From the Principal's desk

Tomorrow we will be visited by a man by the name of Pax Jakupa, a native of Papua New Guinea. Pax is a teacher and an artist who is currently visiting Victoria to display some of his art work. Pax will run two sessions for our students- preps to year 2 from 11.30 – 12.15 and our year 3 - 6 students from 12.15 – 1.00. He will talk to the students about traditional life in PNG and will talk about and show some of his art works.

I was excited to learn that Pax's grandfather was one of the Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels who provided such great support for our soldiers along the Kokoda Track during World War 2. Growing up as a young boy, I remember my mother telling me about the Fuzzy Wuzzies of New Guinea who had helped some of the soldiers that she knew - boys she had grown up with as a child - whist they were fighting in the jungles. It is essential for our younger generation that these stories continue to be told and remembered, especially around Anzac Day, and that they share the legends with future generations.

I have copied some information from the website and link http://www.kokodahistorical.com.au/index.php?/Fuzzy-Wuzzy-Angel.html for you and all of your family to read and encourage you to do your own research to find out what a wonderful job these men did in protecting and supporting our soldiers.
"... like the care of a nurse and the love of a mother."
(Lt Col. Ralph Honner CO 39th Bn)

Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels is the name given to the caring native carriers of Papua New Guinea. Six hundred Australian lives were lost during the campaign but without the help of the "Fuzzy Wuzzies" the loss would have been much greater. Not only did they carry the wounded out but they also carried the ammunition, food and other supplies in. With the average load weighing over 40 kgs and often under heavy fire from the Japanese, the Fuzzy Wuzzies battled the terrain and the enemy as they painstakingly carried the wounded over the tough terrain. The great majority of the 18,000 New Guineans who participated in the campaign did so as carriers of supplies for the Allies, though 800 men from the Papuan Infantry Battalion and the Royal Papuan Constabulary fought against the Japanese in 1942.

With a party of eight, they constructed a stretcher out of branches and blankets, working four at a time. There is no known case of any wounded Australian soldier being abandoned by the Fuzzy Wuzzies. They themselves were greatly affected by the war. Many villages were destroyed, food crops and pigs were raided and they could no longer occupy their huts, having to relocate their village further out in to the wilderness.

The incredible human chain which they formed across the Owen Stanley, gave the Australians the advantage over the Japanese. Organised by Bert Kienzle and Dr Geoffrey Vernon, important bush skills and local knowledge were employed by the New Guinea Natives.

Continuing on the Anzac Day Theme, on Tuesday a small group of our year 6 students attended the children's service at the RSL and laid a wreath on behalf of the school community. Let's hope that this generation and those of the future never forget the sacrifice made by so many in the past that has enabled us to enjoy the freedom that we have today.

Regards
Michael

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

The above girls have been selected to represent Patterson District Primary Schools Sports Association, Maddie in Netball and Mikayla in Tennis.
Alyssa and Andrew received Indonesian awards at assembly last Friday.

Melanie received the Artist of the Week award at assembly last Friday.

Rebecca (tennis) Alyssa (Little Athletics) and Emily (swimming and ballet) shared their sporting achievements with us at assembly last Friday.

Maddie H and Maddi D won Dance Lessons for a term with Dynamite Dance Studio at the Activate Festival that the years 5/6 attended on Friday.

Lachlan was welcomed to Seaford Primary School at assembly last Friday.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS DAY**

8TH MAY 2012

A reminder that School photos will be taken on 8th May 2012. Children should be in school uniform.

Order forms are to be returned to school either prior to the photo day or on the day of the photos.

Parents are able to pre-order online using the personal ID number on your order forms at www.schoolpix.com.au

Envelopes are available from the Office for families who would like sibling photos taken.

Discount vouchers are also available for families with 3 or more children when they are ordering the same pack for each child.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Displayed on the Noticeboard in the front foyer of the Office.

