Term 2 - Week 2 – 30th April 2014

Principals Report -

Education Week: May 18-23

To celebrate Education Week and the important contribution of government schools we have a range of activities planned. The Warrnambool Network of Government Schools is holding an Expo at the Lighthouse Theatre in Warrnambool between 10am and 2pm on Sunday 18 May and Mortlake College will be represented at that expo. One of the attractions will be a ‘Lucky-door” prize of an iPad, so, if you happen to be in Warrnambool at that time pop in and have a look.

During the week a terrific range of activities has been planned and it would be great to see lots of our families at school during the week. Full details of those activities are included in this newsletter.

National Walk to School Day: Friday May 23

National Walk to School Day is being held on Friday 23 May and students who live in town are encouraged to meet outside Clarke’s at 8:10am to join in a supervised walk to school. Bus travellers will be dropped off at the skate park so they too can enjoy the short walk to school. All students will be able to share in some breakfast at school.

Mid-West Complex Athletics sports

On Tuesday I attended the Mid-West Complex Athletics carnival and I was very proud of the way our students conducted themselves throughout the day. The support for those competing was fantastic and certainly demonstrated again that there is enormous pride in the school. Congratulations to all our competitors on a fantastic effort in bringing home the Aggregate shield and coming second in the Handicap shield. Particular congratulations to our sports captain, Tim O’Brien who was the Open Boys‘ age champion. Thank you to our senior sports coordinator, Nathan Jones for all his work and thanks also to the parents who attended and added their support to the team!
VCE Information:

With just over four weeks of VCE Units 1 and 3 remaining it is very important for all VCE students to be working hard both at home and at school. We often hear parents commenting that their children say they don’t have any ‘homework’ to complete but the fact is that this should never be the case for VCE students; there is always plenty to do even if ‘homework’ as such hasn’t been set by the teacher.

Students studying Unit 1 subjects will have exams in Week 5 (May 19-23) and all students studying a Unit 3 subject will sit the General Achievement Test (GAT) on Wednesday 11 June. The day before the GAT also marks the beginning of Units 2 and 4 classes and any students considering changing subjects in second semester need to see Mrs Good immediately.

Students and parents are reminded that there is a minimum attendance requirement of 80% for VCE students to satisfactorily complete units of study. If a student experiences health problems that results in extended or frequent absences they must ensure they obtain the relevant documentation from their doctor and pass copies to Mrs Good.

Happy Mothers’ Day!

Finally, happy Mother’s Day to all our mums! Hope you enjoy a very special day on Sunday!

Graeme Good

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.
MONDAY—“Kinder Day”
Special Assembly followed by Kinder children and their families can enjoy school tours, morning tea and transition activities

TUESDAY—“SAKG”
Year 3 and 4 students showcase their “Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden” program for their families.

SUNDAY
Warrnambool Network School’s Expo at Lighthouse Theatre in Warrnambool

WEDNESDAY—“Masterchef”
Open Classrooms P—12
Morning Tea by Yr 8-10 Home Eco students
Parent Masterchef Experience
P-2 Fun Run

THURSDAY—“Have a Say Day”
Free Wraps & Smoothies in undercover area at Lunchtime—while listening to our students have their say

FRIDAY—“Walk to School Day”
Walk to school safely day followed by Breakfast.
Yr 3-6 Cross Country @ Noorat

Education Week
18-24 May 2014
Scientists do amazing things
We have lots of special activities planned for Education week....

Sunday 18th—Friday 23rd May.

Sunday 18th - The Warrnambool Network will have an Expo at the Lighthouse Theatre, Warrnambool to promote education in government schools (10am - 2pm). Come along and see our Mortlake College Display!

Monday 19th - We have a Special Assembly at 8:55am featuring the cast from our “Wizard of Oz” production. All families welcome!

Then it is the Kinder children and their families day to participate in school tours (9am), Morning Tea (9:30am) and transitional activities.

Tuesday 20th - Today, the Year 3 & 4 children will showcase their Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program by cooking for their families.

Wednesday 21st - Open Classrooms for all Prep - Year 12 classes (9-11am only). Come and see your child working in class. A morning tea will follow, provided by our Yr 8-10 Home Eco students displaying their culinary skills.

