NEWSLETTER No 6  THURSDAY, 14 MARCH 2013

TWILIGHT SPORTS – next Wednesday, 20 March at 6pm
Sausage Sizzle from 5.30pm

From the Principal…

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL LEVIES
As we near the end of Term 1, it is timely to remind members of the school community who have yet to complete payment of student levies, that payment is now overdue. A letter will be sent out this week to remind those who have not as yet completed payment of their options to do so. As always, payment options are available to those who are finding payment difficult. Although the deadline has passed for EMA applications, the office can advise on how to make a late application upon request. Please remember that the school has an obligation to complete payment for student supplies and that this cannot be done without the support of all families, through the payment of school invoices. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS IMPORTANT REQUEST.

HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS
Our school will again celebrate Harmony Day on Thursday, 21 March. This day is intended to acknowledge and celebrate and build awareness and acceptance of the cultural diversity in our community. Students are encouraged to wear the colour orange on the day to show their support. This year the school will include a multi-cultural lunch in addition to a range of other activities. Parents will be asked to provide a plate of food that represents the cultural background of your child, to share with others. Details inside this newsletter.

YEAR 4 CAMP UPDATE
Our Year 4 campers are, by all reports, enjoying the activities provided and the company of friends. The weather has been kind which has allowed uninterrupted participation in the many and varied activities on offer. I am sure that the experience will be long remembered by students and teachers alike. Go to our school website and look at all the latest “Tweets” from the camp: www.mountwaverleyps.vic.edu.au

TWILIGHT SPORTS
This year our Twilight Sports will be held on Wednesday 20th March. We have decided not to use the new oval this year as the surface is still uneven in parts. We have been advised that the surface will take another six months to consolidate and smooth out. We look forward to a great night that will be fun for all members of the school community. Come along and join in the fun. (More details inside this newsletter)

SURVEY FOR PARENTS ON 1 TO 1 COMPUTER PROGRAM
As a part of the school’s ongoing development process, a survey of parents has been devised to seek feedback about feasibility of a one to one computer program for students. If the program were to be supported by the school community, it would see students at certain levels of the school given access to an individual notebook computer as a learning tool. This type of program is operating in an increasing number of Primary School settings and would require families to lease or buy a notebook. Please respond to the survey when you have the chance as the feedback will be helpful in gauging support for such a project. You can access the survey by following the link https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/J8CQCDB

Trevor Saunders
**IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES**

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**TWILIGHT SPORTS**

Our annual Twilight Sports will be held next **Wednesday 20th March** from 6pm-7:30pm. This is a great night for ALL the family and a chance to meet/catch up with other school families.

Events will take place on the basketball courts as the oval is unsuitable for running races. Students and Parents can take part in a number of different tabloid sports and modified races. All activities will earn points towards students’ House totals. Wear your House colours and come along for a great night of fun and excitement.

Our Parents & Friends group are kindly offering an “easy meal option” by providing a **Sausage Sizzle** from 5.30pm.

**FROM THE SPORTS DESK....**

**REGIONAL SWIMMING**

Congratulations to **Vicky T** for making it to the State Swimming Championships. Vicky won her morning heat in Butterfly and came second in Breaststroke to qualify for the afternoon Finals. In the Finals she swam brilliantly to win the Butterfly comfortably and was just pipped to finish second in Breaststroke. She will swim in the State Finals in Butterfly for 10yo girls on Wednesday 27 March. Well done Vicky.

**INTER-SCHOOL SPORT**

The final round was played yesterday vs Glendal PS. For all the results and finals times and venues check the PE blog at [http://pe2013.global2.vic.edu.au](http://pe2013.global2.vic.edu.au)

**CHANGE OF DATE - 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 **NOW** on **Friday 22 March**. Please bring along your registration slip on this morning which was printed in last week’s newsletter.

**RUBBISH FREE LUNCH DAY**

Congratulations to our winning classes for last week’s Rubbish Free Lunch Day. The winning junior class was **PC** with 95% rubbish free lunches in their class and the winning senior class was **5D** with 95% rubbish free lunches in their class. Our winning classes are rewarded with 15 minutes extra recess!
Help make this Harmony Day the best one yet!

ASSEMBLY
Multicultural Parade - Come dressed up!
You can wear clothing of your nationality/heritage OR
The colour orange to represent Harmony Day!

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL!
To share an understanding of Australia’s multiculturalism, students are encouraged to contribute a meal to share. These can be dishes reflecting culture or a family tradition.

