Term 1 - Week 2– 8th Feb 2016

Principals Report -

Welcome back!

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 Tuesday. It is a great opportunity for classroom teachers and mentors to discuss the year ahead with students and parents.

This year we welcome a number of new staff to the school and all have reported an enjoyable and successful start to their time at Mortlake College. The new staff are;

**Ms Nicole King** who is teaching mainly in the Years 5-7 area and is the Years 5-7 Inspire mentor.

**Mrs Loraine Jansen** who will be sharing a Years 3/4 class with Kelly Reichman for semester one. Kath Tanner’s appointment as acting principal at Lismore PS has been extended to the end of second term and Michelle Carmody will continue in the role of P-4 leader for that time.

**Mr Eddie Morcombe** who is teaching English, History and Performing Arts across Years 5-11 and is the Years 8-10 Inspire mentor.

**Mrs Jenny Goddard** who is our new school nurse.

**Ms Laura Bourke** who will be working in the school office each Friday.

Student Reports:

The dates for each of the reporting periods are listed below. In addition to emailing the reports to each family we will send a paper copy of the report home with each student.

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Parent Teacher Student Interviews:
The online booking system will be used for the interview days in March and September as was the case last year. These days will be pupil-free days. The dates are;

Thursday 30 March (Term 1 Week 9)
Monday 11 September (Term 3 Week 9)

Student Leadership:
Below is a list of our 2017 student leaders and I would like to congratulate them all on their appointment. They will be formally acknowledged at our Induction assembly later this month.

Senior Leadership team:
School Captains: Erin McGuigan and Sasha Frith
Sports Captain: Georgia Wareham
Arts Captain: Lizzy Kelly
Wellbeing Captain: Tiffany McLachlan
Principal Nominees: Raazel Fuertez and Jacob Pugh

Senior House Captains:
Endeavour House: Green Jackie Cooper Keely Moore
Inspire House: Blue Brooke Harfoot Jack Lehmann
Succeed House: Yellow Renae Reynolds Sam Williams

Years 5-7 House Captains:
Endeavour House: Tasha Killen Liam Schuuring
Inspire House: Zoee Boyden Mitchell Hughes
Succeed House: Grace Wareham Oliver Martin

Years P-4 House Captains:
Endeavour House: Jack Fowler Josh Slater
Inspire House: Chloe Goldsworthy Molly Goddard
Succeed House: Daniel Fowler Bridie McGuigan

House Mentors:
Endeavour House: Years 8-10 Pat Gleeson and Robin Allinson
Years 5-7 Geoff DeManser

Inspire House Years 8-10 Eddie Morcombe and Andrew Bennett
Years 5-7 Nicole King

Succeed House Years 8-10 Linda Simkin and Annette Janes
Years 5-7 Nigel Boyden

VCE Coordinator: Anthea Good
At Years 5-10 the house mentors are responsible for all matters relating to the students in their house and are the first point of contact for parents. For Years 11&12 students the contact person is Anthea Good.

**P-4 Class Captains:**

At Monday’s assembly our school captains, Erin and Sasha 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: Alexis Maher and Levi Barnard
- Year 1: Sommer Jones and Edward Wilson
- Year 2: Jesse Fowler and Hannah Leske
- Year 3/4A: Chelsea Wilson and Hunter Lynch
- Year 3/4B: Chloe Goldsworthy and Daniel Fowler

**Student Uniform:**

All students have a responsibility to wear the correct school uniform each day. 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 short-term basis. It is important to note that the uniform policy endorsed by school council specifies that black leather shoes must be worn. We have a number of students wearing sports shoes; these are not acceptable.

**Attendance and Punctuality:**

As was mentioned at the interviews and assembly last week regular attendance and punctuality are an essential aspect of a successful education. If students miss school regularly or are often late there can be 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/Hamilton Highway.

Please remember that if you have any concerns or queries you are welcome to contact the school at any time.

