Term 3 - Week 8 – 3rd September 2014

Principal's Report

Why is education so important?

You may have noticed a number of stories that appeared in the media last week about the growing issue of youth unemployment across the state and particularly in our region. The South West has one of the highest youth unemployment rates in the state with around 18% of young people unemployed. I continue to stress to our students the importance of making every day at school count and the need to remain at school for as long as possible. The earlier a young person leaves school without a clear pathway plan the less chance they have of finding a job that will provide a fulfilling and long-term career. Completing Year 12 or equivalent is considered the best foundation from which to launch a secure future. It is an international benchmark recognised as the minimum education needed for further study and the workforce. The level of education also has a positive impact on both the economic and health outcomes of individuals.

Over the next five years, Victoria will need about 70,000 employees in construction, 108,000 in healthcare and social services, 72,500 in education and training and 64,000 employees in accommodation and food services. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has created a range of industry snapshots designed to help students and their families find out more about career prospects in a range of fields. There are 19 new career trends fact sheets that will give you an idea of future employment opportunities in Victoria.

You can find the fact sheets at: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/training/learners/courses/Pages/trends.aspx

Mortlake College is a member of the Great South West Education Attainment project which is exploring the range of factors holding young people back from completing Year 12 or an equivalent qualification. These factors are likely to be many and varied and many circumstances in a young person’s life, from conception through to adulthood, can create barriers to continuing and completing their education. It is so important that the students, their parents/carers and the school work together to ensure that every young person has the very best opportunities to complete their secondary education as successfully as possible.
P-4 Production

I would just like to remind all our families that tickets for the P-4 Production of ‘Ali Baba’ are now on sale at the school office. The performance is now only a fortnight away with the matinee on Wednesday 18 September, commencing at 1:30pm and the evening performance to be held on Thursday 19 September commencing at 7pm in the BER building. If the level of the children’s enthusiasm is any guide the show will be a great success.

Excursions/Camps

The students have enjoyed some terrific extra-curricular activities in recent weeks and there are others coming up in the near future. Last week, of course, our Year 3&4 students travelled to Dunkeld for their three day camp and enjoyed the glorious weather and had a great time. Many of our middle secondary students travelled to Melbourne on Tuesday for an interesting day of activities related to Literacy Week and on Friday senior students experienced the Bell Shakespeare production of ‘Henry V’ at the Lighthouse Theatre in Warrnambool. This Friday our Year 9 students will be travelling to Deakin University for the first of three half-day events. The program is titled “Raising Aspirations” and will focus on career pathway planning with a range of activities and guest presenters. I would like to acknowledge all the staff who undertake the organisation and supervision of all these activities that are designed to enrich the lives of our students.

NAPLAN student reports

NAPLAN reports for students in Years 5, 7 & 9 will be posted home this week. Because the Year 3 test is the first NAPLAN test undertaken parents of Year 3 children will receive a separate letter from Mrs Storr & Mr Vangeninden requesting that they make a time to collect the reports and have a brief discussion about the results. Please read the information sheet accompanying the results as it provides important information about the reports and keep in mind that they are only one measure of a student’s progress. As it states “NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. Students are provided with an indication of where their results are on the common assessment scale. As with all test results, NAPLAN results provide a snapshot of student performance on the days of the tests.” If you wish to discuss any aspects of your child’s report please contact the school.

Graeme Good
Recently, we welcomed Haruka Kamon to our school. Haruka is a University student from Saitama, near Tokyo. She is here for one month on a program organised by DEECD as a Japanese Language Assistant. Haruka is shared between Mortlake and Derrinallum College and is assisting Mrs Blomeley in the Japanese classes. During her time here, Haruka is looking forward to meeting the students, learning more about Australia and gaining lots of ideas for teaching Japanese to non-native speakers.
Grand Final Breakfast:

WEAR YOUR FOOTY COLOURS

Friday 19th September 8:00 – 8:55

$10.00 per family   $4.00 per secondary student

$3.00 per primary student

If you can donate any of the following please tick and write quantity. All donations need to be at school by Wednesday 17th.

Thank you

P-4 Team

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Name_________________ no. attending_________________

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Please fill out & return by Friday 12th September.
Lately in Cool Clubs the children have been looming, and playing outdoor games, they have been making clay garden spikes, construction activities and gardening.

Pictures are some of our students practising the latest craze of looming.
Last week we went on a three day camp to Grampians retreat, Dunkeld. The weather was fantastic for the whole three days and we were able to complete all of our activities.

On the first day we walked to the top of Mt Picaninny and ate our lunch there. The view was awesome. When we got back we had a tour of the camp and did some group activities at the river flats.

