Term 1 - Week 7– 11th March 2015

Principals Report -

Parent-Teacher Interviews: Tuesday 17 March

Can I just give one final reminder about the Parent-Teacher interviews that will be conducted next Tuesday from 2pm until 6:30pm! The interviews are an excellent opportunity to talk to teachers about your child’s/children’s progress. It would be great to see a parent or guardian from every family represented at the interviews. Parents with children in Years 1-4 will have received notification of interview times some weeks ago. For parents with children in Years 5-12 the same arrangements as last year will apply with staff located in the BER building and parents simply move to teachers as they become available. Buses will leave at 1pm and parents who collect children from school will need to do so at that time.

Japan trip:

The excitement is certainly building for the group of students from Mortlake and Derrinallum who are traveling to Japan next Sunday. Mrs Blomeley and the students have a very exciting fortnight ahead of them and we wish them all the best for their adventures and we look forward to hearing their stories next term. This really is a wonderful opportunity for our students and I would like to acknowledge all the time and effort that Mrs Blomeley has put into organizing the trip to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

Years 3-6 South West Division Swimming Sports:

Last Friday we had sixteen students from Years 3-6 competing in the district swimming sports at Portland. All students competed really well and two individual swimmers and two relay teams have qualified for the next level of competition to be held in Ballarat on Friday. Thank you to all the parents who supported the swimmers and well done to the Mortlake College team. You should be very proud of your efforts. I would like to thank Nigel Boyden, our P-6 sports coordinator for his work in organising all aspects of the event. Good luck to the swimmers competing on Friday.

House Athletics Sports - Years 5-12

On Tuesday the Years 5-12 students enjoyed a very successful house athletics carnival. It was great to see everyone getting involved by participating and supporting their houses. Thanks to the house captains and mentors on their work and also to our sports coordinator Mr Jones who ensured everything was in order for a great day. Even the weather was fantastic!

Mid - West Complex Triathlon:

Last week the school triathlon team competed in the MWC event and performed very well. We had eleven teams competing and in the overall result Mortlake was placed a very close second to Hawkesdale College. Congratulations to all the students who competed and special congratulations to the team of Isaac Wareham, Jackson Boyden and Ryan Tanner who won their age group.
Secondary School Nurse

This week we welcomed Mr Michael Malady to the school as the secondary school nurse for 2015. Michael replaces Jenny Williams who is on leave and he will be working at Mortlake each Monday and Tuesday.

Years 8-10 Advance camp

Good luck to the 18 students and 2 staff attending the first Advance camp for the year from Wednesday to Friday of this week. The group will participate in a range of adventure-type activities in and around Lorne.

Graeme Good

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Students enjoying the Alpha production of 'Cinderella' last week.

What a fantastic show.

Parent - Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher interviews to be held on Tuesday 17 March commencing at 2pm and concluding at 6:30pm. Please be aware school finishes at 1.00pm on this day.

This is a great opportunity to discuss your children’s progress as we draw towards the end of first term.

P-4 students have been allocated times with their teachers.

5-12 teachers will all be located in the BER building and you are more then welcome to come see them between 2.00pm—6.30pm

Mr & Mrs DeManser will not be available for the interviews as they will be on leave from next Wednesday 11th March until the end of term. If you wish to meet with them early next term please contact the school.
2015 SCHOOL IMMUNISATION PROGRAM.

The 2015 School Immunisation Program is now underway.

This year the program involves students in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10. In 2015 only the vaccine that protects against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough will be offered to all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. From 2016, this vaccine will be offered to Year 7 students only. This will provide earlier protection from these diseases.

Year 7 students are also eligible for the chickenpox and HPV vaccines.

Consent cards and information has been sent home.

All consent cards need to be returned to the school regardless of whether your child is being immunised. You need to either consent to your child being immunised at school by marking ‘YES’ on the consent card, or refuse by marking ‘NO’ on the consent card.

Please return consent cards to the school by FRIDAY 6th MARCH.

To learn more about the changes, the vaccines, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination go to immunehero.health.vic.gov.au

Immunisation is free for a limited time- take advantage of this while your child is in the eligible year level.

Parents’ Association
TeMania Angus Bull Sale
The Parent Association would like to THANK all the parents who donated food or their time to the TeMania Bull Sale last Friday. It was a fantastic response from our school community.

Bulbs Direct Fundraising
Order forms have been sent home and are due back Friday 13th March

Family Fun Fete
Save the Date- FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER, 2015.
Planning has begun for the Fete in 2015. Jamie and Kim’s Mobile Zoo from Ararat have been booked for the day.

