

**EARLY DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL**

If you require your child to leave class early please contact the General Office before you arrive and your child can be ready and waiting for you. Also as part of our Emergency Management procedure if your child is departing school early from school with you, can you please make sure you sign your child out in the ‘Early Departure’ book at the General office.

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**Have you checked out the**

**“Mortlake College P-12” Facebook Page ??**

Don’t forget to “Like” us on Facebook and keep up to date on all that is going on at Mortlake College.

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**Newsletter**

Mortlake College newsletter is available electronically by either email or the Skoolbag App (Instructions for the Skoolbag App are on the following 2 pages) or alternatively it is available on our school web page.

If you have any concerns please contact Graeme Good

Thank you for your support.
Mortlake College is moving with the times!

Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone iPad and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community.

We are asking parents/students/staff to install our Skoolbag School App.

To install it, just search for our school name "Mortlake College P12" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store.

Then follow the instructions on the next page, and you are ready to explore!

Features:

♦ Mortlake College newsletter can be viewed each week

♦ Receive Alerts with up to date important school notices..
  eg. “Swim sports cancelled due to bad weather”, or “Ellerslie Bus” running 10 mins late due to road works”

♦ Receive information specific to your childs’ class -
  (to do this go into “More”™, then “Setup” and select the push notifications to “on” for your children’s Year Levels).

♦ Calendar of Events

♦ Send Parent eForms - Absentee Note -
  When your child is sick or absent from school, just fill in the note and send it to the school.

♦ Call, Email the school or visit the Website.

♦ View Maps and get GPS directions to school events
  Eg...directions to the Eisteddfod, Cross Country etc

♦ Have access to Secure categories that can only be gained via secret password.
  This information will strictly be only for parents that have children in these groups.

So check it out, have a play and let us know in the office what you think...... See Cherie Robertson if you have any problems with installing or using the app, or if you have ideas on what else to include.

Thanks.
**How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone**

**iPhone & iPad Users**

1. Click the “App Store” icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If Phone, you will see your school appear, click “Free” then “Install”.
4. If iPad, change the drop list to “iPhone Apps”, your school will then be visible, click “Free” then “Install”.
5. When installed click “Open”.
6. Select “OK” to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

**Android Users**

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the “Play Store” button on your Android Device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the “Install” button.
5. Click “Accept” for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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**Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au**
Our Class Captain positions were awarded at Monday’s assembly. Congratulations to the following students who are Class Captains this term. We wish them all the best as they continue to develop their skills in taking responsibility and showing leadership.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of these students. They will be wonderful leaders in our P-4 area.
Welcome back students and staff.
The library will be open at lunchtimes on
Tuesday and Thursday from 1:10pm till 1:35pm.
Please come in and enjoy the relaxing surroundings.

Volunteers Wanted for
Kitchen Garden Program
The success of this unique and exciting Program relies on the support of volunteers.

There is nothing more satisfying than sharing a delicious meal created with fresh produce that you have grown from seed to harvest. Every week our school children share in this experience as part of the Kitchen Garden Program at Mortlake College

If you would like to volunteer in the kitchen or garden, whether you have one hour to spare or longer, we would love to hear from you.

The Program runs on Wednesdays between 11.15am and 1pm for Year Three and Four students and the Kitchen program for Year Two is from 1.40pm-3.20pm each Wednesday.

Contact: Jane Povey or Kath Tanner
On: 55992 204 at Mortlake College
P-12 Sport Dates Term 1

February
5th February  5-10 House Swimming Trials—1.30pm-3.00pm
12th February  5-12 House Swimming Sports—11am—3pm
24th February  MWC Swimming (Mortlake)—Periods 2-5
16th February  3-6 House Swimming Sports—9.30am-1.00pm
17th February  5-10 House Athletic Trials—1.30pm-3.00pm

March
1st March  5-10 House Athletic Trials—1.30pm-3.00pm
4th March  3-6 House Athletics
10th March  3-6 Division Swimming
11th March  7-12 MWC Triathlon Lake Bolac
15th March  5-12 House Athletics—All Day
18th March  3-6 Regional Swimming
23rd March  7-12 GWR Swimming—Ballarat

5-12 House Swimming Sports

House Swimming Sports for Years 5-12 will be held on Friday 12th February 11am to 3pm. If any parents would like to help out with timekeeping could they please contact Mr Jones.
CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Georgia Wareham on a successful National 18 Cricket Championships
From all reports Georgia played a pivotal role in helping Victoria win the National title.
171 runs at 34.20 highest score 56 16 wickets at 8.69, economy 2.96, best 6/16

Also to the students who represented the Western Waves over the summer, (Kaitlyn Fowler, Shae DeFrancesco, Isaac Wareham & Kira Firth), and country week cricket.

