NEWSLETTER No 8 THURSDAY, 28 MARCH 2013

From the Principal…

END OF TERM MESSAGE
It has been pleasing to note how well both new and existing students have settled into the 2013 school year. I thank teachers for their commitment to the establishment of positive learning environments for students and parents, for supporting the work of the school in so many ways. I look forward to a productive second term for all at Mount Waverley and wish all families a safe and enjoyable Easter and holiday period.

2014 PREP ENROLMENTS
Enrolments for our 2014 Prep intake will open on the first day of Term 2, Monday 15 April. Places are very limited and only residents living in the 3149 area will be considered for enrolment. Children must be aged five by 30 April 2014.
If you have a child already attending this school and you haven’t received a 2014 enrolment form in the post for their sibling attending Prep in 2014, please contact the General Office as soon as possible.

1:1 LAPTOP SURVEY
Thank you to the 234 parents who took the time to complete the 1:1 Laptop Program Survey. Survey results indicate the following:
- 50% of respondents were aware that the school was considering the implementation of a 1:1 Laptop program
- 90% supported the implementation of a 1:1 program
- 86% believe a 1:1 program would benefit their child’s learning
- 44% preferred a leasing option against 56% who preferred a buy outright option
- 75% are prepared to financially support the introduction of the program

The data, questions and comments provided have given the school a great starting point in our journey towards 1:1. We had initially planned to conduct an information evening in Term Two however the level of interest, questions and comments raised will require more research and planning. To enable this to happen the evening has been postponed to a later date. Parents who wish to have a voice in the implementation process are welcome to attend Education Committee meetings in Term Two.

LOST PROPERTY
Parents are encouraged to check for lost property before the end of term. This can be found in the entry to the Senior Learning Area. There are many items of clothing that are yet to be claimed. Please take a moment to reclaim lost items.

EASTER CHURCH SERVICE
I congratulate all of our students who attended this week’s Easter Church Service on their behaviour and participation. Thank you also to the organisers of the event.

HOT DOG LUNCH THANK YOU
A special thank you to Michelle Lamers and her team for organising today’s Hotdog Lunch for our students. Days such as this require a lot of organisation and commitment to make them a success. Our parent volunteers have had to heat up and serve over 680 hot dogs!! A HUGE EFFORT. I know that our students loved today’s lunch and I thank all who helped to make it happen.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT UPDATE
Currently the school is in the process of obtaining quotes for the fencing project along the Toirram Road boundary and also for the resurfacing of the Art Room floor. It is hoped that these projects can proceed in Term 2. A new water pump has been installed to deliver tank water to the permaculture garden once again. Goal posts have also been installed on the oval to enable our footy fans to practise their skills.

Trevor Saunders
### IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

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### LIFE HABIT CHAMPION!

**JACKSON G**

In 6B, is our “Life Habit Champion of the Week”

For thinking Win-Win

Congratulations Jackson!

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### SCHOOL HATS

Just a reminder that under our SunSmart school policy students are required to wear school hats until the end of April.

### 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.

### THRASS

( Teaching Handwriting, Reading and Spelling Skills)

Last year, our school began incorporating the THRASS program as one part of our literacy program at MWPS. THRASS is a method for teaching all learners about the building blocks of reading and spelling. THRASS is an explicit teaching method that focuses on helping learners gain a logical understanding for the building blocks of literacy through:

- an awareness of the 44 phonemes of spoken English and the associated grapheme choices
- an awareness for graphs, digraphs, trigraphs
- knowledge of the alphabet, and the naming of the lower-case letters and their capitals
- using correct terminology from the very beginning e.g. letter/s, letter name/s, lower-case, capital, phoneme, grapheme, graph, digraph, trigraph, grapheme, word
- an awareness that the alphabet is a resource from which letters are selected to represent the phonemes of spoken English
- learning handwriting skills - the correct formation of the lower-case and capital letters

THRASS allows children to become aware of the link between phonemes (sounds) and graphemes (spelling choices). They learn that when spelling they need to convert the phonemes (sounds they hear) to spelling choices and when reading they transfer the spelling choices to the sounds they make.

Each classroom has a large THRASS chart and each pair of classrooms has a set of hand held THRASS charts to give the teachers a tool for explicitly teaching the skills.

As part of the training a **Parent Session is offered by certified THRASS trainers.** This session will be held on **Thursday 2nd May at 7.00pm.** If you wish to attend this information session please send the reply slip to the office by Friday 19th April.  

**Due to numbers, we ask that students not attend this session.**

### $$ PAYMENT REMINDERS....$$

**2013 SCHOOL ACCOUNTS** are now **OVERDUE**

**YR 5 CAMP** Payments now overdue

**YR 6 CAMP** deposit due today

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Hi, I’m Earnest and I care about the environment! Don’t forget you can recycle your Easter Egg Foil Wrappers! Just pop them in with your plastic bottles/can recycling bin as the foil is made of aluminium!
FROM THE SPORTS DESK....

