



# Mortlake College Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 30th May, 2013

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thanks to everyone who was involved in last week's Education Week activities. Whilst we didn't have a huge crowd for Open Day, those who were here were very supportive of our inaugural 'Have a Say' competition. It was fabulous to have so many students willing to take to the soapbox to express their opinions. While some of these speeches were 'off the cuff', most had been carefully crafted in English and House classes and I will reproduce some of them over the next few weeks in the newsletter so that you can see some of the great, persuasive language work our students have been doing.

It was also pleasing to see so many senior students taking charge of the catering and cleaning up on Open Day. This was also the case on Walk to School Day with lots of students willing to walk and to give Kerry a hand with the breakfast.

Both our primary and secondary cross country athletes competed very successfully at the next level last week. Congratulations to the several students who will now move forward to the regional level.

Our senior student leaders, led by the Welfare Captain, Stacey Shalders, have planned a 'Thrift Shop' formal for the students from years 8-12. This dance will take place on June 19<sup>th</sup> during Drug & Alcohol Awareness Week and is based on the premise that young people can have a great time without alcohol and without spending hundreds of dollars on an outfit. The event will be fully supervised in conjunction with the Moyne Shire who are funding security and a DJ. Please encourage your senior students to support this great initiative.

My stint in Graeme's position has given me a greater appreciation of some of the potential issues with our school buses.

- Please make sure any changes to bus arrangements are made as early as possible so we know whether your children are on the bus or not.
- Each bus has designated seats for its passengers and all students must wear seatbelts where these are fitted. Please reiterate these rules with your children at home.
- Also, illegal parking continues to be an issue and I find it quite uncomfortable when I have to ask parents to move their vehicles. Please, please, please don't park anywhere other than the designated parking bays. The opposite side of the road and the road side space outside the parking bays at the Activity Centre are not legal and are not safe.

Our students continue to shine in areas outside the school curriculum. Ruby Canning gave a very interesting report at assembly of her recent experience at the Bendigo National Beef Show where Ruby and her brother Jacob, along with Tiffany & Lochie McLauchlan competed very successfully in the junior cattle handling.

We also learnt that Ned Quail competed on behalf of the school at the Warrnambool Eisteddfod and came first in his section of the poetry recitation. Congratulations Ned.

Anne De Manser

## **DRUG ACTION WEEK**

June 17<sup>th</sup> – June 21st

Lunchtime activities in the BER - Monday, Thursday and Friday

More information next week

## HAVE A SAY – JACKIE COOPER – ENDEAVOUR HOUSE

Small schools: bigger opportunities.

I'm not saying that big boarding schools don't offer a successful education but I am saying that here at schools like Mortlake College you have way better learning opportunities. There are a lot more chances here for everyone to get out of their classrooms and get involved.

The learning here at Mortlake is a lot more personalized to your level of ability, in a way that is extremely beneficial to you as an individual. Because we are a small school we develop more of a one to one relationship with the teachers. This helps them to fit work to best fit our ability. Being a smaller school we all connect a lot better.

In any school, you only learn as much as you are willing to learn, based on the motivation of each individual to learn and succeed. Here at this small, country school, I couldn't ask for any more support or encouragement. Around every corner there's always someone there to help, whether it be a teacher or a peer. There's always someone offering all the encouragement to push you to strive further and achieve your full potential.

I won't belittle the size of any school by saying that education is worse when you have more students, I'm just saying I prefer the one on one learning opportunities we are gifted with here.

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## 2013 South West District Cross Country 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

Congratulations to the Mortlake 3-6 Cross Country Team consisting of Robbie McGavin, Isaac Wareham, Bobby Jamieson, Jackson Boyden, Lachlan McGavin, McKenzie Mann, , Darcy Hobbs, Shayne Woods, Johnno Roxburgh, Liam Schuurig, Lochie McLauchlan, Riley Monahan, Luke Welsh, Simon Atkinson, Byron Loader, Brodie Anders, Kaitlyn Fowler, Ruby Schuurig, Charlotte Gartland, Grace Wareham, Sarah Gubbins, Zoe Boyden, Sydney Berryman, Tasha Killen, Mary Kain, Georgina Williamson, Jamie Killen, Laura Ritchie, Wha Wha Hapuku , Anna Roxburgh and Flora Jamieson.

