Principal’s Report -

Hands on Learning

I would like to share with you all some great feedback I received last week from the Director of the Mortlake Kindergarten, Jane Gough, regarding our Hands on Learning team and work they have been doing at the kinder. It’s fantastic that the HOL students are able to provide support to community groups such as the Mortlake Kindergarten.

Dear Graeme

On behalf of the Mortlake Kindergarten parents, children and staff; I would like to sincerely thank the students and supervisors Ben & Ross for the work that they have completed on the Mortlake Kindergarten vegetable garden. We are extremely grateful to these students, supervisors and the Mortlake College for the assistance and time that has been provided to achieve this project for our Centre. This is a very clear indication of the interactive and supportive connection that the Kindergarten and Mortlake College have.

I would like to commend the students for the professional work that they have completed. All the students work very cohesively and efficiently as a group as well as displaying evident respect for the guidance and experience of Ben & Ross. Their skill level is commendable as well as their willingness to work and support each other. Their enjoyment and enthusiasm for this program is very clearly evident. I am very impressed by these students and the benefit of this program that your school provides.

Please accept my sincere gratitude to all those involved on this project.

Regards

Jane Gough

Mortlake Kindergarten Director

VCE exams

We are now almost halfway through the VCE exam period, although for two of our students their final exam will be held tomorrow as they have had an exam each day (except Melbourne Cup day). Best wishes to all our students for their remaining exams.
The Vocational Education & Training in schools (VETis) ‘High Achieving Award’

I would like to congratulate Shona McGuigan who received an important award at the SWTAFE Awards ceremony last Wednesday. Shona won ‘The VETis High Achieving Award’ for outstanding achievement in her TAFE studies this year. Shona has successfully combined her VCE studies with her Certificate 2 in Building & Construction (Plumbing). Well done Shona!

This award is based on:

- Achievement throughout the course
- Positive attitude
- Maximum effort
- Unpaid work experience to build up knowledge

Reminders!
Can I just remind you of some important dates for November/December

Monday November 7th – Wednesday 9th
  Advance camp to Halls Gap

Monday November 14th
  Pupil-free day for all students P-12 for 2017 curriculum planning

Tuesday November 15th - Friday 18th
  Year 11 Exams

Tuesday November 15th
  Year 12 Dinner

Wednesday November 16th – 18th
  Yr. 5/6 Camp to Anglesea

Wednesday November 16th – 18th
  Yr. 7 camp to Nelson

Sunday November 20th
  Open Garden Day

Monday November 21st – Friday 2nd December
  VCE Headstart program for 2017 Year 11 & 12 students

Friday 2nd December
  Final day for 2016 Year 10 & Yr. 11 Students

Tuesday 6th December
  Orientation Day

Tuesday 6th December
  Presentation Night for Years 5 – 12

Friday 9th December
  Grade 4 Graduation Assembly

Friday 16th December
  Final day for all students

Graeme Good

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all students who have birthdays this week.

NOVEMBER

3rd—Caleb Humm
4th—Lachie McGavin & Ryan Tanner
5th—Oliver Martin & Georgina Williamson
6th—Steevie-Lee Collins & Willow Collins
7th—Hayley McDonald
8th—Blake Toth
VCE EXAMS

A reminder that VCE Exams commenced on 26th October and finish on November 16th in the BER.

We ask that everyone is mindful of keeping noise to a minimum in that area when exams are being held especially before and after school. An exam timetable is included in this newsletter.

Also we ask that if parents require messages to be passed to their child during this exam period having the message to the general office by lunch time would be more helpful as the office staff will have to locate each individual child in the school as NO announcements will be made over the PA system. Thank you for your assistance with these matters. Good luck to everyone.

VCE HEADSTART PROGRAM

Monday 21st November is the beginning of the ‘Headstart’ program for all students who will be in Year 11 or 12 in 2017 (or completing a VCE subject). There will be a new timetable for VCE students to follow, and attendance during this period is compulsory and will be recorded as part of VCE attendance for each unit. The program runs for two weeks and finishes on Friday 2nd December.