Graeme Good
BIRTHDAYS
Happy Birthday to all students who have birthdays this week.

FEBRUARY
9th—Josh Wendt 10th—Grace Stephens
13th—Kane Killen 14th—Sam Hall

Bushfire At-Risk School
Information will be sent home to all families later this week regarding bushfire readiness and planned closures of the school on CODE Red Days & Extreme Heat Days

Year 7 Vaccinations in 2017
The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) – one dose
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – three doses
- Varicella (chicken pox) – one dose

Parents/guardians of year 7 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the booklet and complete and return Part A regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The Moyne Shire Council immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by 28 February 2017 if you do not want your contact details given to the Moyne Shire Council immunisation service.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to betterhealth.vic.gov.au or immunehero.health.vic.gov.au

Car Parking/drop-off
Parents are reminded that the staff car park at the eastern end of the school is not to be used to drop off or pick up children. There are serious safety concerns with cars reversing out of parks in that car park.
Rehydrating on hot days!

It is important that all students drink plenty of water on hot days. Parents are asked to ensure that children bring a drink bottle at school everyday particularly on hot days.

A reminder that ALL students are to wear hats at recess and lunch time during Terms 1 & 4

School & Student Insurance

Parents are reminded that the College does not have insurance for student accidents whilst on the school grounds. In addition to this the College does not have insurance for items of personal property stolen or damaged on College grounds.

It is recommended that if students do have expensive pieces of equipment such as Ipads then these items should be included on parent’s own contents insurance policy. Please ring the College if more information is required.

HAVE YOU GOT ...

A means tested Concession Card (Health Care Card, Pension Card etc.) or are you a Temporary Foster Parent? You may be eligible for CSEF (Camp, Sports Excursion Fund)

If you have not applied for this yet, please fill in a form at the General Office as soon as possible.

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.
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.

STUDENT ABSENCE

If your child is going to be absent please inform the school by telephone (55992204), text message (0427 841239) or through the Skoolbag App, 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.

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.
Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- School, free push notification alerts
- School events
- School newsletters
- School documents
- School RSS feeds
- School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

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).
6. Click “Open” when installed.
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.

Don’t forget to like us on Facebook! Like

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au
FIRST DAY OF 2017

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 2017. Hardly any tears - not even from the mums and dads.
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.

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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 Tuesday.

Contact: Michelle Carmody
On: 55992 204 at Mortlake College

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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.
P-12 Sport Dates Term 1

**February**
- 9th February: Yr 5-10 House Swimming Trials—11.30-12.45pm
- 15th February: Yr 5-12 House Swimming Sports—11am—3pm
- 17th February: Yr 3-6 House Swimming Sports—9.30am-1.00pm

**March**
- 3rd March: Yr 7-12 MWD Swimming (Mortlake)—10.00am-2.00pm
- 9th March: Yr 5-10 House Athletic Trials—9.00am—11am
- 8th March: Yr 3-6 Division Swimming
- 10th March: Yr 3-6 House Athletics
- 14th March: Yr 7-12 MWC Triathlon Lake Bolac
- 24th March: 3-6 Regional Swimming
- 23rd March: Yr 3-6 District Athletics
- 24th March: Yr 7-12 GWR Swimming—Ballarat
- 24th March: Yr 3-6 Regional Swimming
- 31st March: Yr P-2 Fun Athletics

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**5-12 House Swimming Sports**

House Swimming Sports for Years 5-12 will be held on Wednesday 15th February 11am to 3pm. If any parents would like to help with timekeeping could they please contact me.

*Please note: That House swim trials for Year 5 to 10’s will be held Thursday 9th Feb. 11:30am - 12:45pm. All students are expected to swim unless a medical note is provided.*
CONGRATULATIONS—Georgia Wareham

Georgia has been selected to represent the Australian Under 21 team which will tour Sri Lanka later in March / April. Well done Georgia!

