**WELCOME BACK**

Welcome everyone to the 2014 school year. We have had an outstanding start to the year and I would like to thank the staff for their extensive holiday preparation, the students for their willingness to get straight down to work and the parents for assisting in having the children so well organised and ready for school. This is a promising start for a year of what we plan to be exceptional achievement. I have been the Principal of a number of schools in Victoria and also the Victorian school in Dubai and I am delighted to be given the opportunity to be the Acting Principal of Mount Waverley Primary School. I’m looking forward to an amazing year at MWPS.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

The first two days of the school year are always targeted for professional development for the teachers. We have all completed a course on Sentral, one of the most widely used learning and student management software systems in Australian schools. It provides a simple, comprehensive web-based environment for the management, tracking and reporting of data in all key areas in the school. We have also reviewed the School Strategic Plan 2013-2016 and discussed the vision for Literacy, Numeracy, Sustainability and have started planning the review of our Inquiry Curriculum with consultant, Kim Blackmore. In the newsletter this week Lesyal Richards, our Literacy Leader, has outlined the vision for Literacy this year at MWPS. Our goal is to have a comprehensive and consistent approach to Literacy across the whole school. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact her.

**COMMUNICATION**

Our school newsletter is produced each Wednesday and sent home to families on Thursdays. We encourage families, if you have not done so already, to advise the school office of your email address, so that we can email the newsletter on Thursday, and save paper. The newsletter is also placed on our school website. A term calendar of school events is available from our school website on our parents’ page.

Parents are welcome to make an appointment with their child’s teacher where needed to discuss any areas of concern throughout the year. Please be mindful that teachers attend team meetings, professional development workshops and planning and preparation work before and after school therefore in order to get the full benefit of a discussion with a teacher, it is best to make an appointment a couple of days in advance.

**HOT WEATHER**

We have a comprehensive set of procedures in place for when the weather is very hot or extreme. Students are brought inside to the classrooms at recess and lunch times during periods of ‘wild’, wet or very hot weather. We also encourage all students to drink water and to have a plastic, not glass, water bottle with them in class. Fresh fruit is always a good choice as students are

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allowed to snack on fruit and vegetables during class times or short ‘brain food’ breaks. Please remember that school broad brimmed hats must be worn when students are playing outside and the use of sunscreen is encouraged.

LEARNING COMMUNITY
At the beginning of the year all classes will be establishing the norms and consequences in their classrooms. This is an important program of creating a happy, safe and engaging learning environment. We work on building relationships within each class, getting to know one another and learning social skills whilst enjoying special activities.

Mount Waverley is an amazing learning community and so it is of course necessary to introduce to all our very talented teams.

**Leadership Team**: Mary Azer, Lynn Ordish, Leasyl Richards, Danielle Bonacci, Erin Harman

**Support Team**: Christine Priddle, Anne Copeland, Lynn Norman, Wendy Sim, Elizabeth Beyer, Sue Pugliese, Sue Watt

**Specialist Team**: Jacqueline Griffeth, Jen Dynan, Cassie Kemp, Debbi Bailey, Ayako Kumakura, James Macaulay, Merryn Ashcroft, Sue Kannegeisser, Amanda Newcombe, Lyvia Knee, Julie Taylor, Ellen Bellin, Melilissa Prantzos

**Prep Team**: Megan Scane, Sheree Hack, Ingrid Noblett, Alison Wilcox, Cathy Rodgers

**Year 1 Team**: Leigh Woods, Pam Winston, Leasly Richards, Danielle Peters, Kate Orr

**Year 2 Team**: Jo Miles, Natasha Gangell, Sarah Orme, Ellen Combe, Shareen Same

**Year 3 Team**: Giulia Bulled, Christina Karouzakis, Robyn Knight, Danielle Bonacci

**Year 4 Team**: Chris Parker, Nick Barraclough, Symone Tonkin, Emma Kyriacou, Lisa Ager (3/4Y)

**Year 5 Team**: Loretta Leary, Courtney Chan, Elise Kelly, Wendy Ball

**Year 6 Team**: Shauna Sahadeo, Chris Low, Erin Harman, Tom Boyle, Brad Rooks

**ICT Technician**: Justin Simmonds / **Maintenance**: Ralph

**COFFEE AND CHAT MORNING**
After assembly next Monday 10 February parents are invited to the staffroom for a coffee and chat morning. I’m looking forward to meeting you there, so drop in and say hello. If you would like to contact me please email azer.mary.l@edumail.vic.gov.au or contact the office to make an appointment.

