PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

TWILIGHT SPORTS
Although the weather was inclement there was nothing that could prevent Twilight Sports on Wednesday night. A huge thank you to Dan Fitzgerald and the Parents and Friends Association team for organising a yummy sausage sizzle for all to share. We appreciate immensely the parent support for this annual event. Thank you to Cassie Kemp, Julie Taylor and Merryn Ashcroft, our very talented sports team for their exceptional organisational skills and to all the teachers for leading all the sporting activities.

There is no doubt that parent support for, and involvement in, their children’s education is a critical factor in student engagement and achievement. International research has shown that parental engagement has a positive impact on many indicators of student achievement. These include: more regular school attendance, better social skills, improved behaviour, better adaptation to school, increased social capital, a greater sense of personal competence and efficacy for learning, greater engagement in school work and a stronger belief in the importance of education.

When parents are involved in their child's school life it leads to a happy and well-adjusted child. We welcome the parents and the wider community of MWPS as partners in ensuring our students are becoming capable, resilient and happy students.

NO EXCEPTIONS, NO EXCUSES
Despite a recent drop in temperatures, parents are still urged to be aware of the dangers of leaving children alone in motor vehicles. The Victorian Government is reminding all parents travelling with a child that if you need to get out of the car, even for just one minute, make sure you take your child with you...... No exceptions. No excuses.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
Did you know since 1992, school communities across Australia have demonstrated their support for caring for the environment through participating in Schools Clean Up Day. This is one way to educate our students in environmental sustainability. Mrs Leary is leading many wonderful initiatives this year, so take some time to read her fabulous blog. On Friday all students will be involved in Clean Up Day. Thank you for your continued support.

FOOTBALL VISITORS TO MWPS
The Preps enjoyed a wonderful football clinic on Tuesday with Richmond team members. Christine Priddle, Business Manager, a keen Tiger supporter, was pleased to welcome the guests to MWPS too!  

Mary Azer

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

Thu 27 February
Division Swimming Competition
Fri 28 February
Clean Up MWPS Day
Mon 3 March
Second Hand Uniform Sale 9am
Thu 6 March
RFL
Fri 7 March
Regional Swimming Competition
Mon 10 March
LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tue 11—Fri 14 March
Year 4 Camp
Wed 12 March
PCR & P&F Meetings
Thu 13 March
RFL
Thu 20 March
RFL
Fri 21 March
Author Visit
Mon 24 March
School Council AGM
Thu 27 March
RFL
Wed 2 April
PCR & P&F Meetings
Friday 4 April
Last day of Term 2
—2.30pm EARLY DISMISSAL
Free Dress Day / Subway lunch
Year 6 Sports Finals
On Monday, 19 of our student leaders, under the supervision of Mrs Ordish and Mr Rooks, attended The National Young Leaders Day at The Melbourne Convention Centre. Here students listened to various motivational speakers including John Marsden, Kevin Sheedy, Jessica Fox and Mike Martin. Of particular interest to the students was a presentation by Daniel Flynn, Director of Thank you Water. A beautiful day was enjoyed by all who attended.

Below are some comments from our young leaders:

