Term 4 - Week 6 - 13th November 2013

Principal’s Report:

This week marks the half-way point of the term and whilst camps and other exciting extra-curricular activities are occurring this week and in the coming weeks it is important that students keep in mind the importance of using their class time to the fullest extent possible. Teaching and learning continue as normal!

Camps

Early reports are that the Year 10 students are having a great time in Melbourne and that all managed the city orienteering without getting lost! They have a range of really interesting activities planned including participating in the “Huddle” program conducted by North Melbourne Football Club on Wednesday afternoon followed by a visit to the Queen Victoria Night market in the evening. On Thursday the group are spending time at the Ambition Financial Group where they will undertake a program called ‘Ambition Uncovered’ where goal setting will be explored.

The Years 5&6 students headed off to Sovereign Hill and the Year 7s to Nelson on Wednesday morning. The students were certainly full of excitement and were keenly looking forward to their time away. Hopefully the weather will improve quickly for them!

Remembrance Day

Last Friday’s Remembrance Day ceremony was very respectfully observed by all our students and our guests from the Mortlake branch of the RSL were very pleased to attend the ceremony. Particular thanks to Merv Hampson for addressing the school regarding the significance of the day. The RSL branch has expressed a desire to work more closely with the school in the future and that is something we feel will really benefit all our students. Despite the pupil-free day on Monday a group of students including four of our senior leaders attended the ceremony at the memorial and laid a wreath on behalf of the school.

Staff Planning Day

On Monday all staff took part in a professional development day where time was spent planning for 2014 and also reflecting on programs and initiatives introduced this year. Of particular interest was a reflection on the new house system and certainly there was unanimity of opinion that whilst it had been very successful in its first year there were some great suggestions about how it could be improved. All staff felt that the house charity days had been particularly successful and that students had really ‘connected’ quickly to their new houses. If you have any thoughts on how the house system is operating please feel free to contact me at school. I would welcome any feedback.

Fundraising to support the relief appeal for The Phillipines

This is late notice but the senior student leaders would like the school to show its support for those people who have been impacted so severely by Typhoon Haiyan. To this end they are holding an ‘Out of Uniform’ day this Friday and a BBQ at lunchtime. A gold coin donation will be required for those out of uniform and sausages will be on sale at lunchtime for $1.50. There will not be any orders prior to the day; payment will be made when the sausage is purchased. All proceeds will go to the relief appeal.
Performance of 'You the Man’

On Wednesday students from Years 8, 9 & 11 were privileged to see a performance of a short play dealing with a range of sensitive issues, particularly those around dating violence. One of the key messages of the performance was that there are no innocent bystanders to dating violence. After the performance a panel consisting of the actor and representatives from various support agencies answered questions from the audience and took part in a discussion about the issues raised. The director and all the support agency staff commented on what a wonderful audience our students were. The students were respectful of each other and the actor and, judging by their responses, gained a lot from the experience. Particular thanks to our school nurse, Jenny Williams, for procuring the play for our students.

iPads

At School Council this week it was mentioned that the Apple Store online is advertising refurbished iPads that can be purchased at a cheaper price than a new one. If you are interested follow the link below.


The following appeared on the website and Joel, our technician, commented that there may not be all that many refurbished iPads available

Apple Certified Refurbished

We test and certify all Apple refurbished products and include a 1 year warranty. All refurbished iPad models also include a brand new battery and outer shell. Engraving and gift wrapping is not available for refurbished iPads.

End of Year Arrangements for students in Years 8-11

Although this was in last week’s newsletter I felt it was worth publishing again in case any families missed last week’s newsletter. As I mentioned we have designed an end of year program that we feel will be of great benefit to our students in Years 8-11 but of course the success of the program is very dependent on students attending school every day.

