Principal's Report:

Relief Appeal for the Philippines

Well done to everyone who contributed to the relief appeal for the people of the Philippines so badly affected by Typhoon Haiyan. Over $300 was raised last Friday with the out of uniform day and the sausage sizzle. Good luck to Charmarelle McCarroll and Tayla Hobbs who are heading to the Philippines at the end of this week for three weeks as part of a seventeen-strong group of senior students and supervising adults from Moyne Shire. The group will be led by Moyne Shire Youth Officer, Geraldine Edar, and they will be working in a remote village an hour’s drive from Davao which is located in the southern part of the Philippines. They will be involved in a range of projects such as painting the school library, constructing bookshelves and building an assembly area. It’s fantastic to see that a group of young people are willing to support others less fortunate and we certainly wish them well in the experience.

Camps

It was great to learn that each of the three camps conducted last week were so successful. Students from Years 5&6, Year 7 and Year 10 all reported that they had really enjoyed their time away. As I’ve mentioned previously, school camps are nearly always one of the most lasting memories of a student’s time at school so it was really pleasing to learn that they were so enjoyable. All reports are that the Years 3&4 students have had a very enjoyable time at Kangarooibie. Good luck to our Year 11 students as they head to Melbourne next Sunday for a week of work experience. I would like to thank the staff who have organised and attended the camps. Many thanks also to the parents who attended and supported the staff on the Years 3&4 camp.

2013-14 Bushfire season

Included in this newsletter is information from the Department of Education regarding school procedures for the bushfire season. Mortlake College is categorised as one of the “Highest bushfire risk schools” and it is therefore very important that all families are familiar with the information provided. Please read the information particularly the section titled “What can parents do?” and ensure that all your family contact details are up to date.
Year 12 Orientation classes

This week our Year 11 students are involved in a week of Year 12 classes as they prepare for their final year of school in 2014. The week is designed to give students a ‘head-start’ by outlining how they can prepare for their classes over the summer holiday period by reading, for example, the texts that are set for study in English and any other required reading and tasks set by teachers. If students are to make the most of their Year 12 year it is very important that they prepare well over the summer break.

More information on refurbished iPads

Joel Barker, our IT technician, has been doing some more research on refurbished iPads and has discovered that EB Games in Warrnambool sell them. The iPads have a 12 month warranty period that covers the usual warranty items. Obviously stock levels change, but they can order more in if required. Details are listed below. They can also be ordered online through the [http://www.ebgames.com.au](http://www.ebgames.com.au) website. Prices and availability is listed below.

MultiComm in Warrnambool have sent details of pricing for the new iPad Air which is included in this newsletter. It should be remembered that one advantage of ordering an iPad via Apple online is that, with new iPads you do receive free engraving which, of course, is a very useful in terms of security.

Graeme Good

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VCE Systems Engineering: Case Study

Robert Orwin: Solar Tracking Power Station

As part of VCE Systems Engineering, Unit 3/4 students had the opportunity to design and construct a device that includes both mechanical and electronic systems. Robert elected to build a portable 12 volt DC power station that could recharge itself using the energy of the sun. To add the mechanical component to this project, Robert wanted the solar panel to track the sun to ensure the battery was being recharged with maximum efficiency.

After extensive research, Robert found a critical part to his project was located in the United States. The component had a warning “This is for advanced electronic hobbyists.” Undeterred, Robbie ordered the part. When it eventually arrived, extreme care was taken with the construction. On the first trial, it didn’t work. Had we wasted one hundred and twenty dollars! No, we just didn’t read the circuit diagram carefully enough. One minor modification to the kill-switch set up and the solar tracker was working as expected.

The next couple of months involved designing and constructing the frame to support the electronics. We used old school tables for the frame but a lot of other components were expensive. When it was finally finished in September, testing showed that Robbie had successfully built a solar tracking power station. Robert now plans to extend the capabilities of the mobile power station to be compatible with 240V AC appliances. He has already found a niche market for his project.

Can the Mortlake College community help?

In Systems Engineering (and Physics), we are always looking for both electrical and mechanical items to dismantle and/or examine. Electrical items we love to dismantle include pop-up toasters, irons, kettles and electric blankets. If you have a four (or two) stroke engines that are no longer being used (either working or non-working), consider donating it to our Systems Engineering class. We are also interested in any basic tools that you no longer have a use for.

Mr. Bell (Physics and Systems Engineering Teacher) 5599 2204

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
The year 5/6 students stepped back in time last week to experience life as it was on the Ballarat Goldfields in the 1850s.

As part of the Sovereign Hill school’s program, the students attended either the Ragged Asylum for children of the poor or the St Alypius school for children of Irish descent. Both students and teachers were dressed in period costume and became part of the ‘living history’ display at Sovereign Hill for two full days. As such they had to maintain the role play of children from the 1850s, including tipping their hats or curtseying to adults and ending every sentence with ‘Sir’ or ‘Ma’am’.

At the Ragged School, the urchins wrote on slates and learned trades such as needlework and blacksmithing. They were visited by the doctor to be inspected for scurvy and lice and had to learn the alphabet backwards!