Teachers will begin 2017 classwork and the material covered in Headstart will not be repeated at the start of next year. Students, particularly those in Year 12, will also have holiday tasks to complete for most subjects. This is especially true for English. Students must buy and read each of the set texts before the start of the new school year.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the Headstart program.
Anthea Good—VCE Co-ordinator
P-4 Assembly awards Monday 31st October 2016

Prep: Ella McDonald – for being a great helper in the classroom

Year 1: Alice Hinkley – for always supporting your peers

Year 2: Sarah Russell – for staying focussed on your work and helping others when they ask

3/4 P: Sam Hall – for improving his listening skills

3/4 CR: TJ Healey – for wonderful words when writing alliteration

Congratulations to all of these students!

LOST PROPERTY IN THE P-4 CORRIDOR

ARE YOU MISSING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING!!!

There are 31 school jumpers, 2 vests, 4 pairs of trousers, non-school jumpers, numerous drink bottles and plastic containers!

Please check to see if any are yours.
What’s happening in Year 2.

This week the Year 2's spent some time with the Preps. We have started playing card games with them. We have been playing games like Fish, Memory, Snap and everyone's favourite......52 Pick-Up. Soon we will be playing some Maths games using cards such as addition/subtraction tasks as well as creating arrays using cards. It has been a lot of fun so far and we can't wait to do it again.
Deakin University Excursion

by Tasha Killen and Grace Wareham

On Friday the 28th of October the year 4, 5 and 6 students took a bus to Deakin University in Warrnambool. When we first got there we watched a slideshow about the Uni. After that we had a tour of most of the campus. Then we split up into year levels and went off to do an activity. Our group did an activity about law and what happens in a courtroom. We acted out a court scene and dressed up as well.

After that we all went to the dining area and had our lunch, we then explored outside and saw the view from the campus. After lunch we did another activity where we compared a day in the life of an Indonesian child to a day in the life of an Aussie kid.

After that we did some reflection and thanked everyone for having us. Then we went back on the bus and went home. Thanks to Mr Croucher, Mr Boyden, Ms Coate and Mrs Partridge for making the day possible.
HOL Update:

Hands on Learning team are still working up at the local kindergarten, the fencing is nearly complete and raised garden beds will be finished by next week. Students have worked really well and have shown lots of enthusiasm for the project.

Keep it up guys!
Regards; Ben Cross & Ross Trahair
T20 BLAST CRICKET

Last Thursday students from years 9&10 travelled to Warrnambool for a T20 Blast cricket competition. A special thank you to Mrs Riordon and Georgia Wareham for their assistance on the day.

Girls:
- Game 1: Defeated Brauer 116-49
- Game 2: Defeated Terang 119-70
- Game 3: Defeated Emmanuel College 105-57
- Final: Lost to Warrnambool College 80-78

Boys
- Game 1: Lost to Emmanuel B 128-81
- Game 2: Defeated Kings 129-43
- Game 3: Defeated Brauer 127-94

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](http://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
Open Gardens

SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2016
Open 10am-4pm

Come and spend a lovely Sunday in two stunning gardens:

- Coomete 1011 Woolsthorpe-Hexham Rd HEXHAM
- Merrang 1830 Woolsthorpe-Hexham Rd HEXHAM

Devonshire Tea • Sausage Sizzle • Espresso Coffee • Fresh Produce
Plant Stalls • Market Stalls • Face & Nail Painting

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE GATE
Adults ~ $10 for 1 garden ~ $15 for both  Pensioner ~ $8 for 1 garden ~ $10 for both
Children under sixteen ~ free

For more information please contact Lindsay Kain 0428 691 541
**Parents’ Association**

Planning is well under way for the Opens Gardens in Hexham on Sunday 20\(^{th}\) November.

As well as enjoying the gardens at Merrang and Coomete there will be market stalls, hot and cold food, coffee and cold drinks, face painting and raffle tickets for sale at the gate.

The Parents Association are looking for all parents and friends of the school to volunteer for two hours at the open gardens. We are going to need about 70 helpers on the day for:-

- selling the entrance tickets
- selling raffle tickets
- parking
- BBQ/cold drinks
- Devonshire tea/chicken sandwiches
- cake stall
- plant stall

It would be really appreciated if you could fill in the note on the following page and return it to school office.

