From the Principal...

HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS
Today’s Harmony Day celebrations were a great success. The day started with a special assembly that included a parade, performances and guest speakers. This was followed by Harmony Day activities and an International Food Festival. It was great to have so many different cultures represented and I know that students really enjoyed the experience. This event reinforces the message of acceptance of others and their differences and that we all live in a multi-cultural society. It was wonderful to see the level of student involvement and support today for each of the activities offered and the level of enjoyment for all concerned. A special thank you to teachers, students and parents for their support of our celebration day.

STUDENT HEALTH – Student Injury Personal Accident Protection
I have included the following information regarding student injury insurance. As most parents are aware, schools do not provide insurance cover for student injuries. A number of insurance companies do offer insurance packages that assist in covering the cost of injuries sustained by children. I have attached some information regarding one such insurance scheme to assist parents who may wish to consider such an option. Please note that the school has no affiliation with the company JUA Underwriting Agency, nor does it receive any commission in relation to their products. The insurance on offer covers children 24 hours, 7 days per week. The company’s website is www.Studenthealth.com.au

SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY
This week, School Council was presented with the final version of the school’s Annual Report and Annual Improvement Plan for ratification. The Annual Report will be available for community viewing next week and will be accessible via a link through the school newsletter and will be presented at the School Council AGM which will be held on Monday, 20 May. (If you do not have access to a computer, please ask the office staff for a hard copy). The Annual Improvement Plan outlines the targets set by the school to further enhance student outcomes and is based on the evaluation of student achievement data from 2012.

TWILIGHT SPORTS SUCCESS
The Twilight Sports were held on Wednesday night. The weather was great and all involved did a great job of ensuring that the event was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Mr Keleher and the teachers and parents who assisted with the organisation for the sports. Thank you also to the parents who ran the sausage sizzle so effectively. Evenings such as this provide a great opportunity for members of the school community to mix with other families and meet new people.

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS
The last day of Term 1 for students is Thursday 28th March. This is the day prior to Good Friday. Students will be dismissed from classrooms at 2.30pm. School will resume for the start of Term 2 on Monday 15th April.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP (2013-14)
President: Bruce Burns; Vice President: Caroline Paterson; Treasurer: Doug Smith; Secretary: Lynn Ordish;
Parent Members: Stuart Bateman; Kheeran Dharmawarden; Jeff Flanagan; Marc Laurin; Michael Seelig; Sam Wickramaratna; Bruce Burns; Caroline Paterson; Doug Smith;
DEECD Members: Trevor Saunders; Mark McKelson; Lynn Ordish; Leasyl Richards; Erin Harman

Trevor Saunders
**IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES**

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**YOU CAN DO IT!**

ADITYA R  
In 2A, is our “You Can Do It Champion of the Week” For showing “RESILIENCE”  
Congratulations Aditya!

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**NEXT THURSDAY – BRING A JAR**

Don’t forget next Thursday, 28 March is not only the last day of Term 1 but you can wear casual clothes if you bring a FILLED JAR that we can use for our Lucky Mystery Jar Stall at the Family Fun Day in October!

Jars only need to be the size of a jam/coffee jar, thoroughly cleaned, label removed and filled with non-perishable goodies (no lollies, nuts, biscuits etc). Let your imagination run wild and fill your jar with something a child would like to win! And don’t forget to put a lid on your jar.

Your jars will be collected from your classroom by MWPS Family Fun Day committee parents and stored away until 20 October, when you will have the chance of winning a jar filled with fantastic goodies.

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**MATHLETICS CERTIFICATES**

Congratulations to 1B, 1/2Y, 2B, 3C, 5B and 6B for being the Top Mathletics Classes last week, and 2C and 3B on being awarded the trophy in recognition for achieving consistency in their certificate tally so far. Congratulations also to the following students who attained silver and gold certificates in recent weeks!


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**$$$$ PAYMENT REMINDERS....**

2013 SCHOOL ACCOUNTS are now **OVERDUE**
YR 5 CAMP Payments now **OVERDUE**
YR 5 & 6 INTEGRATED STUDIES now **OVERDUE**
ICAS COMPETITION forms due in Wed, 27 March
EASTER RAFFLE CLOSES Wed, 27 March
YR 6 CAMP deposit due by Thurs, 28 March
SCHOOL PHOTOS – NEXT TERM
School photos will be taken on Wednesday, 24th April (Week 2, Term 2) by the Advanced Life photography company. Order envelopes will be sent home in the first week of Term 2. In the meantime, here is some information from Advanced Life.

On the above date, School photos will be taken at your school. It is important that instructions are followed in order to save confusion and disappointment.

PLEASE NOTE: **All orders received after photography day will incur a reorder fee.**

1. Select your preferred package from the options printed on the flyer provided (which is enclosed in the order envelope). A class photo is included in all packages.

2. You must complete a separate order envelope for each purchasing child. Clearly mark the package and gifts you wish to purchase in the space provided using a black or blue ball point pen, complete all your contact details and enclose the correct payment using one of the options listed below.

