NEWSLETTER No 1  THURSDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2013

CURRICULUM DAY - FRIDAY, 8 MARCH 2013 - (Pupil Free Day)

From the Principal...

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL
I am pleased to report that the school year has started smoothly and that students have quickly settled back into the school routine. Our new Preps have made an amazing start, settling into their new environment and routines very quickly. I would also like to welcome new students to our school. I am certain that our existing students will help our new students to feel comfortable at Mount Waverley. I look forward to another great year for all members of our school community and the continued advancement of our school.

INFORMATION EVENING
It was terrific to see so many parents at Parent Information Evening on Wednesday. Hopefully the evening helped to clarify the goals, expectations and routine in your child’s classroom for the coming year. Information sheets will be sent home for those who could not attend the evening and for those classes impacted by current work bans. Parents are welcome to arrange a meeting with class teachers if further clarification is required.

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
A reminder that payment is required for school levies by Wednesday 27 February. Thank you to the many families who have already completed payment of school accounts. Please feel welcome to contact the Principal if you are having difficulty in completing payment by the due date to discuss a suitable payment option. Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) application forms are available at the General Office for parents who have a Healthcare Card.

SUN SMART PROGRAM
It has been good to see that the majority of students are wearing protective hats as a part of the Sun Smart Program. This practice is particularly important at this time of the year when exposure to the harmful rays of the sun is difficult to avoid. Parents are asked to ensure that all hats are clearly named and that they remain at school. The school policy is that no hat means no play. Thank you for your support of this program.

BLOCK APPROVALS AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION
The office is seeking the prompt return of both the Block Approval Forms and the Emergency Information Forms issued last week. The school relies on the information supplied by parents to ensure legal compliance and effective communication with parents and guardians. Please complete and return both forms as soon as practical.

STUDENT PUNCTUALITY
This year the school will continue its efforts to encourage student punctuality and regular attendance. Parents would be aware that teachers introduced an initiative to open classroom doors at 8.50am last year to provide greater access to parents and students and to ensure student readiness to begin the learning day at 9.00am. This will continue in 2013 as the response from the community has been most positive. Students are also encouraged to attend school every day as a part of the ‘IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY’ strategy. I thank parents for supporting these important initiatives.

Trevor Saunders
**IMPORTANT** NEWSLETTER DATA UPDATE

Today we have sent home a hard copy of this Newsletter via your youngest child in your family to ensure ALL families receive their first copy for 2013. To help save our planet and our school resources, our weekly newsletter is not only available on our school website to view each Thursday, but a link to the newsletter is sent via your email addresses.

If you were **not receiving the newsletter via your email address last year** but would now like to do so and you **HAVEN’T ALREADY PROVIDED IT** to the office staff recently, you can now log on to our website at: www.mountwaverleyps.vic.edu.au and complete the “SUBSCRIBE TO NEWSLETTER” section on the front page and you will receive a copy via your email each week.

***REQUEST A HARD COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER***

If you do not have the internet and are unable to receive an email or visit our website, you can receive a hard copy of this weekly newsletter. Please complete the section in this newsletter and return by WEDNESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2013.

ONLY FAMILIES THAT RETURN THIS FORM by the due date will receive a hard copy this year.

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ACCESS**

Please be mindful in the mornings and afternoons, that it gets very busy in the General Office. If you don’t have any pressing matters in the office, we would appreciate it if you would **walk around the outside of the administration building**. Thank you.

**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 in the foyer of the Administration Building. Please note that any notices, payments etc, **should be given to the class teacher** and class representatives will deliver them in a sealed satchel to this letterbox by 9.30am each day.

**LOST NOTICES/FORMS**

To help save our valuable resources and interruptions at the office, this year we are putting school notices on our website. If your child has lost a notice, you can now download it from our website.

**PAYMENT REMINDERS....**

- **2013 SCHOOL ACCOUNTS** – Payment due by 27 February 2013  
  (Includes all Student Supplies which they have received and the Excursion Levy)
- **EMA Applications and Payment** – Due by 27 February 2013
- **Year 6 INTERSCHOOL SPORT** – Forms and $20 due by Thursday, 14 February
- **Year 4 CAMP** – Final Payment due by **Monday, 25 February** (Deposit $100, Balance $120)
- **Year 5 CAMP** – Final Payment due by **Friday, 15 March** (Deposit $100, Balance $265)
MOBILE PHONE PERMISSION FORM
If your child has to bring a mobile phone to school, they MUST complete a Mobile Phone Permission form available from outside the General Office or downloaded from our school website. Mobile phones are to be given to the teacher in the morning and students can collect it at the end of the school day only.

BICYCLE/SCOOTER – PERMISSION TO RIDE
All students that ride a bicycle or scooter to school, MUST complete a new PERMISSION TO RIDE TO SCHOOL form EVERY YEAR. These forms are available from outside the General Office or can be downloaded from our school website. Please complete and drop in the General Office Letterbox.

