INTRODUCING OUR NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

As one of the newly appointed Assistant Principals, I am excited to be part of the leadership team at Mount Waverley Primary School. MWPS is a high achieving school with strong community relationships, values and extensive curriculum and programs to which I am committed. I feel privileged to have the opportunity to work with your children and with dedicated and professional staff. I have been warmly welcomed and introduced to amazing, talented and curious students, committed and eager staff and parents. I look forward to experiencing positive interactions and building relationships with the community.

As an experienced Assistant Principal, I bring leadership in curriculum development, student wellbeing and engagement, inclusive and global education, focussing on the ‘whole child’, supporting students and families and diverse relationships throughout the community.

I have worked in rural and regional Northern Victorian schools and in Eastern Melbourne schools as a classroom teacher, specialist teacher, in coaching and consultancy roles. For several years I was Assistant Principal, responsible for student wellbeing and engagement and curriculum at Weeden Heights Primary.

At Monday’s assembly I shared photos of my three adult children, a son and two daughters. My interests and leisure time include spending precious time with family and friends, overseas travel, reading, cooking, walking my dog, going to the movies and watching my favourite footy team, Essendon.

I look forward to working with the school community to ensure each student has every opportunity to achieve their best and enjoy the celebrations and successes along the way.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Vicki Martin

I have very clear memories of primary school, my classmates, friends and in particular my teachers. I remember being very happy when I found out that I would be in Mr Perry’s composite Grade 4. Along with Mr Perry, I’ve been fortunate enough to have a number of teachers, Mr Amstutz, Miss Bryan, Mr Jaworski and others, who were a tremendously positive influence on me as I grew up.

I began my career in education as a secondary teacher, with a number of years spent as a Year 7 & 8 coordinator. My experience helping students transition into secondary school led me to switch across to primary, teaching Grade 5/6 before moving on to work in a number of different roles, including teaching and learning coach, Assistant Principal and Principal. I look forward to bringing this experience to my role at Mount Waverley.

Being a teacher and educator is not only a great challenge, it is also a great privilege and I’m very excited to be taking on the role as one of the Assistant Principals at Mount Waverley PS. Thank you for the very warm welcome you have extended to me. I look forward to becoming part of the school community and contributing to the great work of our teachers and support staff in providing the best possible learning opportunities and outcomes for our students.

Yes, I’m a Hawthorn supporter (as well as the Seattle Seahawks but we won’t talk about that right now!).

Peter Hough
IMPORTANT REMINDERS

2015 SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

As there are still a number of families who have not updated their email addresses this week’s newsletter will again be in hard copy. If you have changed your email address or not yet had it added to the school’s newsletter contact list please notify the Office by email on norman.lynn.l@edumail.vic.gov.au.

If you are unable to receive it in this form please let the Office know that you still require a hardcopy. The hardcopy will be given to the youngest child in the family. Unless a note is received we will assume that each family is receiving their newsletter by email.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

OSHC 2015 – just a reminder that the Outside School Hours Care Program is now managed by Camp Australia. Students must be registered with Camp Australia in order to attend the Program. The link to the registration page can be found on our school website. In the event that you need to speak to Karen, the Co-ordinator, about attendance or any other query, please call 0426 631 940.

Payment of 2015 accounts are to be paid directly to Camp Australia not MWPS.

Payment of 2014 accounts are to be made to MWPS.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES

Welcome back. The second hand uniform shop will be open on Monday 9th February 9:10-9:30am. Summer stock will be $3.

Please bring small denominations as we are unable to change large denominations. We are located in the foyer of the Hall and volunteers are most welcome.

If you wish to donate used items of uniform please label the bag as second hand uniform and leave them at the Office.

Mechelle G, Coordinator

REMINDERS

Permission forms & payments:
• Yr 4 Camp 2015 final payment 13 February
• 2015 School Account – payments are to be made prior to Wednesday, 25th February. Payment can be made via Qkr, cash, cheque or credit card.
• Yr 6 Summer Sport

UPDATED STUDENT EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORMS TO BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE AS SOON AS

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

12 February
District Swimming Training
13 February
Yr 6 Sport begins
18 February
District Swimming
19 February
Parent/Teacher Conferences
22 February
WORKING BEE
26 February
Division Swimming
27 February
Clean Up Australia Day
4 March
TWILIGHT SPORTS
5 March
District Tennis Trials
Subway Lunch
6 March
CURRICULUM DAY (Student not at school)
9 March
Labour Day Holiday
10 –13 March Yr 4 Camp

27 March
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Early Dismissal 2.30pm

EARLY STUDENT DEPARTURES

If you intend to pick your child up early from school and the time coincides with recess or lunchtime it is a good idea to organise with your child a specific place to meet. It is often very difficult to locate students once they have gone out to play.

