PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

SCHOOL COUNCIL
On Wednesday we sent a notice home to all families calling for nominations for School Council. Nomination forms are available from the School Office. This election will have four vacancies to fill the Parent Representatives category. Interested members of the School Community may either self-nominate or nominate another member of the School Community to stand for election to School Council. The timeline below is part of the ‘Notice of Election’.

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<td>Wed 12 Feb</td>
<td>Notice home- Call for nominations and Notice of Election</td>
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<td>Nomination forms available at office</td>
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<td>Wed 19 Feb</td>
<td>Completed nomination forms delivered to the Principal</td>
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<td>Nominations close 4:00pm</td>
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<td>If the number of nominations is equal to the number of vacancies there will not be a vote and ballot.</td>
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<td>Fri 21 Feb</td>
<td>The Principal will display names of the candidates, their nominations and seconders, and take appropriate steps to either commence the ballot process if needed, declare candidates elected, or call for further nominations.</td>
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<td>If the number of nominations is more than required, steps will be taken to commence the ballot requirements.</td>
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<td>Fri 28 Feb</td>
<td>If needed ballot papers prepared and distributed</td>
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<td>Thu 6 Mar</td>
<td>Ballots close 4:00pm, votes counted and ballot declared and all candidates contacted</td>
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<td>Mon 24 Mar</td>
<td>First meeting of new School Council, AGM 7:30pm in the Conference Room.</td>
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SUPERVISION TIMES
Yard duty supervision is from 8:45 am to 9:00 am in the morning and from 3:30 pm to 3:45 pm in the afternoon. Please make sure that children are not in the yard outside these times. Our Out of School Hours Care program is conducted from 7:30am to 8:45am and 3:30pm to 6:30pm if you require assistance in this area. Please contact the OSHC coordinator to arrange for your child to attend this program if you need it.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
It has been wonderful meeting so many parents at Parent Information night, Monday Assembly and at the Parents and Friends meeting. Our parent teacher evenings next week are an essential component of our reporting process and we firmly believe that regular face to face discussion is extremely important in the education of your child. Next week parents are invited to meet with their child’s teacher to determine academic and social goals for their child/children. The purpose of the meeting is for parents to meet teachers individually to share information about their child’s learning needs, and for your child and their teacher to share and discuss the potential learning goals.

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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**

**SCHOOL TIMES**

It is important to note the following times for our school day. Three minutes prior to bells that indicate classes are about to commence, – music is played. (Start of day, end of recess, end of lunch) We would really appreciate parents’ cooperation in getting children to school on time. Developing a routine for school days is really important as the children not only receive their full requirement of instruction time, but disruption to the class and at the Office is significantly reduced.

- 8:50am  Students can take bags into classrooms, set up their books
- 8:57am  Music
- 9:00am  Morning session of learning commences
- 11:00am  Recess
- 11:27am  Music - students should line up for class
- 11:30am  End of recess – next session of learning
- 1:30pm  Lunch
- 1:40pm  Lunch play commences
- 2:27pm  Music – students should line up for class
- 2:30pm  Next session of learning
- 3:30pm  End of day dismissal

**SCHOOL ACCOUNTS**

Thank you to the many families that have paid their 2014 School Accounts. Please note that these accounts should be paid by **Wednesday 26th February**. If you have not paid the Excursion Levy by the 26th February, any excursions will have to be paid for as they arise.

Have a great week of learning,  **Mary Azer**

**VERY IMPORTANT**

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Due to technical difficulties, some families are having problems logging on or booking a time through our new Sentral site. We have decided to start over again, so all booked interview times that have been made have now been CANCELLED. A notice will be sent home today with every child with updated information.

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**From the Assistant Principal**

Welcome back to a new and exciting year!

For our Parent/Teacher Interviews this year we will be conducting a getting to know you session. A questionnaire went out today for you to fill in and bring with you to the session. This time will be invaluable for both you and the teacher in passing on important information about you child. Please ensure the questions are answered in readiness for the night!

对于家长和教师面谈, 今年我们将进行一个结识你的会话。一份调查问卷今天会出去, 请您填写后并携带去您的会话。这是一个非常宝贵的机会， 因为您可以传授给教师有关您孩子的重要信息。那天晚上之前请确您已经回答问卷上的问题！

I have been notified that we have some issues dropping of students in the morning. Please do not stop on corners to drop your children off. They are running in front of cars and we must consider their safety at all times. Also note that the staff car parks are not drop off and pick up zones.

