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From the Principal...

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL
I am delighted to report that the school year has started very smoothly and that students have very quickly settled back into the school routine. This year we have welcomed our largest ever Prep intake of 118 new students, forming six classes. I congratulate the Prep team on managing the induction and settling of so many new students so quickly. May I also welcome around 45 new students across Years 1-6 who have joined us from other schools, interstate and overseas, bringing total enrolments to in excess of 725 students. I look forward to a fantastic year in 2011, a year in which we will also see the opening of our new facilities, completing our rebuilding program. Exciting times!

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
A reminder to parents that payment is required for school levies by 25th FEBRUARY 2011. While many families have already completed payment it is important that all accounts are settled to enable the school to pay for the bulk purchase of supplies which have made up student packs. Please feel welcome to contact the Principal if family circumstances make payment difficult. Arrangements can then be put in place to create a payment plan to ease the financial burden.

SUN SMART PROGRAM
It is really terrific to see the majority of students wearing broad brimmed hats while outdoors. As a part of the Sun Smart policy, the school has a ‘No Hat, No Play’ rule in place. All hats should be clearly labelled to allow the school to return lost items to students.

UPDATE OF PERSONAL DETAILS
Parents are asked to ensure that the school has current contact details on file to enable us to contact parents and nominated additional contacts in the event of your child becoming ill at school or any other emergency situation occurring. The ability to make contact quickly is a very important part of the school’s duty of care arrangements. Please contact the General Office if you wish to update details.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Members of the school community are invited to consider standing for the upcoming 2011 School Council Election process. Each year, a proportion of the positions on council come up for re-election and eligible members of the school community are invited to nominate for election. Next week the Messenger will contain ‘Notice of Election’ and ‘Information for Parents’ sheets to begin the process. Please note that no prior experience is required to become a member of council which has a primary role of supporting the Principal in the running of the school.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE
Parents are reminded that the department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and Guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health cover.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT UPDATE
Work has continued in January on the completion of the BER project. This week the final finishes are being applied to the flooring of the new basketball courts and the final detail work around the structure. Concreting of pathways is also complete. The final stages over the next few weeks will involve the installation of the water tank and the completion of grounds works including the staff car park area. We are almost there!

Trevor Saunders
HEALTH/CONCESSION CARD HOLDERS
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. **APPLICATIONS FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE GENERAL OFFICE**
(Please bring along your current Concession card where we will take a photocopy for our records)

An EMA application must be submitted **EVERY YEAR** to the school by **25 FEBRUARY 2011**. Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2011 through this school will NOT be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 26 February and prior to August 2010 must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

NEWSLETTER ON THE WEB
If you ever miss out on getting a copy of our school weekly Newsletter, you can always go on to our school Website at [www.mountwaverleyps.vic.edu.au](http://www.mountwaverleyps.vic.edu.au) Previous editions are also available.

**SCHOOL NOTICES** – You will soon be able to access school notices on our website – more information coming soon!

LUNCH ORDERS – BACK MONDAY!
Enclosed in this Newsletter is a new Lunch Order Price List for 2011 (please discard 2010 copies you may have at home). Lunch orders will recommence on **MONDAY 14th FEBRUARY**. Please ensure you clearly write student’s name, class and order on the outside of an envelope and enclose correct money if possible. Lunch orders are collected from the classroom by 9.15am. No lunch orders will be accepted after 10am.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ACCESS
Please be mindful on some mornings and afternoons it gets a little busy in the office. If you don’t have any pressing matters, we would appreciate it if you walk around the administration building.

WHY WAIT AT THE OFFICE?
If you have anything that is required to be delivered to the General Office and you don’t have time to wait, you are more than welcome to drop it in our locked **RED OFFICE LETTERBOX** which is located near the Staffroom entrance. Please note that any notices, payments etc should be given to the class teacher and students then deliver them in a sealed satchel to this Letterbox by 9.30am each day.

BLOCK APPROVAL/EMERGENCY INFORMATION
Both these notices were sent home this week. Every student is required to have a completed Block Approval form and the yellow Emergency Information form was given to the youngest child in the family. Could you please ensure you complete them as soon as possible and return to the class teacher. The Department of Education requires that we have yearly updates so your attention to these documents is very important. Spare notices are available from the General Office. Thank you.

