



Mortlake College Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ANZAC Day:

Last Thursday 55 Mortlake College students participated in the ANZAC march and I was very proud that so many of our students took the opportunity to represent the school in honouring such an important occasion. It was also particularly pleasing this year that a significant number of secondary students participated including many from Years 11 and 12. Our senior students also attended the service following the march. I would like to thank those who participated in the march/service and also all the parents for their support. As I mentioned at Monday's assembly, we are only two years away from the centenary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli so it would be great to think that we could have one hundred or more students participating by then.

NAPLAN testing –May 14-16

This year's NAPLAN testing program is only a fortnight away so it is opportune to refer to the following details that are provided by the VCAA, particularly for parents of Year 3 students who may not have been involved with NAPLAN before.

*"The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in **Years 3, 5, 7 and 9**. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.*

On Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May, students will undertake the 2013 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Students with a disability may qualify for special provisions that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.naplan.edu.au"

If you have any questions at all about the NAPLAN tests please contact Mrs DeManser or your child's classroom teacher.

Road Crossing:

It is disappointing to learn that a significant number of students are crossing the Hamilton Highway at Market Square rather than using the school crossing in Dunlop St. This is not a safe option particularly given the number of timber trucks using the highway and I ask that parents support the school by insisting that their children use the school crossing.

Zoo excursion:

On Wednesday approximately 120 P-4 students will be participating in a very exciting excursion to the Melbourne Zoo. I look forward to hearing about the trip later in the week. Thank you to the parents who are attending the excursion to support staff.

Visit by Dan Tehan:

At Monday's assembly, our local Federal MP, Mr Dan Tehan, presented a framed certificate to Tyler Fowler in recognition of Tyler's selection in the Victorian cricket team which competed in the national championships earlier this year. Congratulations again Tyler!

VCE Information:

With just over five weeks of VCE Units 1 and 3 remaining it is very important for all VCE students to be working hard both at home and at school. We often hear parents commenting that their children say they don't have any 'homework' to complete but the fact is that this should never be the case for VCE students; there is always plenty to do even if 'homework' as such hasn't been set by the teacher.

Students studying Unit 1 subjects will have exams in Week 5 (May 13-17) and all students studying a Unit 3 subject will sit the General Achievement Test (GAT) on Wednesday 12 June. There are no other mid-year exams this year. The day before the GAT also marks the beginning of Units 2 and 4 classes and any students considering changing subjects in second semester need to see Mrs Good immediately.

Students and parents are reminded that there is a minimum attendance requirement of 80% for VCE students to satisfactorily complete units of study. If a student experiences health problems that results in extended or frequent absences they must ensure they obtain the relevant documentation from their doctor.

Pupil-Free Day Term 4:

Due to a clash with the Years 3-4 camp the pupil-free day that was originally scheduled for Monday 18 November has been re-scheduled to Monday 11 November.

Graeme Good

P-2 Athletics Day

Thank you to all the Senior Students who helped out on the day. These students included:

Maddy Goldsworthy Tyler Fowler, Sarah Parker, Jackie Cooper, Jake Fowler, Keilan Webster Bamford, Geordie MacDonald, James Williamson, Lachie Jubb, Lachie Wareham, Rachael Mahncke, Lily Rereti, Lizzy Kelly, Kyal Makepiece, Abbey Mahncke, Renae Reynolds, Shona McGuigan and Claudia Calvert.

Well done to all these students as they helped to make the event such a success. I had many parents, staff and students comment on how great it was to see these senior students helping and guiding the younger children. Occasions like these highlight the benefits of belonging to a P-12 School environment.

Congratulation to all the P-2 competitors who all tried their best on the day and were both well behaved and great sports. Ribbons and Age champions include:

5/6 Girls

1st Ella Ridges,

2nd Chloe Goldsworthy,

3rd Jordyn Rohan

5/6Boys

1st Jaxon Sheridan,

2nd Jack Fowler,

**3rd Daniel Fowler
Lockie Lehmann
Riley Kelly**

7 Girls

1st Lily Schuurig

**2nd Alice Kain
Ellys Killen
Mia Ritchie**

3rd Scarlett Sagnol

7 Boys

1st Liam Anders

2nd Hamish Hobbs

3rd Bailey Dennis

8/9 Girls

1st Julia Mann

2nd Letitia Howat

**3rd Bailey Rooth
Holly Fowler**

8 Boys

1st Nelson Anders

**2nd Mitchell Hughes
Cohen Kleeven
Damien Goddard**

3rd Hayden Parker

Also a big thank you to Mrs Janes, Mr Bell, Mr Bennett, Mrs Povey, Mrs Amos and Mrs Tanner who all gave up either their class time or their students to ensure the event was a success. It is another sign of the teamwork and unity which makes Mortlake College such a great place to work and learn.

