Term 4 - Week 11– 14th December 2016

One more newsletter!

Last week I did mention that there would be no further newsletters for the year but there are some newsworthy items that need to be publicised so we have one final newsletter for the year.

VCE results

We were thrilled with the results of our VCE students and I would like to congratulate each and every student who completed Unit 3&4 subjects this year. Special congratulations to our 2016 Dux, Breeanna Cummins whose ATAR score was 93.15, and Gerald Monteith whose ATAR was 90.3. To receive an ATAR score in the 90s is a very significant achievement and places Bree and Gerald in a distinguished group of high-achieving VCE students. Special congratulations also to Cooper Lower who received the perfect score of 50 in VET Music.

The results are a reflection of a year when a positive attitude and significant effort play such an important part in a student’s success.

Staffing in 2017

Many of you will be aware of the staffing changes for 2017, but for those who don’t, the following changes are known at this stage.

We are farewelling Amelia Fahie who is returning to Melbourne to complete her post-graduate studies and Alison Coate who will be on leave in 2017.

We are also farewelling our P-4 Leader Kath Tanner for Term 1 as she takes on the Acting Principal role at Lismore Primary School. Michelle Carmody will be the P-4 leader in first term during Kath’s absence. I would like to wish each of these staff members all the very best, and, as Amelia is saying farewell to Mortlake College I would like to acknowledge the fantastic contribution she has made in the past two years.

All the best also to Sue Talbot who for the past 10 or so year has provided school lunch each and every day and is finishing up this week. A big thank you to Sue for all that she has done for the school.

We are welcoming Nicole King who will be teaching predominately in the Years 5-7 area and Edward Morcombe who is teaching mainly English and History across Years 5-11. Other appointments are not known at this stage.
Arrangements for the start of the 2017 school year

As I mentioned last week 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. However, bookings will remain open until Monday 30th January at 4pm.

**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.**

**A La Café**

Just a reminder that A La Café will be held on Friday beginning at 12pm at the undercover area and many of our students are looking forward to performing on stage for families and friends.. Buses will leave school at the normal time on Friday.

**Happy holidays!**

Once again, I would like to wish all our families a very safe and happy Christmas, New Year and holiday period.

Graeme Good
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
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            | Edward Wilson          | Kai Sprague
                       | Ruby Wickham
                      | Hannah Leske
                        | Clayton Monahan      | Cooper Keirl
                       | Damon Anders
                     | Bridie McGuigan
                       | Ella Maher               | Kane Killen
                           | Lily Wickham
                           | Oliver Keirl
                           | Finn Wilson
                          | Taylor Monahan         | Sam Hall
                           | Jack Fowler
                           | Caitlin McDonald
                           | Rylee Barnard
                            | Logan Bray               |
| 10:00 – 11:00| Holly McGuigan
             | Jacob Hayden
            | Jax Cameron
               | Levi Barnard             | Declan Drafen
                  | Beau Maddock
                | Ella McDonald
             | Laura Bray                | Michael Hall
                       | Hayley McDonald
                      | Mikaylah McDonald
                       | Jesse Fowler
                       | Rose Hayden
                           | Caleb Drafen
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                           | Jack Boyd
                          | Sam Hall
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                           | Caitlin McDonald
                           | Rylee Barnard
                            | Logan Bray               |
| 11:30 – 12:30| Oliver Stephens
             | Ruby West
             | Rylan Amos
            | Rekiah Martin              | Emmet Sheaves
                  | Hope O’Connell
              | Max Slater
               | Ruby Raudino               | Grace Stephens
                       | Zavier Fowler
                      | Sam Wareham
                        | Alice Hinkley
                           | Cooper Edge                | Josh Slater
                       | Declan Compton-Sheaves
                      | Olivia Schuuring
                       | Riley Kelly                | Taylah Rohan
                       | Jaxon Sheridan
                      | Daniel Fowler               |
| 12:30 – 1:30 | Sadie Baker
             | Sam Mahncke
            | Violet Lynch
              | Winter Bradbury           | Elijah Bradbury
                  | Nathann Mann
                | Sommer Jones              | Jobe Baker
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                      | Ben Parker Wood
                        | Khyana Burgess
                           | Cameron Goddard         | Jack Richie
                       | Dakota Compton
                      | Aiasha Burgess
                       | Holly Jones
                       | Hunter Lynch               | Molly Goddard
                       | Chloe Goldsworthy
                      | Khadeshia Burgess
                       | Holly Lynzt                 |                           |
| 2:00 – 3:00  | Megan Wendt
             | Spencer Sagnol
            | Blake Murray             | Reagan Mifsud
                       | Jorden Hough
                      | Oscar Ritchie
                        | Josh Wendt
                           | Lockie Lehmann
                           | Julian Stewart-Murray
                          | Thorpe
                           | Charlie Mahncke
                           | Blake Toth                   |
| 3:00 – 3:30  | Sean Wilson
             | Xander Clarke
            | Sarah Russell
              | Chelsea Wilson            | TJ Healey
                       | Tanisha McKay
                      | Jai Deverell                |                           |
Uniform prices will be increasing in 2017.

All current stock will be sold at 2016 prices until the end of the school year.

**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.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to all students who have birthdays this week and over the holiday period.