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 Monday 13th 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
Connect with us!

Join our online community and stay up to date

www.ssv.vic.edu.au

SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA™
Wellbeing Team Update

2017 sees the start of another busy schooling year for all and the Wellbeing Team are no different to this. We have had some staff changes and already have upcoming programs planned for early in the year. Mortlake College has a strong Wellbeing team who work closely with students, parents, teachers and other staff to provide support to ensure the best possible outcome for the student. We have a wellbeing centre which provides a safe space for students and parents to meet with a member of the wellbeing team. The centre also has a timeout space where students can come and have a reprieve from the ‘normal’ routine. If you have not been in the centre please pop in and have a look.

This year we are lucky enough to have Jenni Goddard as our new Health Promotions officer (formerly Secondary school nurse). Jenni will be working on a Wednesday and Thursday. Jenni is a valued member of our team and we look forward to working with her. Ross Trahair our Chaplain works on a Wednesday and Thursday and he will continue to work with the Hands-on-Learning program which is now running on a Thursday. Kerry Boyden our Welfare Officer works Monday, half day Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

The other members of the Wellbeing team are Michelle Carmody, Anne De Manser and Jess Courtney along with the house mentors.

Upcoming Dates:

February 13th Breakfast Program resumes
February 21st and 22nd Dental Van screening
February 27th Wimmera Hearing Van screening
March 6th for 3 weeks the Dental Van will be back for appointments.
Date to be confirmed – Vision screening
WE HAVE A NEW MEMBER FOR THE WELLBEING TEAM

Hello to all the students and parents of Mortlake College. My name is Jenni Goddard and I will be working as the school nurse, teaming up with our wellbeing staff to try and promote health and wellbeing within our school.

Many may already know me as my children also attend this school and I’ve been involved in school reading, cooking, gardening and camps over the years.

My first week in this position has brought back many memories, as I started my education at Mortlake College and several of the present staff taught me.

After leaving school, I moved to Melbourne to study nursing and began my working career at the Royal Children’s Hospital.

I soon became tired of city life, so headed outback to Alice Spring Hospital, where I continued working on a kids ward. From there, I travelled to Broome. Although I loved the environment and weather, I was not so keen on the work within the hospital. I was offered a job on an outback station, cooking for all the jackaroo’s and jillaroo’s. This experience soon taught me how to cook, thanks to the workers that had to endure my many disastrous meals.

I then returned to Melbourne to complete a Midwifery Qualification and have been assisting families have their babies in Warrnambool Base Hospital for the last 13 years.

I have loved volunteering within the school over the years my children have attended and decided that I might enjoy combining my passion of health education with my love for Mortlake College and all the great kids who attend.

I will be working within the school every Wednesday and Thursday and will also be involved in the production practice on Wednesday nights during terms one and two. Please feel free to come and say ‘Hello’ or drop in for a cuppa at the wellbeing centre, which is located behind the main school, next to the library.

Breakfast program

The breakfast program will continue to be offered daily thanks to the continued support from the Foodshare program. There have been some changes to what they have supplied us with Cheerios and Toasted Muesli added to the menu.

Monday - Mini Breakfast. Cheerios, Muesli, Porridge and tinned fruit
Tuesday - Mini Breakfast. Cheerios, Muesli, Porridge and tinned fruit
Wednesday - Mini Breakfast. Cheerios, Muesli, Porridge and tinned fruit
Thursday - Big Breakfast. Toast, baked beans, Cheerios, Muesli, Porridge and fresh fruit.
Friday - Mini Breakfast. Cheerios, Muesli, Porridge and tinned fruit

Mini breakfast is available in the home eco room from 8:30
Big Breakfast is also in the home eco room but is available from 8:20.