♦ Students going into Year 12 in 2014 will have a one-week ‘Headstart’ program in the week November 18-22 and will have their Work Experience camp in Melbourne the following week. The Year 11 students finish school at the end of their camp.
♦ The Year 10 students going into Year 11 in 2014 will be undertaking a 2 week ‘Headstart’ program from Monday 25 November to Friday 6 December where they will commence their VCE studies. The Year 10 students finish school on 6 December.
♦ Years 8 & 9 students will commence the ‘Survivor’ program on 25 November and will operate on a special timetable. The program will culminate in their three-day bike camp December 11-13.

Graeme Good

NEW MESSAGENET
PHONE NUMBER
We have a New mobile number to text the school with any messages, child absences etc. Please use this number from now on.

PH: 0427 841 239

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden
Working Bee Postponed

The working bee for the SAKG which was to be held on Friday November 15th has been postponed. Sorry for the inconvenience but I will let everyone know when a new date is scheduled.

Thanks, Jane Povey
In support of the Philippines Relief Appeal we will be holding an

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY & BBQ LUNCH

This Friday 15th November

Sausages = $1.50 (no pre-orders, just pay on the day)

Out of Uniform = Gold Coin Donation
What Is Workplace Learning?

Providing young people with valuable "on the job" skills and experience

Workplace learning programs provide an opportunity for secondary school students to gain valuable "on the job" skills and experience through short on long term placements in the work environment. Workplace learning aims to improve student learning, enhance student engagement and wellbeing, and support successful transitions from secondary school to further training and employment.

Workplace learning benefits a young person's development by:
- Exposing young people to the world of work
- Developing an understanding of the work environment, the industry in which the placement is undertaken, and of employers' expectations
- Increasing self-understanding, maturity, independence and self confidence, especially in the workplace
- Enhancing opportunities for part-time and casual employment
- Increasing motivation to continue to study or undertake further training

What workplace learning programs exist at Mortlake College?

At Mortlake College students can currently be placed in the working environment under three different workplace learning programs:

Work Experience
Work Experience is generally undertaken by year 10 and 11 students. It is a short term work placement with a host employer, typically for one week in a continuous block. Year 10 students complete two one week block of local work experience. Year 11 students complete a one week block of work experience in Melbourne during the Work experience camp in November. A Work Experience placement enables the student to learn about an industry and the workplace, and also broadens their experience and understanding of the world of work and career opportunities. Primarily, the students are in the workplace to observe and learn, but they may also be given a limited number of tasks which they can complete under supervision. The host employer is required to provide a safe and healthy work environment and to pay the student a minimum of $5.00 per day.
Structured Workplace Learning
Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) is on-the-job training where a student is expected to master a set of skills or competencies. Students are enrolled in an accredited program of study that focuses on the workplace or a specific industry. Students are generally studying in years 11 or 12 and undertake a SWL placement for one day a week or in blocks of one week at a time. A SWL placement assists students to enhance their industry specific competencies (at Certificate I or II level) and to also develop important employability skills for when they join the workforce. The host employer is required to provide a safe and healthy work environment and to pay the student a minimum of $5.00 per day.

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships
A School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship is a part time apprenticeship or traineeship undertaken by students 15 years or over, typically commencing in year 10 or 11 while the student is still attending school. A School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship operates on the basis of a formal Training Contract between the employer and the apprentice or trainee. Students spend at least one day a week, or blocks of a week at a time, at work over a period of two or more years. Work contact hours vary, but as a general rule, the minimum number of hours of work and formal training required is 15 hours per week over two years, or 10 hours per week over three years, averaged for the duration of the Training Contract. Assessment and training of the student is delivered by a Registered Training Organisation and is tailored to suit the employer. Employers are required to pay students in line with the appropriate award rate relevant at the time the Training Contract is entered into. A formal training plan is developed and this has to be signed by the Principal of the school the student attends.

Benefits for the employers

- Provides an opportunity for a young person to enter the workforce
- Addresses future recruitment needs by building skills and opportunities in the local labour market
- Incentives are available to offset cost of wages
- Training is fully funded by the government however enrolment fees are paid by either the employee or employer depending on the employment arrangements
- Is a demonstration of your commitment to our community.

