Term 2 - Week 5 – 21st May 2014

Principals Report

Education Week:

Our Education Week celebrations are in full swing as I write this report. The kinder children enjoyed their time at the school on Monday both in the classes with the Prep students and at the P-12 assembly where they saw fantastic performances from the choir and the cast of ‘The Wizard of Oz.” It was great that a number of kinder parents were able to stay after the assembly, some spending time helping in the classrooms and others participating in tours of the school led by our senior student leaders.

On Tuesday the Kitchen Garden program took centre stage and what a wonderful showcase the day was for the program and all who are involved. The BER was beautifully set up and a delicious meal was cooked by the Years 3&4 students and enjoyed by the students, parents and staff- just over 90 meals in total! What an achievement! A big thank you to all parents and staff who helped in any way and Jane Povey in particular for all the work that she put in to ensure the day was such a success.

This morning we welcomed family members into the school to observe classroom learning and enjoy morning tea. A highlight of the day was the Masterchef challenge where five teams of parents ‘competed’ to prepare the tastiest (and healthiest) items for their children’s lunchboxes. This event was the culmination of the ‘Lunchbox Blitz’ that has been running as part of the SW Healthy Kids initiative. There was certainly a great spirit amongst the competitors and lots of appetising dishes for the students to eat. Well done to all the teams for coping with all the pressure!! Thanks to Kerri Nicholson and Emily Grant from Terang and Mortlake Health Services, to Community Chef, Tanya Douglas and especially to Kath Tanner for organising the challenge.

On Thursday the students will be able to “Have a Say” and enjoy some more healthy food with free wraps and smoothies available and on Friday the week’s celebrations will conclude with the ‘Walk Safely to School Day’ followed by a healthy hot breakfast. Just a reminder that we will meet outside Clarke’s at 8:10 on Friday morning for the walk to school and buses will be dropping bus travellers at the skate park so they can enjoy a short walk to school.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making Education Week at Mortlake College such a terrific celebration of the programs and opportunities that our school offers.
School buses:

Over the past two weeks two P-4 children have missed the afternoon bus and so we have introduced a refinement of the note system for children in Prep to Year 4. School buses will not leave at the conclusion of the school day unless one of the following is noted on the bus roll:

- The bus driver has recorded that he has been handed a written note from the parent
- The driver has recorded that he has been handed a note from the school after the parent has contacted the office.
- The driver has recorded that he has received verbal permission from the parent.

This is designed to ensure that not only do students not miss the bus but that we have accurate records of every bus traveller’s arrangements each day, so I would ask parents to ensure

Graeme Good

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**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.

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**Have you checked out the**

“Mortlake College P-12” Facebook Page ??

Don’t forget to “Like” us on Facebook and keep up to date on all that is going on at Mortlake College.
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.
2 more days of Education week left ...

Have a Say Day ....
Thursday 22nd May
Lunchtime in the Undercover Area
FREE LUNCH provided for all P-12 students ...
Wraps, Smoothies & Fruit

Free hot breakfast at school after your walk.
Bring your own mug if you would like a warm drink.

Students can meet at Clarke’s in the main street at 8:10am if they would like to walk in with a group. See your student leaders for more information.

Bus travellers will be dropped off at the Skate Park so they too can join in the fun!
House Cross Country

Congratulations to all those students who competed in the house cross country on Tuesday 13th May.

The year 9-10 age group ran 1.8km whilst the 11-20 year olds ran 3.7km.

Overall results
1st Endeavour 828
2nd Inspire 627
3rd Succeed 614

AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS

9-10 Girls
1st Holly Fowler
2nd Grace Wareham
3rd Abbey Burford

9-10 Boys
1st Simon Atkinson
2nd Liam Schuuring
3rd Jock McGavin

11-12 Girls
1st Georgina Williamson
2nd Charlotte Gartland
3rd Kaitlyn Fowler

11-12 Boys
1st Darcy Hobbs
2nd Lachie McGavin
3rd Luke Eldridge

13-14 Girls
1st Leah Johnson
2nd Stephanie Jubb
3rd Gemma Brown

13-14 Boys
1st Isaac Wareham
2nd Jackson Boyden
3rd Harry Quail

15-16 Girls
1st Breanna Kirkwood
(1st Overall female
15:44 min/sec)
2nd Renae Reynolds
3rd Asha Kelly

15-16 Boys
1st Tyler Fowler
(1st Overall
12:34 min/sec)
2nd Harry Hobbs
3rd Jake Tanner

17-20 Girls
1st Charmarelle McCarroll
2nd Stacey Shalders
3rd Rebecca Bloomfield

17-20 Boys
1st Triston Webster-Bamford
2nd Mason Fagan
3rd Lachlan Jubb
On Wednesday 11th June all VCE students completing a Unit 3/4 subject in 2014 will be required to sit the GAT at Mortlake College.