The weather was unusually kind for us and our runners ran some fantastic times, everyone pushed themselves to their limit. I was very proud of our efforts and behaviour on the day. Thank you to all those parents who were able to come, your support was appreciated.

I would like to thank Alison Coate for all her support and supervision on the day. I would like to also acknowledge the behind the scene support I received in the organisation of the event. Thank you to Dot Jenkins, Heather Cameron and Nathan Jones.

A number of our runners achieved outstanding results which has given them the opportunity to advance to the next round of competition, to be held at Warrnambool on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May. Congratulations to:

Georgina Williamson    Age Champion in 11Year Old Girls

Isaac Wareham        2<sup>nd</sup> 12 Year Old Boys

Kaitlyn Fowler        4<sup>th</sup> 10 Year Old Girls

## Prep – 2 Fun Run

Last Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, the Prep-2 participated in the P-2 Fun run. This consisted of all the students running around Tea Tree Lake. The students ran very well and showed amazing stamina. Some future stars appear to be Riley Kelly, Cohen Kleeven and Nelson Anders. The students earn a house point for every lap they ran. This resulted in the awarding of the House Cup to the House group that ran the most laps. Congratulations to Endeavour athletes who ended up being the overall winners.

Inspire	62 laps
Succeed	66 laps
Endeavour	78 laps

All students from years 8-12 are invited to attend our first ever

# THRIFT SHOP FORMAL

June 19<sup>th</sup>  
7pm – 10pm  
in the BER

Free Entry !



Beg, borrow or buy a second hand outfit and come and have fun without spending a fortune.

No pass outs, Fully supervised, Mortlake College students only.



## MY JAPANESE EXPERIENCE

Konnichi wa. I have been in Japan for three weeks now and am thoroughly enjoying my time here. I am participating in an Intensive Language Program for Japanese Teachers run by the Japan Foundation. There are 52 teachers in this program. Most are from Thailand and Indonesia however there are also teachers from India, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, Russia, Brazil, USA and two Australians. It is very interesting to meet people from so many different nationalities. The aim of the program is to improve our language skills. We have classes every day from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. During this time, we study the language, culture and teaching methods. All classes are conducted in Japanese so it can be challenging but the total immersion helps to improve our language skills. At the weekends, we are free to explore. I have been to Tokyo, watched sumo, seen Mt Fuji, visited amazing temples, enjoyed the beauty of the mountains and eaten many different foods. This is a wonderful opportunity and I am sure that I will bring home new skills and knowledge to pass onto the students. If you would like to follow my progress, go to:

<http://mortlakejapanese.weebly.com/senseis-blog.html>

Danielle Blomeley

## MWD CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May our Year 7-12 students competed in the annual MWD Cross Country. Congratulations to those students who represented the school in particular the Year 6 students who ran as well as those who stepped in at the last minute.

Results are below.

### AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS:

**14 Girls** - Renae Reynolds

**15 Boys** - Tyler Fowler

**17 Boys** - Will Templeton



### OVERALL:

1<sup>st</sup> Mortlake

2<sup>nd</sup> Beaufort

3<sup>rd</sup> Hawkesdale

4<sup>th</sup> Lake Bolac

5<sup>th</sup> Derrinallum

## STATE NOMINATIONS

If you wish to nominate your child for state team tryouts then visit the following website:

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/TeamVic>

### Other Important Dates:

- Junior Football / Netball Carnival (Years 7-9) 13<sup>th</sup> June (Mortlake)
- GWR Cross Country 19<sup>th</sup> June (Hamilton)

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

**Mr. Nathan Jones**

**Sports Coordinator 7-12**

[jones.nathan.t@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:jones.nathan.t@edumail.vic.gov.au)

# Looking for an Exciting Educational Experience?



Have you ever wanted to :

- Travel to another country with your own personal tour guide?
- Experience another culture?
- Eat food cooked by steam from the core of the Earth?
- Visit natural thermal pools?
- See where and how the Maori people lived?
- Visit sparkling white beaches and beaches covered in black sand?
- Go walking in a bush where there are no spiders or snakes?
- Swim in hot mineral pools?
- Ride a luge down the side of a mountain?
- View some of the most spectacular scenery in the world?