At St Alypius they wrote in copperplate handwriting and learnt their 17 times tables. Backs were straight and manners were very important! At play times the children used toys from the era; horseshoes and skipping ropes and the cup and ball.

Isaac Fowler was awarded the dux medallion for diligence at St Alypius and Dusty Stapleton was awarded the medal for improved behavior at the Ragged School. Jackson Boyden, Charlotte Gartland, Jordan Loader and Matilda Hetherington were all given ‘offers of employment’ for their hard work and aptitude.

We received excellent feedback from the staff at Sovereign Hill who commended our students for their fantastic attitude and behavior on the program.

Many thanks to Mr De Manser for his organisation and to Miss Campbell, Mr Jones and Mrs De Manser for giving up their time to accompany the camp.
Congratulations to Corey Firth for his great achievement in receiving a First Place Award Certificate at the recent SWTAFE awards for the VET in schools program. Corey's award was the result of the work he has done in completing Certificate II in Engineering Studies.

Yesterday Corey also completed his VET Engineering exam, which was the last VCE exam for Mortlake College in 2013. Well done to everyone for sitting their exams, and we look forward to the results coming out in late December.

This week Year 11 students have completed their first week of Year 12 studies, before they go to Melbourne next week for their Work Experience camp. Next week also marks the beginning of the two week ‘Headstart’ program where Year 10 students will begin their Year 11 studies. 2014 VCE students will be expected to complete some study over the summer period, and make sure that they have read their prescribed English texts.
Year 12 Dinner

Last Friday night we celebrated the achievement of completing Year 12 with our 2013 students and their parents. It was a great night and thank you to all who attended.

Anthea Good
VCE Co-ordinator
# Work Experience Placements

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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 NOW please** so ordering can commence in time for the end of the year.

Thanks
We departed on Tuesday the 12th from Terang train station at 6:00am on the vline bus as the trains not running due to repairs. After our long trip down we finally arrived in Melbourne. We then caught our first tram to the youth hostel where we were staying and dropped our bags off. From there we went on an orienteering activity around Bourke Street, where we had to find our own way around to different locations; getting used to being in the city. After lunch we made our way to The Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre where we were given a tour of the building and learnt that The Commonwealth Games had been held there! We were then able to have a swim in their many pools. After leaving the Aquatics Centre we travelled back to the hostel where we got ready to leave for dinner at Crown Casino. We were all very impressed but most of us felt more comfortable when we arrived at the food court! We could then go off to the arcade or go and see a movie.

On the Wednesday we started the day bright an early at 7am and after some breakfast, left for Racing Victoria. We had different professionals came in and talked to us about all the different and unique careers involved in racing. Unfortunately due to the weather we were unable to go down to Flemington race course, however we were lucky enough to go and see the mechanical horses their jockeys use to practices their racing on. After lunch we went to The North Melbourne Football Club where we were involved in The Huddle program. The program aims at involving the North Melbourne community most of which are immigrants who have never even seen a football before, in sport and in their club hoping to increase membership numbers, which has been successful. We participated in different footy activities and games. We were also given a tour of the club and were able to see some of the players in action, including Drew Petrie and Majak Daw who was being interviewed at the time. We then made our way to the Vic markets for the night market where we could buy our dinner from any of the many stalls representing different cultures and countries.
On our last day we packed up and left the hostel. We made our way to a big skyscraper for a program: Ambition Uncovered hosted by the Ambition Group, who are a business focused on preparing clients for the workforce with the end goal being employment. They spoke to us about our personal presentation, resume writing, personal branding and gave us job interview situations and advice on how to be best prepared, therefore giving us the best chance of securing the job. They supplied lunch and we left feeling more confident about our future job prospects. From there we had a couple of hours of shopping time. We then collected our bags and made our way to Southern Cross Station where we had dinner before getting on the train back to Terang. After another long trip we arrived back at 9:30pm.

This was such a great experience as some of us had never even used a tram before. It is really going to benefit all of us not only for next year’s work experience in Melbourne but for years to come.

![Group Photo]
Thirteen year seven students travelled to Nelson on Wednesday 13th November for a three day tent camp. Students were accompanied by Mr Bennett and Mrs Rous. On Wednesday students departed school and arrived in Portland to purchase their food at Coles. The group travelled on to Swan Lake where they walked to some of the biggest sand dunes in the Discovery Bay Coastal Park. Some of the Students sand boarded down one particular dune on a found piece of 3 ply. We arrived at Kywong camp round in Nelson At 4.30pm.Tea was prepared in the camp kitchen at 6.00pm. After tea, students went fishing to Simpsons landing. Ryan Tanner was fortunate enough to catch two bream using prawns as bait. That night, lights were turned out at 9.30pm

