Term 4 - Week 10– 7th December 2016

Arrangements for the start of the 2017 school year

Teaching staff will commence at school on Monday 30th January. On Tuesday 31st January all students will be required to attend school for a short period of time. The purpose of this day is to ensure that every student and their parents are fully informed on how to make a successful and focused start to the year.

Details are as follows;

**Students in Years Prep-4** will be required to attend school with a parent/guardian to enable interviews and/or testing to take place.

**Students in Years 5-12** will be required to attend a 10 minute ‘Entry’ interview accompanied by a parent or guardian. The interviews will be conducted by the house mentors or another teacher assigned to the house on that day. At that interview mentors will discuss, for example, student goals and expectations for the year and highlight any concerns that were evident in the end of year reports.

Parents of Prep – Four students will have received interview times this week and parents of students in Years 5 – 12 are asked to make bookings using the online booking system. [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

Interviews open on Friday 9th December at 9am. It would be great if everyone could make the appropriate booking by Friday 16th December.

*To make your bookings select code 2bf6g.*

The booking process is very similar to our normal Parent/Teacher Interviews. The only difference is you are selecting a House Group instead of a subject. Just follow these steps;

**Step 1** Enter your email address, your name and your student’s name.

**Step 2** Select appropriate house in subject box and the teacher.

**Step 3** Select your interview times

If parents are unable to access the booking system, please contact the school office and the office staff will make the interview time for you.

**Booklist items** will be able to be collected and school fees paid on Tuesday 31st January from 8:30am. The uniform shop will also be open from 8:30am.

**Timetabled classes for all students will commence on Wednesday 1st February.**
Presentation Night Years 5-12

The Years 5-12 Presentation Night on Tuesday was a great celebration of student achievement and our opportunity as a school community to farewell our 2016 Year 12s. We also acknowledged 2015 Dux, Lillian Cummins who has completed a very successful first year of university studies.

I would like to congratulate our award winners and thank our award sponsors for their generosity. It was fantastic to see so many parents and family members attend the evening and share in the celebration. I would like to thank Brad Tanner for all his work in setting up the BER building and attending to all the tasks that needed to be done both prior to the night and during the evening.

Mortlake College choir excursion

Congratulations to the seventy-plus members of the college choir who visited Abbeyfield in Mortlake and SW Healthcare and the police complex in Warrnambool on Monday and received amazing feedback. One policeman commented to Kath Tanner, “I’ve been in the police force for 32 years and I’ve never experienced anything like this before.” Well done to all those involved on such a successful day.
Year 4 Graduation
Just a final reminder that the Year 4 graduation will take place on Friday commencing at 9am in the BER building and everyone is most welcome to attend, particularly families of our Year 4 students.

The Great Victorian Bike Ride
Congratulations to the students and staff who completed the Great Victorian Bike Ride last week. It was an amazing effort to ride over five hundred kilometres often through some very hilly terrain in the Otways.

Final Newsletter
As this will be the final newsletter for the year I would like to take the opportunity to thank the whole school community for your support throughout the year and wish you a safe and happy Christmas, New Year and holiday period. We look forward to welcoming you back after the holiday break.

Graeme Good

SCHOOL AWARDS 2016

THE MCDC & MATTHEW WICKHAM COMPUTERS AWARD  Sam Williams

This award has been donated by the management of the MCDC and Matthew Wickham to recognize a student who is a 'quiet achiever'.

THE NEISHA MUNN MEMORIAL AWARD  Alice Tanner

This award is made to a Year 8 student who has demonstrated a positive attitude to schoolwork and shown significant improvement over the course of the year.

THE MORTLAKE JUNIOR SHARKS ‘HARD YAKKA’ AWARD  Ollie Mahncke

This award is sponsored by the Mortlake Junior Sharks Football & Netball club and is for a student who has demonstrated a strong work ethic and a commitment to succeed.

THE SANDRA HEARNE MEMORIAL AWARD  Lizzy Kelly

This is a long-standing award commemorating the memory of Sandra Hearne, a former student of the school. It is awarded to a student who has performed particularly well in one or more subjects - this year The Arts.