On Thursday we rotated through three activities, bush cooking – we made damper, the ropes course and the flying fox. The flying fox was a lot of fun. Then we did a four way tug of war. The girls challenged the boys and won 3 to 2.

On Friday we all went to the giant swing. That was so scary but so much fun. It was 18metres high and most of us went right to the top.

We had a great time on camp and we’d like to thank our teachers and helpers for taking us.

Thank you
P-4 Place

More 3/4 Camp Photos
P-4 Place

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

Menu:
- Asian Coleslaw - Red
- Fried Rice - Blue
- Broccoli and Cauliflower Fritters - Green
- Poached apples - Black
Mortlake College P-4 Students present

“Ali BaBa and the
Forty Bikies”

Matinee: Wednesday 17th September 1.30pm

Night Performance: Thursday 18th September 7.00pm

Adults: $8
Students/Children: $2
Under 5yrs FREEE
WHOLEGRAIN COOKIES

4 wholegrain breakfast biscuits, crushed
2/3 cup rolled oats
¾ cup wholemeal plain flour
100g brown sugar
1/3 cup dark choc bits
2/3 cup dried apricots, diced
3 tbsps margarine
2 tbsps golden syrup
1 tsp bicarb of soda
¼ cup boiling water

METHOD

1. Mix together breakfast biscuits, rolled oats, flour, sugar, choc bits and apricots until well combined.
2. Place margarine and golden syrup in a small saucepan and heat until gently melted.
3. Mix bicarbonate of soda and water together then pour into the margarine mixture. Add to dry ingredients and stir to combine.
Lunch time sport results after week 7.

**Endeavour** 10 points

**Inspire** 8 points

**Succeed** 6 points

This week is junior boys basketball and junior girls table tennis.

Students must be in a full change of sports gear to participate.

**GWR ATHLETICS**

Students who have qualified the GWR Athletics on Friday 10th October must attend at least three training sessions on Monday or Thursday lunchtimes in order to attend. These students have been provided with permission notes and information.

**CLAY TARGET SHOOTING COMPETITION**

Open to Year 7-9 students. Monday 13th October at Lake Gillear, Allansford.

For more information contact me.

**GIRLS CRICKET CAMP**

This year the Western Waves region is holding a female camp in Dunkeld on Tuesday 30 September for any girls who love cricket from 11-18. The camp will feature pathway coaches and a female guest coach from the Vic Spirit. This camp will be lots of fun and will have great coaching in one big day.

Follow the link below link to fill out the registration form online.

https://cricketvictoria.wufoo.com/forms/r1bwtzyc1jowi3k/

**STATE NOMINATIONS**

Information regarding state nominations and other sports can be found on the School Sport Victoria website.

[www.ssv.vic.edu.au](http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au)

*Nathan Jones*

*Year 7-12 Sports Coordinator*
WISECHAMPS – Warrnambool Inter-School Equestrian Championships
Sunday, 14th September 2014
Horse Trials Grades 1-5, Combined Training Gr 5
* ENTRIES CLOSE: Monday 8th September

Competition only for PCAV qualified and Graded Combinations
Including: BEST PERFORMED RETIRED RACEHORSE

ENTRY FORMS ON THE EQUESTRIAN NOTICEBOARD

Barwidgee Equestrian Club together with The Hamilton & Alexandra College

DRESSAGE COMPETITION (Official and Restricted) in Hamilton
Saturday, 18th October, 2014
Includes:
Restricted class for students Year 7 and Under
Restricted class for students Year 8 – 12

Entry forms on the Equestrian Noticeboard
2014 Interschool Dirtbike Team Challenge

It’s finally here again! Were you there last year at Lake Gillear? You weren’t? Forget all the other sports; this is the real thing. Motocross is the name and fun is the game. If you are an EXPERIENCED MOTOCROSS rider we would love you to be at Lake Gillear for the Interschool Challenge. Does your school team have the skill and determination to get the 2014

Friday October 24th

Lake Gillear, Allansford
8.30 to approximately 3.30pm
$20 entry fee

Entry forms and details from your school’s Dirtbike Team contact person.

Get your entry forms in and return to your school’s contact person.

(Events that run on the day will depend on rider numbers)
65cc a, b & c
85cc a, b & c
125cc/150cc 2stroke a, b
250cc junior lite, senior lite, a & b class
250cc over
All powers
ladies
Relay race
Enduro race (time permitting)
Handicap race (time permitting)

Mud, dirt and a smile on your face
To continue on with improvements to our Activity Centre, there has been new carpet laid upstairs. This is part of a Community Learning Project that our Alpine Students will be continuing on their return.