If anyone would like to volunteer half an hour of their time even if it is only once per month to support this wonderful program, please let someone from the wellbeing team know.
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:
## Clarkes Clover Leaf Café: School Lunch Menu

### HOT FOOD:
- Pies $4
- Pasties $4
- Vegetarian pasties $4
- Sausage Rolls $3
- Party Pies, Pasties, Sausage Rolls $2
- Chicken Nuggets 80c
- Dim Sims $1
- Potato Cakes $1
- Hot dog in roll $5
- Hot Gravy Rolls $6
- Sweet Chili Chicken Wraps $6
- Wedges w Sour Cream, Sweet Chili Sauce $5
- Nachos w Sour Cream, Salsa $5

### DAILY SPECIALS
- Monday/Tuesday: Meat Salad Roll, Flavored Milk & Fresh fruit: $8
- Wednesday/Thursday: Nachos or Wedges and Fresha Juice: $7
- Friday: Chinese- Fried Rice $7

### SANDWICHES & ROLLS:
(Wholemeal, Multigrain or White) add 20c for toasting
- Vegemite $3
- Cheese $3
- Egg $3
- Ham & Cheese $4
- Ham, Cheese, Tomato $4.20
- Chicken & Cheese $4.50
- Turkey $4
- Any Meat & Salad $5
- Meat & Salad Wrap $6
- Salad Roll w Meat $5
- Jumbo Salad Roll w meat $6
- Salad rolls (no meat) $5
- Ham Cheese, Tomato Roll $5
- Chicken, Cheese, Mayo $5
- Turkey, Cranberry, Cheese $5

### SALADS
- Small Salad Bowl $5
- Salad Bowl w Meat $7

### DRINKS:
- Bottled Water $2.50
- Fresa Juice (Orange/Apple) $3
- Sipper Cordials $2
- Fruit Box $2
- 300 ml Flavoured Sungold Milk $3
  (Choc, Strawberry, Iced Coffee)
- Hot Chocolate $3.50
- Cappuccino, Latte, FW $4
- Tea $3

### SWEETS:
- Biscuits $3
- Slices: Hedgehog, Vanilla, Jelly, Caramel or Lemon $3
- Coffee Scrolls w Butter $2.80
- Donuts $1.50
- Piece of Fruit $1
- Yoghurt $2
- Fresh Fruit Salad $5
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**Lunch**

Monday: 1.00 – 1.42
Tuesday: 1.03 – 1.45
Wednesday: 1.00 – 1.40
Thursday: 1.00 – 1.40
Friday: 1.00 – 1.40

**Recess**

Monday: 10.30 – 10.33
Tuesday: 11.30 – 11.33
Wednesday: 10.55 – 11.00
Thursday: 10.55 – 11.00
Friday: 10.55 – 11.00

**Period 6**

Monday: 2.30 – 3.30
Tuesday: 2.30 – 3.30
Wednesday: 2.30 – 3.30
Thursday: 2.30 – 3.30
Friday: 2.30 – 3.30

**Period 5**

Monday: 1.42 – 2.31
Tuesday: 1.45 – 2.33
Wednesday: 1.42 – 2.31
Thursday: 1.42 – 2.31
Friday: 1.42 – 2.31

**Period 4**

Monday: 1.45 – 2.33
Tuesday: 1.45 – 2.33
Wednesday: 1.45 – 2.33
Thursday: 1.45 – 2.33
Friday: 1.45 – 2.33

**Period 3**

Monday: 1.10 – 1.12
Tuesday: 1.00 – 1.02
Wednesday: 1.00 – 1.02
Thursday: 1.00 – 1.02
Friday: 1.00 – 1.02

**Period 2**

Monday: 10.05 – 10.07
Tuesday: 9.45 – 9.57
Wednesday: 9.55 – 10.00
Thursday: 10.05 – 10.07
Friday: 10.05 – 10.07

**Assembly**

Monday: 8.55 – 9.05
Tuesday: 9.05 – 9.17
Wednesday: 9.00 – 9.12
Thursday: 9.00 – 9.12
Friday: 9.00 – 9.12

**Housegroup**

Monday: 8.58 – 9.22
Tuesday: 8.58 – 9.22
Wednesday: 8.58 – 9.22
Thursday: 8.58 – 9.22
Friday: 8.58 – 9.22
Dear Mortlake P/12 school

On behalf of the Mortlake Lions Club I am writing to thank you for taking part in the Christmas Parade & Carols in Mortlake on Friday 16th Dec.

