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CURRICULUM DAY, TOMORROW - PUPIL FREE DAY

Monday, 11 March Labour Day Public Holiday

From the Principal...

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
It has been pleasing to see the high level of parent bookings, using the online booking service, for this week’s Parent/Teacher interviews. The interview process is an important component of the home /school relationship that underpins the sharing of information about your child. The discussion around each child’s Individual Learning Plan is a valuable tool to support individual learning and understanding between students, parent and the class teacher. Please remember to adhere to the time allocated to ensure that all parents have the same opportunity to meet with the class teacher.

TWITTER ARRIVES AT MOUNT WAVERLEY!!!
I am pleased to announce that the school website now includes a TWITTER feed which will be used to provide updates on important events and up-to-date information on current school activities. One example of the use of TWITTER will be the publishing of the very latest information regarding the expected return time of students who attend school camps. Rather than ringing the school for updates, parents will be able to check details through TWITTER. The school believes that the addition of this capability will further enhance communication within the school community. When next you are accessing the school website, checkout the TWITTER feed. Please note that you DO NOT need to have a TWITTER account or be a user of TWITTER to access the information which has been published. Mr McKelson will manage all Twitter communications.

CURRICULUM DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY
Parents are reminded that tomorrow, Friday 8 March is a Curriculum Day. This means that students are not required at school and that other care arrangements will be required for your children. Curriculum Days are available to schools to facilitate the delivery of whole school teacher professional development. This Friday teachers will undertake professional learning with Julie Shepherd. Julie is a highly regarded Literacy Consultant who has been working with staff for some time. The focus of the Curriculum Day program will be to provide staff with ‘Best Practice’ strategies for the teaching of Writing skills. The opportunity for all staff to participate will ensure that the school’s desire to foster a whole school approach to the teaching of literacy is supported effectively.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT UPDATE
This week Football Goal Posts have been installed at either end of the new school oval in readiness for the footy season ahead. The new goals can be repositioned regularly to share the wear to help save our new grass. Fencing quotes are currently being obtained for the boundary fence along Toirram road. The quotes are for a fence similar but taller than the Park Lane fence.

LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Please note that Monday 11 March is a public holiday. This means that the school will be closed for the day. We look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Tuesday 12 March.

Trevor Saunders
**LIFE HABIT!**

**MINHUI HE**

In 1D, is our

“Life Habit

Champion of the Week”

For being

‘A GOOD CITIZEN”

Congratulations Minhui!

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**YOUNG LEADERS DAY**

On Friday, 1 March the Student Leaders were given the opportunity to attend the 2013 National Young Leaders Day.

It was held at the Melbourne Convention Centre and over 3000 students attended the day. We learnt a lot about the important values leaders must have to be effective. There were four motivational speakers that inspired us all and we are more equipped now to lead at MWPS.

Lynn Ordish, Assistant Principal

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**HARMONY DAY – CAN YOU PERFORM?**

Harmony Day is quickly approaching and will be celebrated on Thursday, 21 March. This year’s theme is ‘Many Stories – One Australia’.

Last year we had some great acts at our assembly, showcasing two cultural performances. We are looking to continue this tradition by looking for more friends and family to perform at our assembly. If you are willing to perform on Harmony Day (it can be a play, dance, music or song), please contact Ms Harman, 6A in LA3 in the Senior Learning Area.

For our lunch on Harmony Day, we will be having a classroom ‘International Food Festival’. Students are encouraged to bring a dish that is traditional to them for their class to share. All meals will need to be aware of nut allergies. We are looking forward to a great day!

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**VACATION CARE**

Forms will be available from the foyer of the hall from 3pm today for our Vacation Care program being held in the forthcoming school holidays. Places are limited and ALL excursions MUST be paid for in full at time of enrolment.
Out of Uniform Day!

Great news! Not only are you able to pre-purchase a Hot Dog meal for your last day at school this term, but if you bring along the following item, you can also wear CASUAL CLOTHES on this day too - Thursday, 28 March! At this year’s Family Fun Day we will be having a “LUCKY MYSTERY JAR STALL”

... where you can purchase a lucky number and receive the jar that has that number attached to it!

Year 2 families are co-ordinating this stall and we need the whole school to support this stall by contributing a clean plastic or glass jar filled with NON-perishable items. Some ideas for your jar’s fillings are:

- Crayons
- Cotton balls
- Bath salts
- Jewellery beads
- Paper clips
- Post it notes
- Bouncy balls
- Hair clips/ties
- Buttons
- Rubber bands
- Wacky bands
- Pencils
- Small toys
- Soaps
- Pokemon cards

What other fillings can YOU think of?

So, on Thursday 28 March, all students are welcome to come to school in casual clothing and the cost for this is a FILLED JAR for our Lucky Mystery Jar Stall.

From the Sports Desk...

Inter-School Sport
Last Friday MWPS played a double header vs Mount View Gold and Blue. There were plenty of great results and excellent individual efforts. For all the results check out our new Phys Ed Blog: http://pe2013.global2.vic.edu.au

Regional Swimming
Good luck to the five students competing at the Regional Swimming event tomorrow: Vicky T, Makenna P, Winnie D, Alannah S & Jiny J. If they come first or second they will qualify for the State Championships later this term. A fantastic effort from all these students to make it this far.

