



Mortlake College Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 8 6th June, 2013

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our year 10 students returned from their work experience week with lots of stories about the 'real world'. Thanks to Mr Croucher for negotiating so many varied placements.

The year 3/4 Bike Ed program wound up in rainy conditions last Friday. After lessons on their bikes every day, the students certainly learnt a lot about riding technique and road safety. Thanks to Mrs Storr & Mr V for this very valuable program.

Last week I attended the Warrnambool Network Principal's meeting where we spent some time looking at the data connecting school success with early exposure to language and literature rich environments. It reiterated to me the need for us to immerse our children in conversation and books from a young age. If you're looking for ideas of ways to do this, don't hesitate to ask our Early Year's teachers for advice.

We have had a couple of cases of chicken pox reported amongst our student population in the last week or so. Please note that the school exclusion period for chicken pox is 5 days from the appearance of the rash. Children with shingles may attend school as long as the lesions are adequately covered. For further information on the varicella virus please refer to the health department website below.

<http://ideas.health.vic.gov.au/bluebook/chicken-pox.asp>

Teachers are in the midst of report writing and parents are reminded that this Friday, June 7th, will be a pupil free day to allow these reports to be completed. For the first time we will be reporting against the national progression points of the Australian curriculum, rather than the Victorian system. While this is a transition for teachers, parents will notice little difference in the 'look' of the reports.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable, extra long weekend.

Anne De Manser

REMINDER

FRIDAY 7TH JUNE – REPORT WRITING DAY – STUDENT FREE
MONDAY 10TH – QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

DRUG ACTION WEEK

June 17th – June 21st

Lunchtime activities in the BER - Monday, Thursday and Friday

More information next week

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

THRIFT SHOP FORMAL

June 19th
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.

PARENT ASSOCIATION PIE DRIVE

The Parent Association are currently holding a Clarkes Pie Drive. There is quite a variety of items to choose from.

Could all order forms for the Pie Drive please be returned to the General Office by Tuesday 11th of June. Order forms can be obtained from the Office if you have not received one.

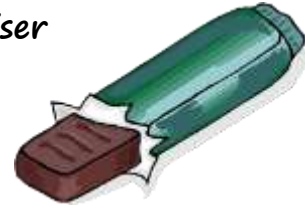
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The activities have been set for Term 3. There will be gymnastics with Val Riordon and Tyler Fowler will be taking football. Both activities will start the second week of the new term. More details will be forthcoming closer to the end of term 2.

EMA PAYMENT

If you received EMA payments at the start of 2013 you do not need to reapply for the second payment of the year if you are still in receipt of a health care card. If however you have not applied and hold a current Health Care Card, or similar, please call at the General Office to make an application. Your card must be current on the 15th July, 2013 and applications close on the 2nd August, 2013.

Mortlake College Parents Association Chocolate Fundraiser



Dear Parents & families,

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 College 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

Health & Wellbeing

Secondary Supply of Alcohol

A national survey showed that for teenagers drinking alcohol the most common way they found to obtain it was through parents. Alcohol has the potential to cause damage to the developing teenage brain in many different ways, not just through the short term risks of accidents, violence and injuries, but through a broad range of psychological and physical health issues into adulthood. Delaying drinking alcohol till 18 years of age, or as long as possible is recommended.

“**Secondary supply** is the term given to the provision of alcohol in a private home to people aged under 18 years (minors). Across Australia it is illegal for staff of licensed premises to serve alcohol to minors. Except in limited circumstances in some jurisdictions, it is also illegal for adults to purchase alcohol on behalf of minors on licensed premises. However, the situation in private homes and at private functions is less clear. In Victoria, the supply of alcohol to minors on private premises and in domestic residences is controlled by law”.

“Under Victoria’s Liquor Control Reform Act 1998 it is illegal to supply alcohol to people aged under 18 years in a private home unless parental consent has been given.”

Why secondary Supply?

“Secondary supply is one way that minors obtain alcohol. Almost 40 per cent of under-age drinkers get alcohol from their parents, and only 5 per cent buy it themselves. So a good deal (55%) of under-age drinking occurs when minors obtain alcohol from people who are not their parent, guardian or carer.