BICYCLE/SCOOTER – PERMISSION TO RIDE
All students that ride a bicycle or scooter to school must complete the **NEW PERMISSION TO RIDE TO SCHOOL FORM** now available from outside the General Office. These new forms have been introduced to provide easy approval from parents. Please complete and drop in the General Office Letterbox.
IF YOUR CHILD IS AWAY
You ONLY have to call the school if your child is sick for more than 3 days (unless they were expected to go on an excursion/camp etc that day). Enclosed in this Newsletter is an Absent Sheet that we provide for ease of use. Each time your child is absent from school for any time less than a week, please complete one of these slips and give to your child to take to the class teacher when they return to school. HOWEVER, if you know your child/children will be absent for more than 1 week, please ensure you notify the class teacher/s or General Office. Spare Absent Sheets are available from outside the General Office at all times.

LATE TO SCHOOL OR EARLY DEPARTURE
If your child/children are late to school or have to leave school early, A PARENT/GUARDIAN (over 16yrs old) MUST FILL IN A SLIP IN THE BOOK located on the table near the General Office (near entrance doors). Your child should give this slip to their teacher when arriving to class late or a parent must present this slip if taking a child out of school EARLY. This is a legal document required by the Department of Education. Thank you.

ASTHMA
If your child/children suffer from Asthma, please ensure you provide the school (each year) with a current ASTHMA MANAGEMENT PLAN which has to be signed by a Doctor. (Forms are available from the General Office) Without this form, we will have to contact you before administering medication to your child.

HEADLICE
We have already had a case in the school! Parents, please be mindful to check your child’s head regularly – it doesn’t matter how clean your child’s hair is, these little fellows just love to hop to a new head! Please note that if your child has headlice, they are not allowed back to school until they have been treated. Treatment needs to be repeated 7 days after the first treatment.

TISSUES IN CLASS
Each year EVERY STUDENT is requested to provide a large box of tissues each semester. Could you please send along a large box with your child/children as soon as possible to the class teacher. Thank you.

SORRY - NO DOGS ALLOWED
Parents are asked not to bring dogs into the school yard at the start or end of the school day as in the past we have had several instances of dogs, including those on leashes, biting children. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated with this matter.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE
The second-hand uniform shop will be open again this Monday 12th February 8.45-9.15am. It is located in the storage sheds near the basketball courts. All items $2.00. Please note the following dates for the sale will be on the first Monday of each month – 7th March and 4th April 2011. Please ensure you have correct change (no $50 notes please!) and sorry, but no i.o.u’s.

SPARE UNIFORMS AT HOME? If you have uniforms that your child no longer needs, the second-hand uniform shop would love to have them. You can leave clean/washed uniforms at the General Office. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY
Please check the lost property, located in the Senior Learning Centre, for any lost clothing – we have a huge amount of unclaimed clothing. If by the end of this month it hasn’t been claimed, any unnamed items will be given to our Second-hand uniform shop to sell.
FAMILY FUN DAY MEETING
The Family Fun Day is a major event of rides, entertainment, food and school stalls sponsored by the children to showcase our school to the Mt Waverley community. To make this a success we need your help with many small jobs to be done and lots of community spirit as we plan it together. Please note the next meeting will be held on Monday 14th February in the Staffroom at 7.30pm. Please join us Monday and be involved!

Bruce Burns Organiser

THANK YOU BRUMBY’S
At our recent Prep parent’s ‘Tears & Tissues’ morning tea, our local Brumby’s store supplied all the delicious muffins. Please thank them by shopping at their store located near the Post Office in Mt Waverley.

P.S.W. SCHOOL CLOTHING SHOP
Please be advised the PSW Mount Waverley store has been affected by flooding. They are working hard to replenish flood damaged stock. New stock is being delivered to the store daily and they are getting some items made locally to help get stock on shelves. They wish to apologise for any inconvenience this causes and hope you can be patient over the coming weeks as they work to get your stock in store. PSW Mount Waverley 314 Stephensons Road, Mount Waverley 9809 5477

VIOLIN LESSONS
The school has a violin teacher, Nirmalini Kumarakulasighe, who has extensive experience in teaching violin, viola and piano and is willing to take on new violin students this year. She teaches children from Prep to Yr 6 and although she is unable to provide them with an instrument she would be able to advise parents on the best place to hire a violin. Nirmalini is also able to teach using the Suzuki Method as an alternative program if required. Individual tuition will be combined with occasional group sessions, encouraging children to participate in school performances. If you are interested in having your child learn violin during school hours please contact the Office, which will then provide you with a contact number for Nirmalini, who will discuss cost and times of lessons.