Nigel Boyden P-6 Sport Co-Ordinator



Age group champions: Nelson Anders, Julia Mann, Liam Anders, Lily Schuurig, Jaxson Sheridan, and Ella Ridges.

3-6 Divisional Athletics Carnival

Last Tuesday 23rd April we had six athletes represent Mortlake College at Division athletics Carnival in Warrnambool.

Isaac Wareham competed in the 200m, 800m and 1500m

Byron Loader competed in the Long Jump

Darcy Hobbs, Kaitlyn Fowler, Charlotte Gartland, and Alice Tanner competed in the 1500m.

All these athletes competed very well on the day, **all finishing within the top 10 in all their events. Byron Loader finished 2nd in his long jump** competition earning himself, and the school, a place in the Regional Event in Ballarat which will be held in October.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to organise to get the students to their events.

TOP ARTS/ TOP DESIGNS EXCURSION 23/4



NGV Melbourne

“Top Arts presents the inspirational inventiveness and creativity of young people” (from catalogue cover).

The VCE Art, Design and Technology and Systems Engineering classes travelled to Melbourne last Wednesday to see the Top Arts Exhibition at the Ian Potter Gallery in Federation Square and the Top Design Exhibition at the Melbourne Museum. These exhibitions featured A and A+ folio work and projects from 2013 in these subjects. The opportunity to view the Visual Diaries accompanying each artwork, or project in the case of Top Designs, which show the developmental work behind the finished work, offered great insight into the creative process for our students. It is always beneficial to see firsthand a range of works in different mediums and with different intentions that scored well.

Seeing such gallery-standard presentation of work is sometimes daunting for students whose own efforts are still in progress, however once they have gained some idea of the inspiration behind various works and viewed some of the developmental work, it becomes much more feasible. The main message from the slide show was - passion! Choose an idea which is personal, and meaningful to you, then think about technique and media best suited to expressing your ideas. And be committed to realising your aims to the very best of your ability.

There were some amazing works which can be viewed on the ‘NGV TOP ARTS Hub’ online, along with some advice by each exhibitor for this year’s students. Many of these comments relate to what an awesome subject art was as it was a really personal journey and gave relief from the pressure of other subjects. Systems students gained insight into technical aspects of some of the projects presented and the opportunity to check out some electronic stores for parts. Thanks to Mr Bell and Mr Bennett for driving the bus, and to students for their great behaviour. We hope you all channel the inspiration gained productively! Annette Janes

VCE PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXCURSION

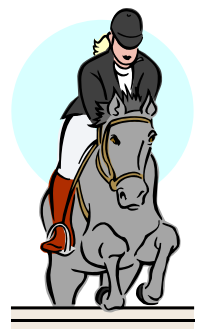


Rebecca, Sarah, Zoe and Stacey attended a talk at Derrinallum College on Monday as part of Lisa Curry Kenny's visit to the western part of the state. Lisa gave an outline of her sporting and coaching career as well as discussion on training methods and diet. She presented inspirational examples from her own career on how the path between setting a goal and achieving it can be up and down, and the importance of breaking overall desires down into small steps and tackling them progressively.

Equestrian News Week 3 Term 2

Just a couple of updates re upcoming events:

- **The Hamilton & Alexandra College Interprimary Games Day ENTRIES CLOSE 10th May.**
The team so far:
Bridie McGuigan, Victoria Barry, Amelia Barry, Hayden and Mitchell Parker and Claire Mahncke. *Go Mortlake!*
- **Mt Gambier Interschool Showjumping is on Sunday 19th May.** Entries close Friday 10th May. Programs on Equestrian Noticeboard. Classes from 40cm up to 115cm. Riders must be EA members or Mt Gambier SJ Club members, no day membership available any more,
- Junior Membership is available for \$20. Membership tab www.mtgambiersjc.equestrian.org.au
Please let me know if you are going to Mt Gambier. Thanks - Annette Janes



Attention Year 10 Students and Parents

KEYS PLEASE

THE FIRST STEP INTO THE DRIVER'S SEAT

“Keys Please” is a short, 70-75 minute session aimed at helping you, the Learner Driver, enjoy the learning-to-drive experience, pass your Licence tests and become a safe and competent driver. At the same time it will help your supervising drivers (parents, older brothers/sisters, uncles, aunts, whoever) tackle their role with confidence while avoiding the stress that can sometimes be a part of it.

It's been run here at Mortlake P-12 College for a few years now, with great success. Everybody who attends comes away saying they've learned something. And had a laugh!

Learning to drive should be a fun, exciting time – not a scary or dull chore. We'll show you how to make the most of it.

BER Building
Friday, 17 May, 2013 at 1.45 pm.

Information. Advice. Entertainment. Questions answered. Prizes.

All we need is you!