Next Meeting: Friday 13th March, 9:00am in the Staffroom.

WANTED
The Parents Association are looking for an enthusiastic parent to coordinate and run the Family Fun Fete on Friday 16th October.
Our theme this term is Fairytales and we have been discussing towers in science and technology. We have looked at Rapunzel’s tower and tried to make it with various materials. We used sticks, newspapers and lego among other things. Our experiments were lots of fun, but our most successful one, was using marshmallows and sticks.
Happy smiling Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden students enjoying their cooking class this week.
ENDEAVOUR HOUSE CAPTAINS

Hi, I am Nelson Anders. I have a big brother Brodie who is in Year 7 and a little brother Damon who is in Year 2. My family own the bottom pub, it's called The Shadwell. I wanted to be the Endeavour House Captain because I will show leadership and help everyone in the P-4, even if they are in Inspire and Succeed. GO ENDEAVOUR!!

Hi, I am Piper Jarvie. I wanted to be House Captain for Endeavour so I could show leadership and be a good role model for the P-4s. I will try my best to help people, not just in Endeavour but Succeed and Inspire as well. I am the House Captain with Nelson Anders. We are trying to make fun games for the Endeavour people to play. GO ENDEAVOUR!!

SUCCEED HOUSE CAPTAINS

Hi, my name is Damien Goddard. I like playing all sports in PE. My favourite colour is yellow for Succeed and my cousin Jake is a House Captain to. I chose to be a House Captain for Succeed because I would like to help Succeed and show my leadership at school. I would like Succeed to win the house cup this year. GO SUCCEED!!

My name is Ruby May McDowall and I am a Succeed House Captain. I am 9 years old and I am in Mr Vs class. I have 3 sisters and they are Stacy, Kristal and my baby sister Violet. Stacy is 11 years old, Kristal is 6 years old and Violet is 7 months old. I wanted to be a House Captain because I want to help everyone who is in Succeed. I will organise lots of games for Succeed and hopefully help win the House Cup. GO SUCCEED!!!
My name is Holly Ann Fowler and I am 9 years old. I wanted to be the Inspire House Captain so I can show leadership, show what to do in sports games and to show respect to everyone. I hope you all like me as a House Captain as I will do my personal best for everyone in my House. I have no cousins in my group. GO INSPIRE!!!

My name is Mitchell Hughes and I am 9 years old. I like football, cricket and soccer. My favourite colour is blue and my sister Amy is also a House Captain for the 5-7 area. I chose to be House Captain so I can show leadership and to help Inspire to win the House Cup. GO INSPIRE!!!

This week Inspire Student Victoria Barry & Endeavour student Amelia Barry brought their miniature horse to school for a little presentation during house group.
MWC TRIATHLON

On Thursday the 5th March, students travelled to Lake Bolac for the annual MWC Triathlon.

Thanks to Mr. Bennett and James Williamson for their support on the day.

Congratulations to Jackson Boyden, Ryan Tanner & Isaac Wareham you placed 1st in Junior Boys section.

Results:

**Overall**

1st Hawkesdale
2nd Mortlake
3rd Beaufort
4th Lake Bolac
5th Derrinallum

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SPORT SPOT

South West Division Championships 6th March 2015

Qualification times were drastically reduced for this year’s Divisional Swimming Championships however we still managed to have 16 students compete at the event on Friday.

Simon Atkinson, Zoe Boyden, Abbey Burford, Taine De Manser, Sarah Gubbins, Hamish Hobbs, Amy Hughes, Elise Killen, Jamie Killen, Tasha Killen, Todd MacDonald, Ned Quail, Johnno Roxburgh, Lily Schuuring and Grace Wareham.

All the swimmers swam really well and many beat their personal best times. Some outstanding results included: Simon Atkinson 10th in 11 year old Freestyle, Sarah Gubbins 5th 10 year old Freestyle, Tasha Killen 6th in 11 year old Butterfly, Todd MacDonald 4th in 12 year old Freestyle, Ned Quail 9th in 12 year old Freestyle.

It was also great to see both our 9/10 & 11 year old mixed relay teams came 5th and 3rd respectfully.

Advancers to the Regional Carnival include: Simon Atkinson, Sarah Gubbins, Hamish Hobbs, Elise Killen, Tasha Killen, Todd MacDonald, Johnno Roxburgh, Lily Schuuring and Grace Wareham

HOUSE ATHLETICS - Years 3-6

On Monday 16th March, Mortlake College House Athletic Sports will be held from 9.30am to 1:00pm.

The students have been asked to wear their house colours. They will need sunscreen, hat, plenty of water, and their recess & lunch.

