Happy Birthday to the following students and staff who have celebrated their birthday since our last Newsletter: Will R, Brooke I, Jake G, Kai C, Kasey C.

2015 Achievements
- Twenty-two School Council Policies were ratified:

- Buildings & Grounds
  - Formed a School Council panel to select an Architect.
  - New fencing between railway and car park
  - New visitor and staff parking surfaces
  - Student play equipment made safe
  - Basketball courts repainted, hoops refurbished and backboards replaced
  - Fairy Garden half built
Extra-curricular Educational Activities:

- SSASports DazzlingDan
- BookWeekParade
- OnlineNAPLANTrialYear2Sleepover 12Animations
- CFAVisitMothersDayBreakfast56Melbourne
- 34PhillipsIslandCamp34ArtsCentre
- RoamingReptiles
- FathersDayBreakfast
- 456Puberty WholeSchoolConcert
- 34MovieMaking12Scienceworks
- Year6Production DentalVanVisit LifeEdVisit Camp

Teaching & Learning

Implemented a Mandatory Weekly Lesson Planning Documentation and Process across the school

Implemented a Mandatory Assessment Schedule across the school. This includes two weeks set aside in the calendar as ‘Assessment Weeks’ where the school will conduct a series of assessments in Writing, Reading and Maths so that we can monitor student growth at the same time each year.

Audited our curriculum program against the new Victorian Curriculum (we are ready to implement from February).

School Review Completed. 2016 to 2019 emphases are:

- Mathematics - Teaching and Learning, Assessing and Interpreting Data, Planning Maths Content;
- Effective Collaborative Teaching – Who is doing what teaching? With Whom? Effective Planning;
- Building Student Resilience – Personal, Interpersonal, Ethical and Social Capabilities;
- Development of New School – School to comply with and complete DET processes

We continue to fulfil all Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority requirements to operate as a Government school.
The above is a snapshot of what your school has done this year to enhance the learning experience for your children. Are we there yet? No, we are on a path of continuous improvement. Are we doing OK? Yes we are. For a school that only provides 30 students to the Secondary Colleges each year, we know that our departing students continue to be over-represented in achievement awards in Secondary schooling. How do we know? Well the Principals of those Secondary Colleges continue to tell me. Moriac students continue to be well-prepared for secondary education.

**School Captains**

I would like to acknowledge and thank our departing 2015 School Captains.

Ella T, Ruby C, Flynn F and Fred R have been wonderful advocates for their fellow students and have carried out the role with aplomb. I will deeply miss my Principal meetings with them, even though some were a little crazy. Yeah, you four know what I mean!!!

I congratulate and welcome our 2016 School Captains. After a tough selection process of 18 applicants, Mia V, Jai L, Kaitlyn B and Rose C have been selected as our school leaders for 2016. This was announced at today’s House Swimming Sports. I am confident our new School Captains will continue to enhance the school experience for all students. Thank you to the other 13 applicants who applied. It’s always disappointing to miss out but I did remind them that there will be plenty of other opportunities for all year six students to develop their leadership skills next year.

**House Swimming Sports**

This year, we are running our house swimming competition (today) on a variety of levels. We include year’s two to six because they are next year’s SSA swimming team levels. Those swimming 50 metres can qualify for the next Zone level swimming competition. Previously, we weren’t providing pathways for those swimmers, as we do for athletes and cross country runners. We are also ensuring that students not able to swim 50 metres but can swim 25 metres and those who cannot manage either can also score points for their Houses. This is following feedback from our parent community. We do listen to your input.

**IMPORTANT NOTE - 2016 School/Parent Carer Communication**

As from February 2016, the Parent Portal will be our primary means of communicating with our community. We will phase the hard copy student diary out in 2016, as well as all permission notes and other paper forms of communication. I urge all parents to switch to the Parent Portal to communicate with teachers, check your child’s achievements, check and update communication and update family details using the secure Parent Portal. You will find that school staff don’t use the old student diary more and more. We have kept the hard copy student diary for 2016 to cater for families needing more time to transition but this year will be the last of paper copies of nearly all of communication.

**2016 Teachers**

As for 2016, I am really excited by our teaching staff cohort and plans for 2016. We are going to have a fantastic team on board. My goal is that it is our best year ever.

Teachers start again on Wednesday 27th January and students start on Friday 29th January.

Have a great Summer break everyone.

STEVE DURKIN
PRINCIPAL
NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS

On the 8th, 9th and 10th of December all of the grade 6’s (except Henry, Amos and Flynn) went to their Year 7 orientation days. Eleven grade 6’s went to Oberon High School and the remainder were at Belmont High, Kardinia College, Christian College, Sacred Heart, St Joseph’s or Clonard College. These days were full of fun activities like P.E. and Art. We are all very excited for next year.

As this is our last Newsletter we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and good luck to the four new school captains for next year. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time here and are very sad it’s nearly over.

Merry Christmas Everyone!!

Ella T, Ruby C, Flynn F and Fred R.

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**School Captains**
- Ella T
- Ruby C
- Flynn F
- Fred R

**House Captains**
- Farrer (yellow): Grace F and Will K
- MacArthur (green): Clancy C and Henry C
- Kidman (red): William S and Georgia V

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**
- Steve Durkin – Executive Officer
- Jodie Frisch – President
- Andrea Delves – Vice President
- Stuart Christie – Treasurer
- Rebecca Bartlett – Parent
- Brett Drayton – Parent
- Lance Houlihan – Parent
- Ruth Rundell – Parent
- Paula Stiles – Parent
- Aaron Randall – DET
- Suzanne Prendergast – DET

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- Kimberly Colman
- Geelong Pipes & Drums Band
- Adamm Ferrier
- Chloe Miller
- Mainly Music
- Jumping castle
- Santa
- Face Painting
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- Carols
- 6.30pm

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