Dear 2015 Prep Parents/Guardians,

We are in the process of preparing Prep Class lists for 2015. Our objective is to ensure that we have balanced classes where each child feels secure and has the opportunity to develop socially, emotionally and academically.

**Things for parents to think about as their children transition from pre-school to school**

- Friendships made in the formative years prior to school are valuable and need to be considered in placement.
- Equally, some friendships, though strong, are not necessarily conducive to learning. Sometimes best friends are not always the best working partners and can cause distractions and prevent optimum learning in a classroom situation.
- The transition to school provides the opportunity for children to expand their circle of friends.

**What schools think about when allocating children to Prep classes**

- Making careful consideration when listing names of children your child would work well with.
- Consultation with pre school teachers and observations made during transition sessions may indicate that some groups/ combinations of children would be best separated to allow personal growth, foster independence and reduce behavioural/conflict issues.
- Ensuring that classes are balanced in numbers, gender, cultural backgrounds and levels of social maturity.

What we all need to keep in mind when children make the transition from pre-school to school:

- Not being in the same class as a current friend does not necessarily mean the end of that friendship but it does afford the opportunity to make new friends. Past experience has shown that sometimes a best friend at pre-school is no longer so special once school starts – there is a wider range of new and available friendships.
- Children are highly resilient, often more so than adults. We should be cautious in unnecessarily imposing our own anxieties and wishes onto our young children’s minds.

Having considered the above information we ask you to assist us in the placement of your child, by listing on the attached form, the names of three suitable friends with whom your child has attended pre-school or knows socially. We will look carefully at all suggestions and endeavour to place your child with one of the listed names, where practicable.

We also request that you add any further information that may impact on your child’s placement such as medical, personal circumstances, specific dietary requirements or special needs.

We ask that you return the attached form to the **General Office** no later than **TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER**

Please note we will be unable to accommodate any forms returned later than this date. Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Paine  Megan Scane  Sheree Hack
Mt Waverley Primary School 2015 Prep transition
Parent Request form

YOUR CHILD’S NAME: ____________________________________________________________
[please print]

PRE-SCHOOL/CRECHE attended in 2014: (and Group Name, if applicable eg Red Group)
______________________________________________________________________________

NAMES OF FRIENDS: Who will be attending Mt Waverley Primary School in 2015
(include surname, if possible)

• ____________________________________________________________________________
• ____________________________________________________________________________
• ____________________________________________________________________________

If you have any further information that may impact on your child’s placement, eg. medical,
personal circumstances, specific dietary requirements or special needs please indicate below:
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