PERMISSION NOTES

All students from Years 7-12 should’ve received a permission note for all sporting events to be held this year. Students need to submit this to the office no later than Friday 19th February or risk being unable to attend future sporting excursions.

STATE NOMINATIONS

Information regarding state nominations and other sports can be found on the School Sport Victoria website.

www.ssv.vic.edu.au

CONNECT

Parents and students can connect to School sports Victoria via Facebook and Twitter. Just follow the following links


Nathan Jones—Year 7-12 Sports Coordinator
BIKE CAMP – Great Ocean Road 9th – 11th December 2015

Late last year 14 students set off for our annual bike camp. After travelling by bus to Port Campbell we hopped on our bikes then set off for our journey up to Lavers Hills. On the second day we rode to Apollo Bay. Students particularly enjoyed this day due the big downhill sections and spectacular scenery. On our final day we rode from Apollo Bay to Lorne. The final distance for the trip was 145km.

Riding along the Great Ocean Road was quite a spectacular experience and if you ever get the opportunity to do so I strongly encourage it.

Planning has already started for Bike Camp 2016 so if students are keen expression of interests will be available in term 2.

Finally, thank you to the following staff for their attendance and support: Anthea Good, Andrew Bennett, Lyle Russell and Cherie Robertson as well as Year 10 student Harry Hobbs for assisting too.
Connect with us!

Join our online community and stay up to date

www.ssv.vic.edu.au
Wellbeing

**Tuesday Breakfasts**

It is important to have breakfast, it helps to give you enough energy to get through the school day. Mortlake College **Tuesday** breakfasts are starting again this term on **Tuesday 16 February**. Breakfast will be available in the Home Eco room before school. Any questions, or if you would like to help, please contact Jess or Jenny in the Wellbeing Centre.

The start of the year is the best time to reset your goals and ambitions, as well as make tweaks to your daily activities. And that should include parenting as raising kids fits in the “Very Important” category of our lives.

Also it doesn’t matter if last year was Struggletown or Happycity in your family, this year will always be better, right? It’s a fresh start. So here are ten simple actions that, if you implement as much as possible each day, will help you raise the type of kids you want to raise – happy, confident, resilient and spirited.

1. **Encourage more**
   It is self-belief rather than lack of ability that holds many kids back from really achieving their best. Parents mirror back to their children how they see themselves. If you are naturally negative start by focusing on children’s strengths, let them know how they can improve and give them real responsibilities so they learn that their parents have faith in them. Like a flower needs water, a child needs encouragement.

2. **Discourage less**
   Every parent wants to build their child’s confidence, realising their confidence levels are related to kids’ happiness and success. Start this process by eradicating discouraging parenting practices such as fault-finding, spoiled, overprotecting and fixing kids’ problems all of which send kids the message that “as I am, I’m not good enough.

3. **Breathe more**
   If you found yourself over reacting to kids’ poor behaviour last year then you missed an important lesson I taught in my online courses –take a breath (step away if necessary) before you over react as deep, nasal breathing not only calms you, but alters your thinking as well.
4. Yell less
When we’re under stress we usually respond at our lowest skill level, which at times is not pretty. As a parent we often get stressed when we want our kids to cooperate so we’ll either repeat ourselves, yell or both! AARRGHHH! There is a better way. I’ve been teaching parents for many years now to nurture like a dog, manage like a cat! Cats are assertive and self-contained. They mean business. Managing like a cat means you don’t yell, but act instead. Your non-verbals – strong body language, steady face, move into their proximity- indicate you mean what you say. It’s not aggressive, just good management and smart leadership.

5. Teach more
Teaching and training needs to be part of the every day repertoire of a parent so you can train them for independence. This means you may need to add extra time to many of our interactions so we can help children acquire many of the basic skills of living, whether it is a young child learning to do up his or her shoelaces or a teenager learning how to fill out his or her tax form.

6. Do less
When we are busy it is often easier to do things ourselves than allow our kids to do them including tidying toys away, getting themselves up and packing school bags. The trouble with that method is that our kids stay dependent on us, and we are always busy. Do less, rather than more for your kids this year.