- I learnt to dream what you think is true and never give up whatever you do. Gemma S
- I learnt that you can lead with your attitude and be very confident when you are speaking so you can be a great leader. Lucy O
- The Young Leaders Conference was a great experience for all of us, but listening as an individual motivated me to become an even better leader. All of the speakers were truly inspirational as they told us how they achieved what they had. I found out that Jess Fox started her sport with no interest, but ended up with a silver medal at the London 2012 Olympics. Daniel Flynn had made a true difference in peoples lives because he wanted to make them happy, so he did. I now believe that no dream is too big and that I can make a difference. Tahnee S
- I learnt that no matter who we are we can all make a difference. I also learnt that no matter what don’t let excuses stop you. Aaran P
- The most important thing I learnt was that if we all try we can all make a big difference in the world. I also learnt to never give up on your dream. Harry J
- Thanks for letting us go to the young leaders day, It was great I learnt that it doesn’t matter how young or old you are you can make a difference to the world. I also learnt that you should set goals for yourself and dream big. Makenna P
- I really enjoyed The National Young Leaders Day. I met a lot of people who taught us about leadership. I learnt that you must never give up and that if you have a dream you must to always continue to make it come true. I learnt that I am someone important in this world and that I am somebody. I particularly enjoyed it when Jessica Fox talked to us about her experience as an athlete. It was one of my favourite experiences, I ever had. Vickie W
- I learnt that when your speaking to a group you need to take a risk, like make up a joke or add some information into your project. I also learnt that you should follow your dreams and don’t let anyone tell you can’t do it. Sammy R
- I learnt that if you speak louder in front of an audience you will sound more confident and clear to the audience. Never give up on your dreams. Always set goals and stick to them, and that is what I learnt at the young leaders’ conference. Almeta L
- “I learnt that one small thing like walking a dog can make you huge profit.” “I also learnt to always follow your dreams” - Jason
- “I learnt that I am not a leader just because I have a badge, I am a leader because I am best for the job. Another thing I learnt was never to stop dreaming, keep on following your dream and in the end you might succeed.” Ama N
- I learnt about the importance of leadership, we use it in everyday life and can be found everywhere. Another thing I learnt was to dream big. You should not be afraid to dream big and it is extremely important for a child to do it. Jordan G
- “I learnt that when you put your mind to something never give up and if you orchestrate something always remember that it only takes one person to change the world. I also learnt that when you think something should be changed or altered tell people what you think and what you think should be changed.” Noah G.
- I learnt to have a safe, fair and awesome environment, never give up and always chase your dreams and set goals and stick to them. Rachel S
- I learnt to just be yourself. If someone comes up and asks you how to be a great leader, you tell them to just follow their dreams. Lucas A
- I had a great time at the Young leaders Day and learnt that you should always keep on dreaming and believe in yourself because you are somebody. You are the somebody that can do something because you don’t have to wait for others to do something, you can be the first. Thomas B
- I learnt not to lose hope and keep on trying no matter what happens. I also learnt to be a good leader you need to communicate clearly, express your opinion sensibly and be the change that you want to see. Prathik B
- I learnt to never give up on chasing your dreams. Nothing is every IMPOSSIBLE. “You don’t have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.” Saje P-S
- I learnt about the importance of values in leadership. I also learnt about why leadership is important in everyday life. Derek Z
PAYMENT REMINDERS......

- 2014 SCHOOL ACCOUNTS OVERDUE
- EMA APPLICATIONS close 28/2/14
- YEAR 4, 5 & 6 CAMPS

PREP FOOTBALL CLINIC

On Tuesday all the Prep students had a fantastic time out on the oval participating in footy clinic with Dustin Martin (4) and Dylan Grimes (2) from the Richmond Footy Club. The children all participated in eight Auskick Activities around the oval, getting to play with Dustin and Dylan trying to race past them and kick a goal, handball through the targets and kick the footy as far as they can. The Preps had a great time and were completely exhausted by the end. Every student took home some autographs and a little gift from Auskick and the AFL. A special thank you to our Year 6 student helpers who ran the activity stations and a very special thank you to our 6 parents who came along and supervised a group of students - your help and time was very much appreciated and made for a fantastic afternoon for all.

Merryn Ashcroft,
P.E Teacher

GARDENING DUTY

On the 21st February, our class 6B, spent our last hour doing Garden Duty. Together we worked the hour away, sweeping sand back into the sandpit and shovelling mulch into the gardens. We worked extremely hard and had a fantastic result – the sandpit looked much neater and the gardens’ plants will benefit from the mulch. We also had a lot of fun doing it! The work we did was productive and we were proud of our teamwork.

JUNIOR CHOIR

Junior Choir will resume for 2014 at 8.30am in the Music Room next Friday 7th March. Students from Prep –Year 2 are welcome to ‘come and try’ for the remainder of this term but we ask that they make a commitment to coming to regular rehearsals from Term 2.