**Camperdown Little Athletics Centre**

*Family, Fun and Fitness*

Little Athletics is back again for 2014-15

For all Girls and Boys, 5 to 16 years of age.

Registration pack collection and Parent information night Friday 10th October, 4pm.

Competition commences Friday 17th October, 4.20pm

*Venue: Aths Track, Fuller/Frederick St (behind Basketball Stadium)*

Please register online at [www.lavic.com.au](http://www.lavic.com.au) and click on McDonalds Registration logo

(Cost $120 for entire 14/15 season, no ongoing costs)

For additional information, contact

Mick Kavenagh (Pres.) 0407353923 or Kathy Hallyburton (Registrar) 0419671300
Health Services for school aged children.

Useful services available in Mortlake or Warrnambool. No referral required.

**Paediatric Occupational Therapist**
Helps children to achieve their expected developmental milestones, for example fine motor skills, (such as using pens and colouring in) and hand eye coordination. Educating and involving parents to promote normal development and learning.

**Optometrist**
Ideally children should have their eyes tested before starting school, and again during their school years. Cheaper glasses are available for concession card holders.

**Dieticians**
Dieticians help with nutrition, for example, issues with underweight or overweight, food allergies or intolerances, eating disorders, diabetes and digestive disorders such as coeliac disease, IBS. Helping with recovery from illness or injury as well as helping children with developmental delay or disability.

**Continence Nurse/Continence Physiotherapist**
For issues with toileting, bedwetting, day wetting and soiling, as well as other bowel or bladder issues.
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.

**The Parents Association are holding a Clarkes Pie Drive. All families will have received an order form. All orders need to be at the General Office before September 9th. Delivery will be September 11th to the School Office.**
FOR SALE

2 x Justin Timberlake Tickets.
Rod Laver Arena, Friday 19th September.
$220 each (or best offer).
Contact 0428931968

Uniform Shop Opening Times
Tuesday afternoons 1pm – 4pm
Thursday Mornings 8.30am – 12 Noon

NOORAT & DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION

2014 Pennant will commence on Tuesday 7th October and run for 9 weeks during Term 4 starting at 4pm.

Any interested players can contact Kath Tanner on 0448 671111 before the end of this term.

A grading night will be held on Monday 8th September at Mortlake Recreation Reserve starting at approx. 3.30pm. Kath Tanner and Jacinta Wareham will have a look at all the players on this night.

Beginner players must be able to serve and return a ball.
Bunnings Fathers Day Family Night
Thursday 4th September
In store from 6pm - 8pm

Free activities include inflatable Gladiator Arena, Hummer Rides for little kids, Animal Farm, Popcorn, BBQ Supper, Father's Day Craft Activities, Fishcare display, Tool Demo, Competitions, Games and Lucky Door Prizes. Heaps of Fun for the whole family. Everyone is welcome! Bookings on 5564 1800 or warrnamboolao@bunnings.com.au, or at the Services Desk in store.
Beyond School

Having career conversations early helps your child make informed decisions for their future.

Preparing today’s students for tomorrow

With so many different courses available to your child, now and into the future, it’s important to start conversations early about their possible next steps beyond school.

You’ll find below a range of tools to help you talk with your child about subject choices, university and vocational training courses and career opportunities. You’ll also find information about industry trends, organising financial support and useful case studies to help your child make an informed decision.

Choosing the Right Path for Your Child

This resource supports you in talking to your children about their future. It has specific information about subject choices, courses, career opportunities and pathways to further study and training, helping your child to make an informed choice.

Industry Trends in Victoria

If you’d like to know which industries are growing and what occupations are in demand this is the tool for you. These one-page fact sheets can help steer your child on the right path. Just choose the industry you’d like to know more about.

Vocational Education and Training explained

What is Vocational Education and Training (VET)?

VET provides an education that directly relates to getting a job. Your child can do a VET course at a Registered Training Organisation (RTO), such as a TAFE, a university or a private training provider. These courses will suit your child if they enjoy learning in a practical and hands-on environment. Many VET courses can offer a pathway to university.

How to Choose a Registered Training Organisation?

There are different types of training providers that your child might be interested in, but how do they choose? This tool will give the information you needed about course curriculums, how long different courses go for, the support services that are available and how much different courses cost.

Subsidies and Concessions – The Victorian Training Guarantee

The Victorian Training Guarantee is making VET courses more accessible to people who don’t have a post-school qualification, or who want to gain a higher level qualification. To learn more about the Victorian Training Guarantee and whether your child is eligible for a government-subsidised training place, see the Victorian Skills Gateway.
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