LATE TO SCHOOL OR EARLY DEPARTURE
You ONLY have to call the school if your child is sick for more than 2 days (unless they were expected to go on an excursion/camp that day).

LATE TO SCHOOL: If your child/children are late to school, a parent/guardian MUST sign a Late slip in the book on the table in the foyer of the Administration Building and take the slip with you to the teacher.

EARLY DEPARTURE: If your child needs to go home early, you MUST sign an Early Departure slip in the book on the table in the foyer of the Administration Building and take the slip with you to collect your child.

相处 slip: NO CHILD SHOULD BE COLLECTED BY A PARENT FROM CLASS WITHOUT THIS SLIP BEING GIVEN TO THE TEACHER FIRST

ABSENCE SHEET: Enclosed in this Newsletter is an Absence 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 the General Office staff. Spare Absence sheets are available from outside the General Office at all times and will soon be available to download from our website.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
If school uniform items are not purchased from our school supplier, PSW in Mt Waverley, please be mindful that ALL TOPS (light blue polo and maroon windcheaters) MUST have a school logo on the top left hand side. Iron-on logos are ONLY available from the General Office. ($2.50 each)

PLEASE LABEL ALL YOUR CHILDREN’S SCHOOL CLOTHING
There are so many children who leave their jackets, jumpers and hats in the school grounds, and so many are without names on them, that it makes it hard for the clothing to get returned to the correct child.

To help make sure that your child’s lost clothing gets returned, please label your child’s school jackets, jumpers and hats.

Handwrite your child's name with a laundry marker available from supermarkets, waterproof fabric marker, or clothing paint pen (which can't be removed and are available at Spotlight, Lincraft, Riot Art, etc.) If your child has lost a jacket, jumper or any other clothing this year – you may find it in Lost Property which is located in the Senior Learning Centre, on a hanging rack. And having your child's name on the clothing will make it easier to identify!!

INCORRECT SCHOOL HATS
We have seen quite a number of students wearing incorrect school hats. The official school hat MUST be maroon and broad rimmed – sorry, NO legionnaires, baseball or bucket hats please. We would appreciate if your child could wear the correct school uniform at all times. Thank you.

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALE
Welcome back to all parents, especially all those who are new this year. Thank you for all the clothing donations and if you have items please for sale, please leave them at the General Office marked “second hand uniform”. The first sale will be on tomorrow, Friday 8 Feb 8:55-9:15am and again that afternoon 3:00-3:15pm. Items are priced from $1-$5 and volunteers are always welcome. We are located behind the basketball courts for more information or for new parents please contact me on 0409706281. Hope to see you there.

Mechelle, Volunteer Parent
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY

The school recognises the need to provide and maintain a safe environment for our students, teachers, parents and visitors. To further develop our strategies to maintain a safe environment, several initiatives are in place.

The first is a ‘Parent Involvement Log’ housed near the door in every classroom. These logs are for recording the names of all parent helpers with details of their involvement in class activities as they enter and leave the classrooms. All classroom helpers are asked to use the log as a matter of course. Logs are also kept by specialist teachers and need to be completed accordingly.

The second initiative is the provision of a ‘Hazard Alert Register’. This is kept in the General Office for the use of parents and others to report any potential hazards. Christopher Parker, Occupational Health and Safety Representative

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 co-operation would be greatly appreciated with this matter.

PARENT COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Last week our 2013 Parent Community Assistance Program form was sent home. A very quick way to complete this form is to go to our website: www.mountwaverleyps.vic.edu.au, select Parents & Friends tab (on the right hand side) then select 2013 Parent CAP form

OR you can just use the old and trusted method of writing your answers onto the form and return it to the MWPS General Office. (Spare forms available from the office)

FUNDRAISING:

BULB DRIVE

Order forms will be going home next week with your youngest child, so keep an eye on their school bags for more information.

SUBWAY LUNCH

On Thursday 7 March, your child can enjoy a Subway lunch. Order forms will be going home on Monday and need to be returned no later than Tuesday, 26 February. Sorry, no late orders accepted.

2013 SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS ON-LINE

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday you can order a lunch for your child through our on-line ordering company: “Miss Peppercorn” at www.misspeppercorn.com.au/schools. Just follow the instructions. Menus and specials are available on their website.

FREE TO GOOD HOME

We have approximately 3 computer desks to give away. Please see Mr McKelson (Assistant Principal) for details.

NEWSLETTER HARD COPY REQUEST*

Please return this slip via the class teacher or drop it into the General Office Letterbox NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY.

We would like to receive a Hard Copy of the weekly Newsletter, as we are unable to access the internet.