Congratulations to Vicky T in 5E for winning the 10yr old girls Butterfly State Title! Vicky is now eligible to go to the National Swimming Championships in Adelaide later this year. A fabulous effort Vicky.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

OUR WORLD VISION CHILD

Dear Lilian,

Our school, Mount Waverley Primary School is your sponsor. We are a large school with over 700 children. We start school when we are 5 years old and at this young age we learn to read and write. How old were you when you started school? Our day starts at 9am and we go home at 3.30pm. We go to school every day except for Saturday and Sunday. How far do you have to walk to school? Do you have a school uniform? Do you like school?
We have a playtime in the morning for 1/2 hour and lunchtime where we get to play for an hour. What do you do at playtime?
The boys like to play ball sports like football, handball, soccer and basketball. The girls like to play with skipping ropes or just sit around and chat. Do you have a special best friend?
We learn about Maths and the English language. We read books and learn how to spell. We have Sport, Library, Computer, Japanese, Art and Music classes. What special things do you do at your school?
We hope you and your family are well. Please write soon.

Love from 1B students

Dear 1B Mount Waverley Primary School
I hope you are fine. My name is Musembi, brother to Lilian Mukene. She is doing well. Our family is also doing well. Our school has around 400 pupils. Lilian does the same activities you do at your school.
The special things she does are reading and writing. At playtime she plays ball games with her friends. Our school is one kilometre from our home. Lilian also has a school uniform which was given by World Vision. She joined school when she was 6 years old.
Lilian likes school. She also likes singing with her classmates. Lilian's best friends are the classmates that walk the same way as her, to and from school. I hope your questions have been fully answered.
Thank you.

Yours Musembi, brother to Lilian

MATHLETICS CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to 1A, 1B, 1/2Y, 3C, 5B and 6B for being the Top Mathletics Classes last week, and 1D and 3/4Y 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!


EASTER SERVICE

Our CRE Teachers would like to thank the staff for their support for the Easter Service. Well done to all the students involved in presenting the Easter Service plays. It was great!!!!

Inez Baker

On behalf of the school community, we would like to thank Inez for all her time and hard work in preparing the children for the plays.

MISSING FROM YR 4 CAMP

If anyone has seen a black ‘Ferrari’ cap that was taken to camp but has now disappeared, could you please contact the General Office. Thank you.
SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALE
The first sale for second hand uniforms for Term 2, weather permitting, will be Monday 22 April 8:50am-9:15am and later that afternoon 2:50-3:15pm. Please mark the date in your diary. Items are priced from $1-$5 and volunteers are most welcome.

Mechelle, Co-ordinator second hand uniforms

BAKERS DELIGHT EASY FUNDRAISER
As part of the commitment to the local community, Bakers Delight are offering our school families a chance to raise funds for our school! For every purchase made at the Mt Waverley store, 5% will be donated back to our school. Simply mention our school name prior to the conclusion of your transaction. This donation will be presented to school at the end of the school year. So if you can, please support this great fundraising offer.

ITALIAN CLASSES NEXT TERM
Next term on Thursdays from 3.30pm-4.30pm, Helena Rojas will be conducting Italian classes. Further information to follow next term or contact Helen on 0415-809576 or email Helena.rojas@lcfclubs.com.au

Community Noticeboard

- AVILA COLLEGE OPEN SCHOOL MORNING – Thursday 9 May at 9am. Avila College would like to invite prospective students and their parents to one of Term 2 open day. (Other dates for open times are 15 August & 29 October) For further information, contact Mrs Maria Nankervis on 9831-9600. Parking is limited, so please allow time for parking in nearby streets.

- KOZEN YOGA – Power Flow, Yin, Gentle, Workshops. Upstairs at 374a Warrigal Road, Ashburton. Go online and enter promotional code: kozen to receive $10 off any pass or membership. Visit www.kozenyoga.com.au

- NOTTING HILL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM 1 – 12 April at 37 Westerfield Drive, Notting Hill. Classes at reasonable prices. Call 9561-0114 or visit www.nottinghilnh.org.au

THRESS PARENT SESSION
Please return to the General Office RED Letterbox no later than Friday, 19 April

YES, we will be attending the session on Thursday 2nd May at 7pm

STUDENT’S NAME: __________________________________________ Class: _______

PARENT’S NAME: __________________________________________ No. of people attending __________
# TERM 2 EVENTS PLANNER 2013