CHESS CLASSES
Chess classes run by the Dark Horse Chess Company will resume at this school on Wednesday 16th February at lunchtime. Application forms are available from the stand outside the General Office. For any enquiries, please email Geoff Saw at geoff@darkhorsechess.com

HINDU RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
The school has organised an accredited Hindu Religious Education teacher who will be able to offer sessions at the school for a group of students from Prep – Year 6 again this year. If you are interested in your child attending a half hour session each week please complete the form and send it to the Office.
Any students who attend these sessions will not attend the Christian Religious Education (CRE) sessions held in the classroom. The session may need to be scheduled at a time other than the class CRE time in order to accommodate a group comprised of students from different year levels. Please return the notice to the school by Wednesday, 19th February.

HINDU RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
I give permission for my child ________________________________in class ____ to attend a half hour Hindu Religious Education session each week. I understand that if my child attends the Hindu session they will not attend the class CRE session.

Signed: ................................................................................. (Parent/Guardian)    Date:    /   /2011
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- **CRAZY FEET DANCE STUDIO** – Classical Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop and many more. Family discounts, no costume making. Studio’s in Burwood, Malvern. Call 9808-3100 or www.crazyfeetdance.com.au

- **WAVERLEY NETBALL CENTRE** – Net Set GO! Programs. Have fun with friends learning netball. Program will fun for 15 weeks starting Tuesday 1st March. Call 9560-7023 or www.waverleynetball.com.au

- **GRASSHOPPER SOCCER** – Real soccer fun for boys and girls aged 2-12. 8 weeks programs, fun filled, skill based sessions, make new friends and boost their self-esteem. Venues at Monash Uni, Mt Waverley Secondary College and Oakleigh Indoor Sports Centre. Free fun days on 12, 14 & 17 February. Call to book your place on 1300 520 720 or www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au

- **KARATE** – Training from beginners to advanced, male and female. Self Defence, Confidence, Discipline, Sport and Fitness. Lion Bushido Karate Academy at various locations. First lesson FREE. Call 9887-4098 or www.lionbuhsido.com

- **LITTLE PIANO SCHOOL** – Russian trained, piano and theory teacher – Dina. Learn from her home in Mt Waverley and enjoy piano or exam study inc. AMEB, VCE. All beginners welcome! Call 9807-6504

- **AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR** – Come and try FREE classes. Call 9859-6499 or www.aspagroup.com.au

- **PART-TIME WORK** – Bookkeeper/Admin assistant. MYOP experience is a must. Fabrication business in Dandenong. Flexible hours, suit someone with school age children 15-20 hrs per week. Please call Pete on 0422-676343 or Lynn on 0414-677925.

- **MT WAVERLEY NETBALL CLUB** – Registration for the 2011 Winter Season will be held at Mt Waverley Primary School this Saturday 12th February between 10am-1pm. For more information for interested girls and boys contact Jennifer Tiemens on 9807-4045

- **MAVRAGANI-GREEK LANGUAGE SCHOOL** – Located at Sussex H.P. School, Solomon Street, Mt Waverley since 1976. Full recognition for the Education Department. Call 9808-4917 or 0427-004303

- **HOT FAMILY TENNIS CLUB** – Lessons available for children and adults. Beginners welcome. Ladies group available Wed mornings. Contact David McNamara (TCAV coach) on 9803-5754 or 0413-058876

- **KINGWOOD COLLEGE OPEN DAY** – Saturday 26 February 11am-3pm. Whole College open to explore. 355 Station Street, Box Hill. Call 9890-0677 or www.kingswoodcollege.vic.edu.au

- **HELEN O’GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY** – Kids love drama, parents love the results! Program includes speech, movement, creative drama, scripts and productions. Various locations for children aged 5-17 after school and Saturday mornings. Call 8522-0007 or www.helenogrady.com.au

- **TRIATHLON VICTORIA KIDS OPEN DAY** – Designed for 7-15 yr olds to learn and improve triathlon skills. Register for this FREE event in your area – limited number of spots available at each site, so don’t delay. Call 9904-4877 or www.trivic.org.au

- **TOP HIT TENNIS COACHING** – Your school coaches, Brad Hasler & Chris Logan. Junior group lessons after school - $12.50. Semi-private $18 and private $34 for all ages. Mum’s and toddler programs available. Call Brad on 9562-2344 or 0417-327880
WAVERLEY BASKETBALL CLUB – Come join and enjoy the fun of being involved in a team sport. Registration day for the 2011 Winter Season, played in Terms 2 & 3 will be held on Saturday 19 February at Jells Park Primary School from 9.30am-12.30pm. New players and beginners most welcome. Call Jill on 9884-7230 or www.wvbc.basketball.net.au

CLAYTON STREET FESTIVAL – Sunday 27 February, 12 noon – 5pm. Great prizes to be won, FREE entry. For more information call 9518-3636 or www.monash.vic.gov.au/macd