Please read the accompanying brochure carefully if you are a GAT student or parent, and contact me if you have any queries/concerns.

If you have trouble reading the brochure in the newsletter you can also go to the website - www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/GAT/GATbrochure.pdf and download the brochure yourself.

Anthea Good
VCE Co-ordinator.
RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF VCE EXAMINATIONS AND THE GENERAL ACHIEVEMENT TEST (GAT) 2014

Students are required to observe the following rules for the conduct of VCAA examinations conducted by or on behalf of the VCAA, as well as the day-to-day rules and examination rules of their school and of the examination venue. VCAA examination rules shall apply with appropriate and reasonable modifications to students who have disabilities or other impairments. All supervisors are issued with directions for the administration of the examinations and are required to report all alleged breaches of VCAA rules to the VCAA. Supervisors have the right to check any calculator or dictionary that is taken into an examination.

1. Students must not cheat or assist other students to cheat.
2. Students must not take any action that gives or attempts to give them or another student an unfair advantage in an examination.
3. Students must not allow, induce or assist any other person to present for an examination in their place.
4. Students must not present for an examination in another student’s place.
5. Students must not present for an examination under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
6. Students must obey and observe all proper instructions or directions given by their supervisor.
7. Students attending an examination may bring only materials and equipment approved for that examination into the examination room.
8. Students must not possess mobile phones and electronic devices that are capable of storing, receiving or transmitting information or electronic signals, such as recorded music and video players, organisers, dictionaries and computerised watches during an examination.
9. Students detected with any device defined in Rule 8 must, upon the direction of a supervisor, surrender that device for inspection. Any confiscated device will be retained, pending any investigation into an alleged breach of VCAA rules.
10. Students must not bring into or possess in the examination room any drink or food except under special circumstances as approved and directed by the VCAA. Bottled water is permitted in the examination room under approved conditions.
11. Students must not communicate with any other student while the examination is being conducted.
12. Students must not cause any nuisance, annoyance or interference to any other student during an examination.
13. Students must not remove, tear out or damage any part of a bound reference, script book, question and answer book or answer book, except formula sheets or similar permitted examination materials.
14. Students must not remove any response material, used or unused, from the examination room.
15. Students must not begin to write or mark their paper or response material in any way, or use a calculator, until advised by a supervisor that writing may commence.
16. Students must raise their hand if they wish to communicate with a supervisor.
17. Students must not leave their place until permitted by a supervisor.
18. Students will not be permitted to leave the examination before 30 minutes have elapsed from the start of writing time.
19. Students will not be permitted to leave the examination in the last five minutes of the examination.
20. Students must cease writing when instructed to do so by a supervisor.
21. Students must remain silent and seated in their place at the end of the examination until response materials have been collected and checked, and an announcement is made permitting students to leave the examination room.
22. Students must not communicate with an assessor, either before or after a written examination or during a performance examination, except when communication is necessary for the conduct of the examination.

Wednesday 11 June 2014
10.00 am – 1.15 pm

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GENERAL ACHIEVEMENT TEST (GAT)

WHAT IS THE GAT?
The GAT is a three-hour test of your general knowledge and skills in:
- written communication
- mathematics, science and technology
- humanities, the arts and social sciences.

WHY DO YOU HAVE TO DO THE GAT?
The GAT is an essential part of the VCE assessment process.
While it is important that you attempt the GAT, the test does not count directly towards your VCE. However, GAT results play a very important part in determining your final assessments for the VCE.
GAT results are used to check that your examinations and School-based Assessments have been accurately and fairly assessed.
The GAT is used in these checks because its results are a good predictor of final assessment for VCE studies. If a student has done well on the GAT, they are likely to do well in their school assessments and examinations.

HOW IS THE GAT USED?
Checking School-based Assessment results
The VCAA applies statistical moderation to all School-based Assessment to even out the differences in marking standards that may occur from school to school. This is to ensure that the final results are comparable across the state and are fair to all students.
The statistical moderation process compares the level and spread of each school’s assessments of its students, each school with the level and spread of the same students’ scores in the external examination, and adjusts the school scores if necessary.
GAT results and examination results can be used together in statistical moderation because it gives a better match with School-based Assessments throughout the state.