For more information about Workplace learning and the programs available contact Mr Mark Croucher.
3/4 A Class report.
By AMY AND NED

This has been a great term. In literacy we have been learning about shipwrecks and in maths we have been learning about fractions and decimal points.

In science we have also been learning about buoyancy and how it works.

We have enjoyed learning about mapping in humanities.
Thank you.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT

Last week, on Wednesday October 30th, 21 music students gathered together to perform in a concert for their families and friends. Though there were some nerves on the night, everyone performed well. Students performed on several different instruments: piano, guitar, drums, flute, saxophone and recorder. Three students even showed their versatility by performing on two different instruments each! And there was a special guest performance by Mr. Vangeninden as well, which was listened to with great interest by the students!

Thank you to the families and friends of the students for coming and supporting them. And a special thank you to all the students who performed—you all made it a wonderful night!!

Letitia Howat    Grace Wareham    Shayne Woods    Lucas Johnson
Teneale Anders   Amber Johnson    Shae DeFrancesco    George Howat
Caleb Humm       Ned Quail        Amelia Barry      Olivia Anders
Leah Johnson     Grace Thulborn    Sydney Berryman   Jackson Boyden
Victoria Barry   Stephanie Jubb    
Harry Quail      Brooke Harfoot    
Lizzy Kelly      

Melanie Pocknall—
Instrumental Music Teacher
VCE students sitting Unit 3 and 4 exams are nearly done! The final Mortlake College exam award goes to Corey Firth, who is sitting an exam next Wednesday! Good luck to students who still have exams ahead of them, and well done to those who are finished.

This week is the final week of the VCE year. Next week Year 11 students begin the Year 12 Orientation/Transition Program, which runs for the week. Students enrolled in Year 12 in 2014 are expected to attend each day of this program, and their attendance will be counted as part of the official VCE attendance requirements. In order to pass any VCE unit, it is a requirement that a student attends at least 80% of classes.

In the week beginning Monday 25th November students in Year 11 will be participating in their Melbourne Work Experience camp. At the same time students in Years 10 will begin a two week ‘Headstart’ program to transition them into the VCE. Once again students are expected to attend each day of this program as part of official requirements.

There is also an expectation that VCE students will complete work over the Christmas break in preparation for 2014. In particular students will be required to read English texts. The names of the texts to be studied will be provided to students in the coming weeks.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact me.

Anthea Good
VCE Co-ordinator

Health & Well Being

The violence prevention play “You The Man” was piloted at Mortlake College on Wednesday 13 November at 11 am, for all year 8 9 and 11 students.

Deakin University have been co-ordinating this project which is comprised of a one man play followed by a panel discussion.
PHOTO SHOP

A LA Café students in full practice! -

Don’t Forget to lock it in your diaries !! -
A LA Café
Friday 6th December
10:30am
PHOTO SHOP

3/4 Class Report was delivered today by Amy Hughes & Ned Quail

Week 6 - P- 4 Award Winners – So many beautiful faces! 😊
**Entertainment Cookery**

Last Thursday (7 November) the Year 8-10 Entertainment Cookery class produced a 2 course meal for themselves and an invited guest. The meal was the culmination of a project where students had been required to write a design brief; research possible recipes and guest preferences; create criteria for evaluation; provide a sensory analysis of their food; along with prepare ingredients beforehand and produce the meal on the day!

The students did a fantastic job and should be very proud of their efforts. As you can see from the photos, there was some wonderful food presented beautifully. Thank you also to parents for attending to share a two course meal at 10.00 in the morning! It meant a lot to the students to have a real audience to produce for.

The final project for this class is to design and create a celebration cake. They have to choose either a gingerbread house, fruit cake or mud cake as the basis for their design. Watch out for progress photos in coming newsletters!