On Thursday all had breakfast before driving into South Australia to the Princess Margaret Caves for a one hour cave tour. Stalactites and stalagmites formations were explained to us as well some history about limestone caves and how they were formed. After the tour we all headed to Mount Gambier to visit the famous “Blue Lake” . Signage indicated that the Lake provides Mount Gambier with a good source of artesian fresh water. Later in the afternoon after having lunch back at camp we travelled to the famous Picinnini ponds cave diving site. We were very fortunate to meet and have the best scuba cave dive master in the world speak to us about sink hole diving and some of the risks associated with this type of recreational diving. In the afternoon we drove to Lake Miebiong in the Discovery Bay Coastal Park and walked to the beach to view Southern n Plovers and kestrels. A lot of debris such as rope, marker buoys and pieces of commercial fishing nets had been washed up onto the beach. When we arrived back to camp we cooked prepared chicken and salad for the evening meal. The evening activities included cricket and completing a reflection on the last two days. On Friday we packed up camp and drove to Portland to visit the Portland Marine Discovery centre. Students completed detailed worksheets centred around some of the two main shipwrecks that occurred close to Portland in 1875. On the way back to school we stopped for lunch at Port Fairy where we had fish and chips before arriving back to school at 3.00pm.Tiffany and Erin thanked both staff members for taking the students on camp.
A La Café

A la café is on Friday, December 6th starting at 10:45a.m. in the BER. It’s been great to see the students are practising their acts. Any student who is in Grade 3 and above and would like to enter their act, please place your name on the list on the notice board outside Mrs Tanner’s office.

Students in P-2 will be performing class acts to begin proceedings.

Choir

The choir has been busy rehearsing for their busy performing season! We kick off our peak period with some carolling for the Probus group on the 9th December (note this date – I made a mistake on the previous note)! Then on the 17th we head to Warrnambool to perform for Warrnambool Primary School among other organisations. Finally on the 20th we are singing at the Mortlake Carols. Exhausted we may be, but we will be confident that we have spread Christmas cheer!!

The Lunch box Blitz

The lunch box blitz commences today with two parent sessions and a staff workshop conducted after school. Thanks to Marian Cornett and Kerri Nicholson for preparing and conducting the workshops. We are a pilot school in our region for this initiative. The program will take place in Term 1 and 2 next year.
School procedures for the bushfire season

The way schools in Victoria respond to bushfires is being constantly revised.

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 – identified as being at highest bushfire risk have been included on the Bushfire-At Risk Register (BARR) and will be closed on days determined by fire authorities to be Code Red. Our school has been identified as a school at highest bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to three days notice of a planned closure following the issue of a Code Red warning by the CFA. We will contact you directly by email or letter sent home with your child and SMS message with advice on planned closures and will confirm the decision to close by 12 noon the day before the planned closure.

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.

- No staff will be on site on days when the school is closed by the risk of fire.
- Out-of-school care will be cancelled on these days.
- School camps will be cancelled if the area where the camp is taking place is at risk.

There may also be changes to school bus routes. Depending on routes, this may also occur on days when the school is not closed.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – on such days, children should never be left at home unattended or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire-prone area, the safest option when a Code Red day is declared may be to leave the night before, or early in the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for the threat of fire we have updated our emergency management plan;
What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's Bushfire Survival Plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements for your children 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 plans.

- 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 and Bushfire Survival Planning, 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.

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**WHAT IS MINDFULNESS?**

"Mindfulness' is a hot topic recently not only in psychology, but also it is now recognised as an effective approach to reducing stress. Mindfulness is not meditation, unless you are actually practicing mindfulness meditation. Mindfulness is about paying attention. Jon Kabat Zinn’s definition of mindfulness is "Paying attention in a particular way: on purpose, in the present moment, and non-judgmentally." Russell Harris’ definition of mindfulness is "Paying attention with openness, curiosity and flexibility."

People can learn techniques to practice mindfulness, from books, CDs, psychologists, or other professionals. Benefits of mindfulness can be:

- to have more balance, and less emotional volatility
- to be fully present in the moment
- increase self-awareness
- to become less judgmental, of yourself and others
- to experience more calm
- to become less upset by and reactive to unpleasant experiences to have more balance.
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Mortlake Rotary Club
Presents
“The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel” Movie
Saturday 7th December
8pm — in the BER

Lucky door prizes
$10 adult  $5 child

Wednesday Breakasts
Final Wednesday Breakfast for the year will be Wednesday 4th December at 8:30am. Thank you to the students who have helped out, in particular Stacey Shalders. If anyone would like to donate breakfast foods next year please contact 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.
CFA CAN HELP ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

What: Free Bushfire Information Meeting
Where: Mortlake Fire Station,
       129 Boundary Road, Mortlake
When: Thursday 5 December 2013 at 7:30pm
Find out: Must-have information for this fire season

For more information visit [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/meetings](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/meetings) or contact District 7 on 5240 2700.

Don't understand English?
Require an AUSLAN interpreter?
Need assistance to access the venue?
Let us know and we'll do our best to help.

If you belong to a community group or club, talk to us about arranging a customised session.

Please note that CFA postpones all community meetings when the Fire Danger Rating is Code Red, Extreme or Severe.

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APPLICATIONS CLOSE 5pm December 13th
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**JANUARY 2014**

| **Tues 28th** | **Wed 29th** |
| Book Collection Day 10:30 - 4:40 | Book Collection Day 8:30 - 5:30 |

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**Booklists & Re-enrolment Packs are due back now so orders can be placed!**