**DECEMBER**

15th—Mitchell Leske  
16th—Isaac Storrie  
18th—George Howat & Jackson Bawden  
21st—Nelson Anders  
23rd—Spurs Lynch  
24th—Isaac Wareham  
29th—Bobbi-blue Collins & Victoria Barry  
31st—Jobe Baker

**JANUARY**

1st—Jordyn Rohan  
3rd—Jacob Pugh  
5th—Jack Horan  
6th—Lochie McLauchlan  
9th—Claire Mahncke  
10th—Romi Sprague  
13th—Josh Slater  
14th—Julia Mann  
19th—Nathan Mann  
28th—Clayton Monahan & Caitlin McDonald  
31st—Alice Hinkley

**FEBRUARY**

1st—Jesses Fowler  
2nd—Eli Bradbury & Hannah Leske  
6th—Noah Compton  
7th—Erin McGuigan
A la café is an annual event that promotes confidence and gives budding artists a chance to shine. A mobile café is set up outside and students perform on a stage. Students from Year 3 upwards are allowed to create their own acts to songs of their choice. These range from singing solos to dancing trios and everything in between! Students from Prep to Year 2 sing 2 songs they have been practicing all term in their grades. Year 3/4 students sing 1 song together as a grade and then have choice whether they do an individual act.

A La Café begins at 12.00 and finishes at 3.00pm. A bbq will be available at lunch time.

**Price List**

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**CAN YOU HELP**

Are you able to help out at A La Café?? We need volunteers for the following time slots:

11.30—12.45  12.45—2.00  2.00—3.15

Please ring the General Office if you are available.
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<td>Rockin around the Christmas tree</td>
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<td>Have yourself a merry little Christmas</td>
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<td>Sophie Lehmann</td>
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HOL Update:

Hands on learning had its last day for the year this week and it was a lot of fun. Started the day with a scrambled eggs and bacon breaky, followed by a game of cricket. We then went to the local butcher to buy some BBQ meat for lunch and students got to make some kebabs up. Yum yum!!! After lunch we did a little more preparation works for the seating project undercover area and finished the day with a general tidy up of the shed and a game of basketball.

Really proud of how all the students in hol this year were willing to stretch themselves and apply new skills and learn how to work together. It’s been a great year we have accomplished lots and looking forward to next year! We wish Brodie Moore all the best he will be moving on from hol so good luck Brodie.

Thanks again goes out all staff who have made our job a little easier and a special shout out to Kerry Boyden. Bring on 2017!!!

Regards; Ben Cross & Ross Trahair
Free  Junior Fishing Clinics January 2017

Junior Fishing Clinics are a fun way to learn about responsible fishing.
- All gear is provided including bait.
- If you have your own fishing rod please bring it.
- Please wear runners or shoes (no thongs or bare feet).

CHILDREN 16 years and under MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Bookings are essential as there are limited spots available
Please ring Natasha Wills (Fisheries Victoria)
on 0428 350 725

Where & When

Hopkins River - Warrnambool: 12th January 2017
Session 1: 11:00 am to 12:00pm   Session 2: 1:00 pm to 2:00pm

Martins Point - Port Fairy: 19th January 2017
Session 1: 11:00am to 12:00pm   Session 2: 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Anglesea River - Anglesea: 20th January 2017
Session 1: 10:30am to 11:30am   Session 2: 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Lorne Pier - Lorne: 3rd February 2017
Session 1: 10:30am to 11:30am   Session 2: 1:00pm to 2:00pm
MOYNE YOUTH COUNCIL TOGETHER WITH MORTLAKE POOL (YMCA) PRESENTS...

MORTLAKE POOL PARTY

Thursday 15 December
3.00pm - 7.30pm
COST $5.00 each

BBQ
DJ Music
Games
Inflatable
Fun

For further info:
Geraldine 0427 827 475
Portland Yacht club is hosting a 4 day kids sailing program for 7 to 12 year olds. With all equipment supplied and Australian Sailing qualified instructors. Kids starting with no sailing skills will gain practical skills graduating to be able to confidently sail a dinghy independently.

**When**: 28th to 31st December 2016  
10:00 am - 3.30 pm (lunch 12-1pm)  
**Where**: Portland Yacht Club, Lee Breakwater Rd Portland  
**Contact**: Adam Gristwood 03 96862571 info@theboatshed.net.au  
www.theboatshed.net.au

‘Tackers’ is a Kids-Centric, fun, non-competitive, games-based program that includes tuition, including on and off water games. Tackers is a great way to increase children’s life skills, such as communication, self-reliance, team work, problem solving and self-confidence.

Children need to bring bathers, towel, shorts and shirt, hat, sunscreen, old runners or wetsuit boots and some dry clothes. Healthy snacks, cool drinks and lunch will be provided. Parents are encouraged to stay as guests of the club and help but it is not compulsory.

To book a berth go to www.theboatshed.net.au click on school holiday courses then click on the link to Portland. Any questions can be directed to Adam at the boatshed or Mark at Portland on 0428847318.
### 2016 CALENDAR

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<td>Mon 12th</td>
<td>Choir performing for Probus</td>
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<td>Friday 16th</td>
<td>A LA CAFÉ 12pm-3pm</td>
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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, [re prioritised 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.