In **2014** we are once again planning to conduct a Mortlake College tour of the North Island of New Zealand. It is anticipated the trip will take place in **March / April from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April** over 12 days. The tour will be open to students who will be in Yr 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10 in 2014.

Based on current airfares and exchange rate the full cost of the tour including airfares, ground travel, accommodation, food and entry to attractions will be **approximately** \$1300.00.

This would be due in a series of payments

\$500 – end of term 3

\$500 – end of term 4

final \$300 end of February 2014

On top of this travellers would need a current passport and spending money.

We are also looking for interested parents to join the tour as supervisors as we will need a student/ adult ratio of 5 or 6 : 1. As with staff attending, parents will be expected to pay the same costs as students. At this stage we are only looking for expressions of interest to see if we are likely to have enough numbers to make the camp viable. Returning this form does not guarantee a place on the tour, nor does it commit you to taking part. If you would like further information see Anne or Geoff De Manser.

Please think about your options for the camp next year and if interested return this form to the general office.

**My child (name) ..... is interested in participating in  
the NZ school trip.**

**I (name) ..... am interested in accompanying  
the NZ school trip.**

**Parent signature .....**

## **LOST PROPERTY**

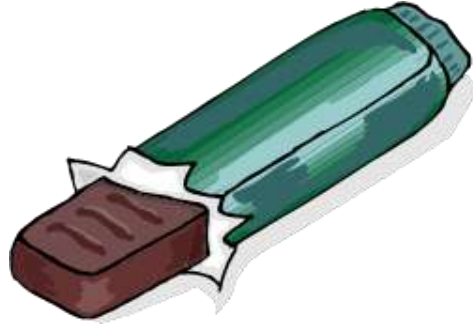
We have a very large amount of lost property at the College. It ranges from drink bottles, lunch boxes, containers to the usual clothing items. If your child has lost any of these items please check the lost property when visiting the College.

Please make sure that all articles are **clearly named** so that they can be handed back to your children. This applies to both junior and senior sections of the College.

*Mortlake College*

*Parents Association*

*Chocolate Fundraiser*



*Dear Parents & family,*

*The Parents Association are asking each family at the school to sell one variety pack of chocolates worth \$50.00 each. The pack includes a variety of 50 chocolate bars - Toblerone, Cherry Ripe, Boost, Timeout, and Crunchie sold at 1.00each.*

*If you would like to sell a variety pack of chocolates please call into the schools front office and pick up a pack of chocolates.*

*Payment of \$50.00 for one pack of chocolates is due on pick up. All families keep money from the chocolates sold.*

*Thank you from the Parent Association*

*Any queries please contact Wendy 0422708316 or the College*

### **Letter from a visiting artist**

Dear Alison (Storr),

Thank you so much for inviting me to visit Mortlake P-12 and for the opportunity to work with your terrific students. I thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and the enthusiasm of not only the kids, but the staff.

Please pass on my thanks to your colleagues and my congratulations on the warm atmosphere and gorgeous kids at your school.

Thanks again,

With Love

Sue Lawson



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## FOSTER CARE

*"Nurturing our Future" –*

*Commitment, Support & Achievement*

**"My Foster parents changed my life"**

(Young Person in Care)

Brophy Family and Youth Services are seeking single people, couples and families to offer care for children and young people aged between 0 –18 years.

Some children and young people are unable to continue to live with their own families, and may be the subject of Children's Court Protection Orders. A stable home environment is crucial for a child or young person's positive development.

**"Foster Caring can be challenging but extremely rewarding when you make a difference to a young persons life."**

(Brophy foster carer)

Carers need to have a genuine desire to assist children or young people to grow into their potential and have a capacity for longer-term commitment. This commitment may be in the form of either full-time care or offering respite care for the full-time families.