The highlight of the day may be the “Masterchef Experience for Parents” (11:30am—1pm). Parents will be making items for lunch which will be tasted and voted on by the P-4 children. No cooking skills required as teams have FUN while creating quick and simple healthy items to fill the lunchbox. If you would like to be a part of the fun, please contact Kath Tanner.

The Prep to Year 2 Fun Run will follow the Masterchef challenge.

Thursday 22nd - “Have a Say Day” is a chance for our students to get on their “soapbox” for 30 secs and Have Their Say! Held in the Undercover area at Lunchtime, with free healthy Wraps & Smoothies available while students listen! Families most welcome.

Friday 23rd - The day begins with our “Walk Safely To School” theme. Students to meet outside Clarke’s Café at 8:10am where they will be supervised by staff as they walk to school. A healthy hot Breakfast of fruit, egg rolls & warm milo will be available at school on their arrival.

The Year 3-6 students will compete in the Cross Country at Noorat.
On Monday the VCE Food Technology students researched food items in Lygon Street, Carlton, prior to their visit to the Top Designs exhibition. The research was part of the work they do for their design folio. So instead of a recipe this week we included some photos to hopefully inspire you!
Free hot breakfast at school after your walk.

Bring your own mug if you would like a warm drink.
A group will be meeting at Clarke’s in the main street at 8:10am if you would like to walk in with a group. See your student leaders for more information.

Mindfulness

Would you like to have greater clarity and calmness? Have you tried mindfulness techniques?

Smiling mind is one website and has a phone app that is recommended by experts for young people, there are also sections for adults as well. It is one of many tools and products that are available.

Visit the website smilingmind.com.au or download the app. Give it a go, don’t just download the audio, but listen and participate.
Absences from school/ Late Passes

If students are going to be absent from school for any reason, it is the responsibility of the parents to make contact with the school. Contact can be made via note, text message only to 0427 841 239, a phone call on 55992204 or email the school at mortlake.p12@edumail.vic.gov.au before 9.30am on the day of the absence or days prior to the absence.

If no contact has been made to the school, a text message will be sent to the parent/guardian asking for an explanation for any absences. If an explanation has not been received by the school, a letter indicating the unexplained absence will be sent home that needs to be signed and returned ASAP.

It is a department directive that we have an explanation for all absences from school. We ask for your co-operation with this matter.

Any student arriving after 8.55am will need to come to the office to get a late pass which they then hand on to their teacher. If they do not get a late pass from the office, it is presumed that they are not at school and will therefore be marked absent for the day.

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Les Miserables Tickets Available ..... 

The spectacular musical ‘Les Misérables’ is coming to Melbourne later in the year. As part of their promotions, they are offering discounted group bookings for schools at $60.

We have made a booking for 50 seats on July 22nd (second week after the mid-year holidays). The show is at 7.30 pm, so we will need to leave school at around 2.30pm so that we can have some tea. It will also be a late night getting home. However, this will be a great opportunity for students and parents to see an amazing show in Melbourne.

COST: $85 (this will include the ticket and bus) - (please note: Yr 6 students and younger will need to be accompanied by an adult)

DATE DUE: May 9th. All money needs to be to the Office by this date as the theatre will only reserve the tickets that we pay for.

Please collect a form from the General Office, complete & include your payment and hand it in to the Office by May 9th. Also keep in mind that it is to be ‘first in, best dressed’, to secure your seat on the bus.

Lyle Russell
Performing Arts Coordinator
“Keys Please” is a short, 70-75 minute session aimed at helping you, the Learner Driver, enjoy the learning-to-drive experience, pass your Licence tests and become a safe and competent driver. At the same time it will help your supervising drivers (parents, older brothers/sisters, uncles, aunts, whoever) tackle their role with confidence while avoiding the stress that can sometimes be a part of it.

It’s been run here at Mortlake P-12 College for a few years now, with great success. Everybody who attends comes away saying they’ve learned something. And had a laugh!

Learning to drive should be a fun, exciting time – not a scary or dull chore. We’ll show you how to make the most of it.

Even though it’s during the school day, parents are most welcome to join us!

The BER Building
Friday, May 16, 2014 at 1.40 pm.