- Dynamite Dance Studio
- Readiness Forum – Is your child ready for Primary School or Kinder – held at Seaford Primary School 30th May 2012
TRANSITION 2013

Patterson River Secondary College
Important Dates

Open Night – Wednesday 9th May 7 p.m.
Open Afternoon – Tuesday 15th May
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
(Meet The Principal – College Library)

Excel Testing – Friday 11th May

Scholarships – Expression of interest
Due Friday 11th May.

PATTERSON RIVER SECONDARY COLLEGE
Invites
ALL PARENTS OF YEAR 5 AND 6 STUDENTS
TO AN
OPEN NIGHT
ON
Wednesday May 9th, 2012 at 7.00 p.m.
In the College Hall
Eel Race Road, Carrum,
Telephone: 9770 6700

Come along and see what the College offers.
See displays of students work, view facilities and
programs offered.
Discuss our curriculum and co-curricula programs with
our staff.

If unable to attend on this date, there is a "Meet the Principal"
on Tuesday 15th May at 4.00 – 6.00 p.m. in the College Library

PLEASE PHONE TO MAKE A BOOKING FOR THE 15TH MAY.

"Striving for Excellence"

School Tours –
see Mordialloc College at work!

Parents of prospective students are
warmly invited to visit and tour the
College with our Principal, Michelle
Roberts.

Tours depart from the College office each
Friday morning from 9.30am. To book a
tour, please call the College on 9580
1184.

Mordialloc College staff and students
share and proudly demonstrate our
agreed values of Personal Best, Integrity,
Respect and Responsible

Mordialloc College invites you to experience
our exciting learning programs

SEAL TEST
Saturday 5 May
At 10am, in the Forum (registration essential)

OPEN AFTERNOON 2012
Saturday 28 April
From 2pm–4pm, tour the Year 7 Learning Centre

OPEN NIGHT 2012
Tuesday 1 May
6.30pm, SEAL information session (for interested families)
7pm, Open Night commences in the Year 7 Learning Centre

We encourage you to take this opportunity to meet our
College Principal Michelle Roberts and our dynamic teaching team.

Join a guided tour of the College, participate in interactive learning
workshops and experience our fabulous state of the art Science Centre

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ACTIVATE FESTIVAL

On the 20th of April the City of Frankston organised an Activate Festival for the year 5-10 students. It was a great day and here is some information about the day.

The activities that were included in the day were, Circus Skills, Theatre Sports, Indoor Rock Climbing, Taekwondo, Roller Sports, Basketball, Dance, AFL Football, Ninja School, AMF Bowling, Wrestling, Hockey, Table Tennis, Badminton, Ultimate Frisbee, Cycling, Karate, Calisthenics, Volleyball, Lacrosse, Archery, Giant Chess and Tennis (including new ‘cardio tennis). We were able to participate in most of these activities and received heaps of give aways.

Throughout the day there was music played on the entertainment stage. There were bands and solo artists. Some students were lucky enough to meet some of the band members and were able to get their autographs and souvenirs including drum sticks and guitar picks.

There was also question and answer sessions with the Victorian National Youth Week Representative Stephanie Raike and a selection of athletes. There was also a BBQ for lunch and we got a free sausage.

For the last hour we had a spot on a grass area and we were dancing to the music that had been played through big beat boxes. Whoever had a phone or an iPod could go up to the DJ. Our school was complemented on how good we were with our dancing and trying to get everyone else to join in..

It was not the best weather for it but it cleared up during the day and we managed to stay relatively dry, but some people did get a bit wet.

Some student joined in a dance routine that the dance teacher put together. Students from our school were Maddi D, Maddie H, Bailey, Tammin and Mikayla. They were dancing to ‘Call me maybe’ and they were really good at it!!!! There was 70 people dancing and our Seaford people were outstanding!!
We had a great day and we would like to thank Mr. Lucas, Jo and Mr Hayes for taking us and organising the transport!

By Maddi D and Maddie H with a little help from the students of 5/6L