   - **CASH** - Please enclose exact monies as no change is available. If paying for additional siblings in one envelope, please note which envelope payment was made.
   - **CHEQUE** - Please print name, address and telephone on rear of cheque. If payment is declined by your bank, then dishonour fees will apply. Please allow 60 days for your cheque payment to be finalized.
   - **CREDIT CARD** - payments can only be made on-line. An order envelope must be completed and returned to your school prior to photo day. **Please note that a $1 surcharge will apply to the transaction.**

ADVANCEDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY, 21 Bridge Street, Bulleen, 3105 Phone 03 9852 1133

FROM THE SPORTS DESK....

**TENNIS TRIALS**
Trials for the MWPS Tennis team will be held next Tuesday 26 March at MWPS. Students must play (or have played) grade/competition tennis to be eligible. Students who would like to try out need to bring their racquet and any other relevant equipment on the day. The 3 boys and 3 girls of the highest standard will be selected for the team regardless of age. The District Tennis day is next term 17 April.

**TEAM VIC TRIALS**
Trials for AFL, Soccer, Basketball and Netball will be held next Tuesday 26 March. Students who try out for their chosen sport must be of a very high standard to be considered (Year 6 mostly). Those students chosen will receive information about the District Trial next term at Mt View PS. Boys and girls are welcome to try out for all sports except AFL which is for boys only.

**INTER-SCHOOL SPORT FINALS**
Congratulations to our Kanga Cricket B & C teams and Girls Softball B for winning their Inter-School Sport finals. For final scores check out the PE blog: [http://pe2013.global2.vic.edu.au/](http://pe2013.global2.vic.edu.au/)

**JUNIOR SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**
Congratulations to the all the students in Prep, Year 1 and 2 for completing their cross country on Tuesday. A huge thank you to all the parents and teachers who marshalled the track and ensured the smooth running of the event, a great experience for all involved. It was great to see such a large number of parents volunteering their time to help. I would also like to especially thank Emma T, Rachel T, Nathan T, Harry G, Jordan D and Sarah M for running many laps of the track, encouraging all the students to finish both up the front and at the back of each race. The final house results were:

1st House: **Goulburn** 340, **Barwon** 320, **Glenelg** 309, **Murray** 284.

Congratulations to the following race winners:

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**YEAR 1 & 2 CHOIR- Tomorrow morning**
Beginns tomorrow morning, Friday 22 March in the Music Room at 8.30am.
RUBBISH FREE LUNCH DAY

Congratulations to our winning classes for last week's Rubbish Free Lunch Day. The winning junior class was 2C with 96% rubbish free lunches in their class and the winning senior classes were 6B and 6D with 95% rubbish free lunches in their class. Our winning classes are rewarded with 15 minutes extra recess!

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MWPS ENVIRONMENT UPDATE #2:

Clean Up Australia Day at Mt Waverley PS - Sunday (3rd March) was Clean Up Australia Day. This event is held every year around Australia and tonnes of rubbish is collected and disposed of by volunteers. Mount Waverley PS participated again this year in this program as we aim towards being an environmentally friendly, waste-wise school and community. We cleaned the school on Friday 1st March as part of our contribution towards cleaning up Australia. All of the children were involved and we collected almost 18kgs of rubbish. This amount of rubbish is quite small for a school of our size and we should congratulate ourselves on keeping MWPS relatively rubbish free. This is an excellent effort by staff, students and the whole school community! Thank you for your support.

Thanking you on behalf of the children and the environment!

Loretta Leary, Environment Co-ordinator

CLEANING THE SCHOOL YARD

Last Friday, 6B helped to clean up the school yard. In teams, we performed tasks, such as picking up rubbish, sweeping the footpaths around the senior learning area and portables to make them free of pebbles and sweeping up the sand around the sandpit. It felt great to see the yard looking cleaner and safer for our students!

THE JAM SINGING SCHOOL

Many students and parents have been asking if Mr Macaulay is available to teach private singing lessons. The answer is yes! Mr Macaulay runs private lessons outside of school hours at ‘The JAM Singing School’ which is located in Camberwell. (Mr Macaulay is unable to teach lessons on site at Mount Waverley Primary School.) All those who are interested and would like to know more information can email Mr Macaulay at james@thejam.com.au. Please provide your name, child’s name, class and a contact phone number in the email. You can also visit the website www.thejam.com.au for more information. Please note these lessons are specialised individual voice lessons designed for soloist singing and are not the same as ‘Choir’ training. (Places are also very limited.)

DANCE AND DRAMA

We currently have a limited amount of places available in our Dance and Drama workshops for students from Year 1 to Year 6. Classes run on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday during lunch time, and 3:30pm-4:30pm on a Wednesday after school. During these workshops children will gain a good insight into all genres of theatre. We’ll be using a unique mix of drama, dance and singing specially formulated to bring out every child’s true potential. We’ll focus on your child’s enthusiasm and engagement in the activities rather than their precision and be with them every step of the way to guide, inspire and encourage. If your child is interested in joining our workshops, please collect an enrolment form from the foyer of the Administration building. If you have any questions please contact us. Thank you. Celia Kemp 0425124772, celia@planet359.com or Naedene Barraclough 0450739770, naedenebarraclough@yahoo.com
ART ROOM REQUEST
If any parent could pick-up and wash some art smocks over the holidays, please call into the Art room at your earliest convenience. Many thanks. Katrina Weaver, Art Teacher

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS....