我已经得到通知，我们有一些问题，在上午下探的学生。请不要在角落停下来放弃您的孩子。他们运行在车前，我们必须考虑其安全性在任何时候。也请注意, 工作人员的停车场和拿起区不许学生。

Parents and Friends commenced last night with a fun and productive evening. We have some exciting events happening that we would love for you to attend. If at any time you would like to come to a Parents and Friends meeting you are more than welcome. Dates are always advertised in the newsletter.

Looking forward to keeping you updated each week.

**Lynn Ordish**
**Credit Card Charge Review**

After trialling a 1.5% charge on credit card transactions for school payments last year (fees, camps, OSH etc), School Council have made a decision to charge only two flat rates. The new charges are as follows:

- $1.00 for transactions between $1 - $199.00
- $2.00 for transactions $200.00 plus

**TISSUES**

Each semester we request that EVERY student bring to school a LARGE box of TISSUES for use in the classroom. If you see any on special, we’d love a few extra boxes for our Specialist Teachers—just leave them at the Office. Thank you.

**OSHC (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.

**E.M.A.**

(Revised 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.

**Numeracy**

2014 continues to be an exciting and time of development in Numeracy at Mount Waverley Primary School. As a school we are moving forward to develop a consistent approach towards Numeracy across all school levels. A greater emphasis will be placed on developing common language and open ended strategies to improve the critical thinking of our students, empowering them to become effective numerate individuals. Through Professional Development, staff will continue to be supported to implement an effective classroom Numeracy program.

At Mount Waverley Primary School we will continue to broaden a Numeracy program beyond the classroom through programs such as Mathletics, ICAS and the Australian Maths Competition, Maths Olympiad, the Prep to 2 Family Maths Bags and Family Nights.

With the support of the Parents and Friends Association we have been able to secure funding to create a wonderful Maths Garden that will further enhance student learning in Numeracy. Hopefully this will be completed by Mid 2014.

**APP OF THE WEEK**

If you are interested in the Winter Olympics, this is one of many apps that might help you keep up to date!

Have you downloaded Tiqbiz to keep up to date with notice, messages and the school calendar? Windows phone version coming soon!

**TWILIGHT SPORTS SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

Wednesday 26th February 2014

Parents help is required for this year’s Twilight Sports sausage sizzle. This is always a very popular event in the school calendar, but the sausage sizzle doesn’t just happen without the help of plenty of parents to setup, cook, serve and pack up once the event has finished. Setup will commence at 4pm, with the sausage sizzle finishing at 7pm. If you are able to assist on the evening please contact Dan Fitzgerald on 0419680099 or email dan@fourthwavewine.com.au with the time you are available to assist.

PLEASE HELP and don’t just leave it to our ‘regular’ assistants—we’d love to see some new faces and it’s a great way to make new friends.

**Congratulations to the following students who attained Silver and Gold Certificates in recent weeks!**

**GOLD**


**SILVER**

As you may know, Mount Waverley Primary School has had a successful and invaluable recycling program running for a number of years. Excess water is being collected and distributed to the gardens successfully. The worm scraps and bottles and cans have been collected from rooms on a daily basis (when practicable) and paper and cardboard has been collected on a weekly basis. Printer cartridges, mobile phones and batteries are also recycled.

Please be vigilant when you or your children are placing rubbish into bins, just as you do at home. Littering and pollution are one of the main causes of habitat destruction and biodiversity damage. Your co-operation and active assistance with these things will help the environment immensely. Any parents/guardians with expertise in these areas, who wish to offer their assistance, would be greatly appreciated. Any parent that would like to assist the Senior Environment Team on Thursdays at lunchtime in the permaculture garden, please let me know!

Every year each school in Victoria produces enough waste to fill the MCG. Because of our commitment to reducing waste we have reduced our waste to landfill by 75%, so we now only fill ¼ of the MCG! As part of our school’s Sustainable Environment policy we have implemented a Bring It In Take It Home program. The guidelines for this program are as follows:

**BRING IT IN – TAKE IT HOME PROGRAM & RUBBISH FREE LUNCH DAYS**

Food wrappings **must not** be taken out into the yard.
Food wrappings **must be** taken home.
Food may be consumed outside but wrappings are to be removed first.
Brain food is to be encouraged in class.

Students are to be given 5 mins before recess and 10 mins before lunch to consume food.
These points apply to snacks and lunch food, including lunch orders and Subway orders (although now SUBWAY has agreed to take their rubbish back to the company.....a small win for our Rubbish Free community).

Official Rubbish Free Lunch days will be held weekly on THURSDAYS (but everyday is a rubbish free lunch day).
All classes will participate and the number of rubbish free lunches are recorded and sent to co-ordinator of program.
Results of classes are tallied and published in school newsletter.
Winning junior, middle and senior classes will be announced at Assembly and awarded the trophy and certificate.
Winning class will receive 15mins extra recess. Class teacher will supervise class during this “free time”.