EASTERN LIONS SOCCER CLUB – Small sided football. Looking for juniors Under 6 – U11. This club focus on fair play, having fun and learning. Gardiners Reserve, Sixth Avenue, Burwood. Call Norm on 0416-036346 or www.easternlions.com.au

MATHS TUTOR – VIT registered maths teacher available for tutoring. For more information contact Siva on 0403-499079

TREEHOUSE SECRETS THEATRICAL EXPERIENCE – A unique drama program for ages 10-15. Our Term 2 program uses theatre games to create self awareness and stage skills. Program culminates in a fully staged production. Held Thursdays at Mt Waverley Youth Centre, 45 Miller Cres, Mt Waverley. Call Tracey 0427-664862 or www.treehousesecrets.com

DANIELLE JONES TENNIS COACHING – First term commences early February. FREE tennis clinic on Sunday 13 February at Tally Ho Tennis Club, Mt Waverley. Call 0408-125378 for bookings.

ZUMBA FITNESS – Exercise in disguise! First class is FREE. Zumba is a latin based dance fitness class. Held on Wed & Thur 8pm-9pm at Mt Waverley North Primary School Hall, Marcus Avenue, Mt Waverley. Casual classes $13 or 10 for $100. Call Lauren on 0403-749769 for further information.

BATON TWIRLING – The sport involves twirling, throwing and catching a baton, whilst incorporating dance steps into a routing, blending body with Baton. FREE trial lessons all of February. Call Mara Chase on 0418-533008 or www.twirling.org

MOUNT WAVERLEY TENNIS CLUB – Receive a FREE racquet and hat for new enrolments! Enhance and add to existing skills. All standards encouraged to join. Contact Steve Blundell on 0412-873492 or www.steveblundell.com.au

GIRLS SOCCER PLAYERS WANTED! – Ashburton Women’s Soccer Club is currently seeking girl players for their U6-U12 teams. Beginners welcome. Learn to bend it like Beckham! Ring Michael on 0409-235641 or www.ashburtonwsc.org.au

GOVERNMENT SUBSIDISED TRAINING – Update your skills. Special offer to parents. Course overview – Introduction to computers, produce word documents, excel spreadsheets, powerpoint presentations, customer service and workplace skills. Contact Technology Institute of Victoria, Level 2, 282 Stephens Road, Mt Waverley. 9888-3599

GLEN IRIS VALLEY TENNIS CLUB – Tennis Open Day, Sunday 13 February 11am-2pm. Tennis coaching, demo racquets, ball machine use, BBQ, Jumping Castle. Membership specials on the day. 260-270 High St Rd, Mt Waverley. Call 9807-7755 or www.gleniristennis.org.au

GLEN WAVERLEY JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB – Come along and find out how you can join at the Club’s Registration Day on Sunday 13 February 9am-1pm at Larpent Reserve, Hammence Street, Glen Waverley. There will be a sausage sizzle and members to answer your questions. Call Anne on 0466-515238 or www.glenwaverleyjuniorsoccer.org.au

ATTENTION NIGHT SHIFT WORKERS – Monash University is looking for male and female night shift workers to participate in a research project to trial a non-pharmacological treatment for fatigue and sleepiness. If you are aged 18-65 yrs, work at least 5 nights per month and work at least 2 nights in a row. Call 9905-3952 or email sleepstudy@monash.edu Participants will be reimbursed for the time involved.

CHARLESWORTH WALSH DANCE CENTRE – Classes in ballet, jazz & tap. From 4yrs+. Call 9807-2608
## EVENTS PLANNER  Term 1  2011

**RFL = Rubbish Free Lunches**

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Staff Meeting  
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Students Start |
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P&F Meeting Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm | Feb 8<sup>th</sup>  
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Family Fun Festival  
Meeting Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm | |
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School Council  
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District Swimming Training  
7.30am  
Information Evening | Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>  
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District Swimming Training  
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Information Evening | Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>  
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Students Start | Feb 24<sup>th</sup>  
Feb 28<sup>th</sup>  
District Swimming Training  
7.30am  
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DAY 8 | March 1<sup>st</sup>  
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Zone Swimming  
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Student Leadership Day School & House Cptns  
Clean Up Australia |
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LABOUR DAY | March 8<sup>th</sup>  
DAY 6 | March 9<sup>th</sup>  
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Yrs 5&6 2.30pm  
Parent Workshop  
7.00pm | March 10<sup>th</sup>  
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School Council March 21<sup>st</sup>  
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Harmony Day  
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A different Specialist Timetable is in place for Weeks 1-4 to support class teachers in completing the English On-line Interview with their students. All classes will still get their allocated specialist times within this alternative timetable.