YOUNGEST CHILD’S NAME: _________________________ CLASS: ________

*To keep our records up-to-date, this form will need to be updated at the beginning of every year.
- ONLINE MUSIC SOLUTIONS: Lessons in Keyboard, Drums, Guitar, Violin, Cello, Brass and Woodwind and Drums will commence from the week commencing Monday, 18 February. A full demonstration of these instruments happened at assembly on Monday this week. Students wishing to participate in any of these programs will need to collect an enrolment form from the school office, have their parents fill it in and either leave it at the school office or post it directly to ‘Online Music Solutions’. Information about the programs may be found on the reverse side of the enrolment forms. All families will receive a phone call close to lessons commencing to confirm the lesson time. Note: Students from 2012 need to re-enrol to continue in 2013. All enquiries 9874 6667 or email: oms@bigpond.net.au

- WAWERLEY PARK HAWKS AUSKICK – Home of the Hawthorn Football Club invites boys and girls from Kinder to Yr 6 at Waverley Park Football Ground, Stadium Circuit, Mulgrave. Sat 8am-9.30am Register and pay online before 15th April and receive a family pass to a selected AFL game during 2013 season. Visit www.aflauskick.com.au

- GLEN WAVERLEY ROVERS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB- Registration day Sunday, 19 Feb 9am-11am at Brentwood Reserve, Maylands Cres, Glen Waverley. New and returning players from U8-U17 most welcome. Enquiries to: registrar@glenrovers.org.au

- WAWERLEY VICTORY FOOTBALL CLUB Registration day 10 Feb 10am-2pm at Brandon Park Reserve, 659 Ferntree Gully Rd, Glen Waverley.  Melbourne Victory player attending plus free sausage sizzle! Visit www.waverleyvictory.com.au

- KELLY SPORTS SIZZLING SUMMER SPORTS PROGRAM for Prep – Year 4 students for 7 weeks at this school from Tuesday, 12 Feb at 3.40pm-4.40pm. Children will partake in a variety of sports including tennis, basketball, soccer and cricket. Enrolment flyers available from the stand in the foyer of the Admin Bldg or ring 0408-154-088

- GLEN IRIS TENNIS CLUB OPEN DAY – Sunday 17 Feb 11am-2pm, 260 High St Road, Mt Waverley. Free tennis coaching, jumping castle, demo racquets, ball machine use, bbq. Come & play tennis where our Aussie Fed Cup team played!


- TENNIS COACHING AT MT WAVERLEY TENNIS CLUB – Hot Shots Squad available for 5-9yr olds. Register and receive FREE racquet and T-shirt! Junior Squads, 10yrs + enhance and add to existing skills. And standard and beginners encouraged to join! Contact head coach, Steve Blundell, 0412-873492

- MCNAMARA TENNIS – Oakleigh Tennis Club, Park Road, Oakleigh. All age groups after school and weekends. Mums tennis program midweek am. Ph: David McNamara 9803-5754 or 0413-058876

- MT WAVERLEY NETBALL CLUB would like to invite girls in Year 3 and above to register for the 2013 Winter Netball season. Registration can be made at Mt Waverley Primary School between 11am-1pm, Sat 9 Feb. For further information, please contact Jennifer Tiemens (school parent) on 9807-4045

- GIRLS SOCCER PLAYERS WANTED – Ashburton Women’s Soccer Club is seeking girls for their U8, 9, 11, 12 & 14 teams. Beginners welcome. Learn to bend it like Beckham!! Please ring Michael on 0409-235641 or visit www.ashburtonwsc.org.au

- CHARLESWORTH WALSH DANCE CENTRE – Introduce your child to the magic of dance. Classical ballet, tap, jazz, song & dance, kindy dance. Studios in Mt Waverley. Phone 9807-2608 or visit www.cwdance.com.au


- SUPERSPEAK – Public speaking and Drama school. Free trial class. 2013 enrolments now open. For ages 6-17yrs. Build confidence & self esteem, build quick thinking and creativity. Weekly classes and loads of fun. Secure a place now at 9572-5249 or visit www.SuperSpeak.com.au

- WAWERLEY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTRE – various children’s classes including Pottery for children (7-12yr), Creative Art for Children (7-12yr) and Rock Out of the Ukulele with Alice (6-12yr). Classes held at 5 Fleet St, Mt Waverley 9807-6011 or visit www.waverleyclc.org.au


- MAVRAGANI GREEK LANGUAGE SCHOOL – Classes held at Sussex Heights P.S. on Wednesdays 4.45-8.30pm. Full recognition from the Education Dept. Phone 9808-4917 or 0427-004033


- WALK FOR MONASH CHILDREN – On 14 Feb at Jells Park. A fantastic opportunity for families to support a local children’s hospital while promoting active and healthy lifestyles. Call Phoebe Reid 9594-7681