Anthea Good -
Food Technology Co-ordinator

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**Booklist & Re-enrolment Forms**

Booklists and re-enrolment forms for 2014 should have made it home by now— Please remember to ask your children for it!

**Completed forms need to be returned by Monday 18th November** so ordering can commence in time for the end of the year.

Thanks
Because Remembrance Day fell on a pupil free day this year, we commemorated the day early with a Special Assembly attended by members of the RSL. RSL president, Mr Merv Hampson, spoke to the students about the significance of Remembrance Day. He also unveiled a commemorative plaque, restored from the old primary school site and carefully restored by Mrs Glenda Lehmann. The plaque will take pride of place on the wrought iron gates at the entrance to the P-4 area. These gates were also brought to the P-12 site from the original primary school.

On Remembrance Day itself, some of our students gave up their pupil free day to attend the ceremony at the War Memorial and lay a wreath on behalf of the school.
ABOUT THE PROGRAM

L2P is a community based volunteer program designed to provide support for young learner drivers who face barriers such as social, family or living circumstances, in obtaining the mandatory 120hrs of driving practice required to be eligible for a probationary Licence.

BECOMING A MENTOR

To be a mentor for the L2P Program you will need:

1. A full Victorian Drivers Licence
2. A good driving record
3. A police check
4. A licence Check
5. A working with children Check
6. A willingness to work with young people

(All cost incurred with checks will be reimbursed)

A VEHICLE IS SUPPLIED FOR THE PROGRAM

WANT TO KNOW MORE

If you would like to know more about becoming a mentor of the L2P program please contact the L2P coordinator at the Warrnambool City Council.

PHONE 55594413
or
EMAIL l2p@warrnambool.vic.gov.au.
UNDERSTAND THE FIRE DANGER RATING

Being familiar with the Fire Danger Ratings and the recommended actions will help keep Victorians and visitors safe over the fire danger period.

A feature of weather forecasts, the Fire Danger Rating, indicates how dangerous a fire would be if one started. They can be found in newspapers, broadcast on radio, television and on websites.

Fire Danger Ratings are based on the weather conditions and the amount of dry vegetation.

A Code Red Fire Danger Rating is the highest rating and signals the worst conditions for a bush or grass fire. While Code Red days are very serious, they are also very rare with only two Code Red days since the Code Red rating was introduced four years ago.

It is important to remember that you are still at risk on days with a High, Very High, Severe and Extreme ratings. These days are much more common, so it is important to understand what they mean and what you will do when they are forecast.

Familiarise yourself with the Fire Danger Ratings and their recommended actions. They will help you to develop bushfire safety procedures and should be used as a prompt to take action. The higher the Fire Danger Rating, the more dangerous the conditions and the more considered your procedures should be.

For more go to the CFA website www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call CFA Hamilton on 5551 1500.

For more information contact Lyall Grey, Community Liaison Bushfire Engagement, on 5551 1563 or l.grey@cfa.vic.gov.au
An invitation... Family and friends open day at headspace Warrnambool

Ever wondered what goes on at headspace?

Come join us for:
- A tour of the building
- Free sausage sizzle
- Meet the staff
- Door prizes and giveaways
- Mental health resources and information for young people, their families and friends.

When  Thursday 14 November 4-6pm
Where  Community Youth Complex
       210 Timor Street Warrnambool
Contact  Karen Walsh Community Awareness & Engagement Ph 5561 8966

Special guest speaker ex-Geelong player Simon Hogan
Simon is a headspace ambassador who bravely shares his own personal story of battling depression. His story has encouraged many young people, especially young men, to seek help for mental health problems.

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NUTRITION
SPORTS SCIENCE
FITNESS TESTING

APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE www.swas.org.au
APPLICATIONS CLOSE 5pm December 13th
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Ann Sissons 5564 8567
or 0400 076 469
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**Don’t FORGET!**

Booklists & Re-enrolment Packs are due back on Monday 18th November!