All we need is you!
(p.s. It really would be handy if your parents come along)

Mothers Day Stall
Where: Room 21 (Mrs Storr’s Classroom)
When: Friday 9th May Time: 9:30 – 1:15
Handmade gifts for Mum, lovingly made by the
Years Prep – 4 students
Cards and gifts from 50cents - $5
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

The boys preparing the Eggplant Pickle

The Ratatouille and Salad of the Imagination looks yum!

Menu
* Carrot and zucchini croquettes
* Basic bread
* Eggplant pickle
* Ratatouille
* Salad of the Imagination

Autumn jobs in the garden... sweeping leaves, weeding and preparing more seedlings.
EDUCATION WEEK

Mortlake College invites
all Kindergarten Children and Parents
to have a morning at school
on Monday 19th May
From 8:55 - 10:30am

- Enjoy our P-12 assembly at 8:55am including songs from our Wizard of Oz Production (undercover area)
- Tours of the school by our Student Leaders
- Morning Tea and discussions with our Principal Graeme Good at 10:00 in the staffroom
- Kinder Children will have a class with the Preps, Mrs. Amos and Mrs. Tanner

For more information contact Sue Amos  55992204
Alligators and Crocodiles from 1/2 C

During Term One Jordyn, Scarlett and Mrs Maher read a narrative about a teacher who could trap alligators. As part of their learning Scarlett and Jordyn researched the differences of crocodiles and alligators and finally they prepared reports about crocodiles.

FRESHWATER CROCODILES

Freshwater crocodiles have longer, thinner snouts, with a straight jawline and all their teeth nearly equal in size.

NEVER GO NEAR THEIR NEST.

Never go near them.

Australia hosts two different species of crocodiles, both of which are native to tropical Queensland.

Females will build a nest that is a large pile of sand and soil, usually located along the banks of a river or swamp.

By Jordyn Rohan

SALTWATER CROCODILES

Saltwater crocodiles grow larger than freshwater crocodiles. They can eat very large prey. Large crocodiles can ambush and kill cattle and horses as they come to drink at waterholes. Prey can also include wallabies, pigs and even other crocodiles.

Humans are in the size range of prey of saltwater crocodiles and attacks on humans occur every year.

The diet of freshwater crocodiles include all the smaller animals you find near and in rivers. Female crocodiles can grow up to 4 metres and males can reach up to 7 metres in length and weigh over 1000 kg.

No one is certain how long saltwater crocodiles can live, but it can be for over 50 years.

By Scarlett Sagnol
Oral Language in the Prep Room: “Show & Tell”

News time is one of the few opportunities for children to have an extended turn in oral language rather than the short exchanges typical of conversation and question and answer routines. It provides an important early opportunity for children to become familiar with the reporting genre. During news time they must select which information to tell and become aware of how to present this information to an audience. The following plan helps students understand the four stages of the Show & Tell genre. This assists the child to develop fluency, coherence and independence from teacher questioning. Some interesting topics/items brought this week have been: story rocks, a favourite blanket, a football, using chopsticks at home. Please encourage your child to participate by choosing something to bring or talk about then follow the below plan.

SHOW & TELL PLAN

Introduction: What is it?

Background: How did you get it? When did you get it?

Use: What do you do with it? Where do you keep it?

Evaluation: Why do you like it?
Volunteer Registrations Open Now!

Each year we search for volunteers to help Warrnambool’s Fun4Kids Festival continue to be the BIGGEST and BEST children’s festival!

ADULTS and STUDENTS (age 14yo+) are invited to join our ‘Fun Crew’

There’s heaps of ways to get involved and rosters are flexible.

Fun4Kids Festival 2014 will be held from June 29 - July 6!

Interested?

Call Sharon on 5559 4834 or swohlers@warrnambool.vic.gov.au

NOORAT SALE TRAIL..

MONSTER COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE.

Saturday May 10th  9am -5pm

Schools, scouts and many households all selling “must have’ goodies.

Sponsored by the Noorat & District Residents Association the Noorat and District (4klm Radius) will host garage sales in and around around Noorat, Glenormiston, Kolora and nearby areas.

SALE TRAIL Maps will be available at all venues, refreshments will be available at schools and scout hall.