THE YOU CAN DO IT AWARD  Willow Collins

This award, donated by Mrs Dot Jenkins, rewards a student who has exhibited a positive attitude throughout the year and put the You Can Do It Foundations of resilience, getting along, persistence, organization and confidence into practice.
MOYNE SHIRE AWARD.  
Shae DeFrancesco

The Moyne Shire makes available a scholarship to a student who resides within the shire and will be continuing with their education at Mortlake College in 2017. It is awarded to a student who does their best at all times and sets a good example for others to follow.

WOORNDOO/MORTLAKE FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB AWARD  
Jackson Boyden

This award is donated by the committee of the Woorndoo/Mortlake Football Netball Club and is awarded to a diligent and hardworking student who is involved in sport.

ELGAS AWARD  
Jordan Loader

This award is for an outstanding role model who demonstrates positive effort and attitude.

THE MORTLAKE COLLEGE ART PRIZE  
Leah Johnson

This award, donated by Susan Bosch and Ross Quail is for a Years 7-12 student who has excelled in the Visual Arts. The award is two-fold; firstly, the winner receives an individual prize and secondly, one of the recipient’s pieces of art work will be framed and hung in the school.

THE DAY BRANCH OF CWA CITIZENSHIP AWARD  
Stephanie Jubb, April Edwards, Erin McGuigan, Rebecca Mann & Gemma Brown

The Mortlake Day Branch of the CWA have for many years presented an award to a student/students who have demonstrated the qualities of citizenship within the school and who has been actively involved in the life of the school.

THE NIGHT BRANCH OF CWA AWARD  
Amy Hughes

This award is presented by the night branch of the Mortlake CWA and is awarded to a student who has contributed positively to the school community.

THE TIM ISAAC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Raezel Fuertez

This scholarship commemorates Mr Tim Isaac, a former teacher of the school and is awarded to a student who has studied at least one science subject and who has demonstrated scholarship, sportsmanship, and citizenship.

THE KATE BURT ‘PULSE CPR’ AWARD  
Rebecca Mann

This award donated by former Mortlake College graduate Kate Burt and Pulse CPR and is to be awarded to a senior student who has worked hard to achieve their potential.
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<td><strong>THE CALTEX BEST ALL-ROUNDER AWARD</strong></td>
<td>Erin McGuigan</td>
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<td>This award is sponsored by Caltex and aims to encourage and reward a senior secondary student for commitment and consistent excellence in school and the community. There are six criteria set: academic ability; a commitment to excellence; conduct; leadership; service and sport.</td>
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<td>The Westvic Workforce Award is to the outstanding VETis student.</td>
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<td><strong>THE SINCLAIR WILSON AWARDS</strong></td>
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<td>This award is donated by Ian Mahncke and staff at the Mortlake IGA and recognizes a student who has excelled at Work Experience during the year. The recipient will have been reliable, shown initiative, responded to advice and generally been an excellent ambassador for the school during work experience placements.</td>
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<td><strong>THE TAIT’S LEGAL “BILL ARCHER AWARD”</strong></td>
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<td>The Tait’s Legal ‘Bill Archer’ Award is a long standing scholarship that is awarded to a senior student who combines strong academic ability with sporting achievement, has demonstrated a willingness to contribute to the life of the school and been a strong role model for others.</td>
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THE ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP
Sasha Frith & Zoee Boyden

The Mortlake Rotary Club provide two scholarships, one to a Year 6 student about to enter year 7 and the other to a senior student. These scholarships are awarded to students who have been prepared to work hard to achieve their best, and demonstrated outstanding personal qualities through their attitude, behavior and values.

THE LIONS SCHOLARSHIP
Issac Fowler & Grace Wareham

The Lions Club of Mortlake has donated two scholarships: one for a Years 5-7 student and another for a Year 9 student. The winners must be committed to doing well at school, must participate in a range of activities, demonstrate leadership skills and be continuing their education at Mortlake College.