P.S. *It really would be handy if your parents come along*

Mother's Day Stall



When: Friday 10th May @ Lunch Time

Where: Room 21

What: Lots of lovely gifts for Mum priced \$1-\$5

Please support the Year 3 & 4 initiative to subsidise their camp

HEALTHY LUNCH BOX IDEAS

Pasta salad

Combine cooked and cooled small shell pasta with chopped red or green capsicum, halved cherry tomatoes and chopped celery. Combine mayonnaise, light sour cream and a little honey mustard and add to pasta. Season with a little salt and pepper. Toss until well combined. You could also add tin tuna, chopped chicken or ham.

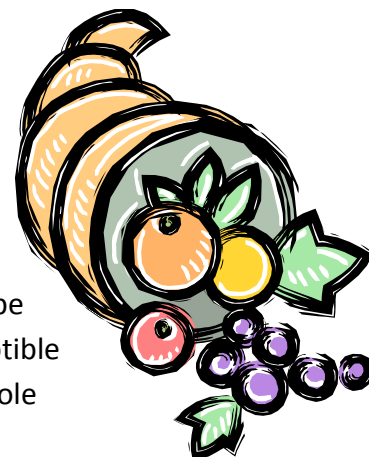
(Source: Super Food Ideas, February 2013)

Add the pasta salad to your child's lunchbox with a mandarin, a pear and a packet of plain popcorn.

Health & Wellbeing

International No Diet day is on Monday 6th May

Dieting is bad for your health. Frequent dieting affects your health and constant dieting can make you depressed. The weight loss see-saw can also be a risk factor for other health problems. Young people (and adults) are susceptible to the unachievable images from magazines and other media. Be a positive role model and avoid the diet yo-yo and unhelpful discussions about weight.



Celebrate yourself by not dieting. This week give compliments your friends and family on things unrelated to weight or appearance.

INSPIRE

SUCCEED

ENDEAVOUR

POLO SHIRT ORDER

A second order for the house polo shirts will be placed in Term 2. The polo shirts coincide with the colour of your child/children's new house (Inspire, Succeed or Endeavour). They will have the school logo with the house name on the left hand side similar to the white and red polo's available from the uniform shop at the moment.

The cost for each shirt will be \$19.00

All orders need to be paid for before ordering can take place.

All order forms and payment are required back by Thursday 23rd May, 2013.

Inspire Succeed, Endeavour – Polo Shirts.

Child House QTY

Size Total \$

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2013 CALENDAR

MAY		JULY	
Thurs 2nd	Warrnambool Race Day Holiday	Mon 15th	Start of Term 3
Wed 8th	MWC Athletics – Warrnambool (7-12)	Tues 23rd	School Council
Thurs 9th	Mothers Day stall P-4	Thurs 25th – Sat 27th	State School Spectacular
Fri 10th	Mothers Day stall – whole school	Mon 29th	Parent Association Meeting
Tues 14th	7-12 MWC Athletics (Brauer)	AUGUST	
Tues 14th – Thurs 16th	NAPLAN Yr 3, 5, 7 & 9	Fri 9th	'OLIVER'
Fri 17th	'Keys Please' Forum	Thurs 15th – Sat 17th	'OLIVER'
Mon 20th	Parent Association Meeting	Mon 19th	Parent Association Meeting
Fri 24th	House Cross Country (7 – 12) Walk to School and Healthy Breakfast	Fri 23rd	Pupil Free Day – P-12
27th - 31st	Yr 10 Work experience <i>State School Spectacular Rehearsal 1</i> Yr 3/4 Bike Education	SEPTEMBER	
JUNE		9th – 13th	Yr 10 Work Experience
Tues 4th	School Council	Mon 16th	Parent Association Meeting
Mon 10th	Queens Birthday Holiday	Fri 22nd	End of Term 3
Tues 11th	Barwon Prison Visit (VCE)	OCTOBER	
Wed 12th	GAT Exam – Yrs 11-12	Mon 7th	Start of Term 4
Thurs 13th	Junior Netball/Football - Mortlake	Wed 13th – Fri 15th	Yr 5/6 Camp - Ballarat
Mon 17th	Parent Association Meeting	Mon 14th	GWR Athletics - Ballarat
Mon 17th – Fri 21st	Drug Action Week - BER	Tues 15th	School Council
Wed 19th	GWR Cross Country - Hamilton	Mon 18th – Wed 20th	Yr 3/4 Camp - Kangarooie
Fri 21st	Ballarat Uni Visit – Yr 11	Sat 19th	SCHOOL FETE
Wed 26th	<i>State School Spectacular Rehearsal 2</i>	Mon 21st	Parent Association Meeting
Fri 28th	End of Term 2	NOVEMBER	
		Mon 11th	Pupil Free Day – P-12
		Tues 12th	School Council
		DECEMBER	
		Mon 9th	Parent Association Meeting
		Tues 10th	Presentation night
		Tues 17th	School Council
		Wed 18th	Last day for all students