**HELPING OUT OUR WILDLIFE DURING THE HOT WEATHER**

During times of very hot weather, our animals also suffer from the heat. YOU CAN HELP! Just place shallow bowls of water in your garden for thirsty wildlife to drink from and bathe in. Also place a rock or some pebbles and a stick in there for small critters to use as a ladder to get in and out of the bowls.

How to spot a heat stressed animal?
Heat stressed animals will appear lethargic, unresponsive or confused.
Birds may pant with their mouths open and hold wings out.
Possums and koalas may come down to the ground seeking water during daylight hours.
In serious cases, animals may present convulsing or unconsciousness.
If you find any wildlife that you think may be suffering from heat stress, or from any other problem (dog/cat attack, car accident, abandoned or orphaned), you can register the problem online at [http://www.wildlifvictoria.org.au/wildlife-victoriarescue](http://www.wildlifvictoria.org.au/wildlife-victoriarescue) or call 13 000 94535 (1300wildlife) and we will send a trained volunteer as soon as possible.

Thanking you on behalf of the children, the animals and the environment!

Loretta Leary, Environment Co-ordinator
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<td>Christine T for always using beautiful manners and being kind to her classmates. Well done Christine.</td>
<td>Ashkii S for always working quietly and trying his best when completing activities in the classroom. Well done Ashkii.</td>
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<td>PB</td>
<td>Mia M for having a positive attitude to school and always being willing to have a go. Well done Mia.</td>
<td>Annika L for writing an interesting sentence and drawing a detailed picture about our bubble blowing experience.</td>
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<td>PC</td>
<td>Harry C for the wonderful way he has settled into school. Harry is always willing to make interesting suggestions and is a great help when packing up. Well done.</td>
<td>Amabelle L for the enthusiasm she exhibits when tackling new tasks such as reading and writing. You are a star Amabelle!</td>
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<td>PD</td>
<td>Tia F for looking after your new friends so well and always having a lovely smile!</td>
<td>Ellie A for being so brave and confident with your first week at school. Well done.</td>
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<td>1A</td>
<td>Roger M for being such a responsible and reliable member of our class.</td>
<td>Ranush D for displaying maturity and dedication to his learning.</td>
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<td>1B</td>
<td>Ava B for being helpful and courteous to those around her and being willing to share with others.</td>
<td>Mark F for starting off the year in such a positive, motivated manner and putting in 100% to all set tasks.</td>
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<td>1C</td>
<td>Ji-Ni for taking time to get to know her new classmates. Ji-Ni has shown herself to be kind and caring.</td>
<td>Ben C for a fantastic start to the year. Ben has excellent learning habits – he is hard working and enjoys being challenged.</td>
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<td>2A</td>
<td>Julie T for demonstrating great organisational skills. She always has her books and pencils ready to start the day on time.</td>
<td>Matthew R for always concentrating well and working independently.</td>
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<td>2B</td>
<td>Laim S for displaying the characteristics of organisation and helping others in the class get organised. Well done.</td>
<td>Dinadi S for consistently creating amazing work in the classroom. Well done.</td>
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<td>2C</td>
<td>Xiaver Z for being a good citizen by helping others.</td>
<td>Lachlan B for putting lots of effort into improving his writing and getting some great results.</td>
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<td>2D</td>
<td>Ava R for being a polite and caring class member who always puts lots of effort into her work.</td>
<td>Edgar L for his lovely presentation of all written work. Your handwriting is neat and legible and a pleasure to read.</td>
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<td>2E</td>
<td>Maisie B for wanting to help and assist in the classroom. You are a real asset to the class. Thank you.</td>
<td>Ben A for your effort and persistence during handwriting lessons. You are showing great improvement. Well done and keep it up.</td>
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**CLAYTON STREET FESTIVAL**—Sunday 23 February, Clayton Road, Clayton 12noon-6pm. Stalls, stages, rides and activities. Featuring Hawkers Night Market, Haughton Road East Car park, 5pm-8pm. International food and entertainment.

**KINGSWOOD COLLEGE OPEN DAY**—Saturday 1st March 10-2pm. Girls and boys from Prep-Yr 12. Applications for Scholarships are now open for 2015 entry. Call 9896-1700 or visit www.kingswoodcollege.vic.edu.au

**ASHWOOD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB AND AUSKICK**—for more information about registration, go to https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regoform.cji?formID=26676. Any children U10 or U9 that wish to play, contact Dale Wain on 0419-166300 or visit www.junior.ashwoodfc.com.au

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