7. Give more
Moving kids from thinking ‘me’ to thinking ‘we’ takes work these days as families are small and parenting tends to be child, rather than family-focused. Develop a sense of altruism by encouraging your kids to volunteer, giving some pocket money to charity, and giving away old or unused toys.

8. Fight less
If you always seem to be fighting with one or two of your kids sit back and assess what’s important and what’s not, and then only fight over major stuff. Fighting over minor issues burns up parent energy and damages relationships. Make a list of minor and major issues as a reminder.

9. Model more
Copying is the easiest and fastest way to learn anything. That’s how kids learn. They see. They do. They see their mum swear. They swear using the same words and tone as mum usually in front of your relatives and friends!!! Harness the power of modelling for positive purposes such as helping your kids think through problems; let your kids see you compromise so they know how to give and take in relationships; let them hear you ask for what you want so they know how to be assertive rather than aggressive.

10. Criticise less
Are you continually critical of children? Is your antennae set to notice their faults and weaknesses and not their strengths? Perhaps someone in your family is like that? Recently I heard that the average adolescent hears five critical comments at home for every one positive comment. Who’d like to live in a toxic environment like that? It seems many kids do. If is you, then reset the antennae and start noticing kids’ good points. Otherwise, learn to hold your tongue.

Bonus 11. Learn more
Many parents are using methods that just aren’t working for them. If the manual you are operating from – the one inside your head – is not working for you then its time for an update. So this year take a course; read some books; develop a relationship with a respected professional. Do something significant to put you on the path to parenting improvement.

Here’s to a year of great parenting and happy kids!

Regards,

Michael Grose
ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS

MORTLAKE COLLEGE
INVITE THE COMMUNITY

Date:
Tuesdays—February 23rd & March 1st, 2016

Time:
6 pm—8 pm

Venue:
Mortlake P—12 College Library
10 Hood Street
MORTLAKE

Cost: Free
Work Book $6.50

A 2 week program for parents of 12—15 year olds

Engaging Adolescents will:

♦ Help parents understand and cope better with the challenges of early adolescents
♦ Provide parents with information and skills for developing and maintaining trusting, positive relationships with their young adolescents

During sessions parents have the opportunity to discuss

♦ Family life with teenagers
♦ Normal phases and behaviour
♦ Sorting out behaviours
♦ PASTA strategy for teenagers
♦ Communication

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES AND BOOKINGS CONTACT MAREA ON:

Phone: 03 5559 3000 email: marea.sholly@centacarewarrnambool.org.au
Mortlake College Uniform Policy

All students are expected to wear the correct school uniform at all times

Hats
The school has a SunSmart policy that dictates hats MUST be worn outside at recess and lunchtimes during Terms 1 and 4. Students who do not have a hat must remain in a designated shade area.

School Jacket:
The approved school jacket can be worn by students both in and out of class throughout the year.

Boys Uniform:
Grey trousers or shorts, grey or white socks. Black leather shoes. White shirt/polo shirt.

Girls Uniform:

Summer:
Green gingham school dress. Black leather shoes. White or black socks. Tailored shorts and white shirt/polo knit shirt may be worn as an alternative in summer.

Winter:
Fletcher Jones style skirt or bottle green slacks, navy blue for VCE students. White shirt/polo knit shirt. White or black socks. Black or navy tights (not leggings)

School Jumper:
The designated jumper is a woollen v-neck bottle green jumper. Students in VCE have the option of wearing navy blue jumper with the college printed on it. There is also the option of a green windcheater with the college logo for the junior school.

Sports Uniform:
All students are required to change clothing prior to sport or physical education. (Change room and hot showers). Pupils must wear the sports uniform as mentioned below. When students represent the college at an interschool carnival they must wear the college sport uniform.

Girls sport uniform:
Red polo knit shirt. White socks and non-marking sports shoes. Black sport skirt or black shorts.

Boys sports uniform:
By law, your child must have an immunisation status certificate to enrol in primary school.

Why immunise?
Children starting school are exposed to a large number of people and to a range of potentially dangerous diseases. Immunisation is a proven and safe way to be protected against diseases that cause serious illness and sometimes death.

Enrolling in primary school is a good time to check your child's immunisations are up to date.

What is an immunisation status certificate?
It is a statement showing the immunisations your child has received.

By law, you must provide an immunisation status certificate to the primary school when enrolling your child.

If your child has not received any immunisations, you must still provide a certificate.

The school keeps a copy of the certificate so that, in the event of a disease outbreak, unimmunised children can be quickly identified and excluded from school until the risk of infection has passed.

If you do not provide the certificate to the school your child may also be excluded from school as their immunisation status will be unknown.