It was really great to have the community involved in this event and without the generous support from you it would not have been possible or as successful.

As a club we are hoping to again have the Mortlake Parade & Carols in 2017 and look forward to your continuing support.

If you have any feedback to help make it even a better celebration in 2017, we would like to hear from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Heather Rowe
On behalf of the Mortlake Lions Club

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM!!

Learning a musical instrument can be very beneficial for a child. Not only does it assist with their reading and mathematical skills but can improve hand-eye co-ordination as well. That is why I offer music lessons for anyone at the school.

For students aged five to eight (roughly Prep to Grade Three) I offer the following instruments: piano, recorder, guitar and violin. These are the easiest to learn at that age, and the latter two come in different sizes to accommodate small fingers. For older students, I offer those plus: flute, clarinet, trumpet, drums and saxophone. If you are interested in anything else, please ask me.

I also offer lessons of different lengths. Twenty minute lessons are ideal for those who have trouble concentrating for long periods of time or who are young, and thirty minute lessons are for the older children or those who can sit still long enough!

If you are interested in having your child or children learn this year, please contact me on 0417559235 or leave a message at the school. I don’t have any open spaces at the moment but you never know when a vacancy might open up!!

Melanie Pocknall
TERANG JUNIOR BASKETBALL SUMMER 2017 SEASON

Registration is now open online for the upcoming season.

Season Start Date - Friday 3rd March (Juniors) & Senior competition start date to be Monday 20th March. Both will be 12 week seasons with 3 weeks of finals.

The Registration period will be Tuesday 10th January through until Tuesday 14th February 2017

We have a few amendments that have been made on our registration system this season, which will see players and teams appear on the website itself instead of an attachment added manually. This streamlines our administration in coordinating the season even more than last season and will be a fantastic addition to the system. This means that until your registered and paid, you won’t be placed into a team online. It will also allow the scoresheets for each round to be automatically printed and results easier to enter and save lots of time for our volunteers in these jobs.

Please keep in mind that all players will be due to pay their BVC Insurance of $40.58 as well as their playing fees for their specific age group. Please remember to select the age criteria for each child you are registering to ensure correct game fees are applied, i.e- primary or secondary. If your a secondary student playing in the senior competition, you must select the senior fee.

We have opened up the registration two weeks earlier than normal to allow you plenty of time to have this done.

(If anyone has paid their BVC for 2017 at another association - you must contact Kym Grundy 0427954324 on how to register - Please note you will need your receipt from that association)

It is extremely important that all registrations are done by the closing date of 14th February. Late entries will not be guaranteed a position in a team. This enables the team selection panel to get the teams as even as possible, which makes for a much more enjoyable season for everyone playing. It also saves hours of time in not having to reshuffle teams and players. We ask that you please remember this and be registered on time.

Players must be 7 years of age as at 1st January 2017.

We look forward to another great season ahead.

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Inters (14 to 17 Yr Old) Tuesdays 6.45pm to 7.45pm
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- Want to act, direct and make new short plays?

4/5 March 2017

Port Fairy Theatre Group is hosting an intensive weekend of theatre-making with Anna Lowewendahl from TransVision Theatre. Anna has directed for Circus Oz, La Mama and has created work with theatre making communities across the world from Indonesia to Zimbabwe.

Cost $25 (lunches included).

Contact Port Fairy Theatre Group or Mary on 0408 407 950.
http://www.annaloewendahl.com/gallery.html
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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.
- 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 www.mortlakep12.vic.edu.au 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.