NEWSLETTER No 9    THURSDAY, 18 APRIL 2013

SCHOOL PHOTOS
NEXT WEDNESDAY, 24th APRIL

From the Principal...

WELCOME BACK
The term has started smoothly with students quickly settling back into the school routine. We would also like to welcome seven new students to our school and hope you are enjoying your new school. I hope that all members of the school community enjoyed the school break. I look forward to a positive and productive term for all students at Mount Waverley.

PREP ENROLMENT PROCESS
The Prep enrolment process is now open for the 2014 school year. Children who will be turning five years of age by 30th April 2014 are eligible for enrolment in Victorian Government Schools. Please note that Mount Waverley now has acceptance restrictions related to enrolment based on home address location. Please contact the General Office if you require further information. Applications other than sibling based applications will require proof of address. All applications should be accompanied by a copy of your child’s Birth Certificate (or Passport/Visa), together with your child’s Immunisation Record. The immunisation record can be supplied later in the year if your child has not yet completed the normal immunisation program. Please complete an enrolment form at your earliest convenience to assist the school with planning for the coming school year.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos will be taken next Wednesday 24th April. Parents are reminded that it is important to have your children at school on this day to ensure that they are included in class photos. Information / payment packs have been sent home regarding the ordering process for class, family and individual photos. Please ensure that students wear the correct school uniform on Wednesday and that all students are punctual to ensure that the process can be completed with minimal disruption. Please note that family photos will not be taken on this day – please see inside this newsletter for more information.

NAPLAN TESTING
The 2013 NAPLAN testing program will begin on the 14th May and will conclude on the 16th May. The National Testing Program targets Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 in a number of core curriculum areas. This testing process establishes benchmark data against which both individual and school performance can be assessed. More detailed information about the testing process will be published shortly. Test dates are:

- 14th May - Language Conventions & Writing Tests
- 15th May - Reading Tests
- 16th May - Numeracy Tests

SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM
Each year Government schools produce an Annual Report for members of the school community. The report is compiled according to departmental guidelines and covers the key aspects of the school’s operations. Parents will be notified shortly of the availability of the report and how to access it via a link on the school website. Questions related to the report will be addressed at the AGM, which will be held at the School Council meeting to be held in May.

Trevor Saunders
IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

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YOU CAN DO IT CHAMPION!

JOSHUA O
In 2C, is our “You Can Do It Champion of the Week”
For “Resilience”
Congratulations Joshua!

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - Important Information

Thank you to the many families that receive this newsletter via their email address or read a copy from our school website – it is a great time saver and wonderful for our environment.

If you need to send a reply slip back to school that has been inserted in the Newsletter (and doesn’t require a payment with it) and you don’t have a printer, just EMAIL the completed reply slip back to the sender* and we will pass it on to the appropriate area.

Don’t forget that if you are having trouble accessing your emailed newsletter, HARD COPIES are always available from outside the General Office window or you could simply request to receive one.

*(copeland.anne.r@edumail.vic.gov.au)

“THE MESSENGER” - helping EVERYONE to keep up-to-date with all the school news!

SCHOOL PHOTOS – NEXT WEDNESDAY

School photo envelopes were sent home on Monday to all students. If you would like to order a photo of your child/children, please complete the details on the outside of the order envelope and either return to your class teacher, or bring it along on WEDNESDAY, 24th APRIL* when the photographs will be taken by the Advanced Life photography company. Please ensure your children are wearing MWPS appropriate, clean school uniform.

*NB Sorry the office is NOT ABLE TO GIVE CHANGE ON THE DAY.

FAMILY (Sibling) PHOTOS

If you wish to have a family photo taken (only students in the family attending this school), SIBLING PHOTO ENVELOPES are now available from the General Office. Please note that these family photos will be taken on a different day – MONDAY 27th MAY, 2013

ANZAC DONATIONS

Anzac badges and wristbands are now being sold during school hours.
Prices range between $2 - $5. Student representatives will be visiting classrooms during the week if you would like your child to purchase one.
PARENT WORKSHOPS AT MT Waverley PS
As part of our Community Engagement, we will be having different workshops on offer for parents. The workshops will be run AFTER school hours by parents from our school at no cost. We will be asking for expressions of interest for each workshop to determine the viability in running them.

Our first three workshops on offer are Bollywood Dancing which will run over four weeks, Computer Fundamentals for a two hour session and a Basic Computer Skills workshop for two sessions. If you are interested in learning this fun style of dancing or having questions answered, like what does RAM and 64 bit mean or learn about word, emailing and other basic skills, please contact the Assistant Principal, Lynn Ordish by Friday, 26th April. (ordish.lynn.l@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Other possible workshops topics are Resume Writing, Sewing, Yoga/Henna Painting, Face Painting, Book-keeping and more.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
We are looking for some fresh faces to be part of the Education Sub Committee. Education Committee meets once a month on Mondays before School Council. There will be two major areas that Education Committee will be looking at in 2013, school policy development and the implementation of 1:1 Laptops. If you wish to be involved in these processes please email Mark McKelson, Mckelson.mark.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

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 of 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.)

MATHLETICS CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to 1A and 6B on being awarded the trophy in recognition for achieving the greatest number of certificates in their respective divisions last term! Congratulations also to the following students who attained silver and gold certificates in recent weeks!