Please keep in mind nut allergies.

CLOSE THE GAP ON HARMONY DAY!
Close the Gap Day is held to raise awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues.

Did you know?
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders die more than ten years younger than other Australians.
- Indigenous infant mortality is also up to three times that of other Australians.

Student will complete activities to learn about these facts!

PARENT CLASS REPS MEETING
The first meeting of the Parent Class Representatives will be held next Wednesday, 20th March, 9.00am to 9.45am in the MWPS Staffroom. If you are unable to attend please email Emma Smart on smarthelpers@yahoo.com.au.

Also, we are still needing volunteers to fill this role for PB, PC, PD (2nd helper), PE (2nd helper), PF, 1B (2nd Helper), 1C (2nd Helper), 1D, 1/2Y, 2B (2nd Helper), 2C (2nd Helper), 3A (2nd Helper), 3B, 3C (2nd Helper), 3/4Y (2nd Helper), 4A, 4B (2nd Helper), 4C (2nd Helper), 5A, 5B, 5C (2nd Helper), 5D, 5E, 6A, 6B, 6D. If you are interested and can spare a couple of hours a month, please let your child’s teacher know.

Emma Smart, Parent Class Representative Co-Ordinator
MATHLETICS CERTIFICATES

WEEK 5: Congratulations to 1C, 2B, 2C, 4A, 4C and 5B for being the Top Mathletics classes last week, and 2D and 5E on being awarded the trophy in recognition for showing improvement in their certificate tally the last three weeks and at least doubling it over the last two weeks. Congratulations also to the following students who attained silver and gold certificates in recent weeks!


**GOLD** Joshua O, Eunice Y

WEEK 6: Congratulations to 1A, 1B, 1D, 4C, 6B and 6D for being the Top Mathletics classes and PD and 6C on being awarded the trophy in recognition for improving in their certificate tally over the last four weeks. Congratulations also to the following students who attained silver and gold certificates in recent weeks!


**GOLD** Sara P, Liam S, Mark L, Tess G, Thomas W, Daniel Q, Matthew L, Damien L

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS....

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS WILL ARRIVE IN TERM 2

Inside the book you’ll find hundreds of vouchers with 50%, 25% off and 2 for 1 offers from restaurants, fine & casual dining, cafes, movie cinemas, family holidays, attractions and lots more. You’ll have over 12 months to use the book. It’s great value, as you only need to use the book 3-4 times to get the money you spent on the book back! The cost this year is $65 with $13 from every book sold going towards the school for our children. For more details contact Rosy on 0418 516 902 or via email on crlinden@optusnet.com.au

A copy of the Entertainment book will be sent home to ALL families early in Term 2.

If you **DO NOT WANT A COPY** of the book, please fill in the **NO ENTERTAINMENT BOOK** slip below and return it to the Office by **THURSDAY 28th March**.

EASTER RAFFLE

Raffle tickets went home this week to the youngest child in your family. There are 10 raffle tickets to sell for $1 each. Not only can you win an amazing Easter Hamper, donated by our local Liberal MP, John Nguyen, but you could win a children’s bicycle, kindly donated by Barry Plant Real Estate. (Currently on show in the foyer of the Administration building). All ticket stubbs need to include a name and phone number and be enclosed with money in a clearly labelled envelope and returned to the General Office Letterbox no later than **Wednesday 27 March**. The raffle will be drawn on **THURSDAY, 28 MARCH**. Good luck to everyone.

Community Noticeboard

- **ASHBURTON PRIMARY SCHOOL GRAND FAIR** – Sunday 24 March 10am-4pm. Come clown around with us! Fakenham Rd, Ashburton. Purchase ride wristbands at ww.trybooking.com.au/CPU
- **SUPER SOCCER KIDS** – a clinic for boys and girls aged 5-12 to learn the skills of the game in a fun and enjoyable environment. SSK is run during school terms and all sessions are indoors. For clinic locations, session times and fees call Greg on 0413-919727
- **ASHBURTON POOL & RECREATION CENTRE VACATION CARE PROGRAM** – Available from Tues 2 – Fri 12 April. Contact 9885-0333 or visit www.ashburton.ymca.org.au

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“NO” ENTERTAINMENT BOOK PLEASE

Please return this slip to the class teacher or General Office Letterbox **BEFORE THURSDAY, 28th MARCH**

Thank you but we **DO NOT** want the 2013 Entertainment book sent home.

Youngest Child’s Name: _________________________ Class: ___________