DATES TO REMEMBER

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<td>School Photographer at Mortlake for special photos-sport, orchestra, choir, dance, school spectacular, SRC Semester 2</td>
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Principal’s Message

Hello parents, carers and friends

It has been another busy but exciting fortnight at sunny Mortlake. I had the pleasure of attending a two day Principal’s Conference where I had the opportunity to learn from other great and inspirational leaders and share my great ideas for our school. Thank you to Mrs Claro and Ms Miles who were in the hot seat during my absence.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my year 3, year 5 and support staff for the execution of the recent NAPLAN tests. I especially want to acknowledge Ms Wilson for her exemplary organization with the administration of the tests and with the collation of all of the paperwork involved. I wish all the best for all the students. Fingers crossed for great results.

OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT FOR 2015

Government school principals process applications online and send paper-based applications to the Unit, Friday 6 June 2014.

Non-Government school principals complete Part B and send paper-based applications to the Unit, Friday 6 June 2014.
Test centre advice received by parents or carers Wednesday 9 July 2014.

Opportunity Class Placement Test Wednesday 23 July 2014.

Outcome advice Tuesday 21 October 2014.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

The Walk Safely to School Day program was another successful event for Mortlake. It is an initiative that encourages parents and carers to walk their children to school to promote regular exercise habits in young Australians, lessen traffic congestion around schools and reduce pollution. I wish to thank Councillor Fasanella for attending our school and addressing the assembly. From all reports Councillor Fasanella was extremely impressed with our school. Many thanks for Ms McCarthy for organization of this day.

NATIONAL SORRY DAY 26 MAY

National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held on May 26 each year. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. Stolen generations refer to Indigenous Australians who were forcibly removed from their families and communities.

RECONCILIATION WEEK - 26 MAY to 2 JUNE

Each year National Reconciliation Week (NRW) celebrates the rich culture and history of the First Australians. It is the ideal time for everyone to join the reconciliation conversation and to think about how we can help turn around the disadvantage experienced by many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. The week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.

FOOD REVOLUTION DAY

Food Revolution Day was about celebrating the importance of cooking good food from scratch and raising awareness of how it impacts our health and happiness—we believe that everyone should know about food and it starts with getting kids food smart, making cooking fun and inspiring a love of food that will last a lifetime. I hope parents that you have had the opportunity to make a healthy rainbow wrap! The morning ran smoothly due to the outstanding organization of Ms Miles, the Mortlake staff and children. A special thanks to Rena for nominating our school. Next year it would be great to see if Jamie Oliver could visit our school? That is a rap (wrap) from me! (bad joke, sorry folks!)

Thank you

Elizabeth Bransgrove  Acting Principal
Websites

Too sick for school?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Primary school

Mental maths strategies

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Does speaking another language at home confuse children?

Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according the Raising Children Network, that’s not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1moagnk

High School

Teenager’s seeking more independence

Knowing how much freedom and responsibility to give your teenager is difficult, especially if they’re your eldest or only child. To become capable adults, teenagers need to learn to make good decisions on their own and have opportunities to show you they can. The Raising Children Network website has a wealth of expert information and guidance for parents of teens and younger children. If your child is testing the boundaries and pushing for more independence, you may find the article ‘Shifting responsibility to your child’ worth reading. Go to www.bit.ly/1jCxKhe

Study help for high school

It’s often quite difficult parents to assist their children with their high school homework and study. Even if we have professional experience in the subject area, children tend to find it difficult to take parental advice when it comes to school. (Don’t feel bad, teachers’ own children do exactly the same thing.) www.khanacademy.org is an excellent, not-for-profit website which may help your child study and revise tricky concepts in science, maths and the humanities.
New casual educators at the centre are Liz Lavenuta and Adele Palfreeman.

This term the children at the centre will be acknowledging a variety of community events including world environment day (thurs 5/6), world oceans day (fri 6/6), queen’s bday (mon 9/6), and red nose day (fri 27/6).

Language [Asian] club has been added to the list of clubs on the program for this term, and will be held every monday afternoon.

The centre has purchased a new fish tank and fish. The children did a vote and named them Steve, Namea Junior and Bubbles!

The next community meeting will be on Friday 30th may 7am to 9am.

Families can contact staff at the centre by calling 0425 372 857 or emailing moshc@primaryoshcare.com.au
Centre managers can be contacted directly by emailing headoffice@primaryoshcare.com.au

Thank you for your continued support.

Ezia, Daniella, Jared, Sam, Rachael, Niki, Tereza, Annabel, Andrew, Jessica, Liz, Adele & Tess