GOLD Aryan B, Liam M, Matthew W, Mirae S, Minwu H, Matthew L, Rachael L, Oliver C, Alanna M

FROM THE SPORTS DESK....
District Tennis
Congratulations to Ella H (4B) for finishing first at the Mulgrave District Tennis Day yesterday. Ella displayed an outstanding attitude and skill level to beat many opponents much older than her. She will now represent the District at the Division event to be held next week. Congratulations also to our other students for their efforts: Sean F (3rd), Nethmi N (4th), Mineth N (5th), Dylan D (6th) & Haleema S (8th). Well done to all these future stars!
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Booklets have gone home today with every child. If you would like to order a book from our Book Club, please put your order inside a clearly labelled envelope and return to the General Office Letterbox by NEXT FRIDAY, 26th APRIL.

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALE
The first sale for the term of second hand uniforms will be held next Monday 22nd April 8:50-9:15am and again that afternoon 2:50-3:15pm, weather permitting. Items range from $1-$5 and as we are unable to change large denominations, please bring small coins. We are located behind the basketball courts and volunteers are most welcome. For new parents or for emergencies please contact me 0409-706281. Hope to see you there.

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Mechelle, Coordinator second hand uniforms.

EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS
On the last day of Term 1, we drew the winners of our Easter Raffle. We raised a fabulous total of $1408.10. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and also to Sarah Brown and the MWPS Parents & Friends group for organising this event.

1st Prize – Mannan Family
2nd Prize – Mlinar Family
3rd Prize – Nathan (6B)
4th Prize – Groves Family

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
Entertainment Books will be sent home to families on Wednesday, 24th April (unless you requested not to receive one) for families to have a browse through for a week. Inside the book you’ll find hundreds of vouchers with 50% off, 25% off and 2 for 1 offers from restaurants, fine & casual dining, cafes, movie cinemas, family holidays, attractions and lots more. This book is valid from now until June 2014. Books or money, if parents choose to buy it, will need to be returned by 30th April, 2013.

Cost of the book is still $65, with the school receiving $13 profit per book sold. Remember, you only need to use the book twice to get the value of money spent. Any other vouchers used afterwards is a savings bonus! If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Rosy on 0418519902 or crlinden@optusnet.com.au

MOTHER’S DAY STALL AT BUNNINGS
ATTENTION ALL PARENTS……..WE NEED YOU!
MWPS are holding a Mother’s Day Cake Stall at Bunnings on Saturday 11th May. SAVE THE DATE. We would love it if everyone could bake a little something. If you are interested in lending a hand on the day please email Annelies Oakford on haalbers@bigpond.com. Any help would be appreciated. More details will come to hand next week……SO Watch THIS SPACE.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN CAMPAIGN
It’s back! Help MWPS receive many valuable resources for our school. Collect as many stickers as you can from the checkout operator when you purchase goods from Woolworths. Just stick the stickers on the sticker sheet* and drop off your Earn & Learn completed sheet in the green box outside the General Office.

*Sticker Sheets are available from school and are located next to the green Earn & Learn box located near the General Office letterbox.

PRIMARY SCHOOL WEAR (PSW)
Our local school uniform supplier would like to inform our school community of a change of trading hours. From Monday, 29th April, new trading hours will apply:
Sunday & Monday CLOSED, Tues – Fri 8.30am-5pm, Saturday 8.30am-2.00pm
CHESS CLASSES – Term 2 Chess classes will be commencing next Tuesday lunchtime at school. Applications are now available on the display stand outside the General Office.

KELLY SPORTS – SENSATIONAL AUTUMN SPORTS. Application forms are now available from the stand outside the General Office. This program is held at school on Tuesdays from the 30th April for Prep – Yr 4 students. The children will partake in a variety of sports including tennis, basketball, soccer, AFL and netball.

PINEWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE – SATURDAY 4th MAY 10AM-3PM. Rides, games, hot food, stalls, auction and live entertainment.

FOSTER CARER – Become a Foster Carer to help kids achieve their dreams. A warm bed, home cooked meal and your care could be the greatest gift you could offer. Anglicare is holding an information session on Tuesday, 23rd April, 7.30-8.30pm at the Mt Waverley Youth Centre, 45 Miller Cres, Mt Waverley. To register call 1300 889 335 or email: fostercare.eastern@anglicarevic.org.au

Simple, Sensitive, Straight Forward Education in Human Sexuality

40,000 young people and their families participate in Family Life sexuality education programs every year. These programs emphasise the importance of the family.

Trained, experienced educators conduct programs that support parents in helping their children learn.

Session 1: Body Basics
Recommended for Years 1 & 2
- discussion about different types of families
- male and female differences
- names of body parts
- pregnancy and birth

Time: 5.45pm–6.45pm

Session 2: Where Did I Come From?
Recommended for Years 3 & 4
- discussion about family relationships
- male and female body similarities and differences
- conception
- foetal development and birth

Time: 7.00pm–8.00pm

Session 3: Puberty Clues
Recommended for Years 5 & 6
- helps prepare young people and families for the physical changes of puberty
- discussion about emotional changes of puberty
- periods and sperm production are explained

Time: 8.15pm–9.15pm

Where: Mt Waverley Primary School
When: Thursday, May 9, 2013

Cost: Admission $25 per family (For 1, 2 or all 3 sessions)

FAMILY LIFE VICTORIA

Please enclose this slip with correct money in a clearly labeled envelope and return to the General Office Letterbox no later than Wednesday, 1st May 2013

FAMILY NAME: ___________________ We will be attending: ☐ Session 1
☐ Session 2
☐ Session 3

Cash or Cheque- made payable to “FAMILY LIFE” (NOT Mt Waverley Primary)

THRASS PARENT SESSION

Please return to the General Office RED Letterbox no later than TOMORROW

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

STUDENT’S NAME: ___________________ Class: ________

PARENT’S NAME: ___________________ No. of people attending? ________