Training, personal support (both in and out of business hours), involvement in a team approach and tax-free financial reimbursement is available.

A successful Police Check and Working with Children check is mandatory.

Please phone the Foster Care Team at Brophy Family and Youth Services on 5561 8888 for further information if you are interested in offering foster care to children or young people or **visit our website [www.brophy.org.au](http://www.brophy.org.au) and click on 'work with us'**.

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# **Mortlake Kindergarten**

is currently taking

## **Enrolments for Kindergarten for 2014**

### **4 Yr old Kinder: 15 Hours per week**

To be eligible for 4 yr old Kinder, child must have turned 4 by 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2014

### **3 Yr old Kinder: 3 hr session**

**running 9.00am – 12.00pm**

To be eligible for 3 yr old Kinder must have turned 3 by 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2014

**For more information or to enrol,  
contact the Kindergarten on**

**Ph: 5599 2383**

**Please enrol before 31/7/2013**







**BALLIANG EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL  
TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS !**

**1913 — 2013**

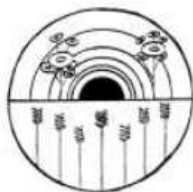
**Calling all past teachers, students and parents! Please  
come and join us in celebrating our  
100th Birthday on  
Saturday Nov 16th 2013.**

**Some activities on the day will include a tour of the  
school, a dinner, a celebration cake, roll calls, a time  
capsule and opening of the  
Centenary Garden.**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We are seeking all photos and memorabilia to include in a commemorative  
book which will be available for purchase and displayed on the day.

In addition, if you know of anyone who can help with our search, please  
inform them of our upcoming event.



**Please contact the school to register your details for an invitation:**

Phone: 03 5369-5148 or email us at:  
**[balliang.east.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:balliang.east.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)**

## 2013 CALENDAR

MAY		AUGUST	
	Yr 10 Work experience <i>State School Spectacular Rehearsal 1</i> Yr 3/4 Bike Education		
<b>27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup></b>	'OLIVER'
JUNE		<b>Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> – Sat 17<sup>th</sup></b>	'OLIVER'
<b>Tues 4<sup>th</sup></b>	School Council	<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent Association Meeting
<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Report Writing day – Student free</b>	<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Pupil Free Day – P-12
<b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Queens Birthday Holiday</b>	<b>Thurs 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Teenage Expo
<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Barwon Prison Visit (VCE)	SEPTEMBER	
<b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup></b>	GAT Exam – Yrs 11-12	<b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup></b>	3-6 Division Table Tennis
<b>Thurs 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Junior Netball/Football - Mortlake	<b>9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Yr 10 Work Experience
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent Association Meeting	<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent Association Meeting
			End of Term 3
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup></b>	3-6 Regional Cross Country	<b>Fri 22<sup>th</sup></b>	DEBUTANTE BALL
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Drug Action Week - BER	OCTOBER	
<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup></b>	GWR Cross Country - Hamilton	<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Start of Term 4</b>
<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Ballarat Uni Visit – Yr 11	<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup></b>	GWS Athletics - Ballarat
	<i>State School Spectacular Rehearsal 2</i> Yr 5/6 Trisports Legally Blonde	<b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup></b>	School Council
<b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>End of Term 2</b>	<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup></b>	3-6 Regional Athletics
<b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup></b>	P-4 Dress, Talk & Walk like a Pirate Day	<b>Sat 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SCHOOL FETE</b>
JULY		<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Parent Association Meeting
<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Start of Term 3	<b>Wed 30<sup>th</sup> – Fri Nov 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	VCE Exams
		NOVEMBER	
<b>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	School Council	<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Pupil Free Day – P-12
<b>25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup></b>	State School Spectacular	<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup></b>	School Council
<b>Mon 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent Association Meeting	<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> – Fri 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Yr 5/6 Camp
		<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Wed 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Yr 3/4 Camp - Kangarooobie
		DECEMBER	
		<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent Association Meeting
		<b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Presentation night
		<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup></b>	School Council
		<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day for all students