Students must be signed in/out at the Office.
Hi, I’m Earnest and I care about the environment. Don’t forget to sort your recycling.

CURRICULUM NEWS and GENERAL INFORMATION

CHESS CLUB
Classes begin 6 Feb  Friday lunchtimes
Flyers are available at the Office

JUNIOR CHOIR  P-2 children welcome
Junior Choir will commence on Thursday  12 Feb  8.30-9.00am in the Music Room.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS
Our first Parents and Friends meeting for the year is next Wednesday 11 February at 7:00PM. Everyone is welcome and you are invited to come along and learn more about the role of Parents and Friends at MWPS, what is being planned for 2015 and how you can help. You don’t need to join a committee, simply roll up and take part.

SPARE SHORTS
If any families have spare school shorts in small sizes 4-8 the Preps would appreciate them. There are sometimes occasions when our younger students require an emergency change of clothes. If you are able to donate any shorts please drop them into the Office.

SIGN UP NOW FOR MUSIC LESSONS 2015
Instrumental music lessons will commence from Week 3 of Term 1. 2015 options include keyboard, guitar, violin, cello, drums, sax, clarinet, flute and trumpet.

Students wishing to participate in any of these programs will need to collect an enrolment form from the school Office, have their parents fill it in and either leave it at the school office or post it directly to Online Music Solutions. Information about the programs may be found on the reverse side of the enrolment forms.

All families will receive a phone call close to lessons commencing to confirm the lesson time. Note: Students from 2014 need to re-enrol to continue in 2015.
Website Link – visit www.musiclessonvideos.net   Further enquiries: ph: 9874 6667 or email oms@bigpond.net.au

HOT SHOTS  TENNIS COACHING
(Free ANZ Hot Shot T-Shirt available)
Mayfield Park Tennis Club and Glen Waverley Tennis Club
Groups lessons, Private lessons, all ages, competition teams
Contact Brad Hasler on 0417327880 or brad_hasler@yahoo.com.au

CHARLESWORTH WALSH DANCE CENTRE  The Magic of Dance
Classical Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Song & Dance, Kindy Dance
All ages are catered for 3+ onwards
Mt Waverley, Bayswater and Aspendale Gardens
Phone: 03 9807 2608 or 03 5977 3389

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

MAYFIELD PARK TENNIS CLUB  Mayfield Drive, Mt Waverley  Families are welcome to come along to the Open Day activities on
Sunday 15 February  3.30—6.00pm   www.tennis.com.au/mayfieldparkcinc

CLAYTON STREET FESTIVAL & HAWKERS NIGHT MARKET  Sunday 15 February
Festival on Clayton Road 12 noon-6.00pm  Hawkers Market Haughton Road East 5.00-9.00pm

KARATE CLASSES  Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors at Essex Heights Primary School, Thursdays  6.30-7.45pm
Phone: 9887 4098

SUPER SOCCER KIDS  Boys and girls 4-12 years info@supersoccerkids.com.au
Greg : 0401 069959  Bill : 0421 768438

EASTERN SUBURBS RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION  Ages 6-18  258 Scoresby Road Wantirna
6 week program every Tuesday from 10 Feb—17 March  4-5pm  Phone: Nicci  0407 002017

AUSKICK SYNDAL SOUTH/WAVERLEY BLUES  Waverley Blues Football Ground, Charles Street Mt Waverley
Season starts 18 April  www.aflauskick.com.au  Ph: Phil Vimpani  0418 993596  phil.vimpani@internode.on.net
**MWPS Environment Update #1:**

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.

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 \( \frac{1}{4} \) 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 a minimum of 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.
- Official Rubbish Free Lunch days will be held weekly on THURSDAYS (but everyday is a rubbish free lunch day).
- All classes will participate and 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”.