Antiques, bric-a-brac, garagenalia, books, cake stall, plants, furniture, toys, crafts, art, model rail, miniatures, woodworking books and tools will just be some of the items available at the various garage sales on the day.

Don’t miss it.

Begins at 9am and will continue until 5pm, SALE TRAIL MAPS will be available at all venues, look for the orange signs and balloons.

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MYGolf National Skills Challenge Program

Where - Mortlake Golf Club

When - Tuesday’s from 3:45 - 4:45pm (6 weeks)
May 20th, May 27th, June 3rd, June 10th, June 17th, June 24th

Cost—$35 includes 6 clinics
(only $2 if already in MYGolf)

Bookings & Enquiries to:
John Snowden ph: 0418 995 478 or 5599 2495 (AH)
Victoria is a great multicultural success story and our diversity is one of our strengths. However, if there’s one thing that unites Victorians, it’s football. Football brings people from all backgrounds together to barrack for their teams. To celebrate the diversity that makes our schools and community great, DEECD and the AFL have developed a competition for all Victorian students: One Team, One Goal – Celebrating Diversity.

The competition is open to all students in government and non-government schools and there are great prizes up for grabs, including a $5,000 grant for schools and tickets to AFL games.

Primary school students can enter by creating a poster that reflects the themes of multiculturalism, teamwork and respect, with the winning entry to be featured in the AFL Football Record.

Secondary school students can enter by designing a logo, with the winning entry printed on limited edition AFL Sherrin footballs. There are also a range of runner up prizes for schools and students.

To find out more information and to enter visit http://www.education.vic.gov.au/one-team

BE QUICK - ENTRIES DUE BY MAY 23
Camperdown Theatre Company presents

Theatre Royal, Camperdown.

Dates - Friday May 9th—8pm
Saturday May 10th—2pm & 8pm
Friday May 16th—8pm
Saturday May 17th—2pm & 8pm

Tickets on sale at:
www.trybooking.com
Laffs Camperdown—163 Manifold St ph: 5593 1469
Affordable Elegance—191 Manifold St ph: 5593 3957

$30 General Admission
$20 Student/Child.
Meet Melbourne in Warrnambool
Thursday, 29 May 2014
Information session for prospective students and their families

The University of Melbourne will be visiting Warrnambool to give students, teachers and parents in the area the chance to talk to our friendly staff and find out more about:

- Courses and career outcomes, including the Melbourne degrees and graduate pathways
- Unique opportunities to enrich your degree such as studying a concurrent diploma or going on exchange
- Scholarships and course costs
- Access Melbourne, our special entry and access scheme, which offers guaranteed entry to Melbourne’s degrees for eligible students
- Housing options
- Information for Indigenous students

REGISTER NOW
Register your attendance online at:
futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/meetmelbourne

EVENT DETAILS
When: Thursday, 29 May 2014
6.00pm – 8.30pm
Where: City Memorial Bowls Club
50-58 Cramer Street
Warrnambool

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
- s.fisher@unimelb.edu.au
- futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au
- facebook.com/melbuni
- twitter.com/unimelb
- youtube.com/unimelb
Careers in Sports Medicine 2014
Wednesday 28th May - Geelong

The careers in sports medicine evening aims to build awareness of the health professional involved in caring for athletes, whether they compete for Australia or exercise for fitness.

DATE
Wednesday 28th May

TIME
7pm-8.30pm

REGISTRATION
http://www.trybooking.com/ERDF
RSVP by Monday 26th May
Note: Numbers are limited

VENUE
Olympic Park Sports Medicine Centre
Geelong Campus, 30 Bellerine St (Cnr Little Malop St) Geelong
(Note: This event is also running in Melbourne)

COST
$25 per student
Parent/Guardian no charge

PROGRAMME
Our Health Practitioners will be available at this event to answer any of your questions. There will also be information packs on the following disciplines.

- Sports Medicine
- Nutrition
- Podiatry
- Psychology
- Massage Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Exercise Physiology

ENQUIRIES / FURTHER INFO
megan.marshall@opsmc.com.au
www.opsmc.com.au

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**Education Week**

19th - 23rd May

Come along and join in the fun!