Homeopathic treatment is not a legally recognised form of immunisation and cannot be listed on an immunisation status certificate.

How do I obtain an immunisation status certificate?
From the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register

- phone 1800 653 809 or
- email acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au
- www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/online
- visit your local Medicare Office.

The most common type of immunisation status certificate is a Child History Statement from the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR).

You will be sent this statement when your child turns five years old, however you can request a certificate at any time.

You should also contact ACIR if you:
- are moving or have recently moved, to ensure your contact details are up to date
- think your child's statement is incomplete or incorrect.

From your doctor or local council
If your child is not eligible for a Medicare card, then contact your doctor or local council immunisation service who will be able to assist you in obtaining an immunisation status certificate.

How can I find out more?
For more information and for translated versions of this document go to www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation

Interpreting service
Call 131 450

To receive this document in an accessible format email immunisation@health.vic.gov.au.

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Important information about the
Secondary School Vaccine Program in 2016

Information for Victorian secondary schools

Principals are authorised to release student and parent/guardian contact
details to the school's local council
immunisation service.

Since late 2013, principals have been authorised to
provide local councils with student and
parent/guardian contact details for the purposes of
delivering the Secondary School Vaccine Program.

This change has reduced the administrative burden
on participating schools by enabling local councils
to contact parents/guardians directly about the
Secondary School Vaccine Program.

If your school is not yet participating, you can
access resources to guide you through the process,
under the School Co-ordinators tab at

There are two key steps to this process:
1. Sending a collection statement to
   parents/guardians that lets them know their
   contact details will be transferred to council
   unless they request otherwise
2. Transferring the data to council.

The above site also includes a data extraction tool
to make the transfer of data simple, quick and
secure.

The key dates for the process in 2016 are as
follows:
• Week of 25 January – distribute a Collection
  Statement to parents/guardians of all students in
  Year 7
• February – record any objections from
  parents/guardians
• February 29 – transfer contact details to local
  council as soon as possible after census date,
  edited as per parent/guardian requests.

The diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis
(whooping cough) (dTp) vaccine
program will be offered to Year 7
secondary school students only.

In 2016, the dTp vaccine, along with HPV and
chickenpox vaccines will be offered to Year 7
students only. This marks the end of the transition
of the dTp program from Year 10 to Year 7.

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* = number of doses

dTp = Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine
HPV = Human papillomavirus vaccine
Varicella = Chickenpox vaccine

Communicating with parents/guardians
and students

Go to immunehero.health.vic.gov.au to access:
• the Collection Statement to be issued to all
  parents/guardians of students in Year 7 during
  the first week of Term One, 2016
• a newsletter article about the 2016 vaccine
  program (word document) that schools can
  adapt to inform parents/guardians and students
  about the vaccine program.

The Immune Hero website provides a range of
excellent resources for teachers, parents and
students about immunisation and the vaccine
program.

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MORTLAKE JUNIOR SHARKS

NETBALL
U13 & U15 Netball training starts this Thursday 3rd February 4pm at the Mortlake Netball Courts.
U17’s will train with the seniors at 6.30 on Mondays & Wednesday’s. See the Facebook site—Deakin Sharks netball for full details.
Any queries please ring Jacinta. 0418 612 638

FOOTBALL
U14½ & U17½ training will start Tuesday 23rd February at 4.30pm at the Mortlake Football oval.
All new players are welcome. Any queries please contact Nigel Boyden 0401 569 179
U12 training will commence at a date to be advised.

MEETING
A meeting to plan 2016 and registration night will be held on Tuesday 16th February at 7.30pm at Mortlake Football Rooms.

DO YOU LIKE TO SING?
Then the MORTLAKE COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR is the place for you!
Led by a very experienced singing instructor, Janet Zijm, the choir sings mostly acapella songs from a wide range of styles, top 40 to traditional.
No previous experience or particular skill is necessary (although the group would love to have someone who can beat box!)— just enthusiasm.
This year the choir will rehearse at the RSL Hall, Darlington Rd from 3.45- 5.00pm on Mondays, beginning Feb 8th.
The choir is not just for students - it’s open to any member of our community and to students from years 7-12.
Cost is just $5 per week.
For further information, please contact Janet on 0429 924 542
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Music lessons have started this week and although I don’t currently have any room for new students, you can still book your student in to start if someone drops out during the year.

