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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Principal’s Message
Thank you to all students who participated in the Rhodes Easter colouring competition. As our school had the most entries, we received a $500 donation reward. Congratulations to Zyon who won the Rhodes Shopping Centre colouring competition under 6 years.

During the staff development days at the beginning of next term, staff will be updating their first aid skills and focusing on the new English Curriculum.

The last day of school term is Friday 12 April. Students return to school on Wednesday 1 May.

Have a restful break

Jacqui Attard

ANZAC DAY Service
We have a fine tradition at Mortlake Public School which sees our captains represent the school each year by laying a wreath at the Concord RSL ANZAC Day Dawn Service. This is a highlight of the year for them and one they look forward to with great enthusiasm. They are usually joined by the school vice-captains and prefects.

We would also encourage other students from Mortlake Public School to attend the dawn service.

The details for this year’s service are as follows:

- 5:00am meet Ms Attard at Concord RSL on Thursday 25 April 2013.
- 5.15am service begins. School captains lay a wreath organised by the school. Please note, captains and other students attending are to be in school uniform.

Public Speaking Competition
This term, all students from Year 1 through to Year 6 have been preparing speeches for the Public Speaking Competition.

The speeches were all very well prepared and of a very high standard. The winners of the competition were:

Junior Champion: Ellahn
Intermediate Champion: James
Senior Champion: Jordan

Congratulations to the finalists!

Ambassador For Public Education
Congratulations to Jessica Callander who was awarded Mortlake Public School’s Ambassador for 2013. Jessica was awarded school ambassador for her ongoing contribution to the school community and by demonstrating the values of public education. Jessica will be involved in Ambassador Leadership Days organised by the regional director later in the year. Congratulations Jessica!

NAPLAN
Each year the students in Years 3 & 5 complete The National Assessment Program In Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). This year the test will be conducted on the 14-17 May.
April school holidays
Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It's not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids' Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.


Managing depression
One in four kids over 12 has symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? Don't be afraid, ask your child how they are feeling and keep communicating with them.


Financial literacy
Does your child need help with business and economics? Here's info on credit cards, how to be responsible spenders and savers, and make consumer choices.


Spellcheck
Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:


Homework planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out our 2013 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.


Excel by effort