Checking examination results
The examination marking process is rigorous, carefully and expertly conducted, and designed to be fair to all students. Examination papers are assessed twice, by two different assessors. Each assessment is done separately and each assessor does not know the marks given by the other assessor. If there is insufficient agreement between their assessments, the paper is assessed by a third assessor.

When the examination is complete, there is a final check to identify any students with scores that are significantly lower than expected. If a student’s examination score is significantly different from the mark predicted by the GAT, the indicative grade given by the school and any other examination in the same subject, the paper will be assessed again by the chief assessor’s panel.

Derived Examination Scores
GAT scores contribute to the calculation of a Derived Examination Score (DES). There is no DES for the GAT.

HOW DO YOU PREPARE FOR THE GAT?
No special study is required for the GAT.
The general knowledge and skills that are tested are those students have built up through their previous study in English, mathematics, science and social science. Each question provides all the information needed to work out the right answer.
You can get further information about the GAT including previous GAT papers, answers to multiple-choice questions, and step-by-step instructions for completing the GAT on the VCAA website:

ABOUT THE GAT
The GAT is a single session three-hour test. There are two writing tasks and 70 multiple-choice questions.
You may complete the tasks in any order, but it is recommended that you complete the writing tasks first, then the multiple-choice questions. The following time allocations are recommended:
- Writing Task 1: 30 minutes
- Writing Task 2: 30 minutes
- Multiple-choice questions: 2 hours

TOTAL: 3 hours
Answers to all tasks will be collected at the end of the three hours.

PERMITTED MATERIALS
You may use an English and/or bilingual printed dictionary into the GAT, but not a thesaurus or a combined thesaurus dictionary. Electronic dictionaries and calculations are not permitted. You will need pens, pencils and an eraser to complete the GAT.

You must use either blue or black pen to complete the two writing tasks and a pencil for the multiple-choice answer page.

THE TWO WRITING TASKS
Writing Task 1 will present written and graphical information in colour. You will be asked to write a piece that presents the main information in this material. You should develop an argument or an argument in your response. You will be assessed only on your writing skills and not on any extra knowledge you may have about the material.
Writing will be judged on:
- how well you organise and present your understanding of the material
- how effectively you communicate the information
- how clearly you express yourself.

Writing Task 2 will present statements on an issue. You will be asked to develop a piece of writing presenting a point of view on the issue, based on one or more of the statements. You can include other knowledge or information you may have to support your view. You should aim to present your reasons and arguments to support your view and not just opposing ideas. You should also aim to communicate clearly and effectively to the reader.
Writing will be judged on:
- the extent to which you develop your point of view in a reasonable and convincing way
- how effectively you express yourself.

THE MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS
The multiple-choice questions will cover mathematics, science, technology, humanities, the arts and social sciences. There will be 70 questions in this section, which will take about two hours to complete. You should attempt every question. Marks will not be deducted for incorrect answers.
You must use a pencil on the answer page for multiple-choice questions. There will be instructions on how to shade the boxes to show your answers.
The multiple-choice section consists of groups of questions or units. Each unit will offer one or more pieces of information and a number of questions about that information.

TIPS ON DOING THE GAT
- Read all the information carefully.
- Read each question and try to pick out the key ideas and information.
- For the multiple-choice questions, try to quickly reject choices that appear to be wrong, then read the question again and select the answer most likely to be right.
- Attempt all questions and don’t spend too much time on any one question. Questions can be revisited later.

GAT RESULTS
GAT results will be reported to you in December as part of your final results package.
A GAT statement will show raw scores out of:
- 40 for written communication
- 55 for mathematics, science and technology
- 55 for humanities, the arts and social sciences.

This statement will also report GAT results as a standardised score for each component. The standardised score will be calculated and reported using the same scale used for VCE study scores, that is, on a scale from 0 to 100 with a mean of 50 and a standard deviation of 10.
Both VCE and VCMU Statements of Results will show whether you sat for the GAT or if your absence was authorised. Your absence is only authorised if your school principal has obtained an exemption for you from the VCAA.
If you have questions about the GAT, contact the VCAA on:
Tel: (03) 9632 1700 or 1800 134 197
Fax: (03) 9632 1798
Email: vcaa@edmail.vc.gov.au
LEMON SUNBURST SLICE
(as made by Yr 8-10 Home Eco students for Education Week morning tea)