The ‘Australian guidelines to reduce health risks from drinking alcohol’ (www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/synopses/ds10syn.htm) suggest that for people under 18 years of age, not drinking alcohol is the safest option. Children under the age of 15 years are at the greatest risk of harm from drinking and it is especially important that they do not drink alcohol. There have been a number of cases in Australia where a child has suffered injuries or died as a result of drinking too much alcohol after being supplied with alcohol by an adult who was not their parent. Regulating private supply of alcohol aims to stop that happening by deterring adults from supplying alcohol to a minor without approval from the child’s parent”.

The above information on secondary supply is taken from a fact sheet from the Australian Drug Foundation.

http://www.druginfo.adf.org.au/attachments/213_ADF_Factsheet_secondarysupply120313.pdf

More information on parenting strategies for this issue can be found at

<http://www.parentingstrategies.net/things-you-should-know/>

For more information here at the school, see Jenny Williams Adolescent Health Nurse, or Kerry Boyden, Welfare Co-ordinator.

Mortlake Kindergarten

is currently taking

**Enrolments for Kindergarten
for 2014**

**4 Year old Kinder: 15 Hours per
week**

To be eligible for 4 year old Kinder, child
have turned 4 by 30th April, 2014



must

3 Year old Kinder: 3 hr session running 9.00am – 12.00pm

To be eligible for 3 year old Kinder must have turned 3 by 30th
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 !**

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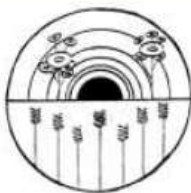
**Calling all past teachers, students and parents! Please
come and join us in celebrating our
100th Birthday on
Saturday Nov 16th 2013.**

**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

2013 CALENDAR

JUNE		SEPTEMBER	
Fri 7th	Report Writing day – Student free	Fri 6th	3-6 Division Table Tennis
Mon 10th	Queens Birthday Holiday	9th – 13th	Yr 10 Work Experience
Tues 11th	Barwon Prison Visit (VCE)	Mon 16th	Parent Association Meeting
Wed 12th	GAT Exam – Yrs 11-12		End of Term 3
Thurs 13th	Junior Netball/Football - Mortlake	Fri 22th	DEBUTANTE BALL
Mon 17th	Parent Association Meeting	OCTOBER	
Tues 18th	3-6 Regional Cross Country	Mon 7th	Start of Term 4
Mon 17th – Fri 21st	Drug Action Week - BER	Mon 14th	GWS Athletics - Ballarat
Wed 19th	GWR Cross Country - Hamilton	Tues 15th	School Council
Thur 20th – Fri 21st	Year 9 Advance Camp	Fri 18th	3-6 Regional Athletics
Fri 21st	Ballarat Uni Visit – Yr 11	Sat 19th	SCHOOL FETE
Mon 24th	5/6 Golf Tournamant	Mon 21st	Parent Association Meeting
Wed 26th	<i>State School Spectacular Rehearsal 2</i> Yr 5/6 Trisports Legally Blonde	Wed 30th – Fri Nov 22nd	VCE Exams
Fri 28th	End of Term 2 P-4 Dress, Talk & Walk like a Pirate Day	NOVEMBER	
JULY		Mon 11th	Pupil Free Day – P-12
Mon 15th	Start of Term 3	Tues 12th	School Council
Tues 23rd	School Council	Wed 13th – Fri 15th	Yr 5/6 Camp
25th – 27th	State School Spectacular	Mon 18th – Wed 20th	Yr 3/4 Camp - Kangarooobie
Mon 29th	Parent Association Meeting	DECEMBER	
AUGUST		Mon 9th	Parent Association Meeting
Fri 9th	'OLIVER'	Tues 10th	Presentation night
Thurs 15th – Sat 17th	'OLIVER'	Tues 17th	School Council
Mon 19th	Parent Association Meeting	Wed 18th	Last day for all students
Fri 23rd	Pupil Free Day – P - 12		
Thurs 22nd	Teenage Expo		