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We are also asking for donations of potted plants for the plant stall. The cake boxes will be sent home closer to the date, for donations of homemade goods and produce for the cake stall.

Notes are being sent home this week to all students asking for donations for the themed raffle baskets.

A working bee is going to be held at Coomete on Wednesday 16\(^{th}\) November and Merrang on Friday 18\(^{th}\) November.

If you are able to help out in anyway, please contact Lindsay Kain on 0428 691 541. Thank you, Elizabeth Mann.
OPEN GARDENS AT COOMETE AND MERRANG, SUNDAY 20\(^{TH}\) NOVEMBER, 2016, 10AM – 4PM.

NAME:

PHONE NUMBER:

Please circle your preferred time and job:-

9.45 to 11.45am  11.45am to 1.45pm  1.45 to 4.00pm

Gate  Raffle tickets  Parking  BBQ /Cold drinks

Sandwiches/Devonshire tea  Cake stall  Plant stall
SAVOURY MONKEY BREAD

Bread
4 cups plain flour
2 tsp salt
1 sachet dried yeast
1 tsp caster sugar
1 free range egg
375mls warm water
80 mls olive oil

Toppings
100g butter, melted
2 garlic cloves, crushed
2 tbs sesame seeds
2 tbs poppy seeds
2 tbs pistachio dukkah
2 tbs chilli paste
2 tbs finely chopped chives
2 tbs finely chopped parsley
¼ cup grated parmesan
⅛ flaked almonds

Combined flour, salt, sugar and yeast in a large bowl. Add egg, water and oil stir to combine. Turn onto a floured board, (you may need a further ¼ cup flour) knead for 10 mins until smooth and elastic. Set aside in a warm place for 1 hour or until dough has doubled in size.

Preheat oven 180c. grease and lightly flour tin

Punch down dough. Turn onto lightly flour board and knead until smooth. Divide dough into quarters. Cut 1 dough quarter into 16 portions, roll into small balls. Repeat with remaining dough.

Combine butter and garlic.

Brush dough balls with garlic butter and roll in your topping one at a time, alternating as you place in your tin.

Set aside for a further 15mins to rise.

Bake for 30-40 mins or until golden brown. Leave in pan for 5 mins before turning out on cooling rake. Serve warm with extra butter.
# 2016 VCE EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

You must check the starting time of each examination and arrive at least 30 minutes earlier, and be familiar with rules about late admission to examinations.

The start time for the afternoon session on all other days when three sessions are scheduled is 3:00pm.

The reading period is included in the times shown in the timetable. Each examination commences with a 15-minute reading period unless otherwise specified.

All written responses must be in English, unless otherwise instructed in the question book for that particular examination.

If you are presenting for performance examinations, Languages examinations oral component or the Extended Investigation oral presentation, you will be issued with an examination advice slip. Photo identification and examination advice slips must be presented for entry to your assessment. In some cases, students in regional and rural areas may be required to attend venues in Melbourne.

The following written examinations have an audio component: Music Style and Composition, Music Performance, VET Music Technical Production and all Languages except Indigenous Languages of Victoria, Classical Greek, Classical Hebrew, Classical Latin and Indic Languages.

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Classical Greek  
This examination commences with a 5-minute reading period. |
| **Wednesday 19 October** | 2.00pm – 4.40pm  
Armenian, Bosnian, Chin Hakha, Croatian, Dutch, Filipino, Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian, Khmer, Macedonian, Maltese, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Sinhala, Swedish, Tamil, Turkish, Ukrainian, Yiddish  
Each examination commences with a 10-minute reading period. |
| **Wednesday 26 October** | 9.00am – 12.15pm  
English  
English as an Additional Language (EAL) |
| **Thursday 27 October** | 9.00am – 11.45am  
Psychology  
1.55pm – 5.00pm  
Classical Hebrew  
This examination commences with a 5-minute reading period. |
| **Friday 28 October** | 9.00am – 11.45am  
Biology  
2.00pm – 3.45pm  
Further Mathematics Examination 1 |
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# Family Relationship Services Program

**Contact:** Marea  
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Level 1, 142 Timor Street  
PO Box 994  
Warrnambool Vic 3280  
PH: 03 5559 3000  
FAX: 03 5561 7135  
E.Mail: marea.sholv@centacarewarrnambool.org.au

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It's on again - Mortlake's **ALL AGES**

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Bigger and better than ever!