Nigel Boyden

P-12 Sport Dates Term 1

March
10th March  5-12 House Athletics—All Day
13th March  3-6 Regional Swimming
16th March  3-6 House Athletics
20th March  3-6 District Athletics
25th March  7-12 GWR Swimming
SPORT SPOT

Action shots from the 5-12 Athletics Tuesday 10th March.

Full results in next week’s newsletter
**Performance Excursion**  
*Open to all Mortlake College Students*

We have organised an excursion to see *Lion King* in Melbourne later in the year. We have booked tickets for **Wednesday August 5** at 1.00pm, as there has been real interest, we will take a big bus. The cut-off date will be **Friday March 13**.

We will need to leave school at around 9.00am with a stop for lunch, getting home around 8.00pm. This will be a great opportunity for students to see an amazing show in Melbourne.

First preference has gone to performing arts students and parents from Years 5-12. We are now opening it up to the whole school so that we can fill a large bus. Any students from **Year 5 or below** need to remember that they **must be accompanied by a parent**.

**COST: $85 (this will include the ticket and bus)**

**DATE DUE: March 13**th. We’ll take the first applicants, however, **Money must accompany the form or it will not be considered**.

Please fill out the form below, include your payment and hand it in to the Office as soon as possible.

Yours Sincerely,

*Lyle Russell*

Performing Arts Coordinator

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**‘Lion King’ Excursion**

Name:_____________________________ Number of tickets required: ______

Names of the people who will use the tickets:  ($85 each)

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Payment included: -----________________
**5-7 ART FUN PROJECT about to begin.**

This task harnesses the use of technology in the classroom to improve student outcomes, in this case the understanding and creative application of specific perspective views, and should also be fun!

In 5-7Art classes we have visited the website of a creative photographer who has "taken 365 pictures charting the adventures of a Legographer- a Lego character who likes to 'take' pictures. The quirky series of shots follows the fantasy life of Leg O'Grapher, a Lego character who has travelled across the UK taking pictures, ahead of the release of the Lego movie.

Andrew Whyte, 39, from Southsea, Portsmouth carries the Lego man in his pocket where ever he goes, just in case the perfect picture opportunity arises.”

Students in 5-7 classes will be photographing their Lego figures in interesting locations throughout the school on their iPads, and using both worm’s eye and bird’s eye perspective views. The photos will be printed and displayed along the corridor to the library. So keep an eye out!

To see more visit the site:


Annette Janes

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**There’s never been a better time to join Ambulance Victoria.**

Did you know that ambulance transport and attendance in Victoria is not free, nor is it covered by Medicare?

Many Private Health Insurance policies also claim to cover ambulance transport, however coverage varies between provider and policy levels; many having limitations, gaps or exclusions. Health Care card (HCC) holders receive the same free ambulance service benefits as Ambulance Victoria members, with the exception of transport from private facilities which are no longer a concession benefit (a recent change). The **HCC must be valid at the time of accessing the ambulance service** and people need to be aware that their circumstances can change and Centrelink can change concession benefits at short notice. Is this a risk you are willing to take?

Emergency road transport costs begin at over $1,100 and a helicopter air ambulance almost $10,000. That’s a bill that nobody wants to pay out of their own pocket! Visit www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/membership or call the Membership Service Centre on 1800 64 84 84 to become a genuine Ambulance Victoria member.

At only **$82.60 per year for a family** or **$41.30 for a single**, you can rest easy knowing you’re protected against the cost of Ambulance treatment and transport Australia-wide.
**MIXED VOLLEYBALL STARTING SOON**

If adults and students (about the age of 14 and over) would like to play Mixed Volleyball on a Sunday night, please put your name on the list below. Alternatively you can ring Judi on 5599 2626 or Dean on 5599 2766 (business hours) by **Tuesday, 31st March 2015**. To be eligible you need to know the basics of volleyball, i.e. to be able to serve from the back line of the volleyball court and to dig and spike without the ball bouncing first.

The first match starts at 6:00pm and the last game should finish about 8:00pm. The pennant will run from approx. May - July, with no play during school holidays. Fees are $7.00 per person per game with an annual registration fee of $25.00.

There is also a sign up sheet on the school sport noticeboard.

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**LADIES NIGHT NETBALL COMMENCING SECOND TERM**

If any girls about the age of 13 and over would like to play Ladies Night Netball on a Wednesday night, please put your name on the list below. Alternatively you can ring Judi on 5599 2626 or Margy on 5599 2584. We will be putting the teams together soon so we can start in second term, so it would be appreciated if you could put your name down by **Tuesday, 31st March 2015**.