GARDENING DUTY

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

GOLD

SILVER

MATHLETICS

Inspiring Better Results
MWPS ENVIRONMENT UPDATE #3:

3 EASY STEPS TO A RUBBISH FREE LUNCH

1. Use safe reusable food and drink containers.
   Ensure you have a range of different sizes including some that are airtight for items like yoghurt or fruit salads.
   Stainless steel containers are a great option for many reasons, they won’t leach toxins into your children’s food, they
   chill quickly in an insulated lunch bag and stay chilled, and you can draw a picture on them or put a reusable cling sticker
   on them to make the containers fun for your kids. If you choose to use plastic containers ensure they are BPA free.

2. Purchase items in bulk and save money $$$$$$.
   Instead of buying the 6 pack of yoghurts with Dora/The Wiggles,
   purchase a 500g/1kg tub of yoghurt and put individual portions in a
   liquid-tight container.

Buy this and
and

Buy this instead of this
non-recyclable packages! Less money and less waste!

Other items suitable for bulk purchase include dried fruit, biscuits and cheese, popcorn, chips, seeds.

3. Make your own lunch items.
   Homemade items that feature well in a rubbish free lunch include homemade fruit bars and muesli slice, pieces of fruit
   or a fresh fruit salad, vegetable sticks with homemade dip, a sandwich or a wrap, fresh popcorn, homemade muffins and
   mini quiches, just to name a few. By making your own lunch items you can then purchase the raw ingredients in bulk
   too – like 5kg of flour in a calico sack instead of 1kg in plastic or paper packaging. An added bonus of making your own
   things...its healthier for your kids as there are no preservatives, flavours or colours...just good old fashioned raw
   ingredients...imagine that!

Thanking you on behalf of the children and the environment! Loretta Leary, Environment Co-ordinator

5A AND 6E BUDDY UP TO DO SOME GARDENING!

• Keep gardening because it helps the earth and it is quite fun too! Neha 5A
• Gardening helps nature and without tress we wouldn’t be able to live. Senuka 6E
• I really liked using the wheelbarrows and wheeling the mulch into the gardens. Yash 6E
• Spreading the mulch was fun because we got to be outside and make the gardens look better. Melinda 5A
• Weeds are so careless that they can never grow in a straight row. Thomas 6E
• I liked being in the garden with my friend Maddy and helping the school look good. Jessica 5A
• Get gardening Australia! Luca 5A
• I liked gardening because it’s good to be outside. Dulith 5A
• I loved doing this because it is good for the environment and it is helping our school to look better. Matthew 5A
**SCHOOL CAMPS:**
You’ll be able to keep up-to-date with Camp information on this app too!

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**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**

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<td>Saige H for her excellent effort in our GymbaROO program. Well done Saige!</td>
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<td>Kiara W for creating a variety of patterns with different rules. Great pattern work, Kiara!</td>
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<td>Sean C for his determination to complete all tasks and activities. Sean doesn’t stop until he is satisfied with his work. An admirable quality.</td>
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<td>Ramit K for always caring about the presentation of your work. Your hand writing is always so neat. Well done!</td>
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<td>Juho K for consistently producing top quality work and for always striving to achieve his best.</td>
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<td>Aston H for finishing his work to the very best of his ability every day and taking an interest in all activities.</td>
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<td>Ji-Ni H for enthusiastically participating in all tasks. Well done Ji-Ni!</td>
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<td>Daniel C for always getting started on tasks quickly and quietly. You are a great role model for the rest of the class. Keep up the good work!</td>
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<td>Nathan S for a fantastic start to the year. Already, I can see you have the right attitude to start each lesson.</td>
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<td>Seojin H for always producing very neat work. It’s great to see you taking such pride in your work.</td>
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<td>Eric B for always working enthusiastically and producing work of an exceptional standard. Well done!</td>
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<td>Matthew W for working hard during THRASS sessions and producing a wonderful word map.</td>
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