**RFL = Rubbish Free Lunches**

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First Day  
Back            | **April 16**<sup>th</sup>  
Year 5 Camp  
Reach Rookies  
Yr 6             | **April 17**<sup>th</sup>  
Year 5 Camp  
District Tennis  
Parent and  
Friends         | **April 18**<sup>th</sup>  
Year 5 Camp  
RFL             | **April 19**<sup>th</sup>  
Year 5 Camp  
District Team trials  
Portfolios go home | **P&amp;F**  
April 17th  
7.00pm          |
| 2    | **April 22**<sup>nd</sup>  
Year 6 Camp  
meeting/ 1:1  
Information  
meeting       | **April 23**<sup>rd</sup>  
School Photos             | **April 24**<sup>th</sup>  
School Photos             | **April 25**<sup>th</sup>  
ANZAC DAY  
Public Holiday       | **April 26**<sup>th</sup>  
House Cross  
Country  
Regional Tennis      | **School Council**  
April 29th  
3.30pm           |
| 3    | **April 29**<sup>th</sup>  
School Council     | **April 30**<sup>th</sup>  | **May 1**<sup>st</sup>  
Parent Thress  
night  
RFL           | **May 2**<sup>nd</sup>  
CURRICULUM  
DAY/ STUDENT  
FREE DAY        | **May 3**<sup>rd</sup>  
P&amp;F      |                                |
| 4    | **May 6**<sup>th</sup>  
Sovereign Hill  
Excursion  
Year 6      | **May 7**<sup>th</sup>  
Soccer and AFL  
trials            | **May 8**<sup>th</sup>  
Parents and  
Friends         | **May 9**<sup>th</sup>  
RFL  
Mother's Day  
Stall  
Year 1 and 2  
Athletics  
Family Life Night | **May 10**<sup>th</sup>  
Year 6 Campers  
return  
Year 6 Sport Bye | **P&amp;F**  
May 8th  
7.00pm          |
| 5    | **May 13**<sup>th</sup>  
Year 6 Camp  
Entertainment  
Books  
available at  
office          | **May 14**<sup>th</sup>  
Year 6 Camp  
AFL clinics  
Year 1 and 2  
NAPLAN          | **May 15**<sup>th</sup>  
Year 6 Camp  
NAPLAN          | **May 16**<sup>th</sup>  
RFL  
Year 6 Camp  
NAPLAN  
Endangered  
Species Day      | **May 17**<sup>th</sup>  
Year 6 Campers  
return  
Year 6 Sport Bye |                                |
| 6    | **May 20**<sup>th</sup>  
Year 1 Coal  
Creek  
Excursion      | **May 21**<sup>st</sup>  
ICAS Computer  
Prep Transition  
9:30am          | **May 22**<sup>nd</sup>  
Open Day (11:45- 
1:30pm)  
Open Night (7:00- 
8:30pm)       | **May 23**<sup>rd</sup>  
RFL         | **May 24**<sup>th</sup>  
Year 6 Sport round  
3 |                                |
| 7    | **May 27**<sup>th</sup>  
Family Photos  
School Council: AGM  
Swimming Prep | **May 28**<sup>th</sup>  
Year 2 Coal  
Creek  
Excursion      | **May 29**<sup>th</sup>  
District Cross  
Country  
Swimming Prep | **May 30**<sup>th</sup>  
RFL         | **May 31**<sup>st</sup>  
Year 6 Sport round  
4  
Swimming Prep | **School Council**  
May 27th  
7.30pm          |
| 8    | **June 3**<sup>rd</sup>  
Swimming Prep | **June 5**<sup>th</sup>  
ICAS Science  
Music Night  
Year 3-6  
Swimming Prep | **June 6**<sup>th</sup>  
RFL         | **June 7**<sup>th</sup>  
Year 6 Sport round  
5  
Disco (after school)  
Swimming Prep | **P&amp;F Meeting**  
June 12th  
7.00pm          |
| 9    | **June 10**<sup>th</sup>  
QUEEN'S  
BIRTHDAY  
Public Holiday | **June 11**<sup>th</sup>  
Year 5 and 6  
Author Visit       | **June 12**<sup>th</sup>  
Division Cross  
Country  
Parents and  
Friends  
Swimming Prep | **June 13**<sup>th</sup>  
RFL  
Night of the  
Notables       | **June 14**<sup>th</sup>  
Year 6 Sport round  
6  
Swimming Prep |                                |
| 10   | **June 17**<sup>th</sup>  
Planning Day  
Yr 5 and 6  
ICAS Writing  
School Council  
Swimming  
Yr 3 and 4 | **June 18**<sup>th</sup>  
Planning Day  
Year 1 and 2  
ICAS Spelling  
Swimming  
Yr 3 and 4 | **June 19**<sup>th</sup>  
SCIENCE DAY | **June 20**<sup>th</sup>  
Planning Day  
Year 3 and 4  
RFL  
Reach Rookies  
Year 6  
Swimming  
Yr 3 and 4 | **June 21**<sup>st</sup>  
Planning Day  
Preps  
Regional Cross  
Country  
Year 6 Sport Finals  
Swimming  
Yr 3 and 4 | **School Council**  
June 17th  
7.30pm          |
| 11   | **June 24**<sup>th</sup>  
Swimming  
Yr 3 and 4 | **June 25**<sup>th</sup>  
Swimming  
Yr 3 and 4 | **June 26**<sup>th</sup>  
Year 6 Sports  
Final  
Swimming  
Yr 3 and 4 | **June 27**<sup>th</sup>  
RFL  
Swimming  
Yr 3 and 4 | **June 28**<sup>th</sup>  
Hot Dog Lunch  
Out of Uniform Day |                                |

Where Planning Days are indicated children are still expected to attend school. On these days the Specialist Timetable will be changed to accommodate class teachers planning together.