Learning a musical instrument is a good skill to have as it enhances literacy, numeracy, co-ordination and teamwork. I offer piano, guitar, recorder and violin for all ages, and from Grade Four upwards, flute, clarinet, drums, trumpet and saxophone. There are two lengths of lessons available, including shorter ones for younger students.

Please contact me on (03)55623975 after school hours for more details, or if your child wants to learn something I didn’t mention above.

Melanie Pocknall - Instrumental Music Teacher.
On-going Groups

Postnatal Depression, Stress and Anxiety
Treatment and Support Groups
For mothers experiencing postnatal depression, stress and anxiety. Information and support is offered in a group setting over an eight-week period, with additional support available for partners and other family members.
Organisation: The Raphael Centre
Time: 9:30am to 12 Noon (School Terms)
Contact: The Raphael Centre Ph: 52217333

Bethany’s supported playgroups
Organisation: Bethany Community Support
Date: Tuesday – Friday
Time: 9am - 3pm
Contact: Bethany Community Support
Ph: 52788122

Parent to Parent Groups in Barwon Region
Parent to Parent Support Groups (or “PPG groups”) are a great way to meet other families with similar issues and experiences, and can provide you with valuable and practical information, as well as an opportunity for social interaction. A number of Parent Support groups operate in this region, please call Gateway.
Contact: Parent Support Worker, at Gateway on 5221 2084

For further details regarding any of these programs contact
Family Services - City of Greater Geelong
Ph: 03 5272 4817
or
Outside Geelong
Freecall 1800 111 076
www.geelongaustralia.com.au

The Parent Education Calendar has been collated by the Regional Parenting Service with the aim of providing information on mainstream parent education groups that are happening across the Barwon South West Region. If you have any information on programs or parenting activities, please email details to rps@geelong.vic.gov.au
Please contact us on (03) 5272 4817 or on the above email address if you no longer wish to receive the calendar.
TERANG JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Season 1 – Commencing Friday 4th March

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Our Compulsory online registration and payments are now being taken for our junior players aged between 7-16. Players must have turned 7 before 1st Jan 2016.

The registration closing date is Friday 19th February.

It’s important you are registered by this date to be included in a team.

To register & pay for this season and be placed in a team all you need to do is follow this link which will take you straight to our Fox Sports Pulse website.

www.foxsportspulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-793-0-0-0

Please ensure that you select your age group –i.e Primary or Secondary Student, Your BVC affiliation fee will automatically be added upon registration. It is important to make this selection to ensure the correct fees are applied.

If any further assistance is required, Contact Kym Grundy 0427954324

Or email us @ juniorbasketballterang@gmail.com

Many Thanks

MELBOURNE ADF CAREERS EXPO

EDUCATION DAY

Friday, 4th March 2016

ACTIVITIES AND ATTRACTIONS:

- Career Briefings & Presentations.
- Leadership Programs & Activities.
- Opportunity to speak 1 on 1 with Military members.
- Navy, Army and Air Force equipment, vehicles and capability demonstrations.
- And much more!

LOCATION:

Royal Exhibition Building
9 Nicholson St, Carlton VIC 3053

HOURS OF OPERATION:

10:00am - 3:00pm
Dear Principal,

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO PASS ONTO PARENTS**

Please find below some important information regarding Victoria’s student and concession travel ticketing arrangements for 2016, which will be of interest to your school community. We encourage you to make this information available by inclusion in your school newsletter or intranet page.

**Proof of concession entitlement**

All students aged 17 years and over, or those requiring a half yearly or yearly Student Pass (regardless of age), are required to obtain a 2016 Victorian Public Transport (VPT) Student Concession Card as proof of their concession entitlement. Application details and a copy of this year’s form are contained within this letter. It is important to note that school issued student identification cards are not accepted as evidence to concession travel on public transport.

**2016 Victorian Student Pass**

The Victorian Student Pass provides travel on all metropolitan trains, trams and buses, all regional bus services and allVLinerailtrains and coach services operating wholly within Victoria. The Victorian Student Pass is issued on a myki.

**2016 Regional Transit Student Passes**

Regional Transit Student Passes provide travel for students on buses in the Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo Transit Systems and limited VLinerail services in these transit areas. The Regional Transit Student Pass is issued on a concession myki. Regional Transit Student Passes for Southwest Transit, Colac Transit and Portland Transit will continue to be issued as paper passes.

**How to apply for a 2016 VPT Student Concession Card and/or a Student Pass**

The 2016 VPT Student Concession Card & Student Pass Application Form (enclosed) can be obtained from:

- metropolitan premium train stations
- PTV Hub (Southern Cross Station, Docklands, Geelong & Bendigo)
- VLinerail staffed stations and ticket agents
- PTV Call Centre by calling 1800 000 007
- online at ptv.vic.gov.au.