Depending on how many teams we can get together, the first game will commence at approximately 6:30pm – 6:45pm and the last game should finish between 8:30 – 8:45pm. The pennant will run for 10 – 12 weeks, with no play during school holidays. Fees are $7.00 per match and Netball Victoria membership is $67 adult and $47 junior 11-17 years (born between 1/1/1998 – 31/12/2004).

There is also a sign up sheet on the school sport noticeboard.

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**GET INVOLVED...**

**HAVE FUN, GET PAID, AND GET FIT!**

The Warrnambool and District Football Umpires Association are seeking new members for the 2015 season. If interested come to our open day Sunday March 15th up at our club rooms (Ages 10+) - Reid oval off Cramer St. at 1030 am or contact Jason Hughes on: 0455780022 (Director of Umpiring)

**WELCOME**


The holidays have flown by and no doubt you are in full swing already for the year ahead.

Remember to order your FREE 600ml water bottles for your new Foundation students.

Have a look at the available education programs, resources and incursions for 2015.

Schools who have a kitchen garden and are yet to receive a garden pack can apply online.

We look forward to working with you again in 2015.

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**WATER BOTTLE PROGRAM**

Water education is important for students in our service region and helps contribute to a liveable and sustainable South West Victoria.

Wannon Water offers FREE 600ml water bottles for Foundation students beginning school in the region in 2015.

The program encourages students to drink water and become aware of their hydration needs, and raises awareness about reuse and recycling.

Orders for the FREE 600ml water bottles close at the end of Term 1.

The bottles need to be collected from your local Wannon Water office by 30th April 2015.

Order online at www.wannonwater.com.au

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**EDUCATION PROGRAMS & RESOURCES**

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<td>Students learn about the odd things that go down the drain and the impact it has on the environment and water. <em>(Explore and make observations by using the senses ACSSU011)</em></td>
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<td><strong>The Water Cycle Game</strong></td>
<td>Join in this fun game to discover the water journey through the water cycle. <em>(Earth’s surface changes over time as a result of natural processes and human activity ACSSU075)</em></td>
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Wannon Water offers a range of programs, free of charge, throughout the school year such as tours, incursions, fact sheets and fun activities.

For more information visit www.wannonwater.com.au/education or contact catherine.grist@wannonwater.com.au
GARDEN PACK

Does your school have a kitchen garden?

Wannon Water offers free garden packs for schools in the region. These packs are designed to help your students learn about the importance of water in the garden and its necessity for living things.

If you haven’t already taken up the offer of a free garden pack, complete an online application at www.wannonwater.com.au/education (select “Teacher Resources & Application” tab).

i BOOKS

The Story of a Raindrop (Foundation - 2)
Join Florence the Raindrop on her journey from the land to the sky and back again to learn about the water cycle.

After the Drain (Years 1-3)
A fun story to teach children about where the water goes after it leaves the home.

These iBooks are available in the itunes store.

Water It, Grow It, Cook It

Start getting your kitchen gardens ready for the 2015 Water It, Grow It, Cook It Competition.

Some vegetables and herbs to plant in Autumn:
- Beetroot
- Carrots
- Cauliflower
- Chives
- Coriander
- Fennel
- Kale
- Garlic
- Leek
- Onions
- Silverbeet
- Spinach
- Snow peas
- Rosemary
- Radish
- Bok choy

Look out for more details about the competition in the next newsletter.

Happy Planting!

WORLD WATER DAY

World Water day on March 22 is a day to celebrate water. A time to think about how to make a difference for those people around the world who suffer from water related issues.

This year, the theme for World Water Day is

‘Water and Sustainable Development’

For more information visit www.unwater.org/worldwaterday

Water is at the core of sustainable development

Some topics to discuss with your students:
- Water is health
- Water is nature
- Water is industry
- Water is energy
- Water is food
- Water is equality

COMPOSTING WEEK

Composting Week: 4-10 May 2015

Did you know about 50% of the rubbish Australians put in the garbage bin could be put to better use in the garden as compost and mulch?

The garden is a great place to teach students about healthy eating and what’s needed to help plants survive and thrive.

If you don’t already have a compost, this may be a great time to make one with your students.

For ideas on teaching your students more about the compost cycle have a look at www.coolaustralia.org/activity/compost-cycle

Also visit www.compostweek.com.au

Teacher Resource

email wizards@wannonwater.com.au website www.wannonwater.com.au
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 SMS message and a note to be sent home with students. 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 via SMS message and a note home with your child.

**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.

**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.
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