*Have a Wonderful Week of Learning*  
*Mary Azer*

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**NEWSLETTER COPY REMINDER**
The Newsletter will be sent home as a hard copy to ensure ALL families receive their first few copies for 2014 until our email data base is updated. If you would like to receive this Newsletter via email and you didn’t receive it last year this way, go to our website at [www.mountwaverleyys.vic.edu.au](http://www.mountwaverleyys.vic.edu.au) and complete the ‘SUBSCRIBE TO NEWSLETTER’ section on the front page.

**REQUEST FOR A HARD COPY**—if you do not have an email address and would like to receive a hard copy, please complete the form that was sent home last week. We MUST RECEIVE IT NO LATER THAN Monday 10th February.

**PAYMENT REMINDERS.....**
- **2014 SCHOOL ACCOUNTS** due 26/2/14
- **EMA APPLICATIONS** close 28/2/14
- **YEAR 5 2014 CAMP**
- **YEAR 4 2014 CAMP**
- **YEAR 6 SUMMER SPORT**

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**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ACCESS**
Please be mindful in the mornings and afternoons, that it gets very busy in the General Office. If you don’t have any pressing matters in the office, we would appreciate it if you would **walk around the outside of the Administration Building** at all times. Thank you.

**WHY WAIT AT THE OFFICE?**
If you have anything that is required to be delivered to the General Office and you don’t have time to wait, you are more than welcome to drop it in our **RED OFFICE LETTERBOX** located near the Staffroom entrance in the Administration building. Please note that any notices, payments etc should be given to the class teacher at 9.00am.

**STAFF CAR PARKS**
Note that both school car parks (Park Lane and Toirram Rd entrances) are for **STAFF ONLY** at ALL TIMES.

**TOIRRAM ROAD STAFF CAR PARK**
It has been recently observed that parents are walking children through this car park. Please walk on the footpaths provided on either side of this car park for everyone’s safety. Thank you.

**SCHOOL CROSSINGS**
Please note that school crossings are in place for a reason. Both adults and children should be using the crossings provided. Please teach your children good safety habits.

**ABSENCE NOTES**
Included in this copy of the Newsletter is our copy of our Absence Notes form for you to use throughout the year. Spare copies are available from the foyer in the General Office or can be downloaded from our website.

**LOST NOTICES**
To help save our valuable resources and interruptions at the office, you can locate most school notices on our website. Just print off a copy at home!
MOBILE PHONE PERMISSION
If your child has to bring a mobile phone to school, they MUST complete a Mobile Phone Permission form available from the foyer of the General Office area or download one from our school website. Mobile phones are to be given to the teacher in the morning and students can collect it at the end of the school day only.

INCORRECT SCHOOL HATS
We have seen quite a number of students wearing incorrect school hats. The office school hat MUST be maroon broad rimmed—sorry, NO legionnaires, baseball or bucket hats please. We would appreciate if your child could wear the correct school uniform at all times. Thank you.

SORRY—NO DOGS ALLOWED
Parents are asked not to bring dogs into the school yard at the start or end of the school day. If the past we have had several instances of dogs, even on leashes, biting children. Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY
The school recognises the need to provide and maintain a safe environment for our students, teachers, parents and visitors. To further develop our strategies to maintain a safe environment, several initiatives are in place. The first is a ‘Parent Involvement Log’ housed near to the door in every classroom. These logs are for recording the names of all parent helpers with details of their involvement in class activities as they enter and leave the classrooms. All classroom helpers are asked to use the log as a matter of course. Logs are also kept by specialist teachers and need to be completed accordingly. The second initiative is the provision of a ‘Hazard Alert Register’. This is kept in the General Office for the use of parents and others to report any potential hazards.

Christopher Parker, Occupational Health and Safety Representative and Lynn Ordish, Assistant Principal

TOE BY TOE PROGRAM
Could all 2013 volunteers for Toe by Toe please notify Lynn Ordish if you are interested in participating in the program this year. Also if there are any parents that are interested in volunteering in helping students with reading this year, please let Lynn know as soon as possible so we can train you in Toe by Toe Program.

OSH (Out of School Hours Care Program)
Reminder..... Could parents please pay any outstanding OSH invoices from the last 2 weeks of Term 4 2013 and also any invoices from the Vacation Care program which was held in January.

