Principals Report - National Volunteer Week

This week is National Volunteer Week and it is a great time to acknowledge the valuable contribution made by our dedicated volunteers, who give up their time and use their expertise to provide students with the very best learning and development opportunities. As I have said many times we really value the work of our volunteers who support not only the students but the staff as well.

Education Week: Sunday 18th - Friday 23rd May

Just a reminder that we are celebrating Education Week next week and, as I mentioned in last week’s newsletter it would be great to see lots of families taking the opportunity to visit the school and observe the learning both within and outside the classrooms. Cooking will be a highlight on Tuesday when the Years 3&4 children cook for their families using produce from the Kitchen Garden and also on Wednesday with the inaugural Masterchef challenge for parents. Full details of the week’s program are included in the newsletter.

Abbeyfield iPad Project:

As part of her study for the VCE, Extended Investigation subject, Year 12 student Charmarelle McCarroll has planned and is overseeing a joint project between the school and Abbeyfield. As part of this project, students from the Years 8-10 Advance class are teaching some of the Abbeyfield residents how to use programs on the iPad to connect with friends and family. Charmarelle will then interview the residents to gauge the success of the project. Early feedback from the residents and also the students is really positive and it’s fantastic to see our young people working collaboratively with the residents of Abbeyfield. This is a great initiative and we hope it will form the basis of an ongoing partnership with Abbeyfield.

VCE Careers Expo:

Well done to the Year 12 students who attended the Careers Expo in Melbourne last Friday! Anthea Good and Mark Croucher reported that all the students approached the day positively and were able to gain important information about careers, potential tertiary options and apprenticeships. Last week I mentioned the need for students to be really committed in order to achieve success in VCE and, of course, for our Year 12 students, it is critical that they be thinking about their future options. To this end I would encourage them (and their parents) to seek the support and advice of Mrs Good, Mr Croucher, Mr Bell or their house mentors sooner rather than later.

School Cross Country:

On Tuesday the Years 3-12 students competed in the school cross country and it was great to see the high levels of participation in the event. Congratulations to all participants! Full details will be in next week’s newsletter.

Graeme Good
Important Information for Families travelling on Buses

We are always trying to improve our processes to ensure the safety of our students as well as running an efficient system for all users.

It is very important that parents notify us each time your child will not be on the bus. This includes weekly commitments such as football & netball training. This can be done by handing a note directly, or giving a verbal message in the morning to the bus driver. Alternatively, a bus note can be completed, in person, or via phone message **BEFORE 2:30pm** with the front office staff.

Our buses run on a tight schedule and need to depart at their scheduled time. It is very important that children are not late out to buses at the end of the day. Please discuss with your child the importance of being organised at the end of the day. We wish to avoid parents having to collect their child if they miss their bus.

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.
Congratulations to those students who competed in the MWC Athletics carnival in Warrnambool last week. Thankyou to all those staff who help out with official duties.

**Overall results**

1st Mortlake 569 points
2nd Beaufort 515
3rd Hawkesdale 506
4th Derrinallum 192
5th Lake Bolac 139

**Handicap**

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

Well done to **Tim O'Brien** for taking out age group champion for the 17-20 year old boys.
On Friday the Year 12 students had an early start to the day when they caught the train to Melbourne for the Age Careers Expo. The Expo was held at the Caulfield racecourse and involved representatives from a range of tertiary institutions, training organisations and employers being on site to provide students with information about the various options available to them after completing Year 12. The students also had the opportunity to attend seminar sessions related to some Year 12 subjects.

It is important for students to talk with their parents and teachers at school about their plans for next year so that they can explore different options before settling on a particular pathway. Each fortnight I spend time with the Year 12 students to share with them information about applying for courses, scholarships, revision techniques, and many other issues related specifically to Year 12 students. It is important for the students to spend time themselves exploring various options and using sites such as the VTAC one to stay informed.
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.