THE ADF LEADERSHIP & TEAMWORK AWARDS
Tiffany McLauchlan & Bree Cummins

The ADF awards acknowledge the achievements of two young people who have demonstrated qualities of leadership and teamwork either within our school or the wider community.

Excellence Awards 2016

These awards, which are generously donated by the Parents’ Association, are given to students in Years 5-10 who have consistently achieved scores beyond the expected level in all assessment tasks and in standardised testing. The recipients have shown a positive attitude to their studies and have demonstrated strong effort throughout the year.

At each sub school the highest performing students received a medallion to recognise their special achievement.

In Years 5-7 the following students received an excellence award in one subject:

In Mathematics
Jock McGavin, Rumer Collins, Mitchell Hughes

In Woodwork
Luke Welsh, Todd MacDonald, William McCosh, Angie Atkinson

In Physical Education
Oliver Mahncke, Damien Goddard,

In Japanese
Fletcher Sagnol, Shayne Woods

In Visual Arts
Amber Johnson
In English
Letitia Howat, Shakaya McCrae-Wilson

In Performing Arts
Tom Hetherington

The following students received Excellence awards in 2 subjects:
Lachlan O'Connell English, Humanities
Taine DeManser Mathematics, Physical Education
Steevie-Lee Collins English, Woodwork
Sarah Gubbins Food Technology, Music

The following student received Excellence awards in 3 subjects
Abbey Burford Woodwork, Food Technology, Physical Education

The following student received Excellence awards in 4 subjects
Jaime Killen Mathematics, English, Woodwork, Food Technology

The following students received Excellence awards in 5 or more subjects and are the winners of the overall excellence medallions for Years 5-7
Ned Quail Mathematics, English, Humanities, Music, German
Oliver Martin Mathematics, Performing Arts, Food Technology, Physical Education, Japanese
Grace Wareham Mathematics, English, Visual Arts, Physical Education, Humanities, Music
Amy Hughes English, Science, Woodwork, Food Technology, Japanese, Humanities
In Years 8-10 the following students received an excellence award in one subject

**In Physical Education**  
Darcy Hobbs, Jack Lehmann, Ryan Tanner, Byron Loader

**In Food Technology**  
Tiffany McLauchlan,

**In Performing Arts**  
Ali McKenzie

**In Japanese**  
Stephanie Jubb

The following students received Excellence awards in 2 subjects

Alice Tanner  
Mathematics, Physical Education

Olivia Anders  
Mathematics, Visual Arts

Victoria Barry  
Science, Geography

Jordan Loader  
Performing Arts, Advance

Jackson Boyden  
Performing Arts, Physical Education

Rebecca Mann  
Performing Arts, Food Technology

Isaac Wareham  
Woodwork, Physical Education

Kismet McCarroll  
History, Advance

The following students received Excellence awards in 3 subjects

Keely Moore  
English, Food Technology, Advance

Willow Collins  
Science, Food Technology, Media Studies

Leah Johnson  
Visual Arts, History, Geography

Issac Fowler  
Performing Arts, Physical Education, Advance

Kaitlyn Fowler  
Physical Education, Health, Advance

The following students received Excellence awards in 4 subjects

Shirene Morgan  
Science, Food Technology, Japanese, Media Studies

Matilda Hetherington  
Mathematics, Science, Performing Arts, History
The following 2 students received Excellence awards in 5 or more subjects and are the winners of the overall excellence medallions for Years 8-10

Samantha Williams   Mathematics, English, Science, Visual Arts, Food Technology, Health

Congratulations to all students who have received Excellence awards

BIRTHDAYS
Happy Birthday to all students who have birthdays this week.

DECEMBER
2nd—Mazin Burgess, Fletcher Sagnol & Shirine Morgan
3rd—Damon Anders  4th—Josie Gubbins  7th—TJ Healey
8th—Rumer Collins  10th—Cooper Keirl  11th Holly Lynzatt

LOST PROPERTY: There is still a large amount of jumpers, vests, plastic containers in the lost property in the P-4 corridor. Please come and check as none of these items are named. Clothes will be given to the Op shop at the end of the year.
Also please wash and return any uniform items that your child has borrowed.