Please try and keep on top of all payments to save your account growing! Thank you.

Helen McLean, Co-ordinator

LUNCH ORDERS –RETURN MONDAY
MISS PEPPERCORN lunch orders will resume on Monday, 10th February. Lunches can ONLY be ordered online and are available on a MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY. If you haven’t ordered a lunch with Miss Peppercorn before, you must Register first to create your account then log into the website at any time to place an order up until 9.15am on the day of the order. Lunches are placed in class baskets that are delivered to the classroom. Go to:

www.misspeppercorn.com.au
For further assistance or queries, contact 1300 361 769 or 9899-2454
email: lunchorders@misspeppercorn.com.au

LIBRARY NEWS
We’re off with a running start in library this term with not one but TWO author visits coming up! Lucky Year 5 students are heading off on the 28th February to meet British author of the Tom Gates series Liz Pichon, who is embarking on her first tour of Australia starting in Melbourne. Already EVERY Tom Gates book is out on loan and on reserve and we are very excited to meet the writer. Later, on March 21st, Australian author John Heffernan is in Melbourne for the launch of his new book Naveed, which is the third in the new series, Through my Eyes. This book is for our older students but John has written picture books and easier fiction too, and will be meeting the Year 1 & 2 children to talk about picture books and running writing workshops with the Years 3 & 4 students. With Years 5 & 6 he will share his new book, and if the response to Shahana last year is any measure, we will need a lot of copies once Naveed becomes available!

Look out for information to come about the Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge, and the Scholastic Book Fair, which is early next term.

Don’t forget the library is open before and after school, so feel free to come and read with your children and help them to borrow, and choose extra books to read to any little ones at home, as this makes a huge difference to their reading at school.

Jacqueline Griffeth, Teacher Librarian
OUR 2014 SCHOOL TEAMS

Leadership Team

Administration

Prep Team

Year 1 Team

Year 2 Team

Year 3 Team

Year 4 Team

Year 5 Team

Year 6 Team

Specialist Team

Absent:
Natasha Gangell
Julie Taylor
Lyvia Knee
Ellen Beilin
Merryn Ashcroft
Amanda Newcombe
Jen Dynan
Cathy Rodgers
SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Welcome back, the first sale for the second hand uniforms will be Monday 10th February, from 9am for 30 minutes in the foyer of the hall.

Prices range from $1-$8 (although ALL WINTER STOCK is going out for $5!) so please bring small denominations as we are unable to change large notes. Volunteers are most welcome.

If you have any items please label them "second hand uniforms" and leave them at the Office.

Thanks,

Mechelle G, Coordinator

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E.M.A.

( Education Maintenance Allowance)

If you have a Health Care/Pension card, you may be eligible to receive financial support for your child’s 2014 school account. Applications are available from the General Office. A copy of your card will be taken at the time of application. EMA applications close on Friday 28 February 2014.

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TIOBIZ

MWPS is using an ‘APP’ to communicate with you! We can now send instant messages, notices and reminders from school. Available for Apple, Android & PC. A flyer will be sent home with your eldest child within the next couple of days explaining this easy and very useful program.

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PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

A letter personally addressed to parents will be sent home with your eldest child next week. Every family has their own PERSONAL CODE to access our new ‘SENTRAL’ system. All details are explained in this letter and on the reverse side there is information about our forthcoming Parent/Teacher Conference day being held on Thursday 20 February 2014 and HOW TO BOOK AN INTERVIEW TIME.

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Attention: MWPS Parents, Guardians and Friends

You are invited to our next

PARENT’S & FRIENDS MEETING

Wednesday 12 February 2014

7:00pm – 8:30pm

In the MWPS Staff Room

What is MWPS Parents and Friends (P&F)?

MWPS P&F is the fundraising and community parent group within our Mount Waverley Primary School.

Our fundraising efforts are focused on outfitting school facilities with additional learning aids and equipment, in order to give our children the best possible education and start in life.

During the past few years we have assisted in funding the Interactive Whiteboards, Air Conditioning in the Senior Learning Centre, Returfing of the Oval, New Library Borrowing Computer Program, just to name a few.

P&F meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm-8:30pm during school terms.

All MWPS parents are automatically members and are welcome to attend some or all meetings.

You do not have to hold a position on the P&F committee – just come along and share your ideas with other MWPS parents.