Come and show off your talent or be a member of our warm, receptive and supportive audience at the Mortlake Soldiers Memorial Hall on Saturday 12\(^{th}\) of November.

Bands or solo performers,
Country to Heavy Metal,
Blues or Jazz to Techno,
Poetry, Dance or Comedy.

Whatever your style - All genres are welcome.

Limited "walk up" spots will be available on the night but to guarantee a place in the line up or book a table call Julie on 0447 786 950

P.A. and microphones are provided with a drum kit and various guitars available on request.

**SAT 12\(^{th}\) NOV**

B.Y.O. Snacks and drinks.
Sausage sizzle to be confirmed.

For updates check our Facebook page
www.facebook.com/mortlakeopenmicnight

Adults - gold coin donation
Under 13 and performers – **FREE!**

Doors Open at 6pm - **BE THERE!**
Aquatic & Recreation Victoria (ARV), through its VICSWIM Summer Kidz Program, has been teaching children to Play it Safe by the Water with swimming & water safety lessons, since 1973. The VICSWIM Summer Kidz Program is offered to all Victorians, with nearly one million having participated over this time. This long-standing, proven program is offered for one, two or three weeks during the January school holidays, at pools and open water locations throughout Victoria.

VICSWIM Summer Kidz is coming to a pool or beach near you. For dates, locations & times go to www.vicswim.com.au

- Visit www.vicswim.com.au for locations
- Enrol your child/children
- Proceed with payment by credit card
- Log out
- Check email for confirmation of enrolment

(free assistance call ARV 9271 3800)
COUNSELLING SKILLS for the ACCIDENTAL COUNSELLOR

As a worker are you sometimes faced with people in heightened emotional states or unexpectedly sharing personal problems, sounding off in anger or frustration, upset or distressed, tense or anxious or just desperate for a listening ear? Without training this can be a minefield and yet workers are faced with these situations every day. This workshop offers professional insight and practical skills to give you greater confidence in handling these situations with respect, wisdom, boundaries and grace.

By attending this professional development training participants will:
- Learn about the psychology of the emotional person and the effects on their behaviour, perceptions and motivations
- Acquire strategies for applying ethical and professional boundaries when responding to emotional clients
- Practise the application of basic counselling techniques for caring, non-threatening and non-invasive communication
- Learn effective techniques for the de-escalation of strong emotion
- Learn problem-solving techniques for safe, ethical and non-directive support
- Acquire principles for relevant self-care, duty of care plus referring out strategies

Your Trainer – Sue Collins
- Qualified Professional Trainer presenting workplace training for over 18 years, contracting to the business sector, local government, NGOs and via registered training organisations to the community
- Qualified Practising Counsellor in private practice, Counsellor and Trainer in a non-government organisation with domestic violence as one of the priority issues. Member ACA. Member PCA.

Date: Thursday 10th November 2016
Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm
Where: McCabe Room, Killara Centre, Campdenown Community Centre, 210-212 Manifold Street, Camperdown
Cost: $220 incl GST (includes workshop book, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea)
Registration: Complete registration form and pay by credit card to McPhee Inc via telephone or internet.
RSVP: Wendy Jones on 5561 8127 or wjones@mpower.org.au

DEVELOPING CAREERS SAVING LIVES

BECOME AN AUSTSWIM TEACHER OF SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY™

AUSTSWIM Teachers are in high demand. Develop essential knowledge, skill and understanding to teach vital swimming and water safety education.

COURSE INFO
VENUE: Hamilton Indoor Leisure & Aquatic Centre
83-93 Shakespeare St Hamilton VIC
DATE & TIME: Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th November, 8.30am - 5.15pm
COST: $388.00

For more information please contact:
AUSTSWIM/ Victoria Business Centre
PHONE: 1300 885 686
EMAIL: vic@austswim.com.au

www.austswim.com.au
## 2016 CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

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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, [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 or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.