We now have a new style of bucket hat available with a draw string in the upper rim. These are available for $10.00 each.
We still have our normal bucket hats as well for $8.80 each.

Uniform prices will be increasing in 2017.
All current stock will be sold at 2016 prices until the end of the school year
Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on Tuesday 31st January. Bookings must be finalised before the 30th January at 4pm, when bookings for this event will close.

For parents that do not have internet access, computer kiosks will be available at Reception from Friday onwards, for parents to make their own bookings. Parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 5599 2204. Students with written permission from parents may also have access to the kiosk. Interviews are strictly 10 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit your family. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Simply enter the code and press "Go"
THIS CODE CHANGES – DO NOT USE YOUR LAST EVENT’S CODE

1. Enter your details

2. Select the House Group appropriate for your child

3. Select the appointment times that suit your family best

When you click FINISH, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately – Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close on 30th January 2017

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 03 5599 2204
The Mortlake College Choir sang at South West Healthcare, Warrnambool Police and Abbeyfield as part of their end of year celebrations. They also enjoyed lunch and a play at Lake Pertobe in Warrnamool.
STATE NOMINATIONS / REPRESENTATIVE SPORTS / RESULTS

Information regarding state nominations and other sports can be found on the School Sport Victoria website. www.ssv.vic.edu.au

CONNECT

Parents and students can connect to School Sports Victoria via Facebook and Twitter. Just follow the following links


Nathan Jones—Year 7-12 Sports Coordinator  jones.nathan.t@edumail.vic.gov.au

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GOOD LUCK to the riders competing at the Emu Creek Interschool Challenge on Friday.

These include Asha and Lizzy Kelly, Airlia Munn, Shakaya McRae Wilson, Teneale Anders and Bridie McGuigan. Always a lovely venue and a great day, even sweeter when you ride a good test! Best wishes for a great day.

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GREAT VICTORIAN BIKE RIDE

On Saturday 26th November Isaac Wareham, Jack Lehmann, Ryan Tanner, Jordan Loader, Mackenzie Mann, Anthea Good and myself travelled to Halls Gap to start the Great Victorian Bike Ride.

We all experienced fantastic weather, stunning scenery, and varying degrees of challenges.

We finished our journey in Geelong on Sunday 4th December covering a total of 527km.

Congratulations to all the boys on an outstanding achievement.

A special thankyou to Mrs Good for attending the camp and to those parents who drove vehicles to and from our drop off and pick up points.
Jarrad is 15 years old and a self taught whip cracker, he first learnt to crack a whip 5 years ago at The Man From Snowy River Festival at Corryong, and is now taking off prizes at the same festival earning 2nd place in the U16 whip crack and 1st place in the open novice whip crack at Corryong this year. Still learning, Jarrad learnt the Queensland crossover one night at Corryong from Stewart Bryant this year.

Jarrads whips are 5 foot 8 plait Kangaroo hide whips made my Trent Mewett, Whips and Leatherwork in Tumbarumba NSW.

Jarrad wants to win more whip cracking competitions and enjoy his horses and whips while teaching them new tricks.

Mitchell Parker riding at Wandin, at the Yarra Valley jump clubs state championships. Day 1 Mitchell 4th 70cm and 6th 80cm on Joey, and 6th on Mirdorri in the 70cm Day 2 at Wandin, Mitch got a 5th on Mirdori in the 70cm and just out of the places on Joey in his two classes.
**Kolora Noorat Football and Netball Club** will be holding a couple of pre season training sessions open to all new and existing under 17 netball girls.

Everyone welcome.

Dates- **8th December** @ Terang gym **6-7pm**. $2 needed.

**15th December** @noorat recreation courts 6-7 for super 5 netball game.

Come and meet coaches for 2017, have a run around and some fun.

Any queries-Carolyn Carlin [0408885921](tel:0408885921) or Kym Goonan [0448166123](tel:0448166123)

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**2016 CALENDAR**

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`END OF SCHOOL`
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 letter [and SMS message/phone tree]. 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.

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.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days
- 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, [reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility’s grounds and gutters]

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 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.