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onPsych

onPsych are a team of fully qualified, registered psychologists who specialise in child and adolescent services. We work with individuals or in groups, with students and parents on the school grounds. Services are performed at no cost to the school, student or parent. For more information, please contact Lynn Ordish.
ONLINE MUSIC SOLUTIONS – Lessons in keyboard, guitar, drums, strings and woodwind are once again on offer this year. Instruments are available for hire or purchase. Students wishing to participate in any of these programs will need to collect an enrolment forms near the General Office, have a parent fill it in and either leave it at the office or post it directly to Online Music Solutions. Information about the programs may be found on the reverse side of the enrolment forms or visit www.musiclessonvideos.net. All families will be contacted directly prior to the lesson commencement date to confirm the lesson time and details.

NB - Students from 2013 will need to re-enrol to continue in 2014. All enquiries to 9874-6667 or email oms@bigpond.net.au

DARK HORSE CHESS CLUB – Flyers are now available in the foyer of the General Office for students wishing to join the Dark Horse Chess Club that is held at this school on Tuesday lunchtimes. Lessons commence this Tuesday, 11 February. Please ensure all payments are given directly to the Chess instructors on the day and NOT to the General Office.

LION BUSHIDO KARATE ACADEMY – Not just a sport but a way of life. Training for beginners to advanced, all ages, male and female. Fully qualified and experienced instructors. Confidence, Discipline, Self Defence, Sport, and Fitness. Lessons held on Thursdays at Essex Heights PS & Fridays at St Leonards PS, Glen Waverley. First lesson is FREE. Contact 9887-4098 or visit www.lionbushido.com

CHARLESWORTH WALSH DANCE ACADEMY – Introduce your child to the magic of dance. We can help develop your child’s potential in Classical Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Song & Dance & Kindy Dance. Held at St Johns Uniting Church, Virginia Street Mt Waverley on Tues, Wed & Sat. We teach your child the fun and beauty of dance, building their self-esteem and confidence. Visit www.cwdance.com.au or call 9807-2608 or 03 59773389.

MT WEVERLEY NETBALL CLUB – Girls interested in playing netball for Mt Waverley Netball Club can register for the Winter season this Saturday, 8 February at Mt Waverley Primary School between 11am-1pm on the netball courts. For further information, contact Jennifer on 9807-4045.

HOT SHOTS TENNIS OPEN DAY – this Sunday 9 February 1.30pm-4pm at Mayfield Park Tennis Club, 34 Mayfield Drive, Mt Waverley. Receive a FREE MLC Hot Shot T-shirt and backpack. And 1 FREE lesson for anyone attending the Open Day and booking coaching for the remainder of this term before 14 February. For each child that registers, Tennis Australia will donate $2 to our school to purchase more tennis equipment. If you registered last year, you can register again to receive the new t-shirt for this year. Just go to hotshots.tennis.com.au/claim fill in your details and select Mt Waverley PS as your centre and your t-shirt will be delivered to school free.

Waverley Victory Football Club (soccer). For girls and boys. Registration on this Sunday 9 February 10am-2pm at Brandon Park Reserve, 659 Ferntree Gully Rd, Glen Waverley. Free sausage sizzle! For further information, go to www.waverleyvictory.com.au

Waverley Blues Football Club – Register online at http:// surveymonkey.com/s/waverleyblues. All registration enquiries to Jenny 0409-213-044 or Cathy 0419-365-060 or visit www.waverleyblues.com.au

Waverley Basketball Club – Winter Registration Day, Saturday 8 February 8.30am-1.30pm, Jells Park PS Gym, Homestead Drive, Wheelers Hill.

Syndal South/Waverley Blues Auskick – Charles Street, Mt Waverley. Visit www.aflauskick.com.au and select Syndal/Waverley Blues to register. After registering online, you can pick up your Auskick backpacks at the ground on 29 March 9am-11am. Please bring printout of your online payment receipt and registration form. Season commences on Saturday 5 April 2014.

Eastern Lions Soccer Club—Small sided outdoor soccer. Girls and Boys 4-7yrs. Sunday morning program 10am-11.15am Gardiners Creek Reserve, Sixth Ave, Burwood. Register online at www.easternlions.com.au


1st West Waverley Scout Group—2014 Enrolments now open. Fun, adventure and challenge for girls and boys aged 6-17yrs. Contact Group Leader Paul on 0438-357-598