INGREDIENTS

1 cup self-raising flour
1 ¼ cups plain flour
2 cups icing sugar
250 g butter, chopped
4 eggs
1 ½ cups caster sugar
1 tbsp finely grated lemon rind
½ cup lemon juice

METHOD

1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees. Grease lamington pan; line base and sides with baking paper, extending paper 2 cm above the edge of the pan.
2. Process self-raising flour, 1 cup of the plain flour, ½ cup of the icing sugar and butter until combined. Press over base of pan; bake about 20 minutes. Cool in pan.
3. Whisk eggs, caster sugar, remaining plain flour, rind and ¼ cup of the juice in medium bowl; pour over biscuit base. Bake about 30 minutes; cool in pan.
4. Stir remaining icing sugar and remaining juice in small bowl until smooth; spread over slice, cut when set.
And the Winner is ...

5th — Green Team
4th — Red Team
3rd — Blue Team
2nd — Yellow Team
1st — Black Team!

Thanks to the support of all the Parents for having fun and getting involved, for the P-4 children for being awesome judges, for Kath Tanner & Kate Calvert for all their work in getting today organised and the Southwest Health Team of Emily, Kerry & Tania for all their support.
Parent and Friends Association

Our last meeting was held on Tuesday 6th May. We thanked Bruce Goddard, Ross Quail and their team of helpers who have installed the playground. It looks fantastic, and I know the kids are desperate to play on it. The final part of the project is to have a wooden border built.

Thanks must also go to Lucy and Tom Gubbins, and the Te Mania Team for their generous donation to our Committee for the catering at their Bull Sale in March. We appreciate all our parents continued support by donating baked goods and offering your time to support this.

We have given some of this money to Alison Storr and the Year 3/4's for their painting project in the Undercover Area, which looks great. We are also putting funds towards the purchase of new microphones for the Production.

We talked about current and upcoming events at school, planned future fundraising and acknowledged the parents who are providing afternoon tea at Production Rehearsals and collecting fruit from Food Share.

Finally, I'd like everyone to mark Friday 25th July on their calendar. The Parents Association Corridor Dinner is on as "THE CHRISTMAS IN JULY, BANQUET IN THE BER". This is the major fundraiser for 2015, and we are seeking donations of goods and services for the auction.

The Parents Associations next meeting is on WEDNESDAY 4TH JULY at 9AM in the Staffroom. You may have a question about something that is happening at school, or might like to help with the planning of the Banquet in the BER. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Elizabeth Mann,
Secretary, Mortlake College Parents Association.

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Meals on Wheels

Mortlake College helps with Meals on Wheels duty one week per term and we need more 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!
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

What an fantastic day we had yesterday with our Year 3 & 4 students cooking for their special people, an amazing lunch from their Stephanie Alexander Garden. Huge Thanks to the P-4 Staff and some very special parents for helping with preparation & clean up.
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.
Canteen Price List

Yr 3-6 District Cross 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
A public presentation by
Michelle and John Rayner

Landscapes for learning

In our increasingly digitised and urbanised world, schools are more important than ever in providing outdoor environmental learning opportunities. School gardens are once again popular for the benefits they provide in child health and wellbeing, nutrition and achievement. How can we design school gardens that are functional and manageable, but still build learning outcomes and nature connectedness for children?

In this joint presentation, John and Michelle will describe the evidence of the benefits of school gardens and opportunities for learning. They will discuss a planning and design process that engages students, staff and the community, and outline challenges and visions for the future – with children themselves as educators.

Michelle Rayner is teacher of Environmental Science at The Patch primary school. John Rayner is a senior lecturer in Urban Horticulture at the University of Melbourne’s Burnley campus.

Sunday 1 June 2014
2.30 pm Theatre Royal Camperdown
Tickets $15

Tickets available at the Corangamite Shire Office or at the door
Enquiries to Janet O’Hehir on 0427 629 557 or maclura@bigpond.com

Presented by the Camperdown Botanic Gardens and Arboretum Trust Inc.
KIDS EAT FREE

Enjoy one FREE children's meal* for every adult meal purchased from our main or speciality dishes

PHONE ORDERS: 55992019
EAT IN OR TAKE AWAY
FREE JUG OF SOFT DRINK

* When a table is booked for 10 or more people

* From the children’s menu only

* Available for the months of MAY & JUNE
TUE - WED - THU

Colouring pages and pencils available to keep the kids amused!

Enter into our Colouring competition To be in the chance to win free movie tickets!
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**Walk to School Day**

**Friday 23rd May ....**

**Free Breakfast afterwards**