- Students wishing to purchase a Half Yearly ($285.00) or Yearly ($546.00) Victorian Student Pass will be required to obtain a 2016 VPT Student Concession Card, regardless of age, as proof of their concession entitlement. The standard $9 fee applies. Students can have their 2016 Yearly or Half Yearly Victorian Student Pass loaded to their existing myki card at a metropolitan premium train station, a myki-enabled VLinerail staffed station or from a PTV Hub (located at Docklands, Geelong or Bendigo). If the student does not already have a myki, the Student Pass will be loaded onto a new myki. This myki will be issued on the spot with the myki card fee waived.

- Students 16 years and under, who do not wish to purchase a Student Pass are not required to obtain a VPT Student Concession Card but can still get a child myki for concession travel by visiting a metropolitan premium train station, a myki-enabled staffed VLinerail station, a myki retailer, visiting ptv.vic.gov.au or calling 1800 800 007. A $3 card fee applies.

- Students 17 years and over, who require a VPT Student Concession Card as proof of their concession entitlement can obtain a VPT Student Concession Card and apply for a free concession myki (if required) at the same time. Students will need to complete the enclosed form and lodge it at a metropolitan premium train station, a myki-enabled staffed VLinerail station, the PTV Hub at Southern Cross Station or the PTV Hub at 750 Collins St, Docklands. They will then be issued with their 2016 VPT Student Concession Card ($9 fee applies) and a free concession myki (if required). Those students who already have a concession myki can continue to use it and only need to renew their concession entitlement by completing the 2016 VPT Student Concession Card form.

**Registration**

Registration is optional for students that hold a student pass. It is, however, strongly recommended that students register their myki online at ptv.vic.gov.au or by calling 1800 800 007. Benefits of registering a myki include:

- The balance on the myki is protected if it is reported lost or stolen
- Option to manage myki with an online account
- Option of auto top-up for 'set and forget' convenience

If a myki is not registered, there is no way for a student to recover the value held on the card in the event it is lost or stolen.

Further information specific to student travel arrangements under myki can be obtained by visiting ptv.vic.gov.au and going to the student area under the Tickets > Concessions > Students on the website. For information about non-myki Regional Transit Student Passes, visit http://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/tickets/regional-fares/ under the section 'Student concessions'.

I would be grateful if you could share this information with your staff and students.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Fedda
Director, Customer Experience
Public Transport Victoria
The Great Host Family Hunt is on again!

World Education Program (WEP) Australia, a registered, non-profit student exchange organisation is looking for volunteer families who would like to host a 15 to 18-year-old girl or boy.

Our students come from countries such as Italy, France, Belgium, Finland and Chile and are arriving in July 2016. They are looking forward to living and learning about Australia and enjoying our famous Australian hospitality and lifestyle.

Without the generosity of families around the world, student exchange could not exist.

Experiencing a foreign language and culture in your own home is the next best thing to living overseas.

To request a free information pack for your family, contact us today!

1300 884 733 info@wep.org.au www.wep.org.au

World Education Program Australia Limited – WEP Australia ABN 82 098 289 897
A NON-PROFIT STUDENT EXCHANGE ORGANISATION REGISTERED/APPROVED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS/REGULATORY AUTHORITIES IN NEW SOUTH WALES, QUEENSLAND AND VICTORIA.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN OVERSEAS STUDENT?

Experience another culture, make new friends and improve your language studies at home

Hosting – An Experience for Life

Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home

www.studentexchange.org.au

1300 135 331 (cost of local call)

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cascape@optusnet.com.au
0413620667
86 Townsend St
Mortlake, Vic, 3272
School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life. Schools and children’s services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.**

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter [and SMS message/phone tree]. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

**Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.** This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- As a bus co-ordinating school all bus routes will be cancelled.

**Depending on which Bureau of Meteorology district is impacted bus route cancellations may affect our school.**

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan — **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan, [reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility’s grounds and gutters]

**What can parents do?**

- Make sure your family’s bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, [by checking our website [insert URL] and by talking to your child’s teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.

Most importantly at this time of year, if you’re planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.

If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family’s bushfire survival plan.


For up-to-date information on this year’s fire season, visit the CFA website at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.
# 2016 CALENDAR

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Remember all the sports days coming up!

School Photo’s—Wednesday 16th March