Year 1 & 2 Choir

The Year 1 & 2 choir will rehearse on Friday mornings at 8.30am until 8.55am in the Music Room. Registration Morning where you can ‘come and try’ is next Friday 22 March.

The Year 1 & 2 choir will focus on learning recognised choral repertoire in unison and two part harmony and will have the opportunity to be involved in internal and external school performances. Children who are concerned about performing are still welcome to attend the rehearsals but please indicate this on the form.

This choir will be open to all Year 1 & 2 students (boys and girls) free of charge however there is the expectation that students commit to attending every rehearsal for the remainder of the term. Having sporadic attendance means some parts may not have enough students and also means we have to continually re-teach repertoire which is frustrating for the other students who have attended all rehearsals. Your child will need an A4 plastic folder to bring to rehearsals to store copies of the music we are learning which will be issued at rehearsals.

If your child is interested in joining, please complete the slip below in this newsletter and send it along with them next Friday. We are asking for your mobile number wherever possible, so we can notify you if a rehearsal is cancelled or your child doesn’t show up. (As rehearsals start before a yard duty teacher is supervising, it is important to avoid children being dropped off for choir but playing in the school yard instead). We would also like an email address to email lyrics, music pdfs, sound files and Youtube links when available.

Year 1 & 2 Choir Registration

(Please bring this slip along to the ‘come & try’ meeting next Friday, 22 March in the Music Room at 8.30am)

I (Parents Name)…………………………………………………………gave permission for my child……………………………………………………………………

in Class…………… to be involved in the Year 1 & 2 Choir that rehearses on Friday mornings at 8.30am.

Parent Signature:…………………………………………………………………… Date:     /      / 2013

My mobile number is ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Our email address is ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

My child Is / Is NOT (please circle one) concerned about being involved in performances.
Hi, I'm Emma Smart and I'm mum of three children at Mount Waverley Primary School. I have taken on the responsibility of being the 2013 MWPS Parent Class Representative Co-ordinator. My role will be to:

- Liaise between Parents & Friends Committee and Parent Class Representatives,
- Organise and chair Parent Class Representative meetings,
- Encourage Parent Class Representative involvement.

2013 is the year of our bi-annual fete and the MWPS Parent Class Representatives play an important role in this event. As such, we are wanting to have 2 Parent Class Representatives for each class so that the role may be shared between these two people. The following classes have at least one Parent Class Representative appointed.

PA - Nicole Clowes & Narelle Bethune
1A - Kerrie Richards & Estela Anders
1B - Emma Smart
2A - Jana Mizzi & Tania Bateman
2B - Kate Yardley & Kristin Campbell
3C - Sarah Browne
3D - Carol Morrow
4C - Mechelle Gordon
5C - Toni Peters
6C - Celia Kemp & Jotika de Bruine & Sumi

These classes need you! We only want ONE HOUR PER MONTH of your time.

PB, PC, PD, PF, 1C, 1D, 1/2Y, 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 5D, 5E, 6A, 6B, 6D.

If you are a parent of a child in one of these classes, I would like to you think about whether you could spare a few hours throughout the year to help out in this position. Below are some points to consider when making your decision......

You ideally need to be available during the day, mums/dads at home or people working part time (toddlers always welcome at our Class Rep meetings!) There will be two Class Rep meetings per term.

At the meetings you would collect information on behalf of the Parents and Friends committee, distribute same to your class parents, plus organise help and parental support for fundraising activities and social events at school. You could: Organise morning/afternoon teas for parents in the class to meet and get to know each other co-ordinate special events in conjunction with the class teacher, such as class parties; help the class teacher; organise volunteer helpers for class assistance with class activities; excursions.

Being a Parent Class Representative means that you are the link between the Parents & Friends committee - Class Teacher - and Parents. Plus, your children feel that you are more aware of the issues happening at school. Please think about this very important role. If you think you may be interested in becoming a Parent Class Representative, please discuss this with your class teacher or myself. You can contact me at smarthelpers@yahoo.com.au

Emma Smart, MWPS Parent Class Representative Co-ordinator 2013

DON’T FORGET TO COMPLETE THE 2013 CAP QUESTIONNAIRE

(Community Assistance Program)

Do you remember your child bringing this form home? Did you complete the form and send it back to school? Did you complete the questionnaire on-line? To all families who have done one of the above – thank you. If you haven’t completed this year’s CAP, it is not too late…….

You can complete this year's CAP questionnaire by:-

2. Print the CAP and fill it in. Go to the MWPS website http://www.mountwaverleyps.vic.edu.au/ - select Parents and Friends (right hand side) - select download form - then print the form
3. Collect a CAP form MWPS General Office and fill it in and return it to the General Office.

For those yet to do so, please complete the 2013 Community Assistance Program questionnaire so that we can keep our database up-to-date.

Community Noticeboard

- **LABURNUM PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE**, Janet Street, Blackburn. **Saturday 16 March** 12-6pm. Join us for great food, stalls, rides & fun for the whole family.
- **BOX HILL UNITED SOCCER CLUB** - Players wanted. U11 Junior Girls Small sided team. Contact Ari Selalmatzidis at enquiries@boxhillunited.com.au or call 0400-200605. Also Skills Acquisition Program for U7s. Call Brett Smith on 0409-415606
- **YMCA MONASH FITNESS CENTRE**, Join today and save. Unit 24, Axxess Business Park, Forster Road, Mt Waverley. Ph: 8546-5500 or visit www.monash.ymca.org.au