Term 4 - Week 9– 30th November 2016

Orientation Day

Next Tuesday, December 6 is our official orientation day where we will be welcoming the 2017 Prep class to the school. They arrive by 8:55 and stay until 1:00pm. The new Preps will enjoy a day of fun, getting to know each other, Mrs. Amos and the school environment. Please make sure your child has a snack, drink bottle, lunch, a piece of fruit to share and their sunhat (named).

Years 5-12 Presentation Night next Tuesday.

The Years 5-12 Presentation Night will be held next Tuesday 6 December in the BER and it will be an opportunity to officially farewell the 2016 Year 12 students and to celebrate the achievements of our students throughout 2016. The evening will begin at 7:30pm but we ask that you please try to be seated by 7:25pm. All students in Years 5-12 are expected to attend and to wear full school uniform and it would be great to see all our families represented too.

The Great Victorian Bike Ride

The school grounds and tea tree lake area were a spectacular sight on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning and the event provided another opportunity for our Parents’ Association to fundraise by providing egg and bacon rolls at breakfast. A big thankyou to the parents and staff who manned the BBQs, many who were preparing before 5am. Over $1000 was raised for the school so thank you one and all on a great effort.
Semester 2 Reports

Cycle 6 reports will be emailed to all families on Thursday 8 December. On this report you will be able to check your child’s progress over the course of the year and what we are particularly looking for is strong effort and attitude as this is the key to improved outcomes.

VCE Head Start program

The two-week 2017 VCE Head Start program concludes this week and our current Year 10 and Year 11 students are not required at school after Friday. It is really important, however, that they follow up on preparation for next year during the summer break so that they are well placed when school recommences next year.

The Lion King

Congratulations to the Years 5-7 students for a fantastic performance of ‘The Lion King’ on Monday night and I’m sure the matinee today and the final performance on Friday night will be equally successful. There are certainly lots of very talented performers on stage! Thanks to all the staff and parents who have supported the students in a variety of ways and in particular Amelia Fahie who has been the driving force behind the show. Special thanks as always to Brad Tanner for all his work in setting up the BER for the show.

Graeme Good
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.

UNIFORM

FOUND: A school jacket has been handed into the General Office. If your child is missing one, please contact us.

LOST: A school jacket with the name ANDERS on the collar. If your child has picked one up by mistake can you please contact to the General Office

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
LIBRARY NEWS

The Library will be closing for this year on Monday 5th December 2016. Please return all library books by Friday 2nd December 2016. The Library will also be closed at lunchtimes from Monday 5th December. It has been a great year and we look forward to seeing you again in 2017.

HELPERS MORNING TEA

REMINDER: RSVP to the Helpers Morning Tea for catering purposes please.

P-4 Place

P-4 Assembly awards Monday 28th November 2016

Prep: Declan Draffen – for his wonderful reading achievements and always trying his best

Year 1: Cameron Goddard – for demonstrating stamina with all learning

Year 2: Jorden Hough – for a magic effort in class discussions

3/4 P: Josh Slater – for improved enthusiasm in class.

3/4 CR: Daniel Fowler – for an excellent understanding of fractions

Library Awards:

Year 1 – Megan Wendt for borrowing the most books in library

Year 2 – Holly Jones for borrowing the most books in library

Congratulations to all of these students!
Last week the Year 3/4 students participated in our annual Bike Ed program. Bike Ed is focused on rider safety and includes bike and helmet checks, safety on the roads and knowing some of the basic rules of the road. Students complete theory sessions in class as well as spending some time on the school’s Bike Ed track to practise new skills. The week was completed with the Year 3 students cycling around Tea Tree Lake and around the surrounding spaces. The Year 4 students completed their week with a ride through the streets of Mortlake negating traffic, pedestrians and roundabouts.

A special thank you to Liz Fowler for her assistance on the final day and to Kathryn Schuuring who helped out during the week – without some parent help these events just simply cannot run.

And of course a big thank you to Mr V who ran the program!
GREAT VICTORIAN BIKE RIDE

Some photos from the Great Victorian Bike Ride. Mr Jones & Mrs Good and 5 students are riding from Halls Gap to Geelong over 9 days

EQUESTRIAN NEWS

REMINDER that Emu Creek PC Interschool Dressage Challenge entries CLOSE this Friday Dec 2nd!!!

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
Hands on learning had a great day on their excursion into Warrnambool this week. Some of the things we did were... visit Hol at Warrnambool college, attend a music workshop at Dale Cleves Music, then off to SplashZone for some paintball madness. Lots of fun and laughter for the day and everything planned went well. Let the pics speak for themselves!

Regards;  Ben Cross & Ross Trahair
Photos from the incursion from the Life Education van
MORTLAKE COLLEGE P12
YEARS 5 – 7
PRESENT
THE LION KING JNR

Come and watch the end of year celebration of this semester’s Performing Arts class.
A one hour long version of The Lion King, suitable for all ages.
Tickets available at the General Office 55992204

Monday, November 28th, 7pm
Adults $8, students $5, Under 5 free

Wednesday Matinee, November 30th, 12pm
Adults $5, students & U/5 free

Friday, December 2nd, 7.30pm
Adults $8, students $5, Under 5 free

In the BER building at Mortlake College
FETE!
Saturday 3rd December
10-2
Simpson Town Square

Lots of stalls to grab your Chrissy presents!

Santa Photos
Santa will be back to have your family photo taken
Only $5 each

Milkshake Bikes

Cake Stall

MORTLAKE GOLF CLUB

9 HOLE COMPETITION
FOR JUNIORS AGE 9YRS TO 17YRS
BOYS & GIRLS

SUNDAYS THROUGHOUT DECEMBER 2017
FROM 1.30PM

NO COST
GOLF CLUBS AVAILABLE AT GOLF CLUB

CONTACT: JOHN SNOWDEN
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2016 CALENDAR

Parents’ Association

Upcoming Events:-
Friday 16th December- Mortlake Christmas Parade- Pancakes, Popcorn and Milkshakes.
February 2017-Annual General Meeting

Thank you, Elizabeth Mann—Parent Association

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