National Volunteer Week

Dear parents and carers,

In my time as Minister for Education, I have met many dedicated volunteers giving up their time and using their expertise to provide students and school communities with the very best learning and development opportunities.

As Australia celebrates the 25th National Volunteer Week from May 12-18, it’s an opportune time to recognise and celebrate the valuable work volunteers do in our school communities.

On behalf of the Victorian Government, I would like to sincerely thank all of you who donate your time and expertise to your school. It wouldn’t be the same place without your important contribution.

Yours sincerely

The Hon. Martin Dixon, MP
Minister for Education
Pane Di Patate
(Bread made with mashed potato!)

Ingredients
250 g cooled mashed potato, plus 250 ml reserved cooking liquid from potatoes
2 1/2 tsp dried yeast
125 g unsalted butter
1 large bunch chives, snipped
2 tbsp sugar
2 tsp salt
425 g bread flour

Method
1. In a small bowl, sprinkle yeast over 4 tbsps warm water. Leave for 5 minutes.
2. Melt half butter in a pan, then add reserved liquid, potato, yeast, chives, sugar and salt. Mix thoroughly.
3. Stir in half flour and mix well, then gradually add remaining flour. Dough should be soft and slightly sticky.
4. Knead the dough on a floured work surface for 5-7 minutes until smooth and elastic.
5. Put dough in a greased bowl, cover with tea towel and leave until dough doubled in size (approx 1 hour).
6. Grease round cake tin. Turn dough onto lightly floured surface and knock back. Rest for 5 minutes, then flour hands and pinch off walnut sized pieces of dough, making about 30 pieces. Roll each piece of dough into a small ball.
7. Melt remaining butter. Coat balls of dough in butter, then place into prepared tin. Cover with tea towel, and let loaf rise in a warm place until the tin is full.
8. Bake bread for 40-45 minutes at 190 degrees until it is golden brown. Cool on wire rack.
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
Parent Masterchef Experience

Wednesday 21st May - 11:30 - 1:30

There is still time to put your name in for this event....It would be great to have as many people involved as possible. All the recipes are easy and cooking skills are not essential!

The food you create will be offered to the P-4 students and they will vote on their favourite foods.

Expect to have lots of fun and perhaps meet new parents from our school community.

See Kath Tanner if you would like to be involved or simply turn up on the day.

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)
This week we are preparing for Education week. We have invited a member of each 3/4 family to join us for lunch and a tour of our kitchen garden.
MORTLAKE COLLEGE 2014

Presents

Friday June 20th - 6.30pm - Café Night - $30
Tuesday June 24th – 12.00pm - Matinee - $10
Thursday June 26th - 7.30pm - Seated - $15 adult & $8 student
Friday June 27th - 7.30pm   BYO Picnic Night - $20 adult & $10 student

Tickets on Sale Monday 19th May.
Mortlake College Office    Ph: 5599 2204
Soldiers’ Memorial Hall

By L. Frank Baum
With Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg
Background Music by Herbert Stothart
Dance and Vocal Arrangements by Peter Howard
Orchestration by Larry Wilcox
Adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company
Based upon the Classical Motion Picture owned by Turner Entertainment Co. and distributed in all media by
Warner Bros.
“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)

Meals on Wheels
Mortlake College is on Meals on Wheels duty from 19th -23rd May and we need volunteer parents to drive.
Drivers required from 11:45am - 12:45pm
Please contact Mirren Munn on ph: 5599 5310 if you can help.....Many Thanks!
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

Canteen Price List

Yr 3-6 District Cross Country Country
@ Noorat Recreation Reserve

23rd May 2014

Pies $3.00
Sausage Rolls $2.00
Sav in Bread $2.00
Nibble Pie $1.00
Soup $2.00

Fresh Fruit .50c
Cakes, Slices, Biscuits from $1.00

Bottles of Water $2.00
Hot drinks – tea, coffee, milo $2.00
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:

Email: s.fisher@unimelb.edu.au
Twitter: @unimelb
Facebook: facebook.com/melbuni
YouTube: 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!