EASTER RAFFLE – CLOSES NEXT WEDNESDAY
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!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS WILL ARRIVE IN TERM 2
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 and return it to the Office by THURSDAY 28th March.

PARENT CLASS REPS
Well done MWPS parents and thank you for volunteering your time to assist your child’s class in this important role of Parent Class Representative. Nearly all classes have at least 1 Parent Class Representative –so we are now looking for that extra person to assist your child’s class and its Parent Class Representative.

Q1. Do you have a few minutes to spare in the morning and/or afternoon to chat with your child’s class parents?
Q2. Do you have a few minutes each week to liaise with your child’s teacher as to any assistance he/she may need?
Q3. Do you have regular access to email?
If you answered Yes – keep reading.
With the assistance of the second Parent Class Representative….
Q4. Could you organise a morning/afternoon tea for parents in the class to meet and get to know each other?
Q5. Could you co-ordinate special events in conjunction with the class teacher, such as class parties?
Q6. Could you help the class teacher organise volunteer helpers for class assistance with class activities, incursions or excursions?
Then you are a perfect candidate for a Parent Class Representative!
Q7. Cannot attend Wednesday morning meetings.
It doesn’t matter if you are unable to attend our meetings, as we can keep you up-to-date by forwarding you notes of the meetings via email.
Q8. Is your child in one of the following classes?
Q9. Do think you are up to the challenge of sharing the role of Parent Class Representative?
If yes, then either:-
1. Talk with your child’s teacher
2. Contact the MWPS Parent Class Representative, Emma Smart (Email) smarthelpers@yahoo.com.au (Phone) 0410 789 394
3. Complete the slip in this newsletter and return to the MWPS General Office RED letterbox.
WAVERLEY BLUES FOOTBALL CLUB  Are you interested in playing U10's football this year? This Sunday 24 March we are having a free “come and try” session for players born in 2003 at the local Tally Ho Reserve (Mel 61 J9) from 9.00am until 10.00am (usual training ground is the Mt Waverley Reserve, Fleet St). Come along and have some fun with many of your fellow Mt Waverley Primary School friends. Enquiries to Naomi on 0434019014 or Ursela 0422918668.


CHADSTONE FROGS BASKETBALL AUSSIE HOOPS BASKETBALL CLINIC  – Learn the basic skills of basketball and have FUN! Commencing Thursday 2 May, 4.10pm-5pm at Oakleigh Recreation Centre, Park Rd, Oakleigh. Visit www.aussiehoops.chadstonebasketball.com.au or complete a form available from 35 Park Lane (shop next to school).

BOX HILL HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 7 SEAL PROGRAM 2014  – applications are open to Year 6 applicants now. Places in the SEAL program are for gifted students, who qualify for a government funded education. Visit the school on Open Afternoon 2.30pm-4.30pm, Tuesday 23 April or visit www.boxhillhs.vic.edu.au

STRIKE BOWLING  – $10 bowling until 5pm everyday* (conditions apply). Visit STRIKE during the school holidays! Century City Walk, 285 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley. Visit www.strikebowlingbar.com.au

WAVERLEY HOCKEY CLUB  – Interested in trying hockey? Our ‘Hook in 2 Hockey-Minkey’ program aims to introduce boys and girls of all ages to the game of hockey. The program runs every Sat 10.45am-12 noon from 20 April – 23 August. Enquiries visit www.waverleyhc.org.au/juniors

WAVERLEY GYMNASTICS CENTRE  – offers classes full of fun and learning for 5-12 yr old boys and girls on Mon, Tues afternoons and Sat mornings at Wesley College, Glen Waverley Campus. Contact 9887-9611 or visit www.waverley.gymnastics.org.au


ART'SCOOL FOR KIDS  – Art Classes for Children with Ms Terry Taylor. Specializing in Fine Art and Creative Learning at Glen Iris. Call 9885-1195 or visit www.terrytaylor.com.au


CRUDEN FARM FAMILY FUN DAY  – Sunday 28 April, 11am-4pm, 60 Cranbourne Rd, Langwarrin. This is a charity fundraising event! Children U15 FREE. Adults $25 ($22 before 12 April), Concession $15, Family $50 ($45 before 12 April). Book at 9826-1422 or www.trybooking.com/COIG


PARENT CLASS REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Please return to the General Office RED Letterbox

YES! I would be interested in becoming a Parent Class Representative

Name: ____________________________________Contact Number: ________________________________

Email: ____________________________________

Your child’s name and class: ________________________________

NO” ENTERTAINMENT BOOK PLEASE

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

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

Youngest Child’s Name: ________________________________ Class: ______________