HARMONY DAY!

Harmony Day is quickly approaching and will be celebrated on 18 March. This year’s theme is Everyone Belongs.

We are also celebrating 15 years of Harmony Day!

In the past we have had some great acts at our assembly, showcasing cultural performances. We are looking to continue this tradition by looking for more friends and family to perform at our assembly.

If you are willing to perform on Harmony Day (it can be a play, dance, music or song), please contact Ms Harman in LA1.

We would love to see students dress up in their traditional clothing for our Harmony Day parade or wearing something orange. We will also have photographers taking photos of students to include in the MWPS Cookbook that is currently being compiled. It would be wonderful to see as many students showcasing their heritage as possible.

We are looking forward to a great day!

DIVISION SWIMMING

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Division Swimming Sports last week. The following children made it through to Regional Swimming which be held on Friday 13 March. Yong Feng J, Alanah S, Oliver C, Chris F, Andy D and James H. This is a fantastic result to get this far. Good luck!

Cassie Kemp
PE/Sport Coordinator
SCHOOL COUNCIL
I would like to congratulate the following teachers and parents for successfully nominating or renominating for School Council for the period March 2015 – March 2017:
Sam Wickemaratna
Ivan Wong
Michael Seelig
Stuart Bateman
Leasyl Richards
Natasha Gangell
They will join the following current School Council members who complete their period in March 2016:
Caroline Patterson
Bruce Burns
Marc Lauren
Chris Parker
Brad Rooks
One casual vacancy remains unfilled until March 2016 due to a family moving school at the end of 2014. If any parent would like to fill this one year casual vacancy please contact me immediately.
Parents and Friends are also eligible to have one of their members co-opted to School Council with full voting rights and this person should be established at their next meeting on 11 March. The co-opting process will take place at the next School Council meeting on 16 March.
School Council meetings are held on the third Monday of every month at 7.30pm. Education Subcommittee and Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee are held on the third Monday of every month at 6.30pm. You don’t have to be a School Council member to attend and contribute to these meetings.
I look forward to working with our School Council this year in continuing to improve Mount Waverley Primary School.
Greg Paine
PRINCIPAL

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE
It is with great sadness that I inform our community of the tragic loss of parent Paul Hamamen through an accident last Sunday evening. Our thoughts are with his wife Tania, son Ethan in Year 4, daughters Shanae and Tiarna, along with other family and friends.
Families who wish to donate to a hamper to support the Hamamen family can do so at the General Office. Non-perishable items and vouchers may be donated.
Funeral arrangements are to be confirmed.
Yours Sincerely
Greg Paine
Principal

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE
It is with great sadness that I inform our community of the tragic loss of parent David Judges due to illness last Saturday. Our thoughts are with his wife Kathryn, son Billy in Year 5 along with other family and friends.
Families who wish to donate to a hamper to support the Judges family can do so at the General Office. Non-perishable items and vouchers may be donated.
Kathryn has also asked for the community to be informed that as an organ donor David has successfully contributed to the lives of others and to research.
The funeral will be at the Boyd Chapel, Springvale Crematorium on Wednesday 11 March at 1.15pm. People are encouraged to wear bright colours and there will be an opportunity to donate to a charity.
Yours Sincerely,
Greg Paine
Principal

EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORMS
There are still a number of Emergency Information Forms that have not been returned. It is important that student information and family contact details are updated each year, so please return this form (green) as soon as possible to the Office.

Greg Paine
PRINCIPAL
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

ASHWOOD CHILDREN’S CENTRE Kinder Open Day Saturday 21st March 10am-12pm. Positions available in our funded 4yo program. Surprise entertainment for the children. 8 Yooralla Street, Ashwood. Ph. 9807 9417

YEAR 2 GIRLS INTERESTED IN NETBALL? NetSetGo! will commence on Saturday 21 March, at Ashburton courts, Winter 2015 season. $95 will cover the NetSetGo! registration, the sun hat, starter pack and all the sessions plus break up on 27 June. Register: http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=4232

GENERAL INFORMATION

Qkr—a quicker, more convenient way to make payments

- Saves time by letting you pay for school items by using your phone, tablet or ipad
- Reduces the need for children to bring cash to school
- Reduces administration time

Step 1 Download Qkr app
Step 2 Register—Select country of residence and follow the steps
Step 3 Find your school—Scan the QR code or type in the text label provided. Our school will appear in ‘Location Nearby’ if you are within 4kms of the school
Step 4 Register your children. When first accessing the menu, you will be prompted to register your child.

COMPASS UPDATE

Thanks to all those who have logged in and regularly access the portal. Now that it is up and running we will be adding information in Tiqbiz and Compass but not the school website. As of Term 2, you will need to go to Compass for:

- excursion notes and permission forms. These appear in the Community tab in School documentation
- the current school calendar
- approving student absences. We have been alerted that the necessary drop down box was missing and this has been remedied.
- the newsletter which will be published here and emailed to the address(es) registered in Compass. When you first log on you will be prompted to change your email address and you may change this at any time.
- updates on upcoming events which will appear in your news feed.

If you have any queries or difficulties, please email Jen Dynan jendynan@mountwaverleyps.vic.edu.au or directly through Compass.
MWPS Parents, Guardians and Friends
You are invited to our next
Parents & Friends Meeting
Wednesday 11 March 7:00pm – 8:30pm
MWPS Staff Room

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

MWPS P&F is the fundraising and community parent group within our School. 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. Annual nominations for P&F Office Bearers take place at this meeting.

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

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.

REMINDERS

Permission forms & payments:
- Yr 4 Camp 2015 final payment overdue
- 2015 School Account – overdue. Payment can be made via Qkr, cash, cheque or credit card.
- Yr 6 Camp deposit due 13 March
- Yrs 3&-6 House Cross Country due 20 March
- Prep—Yr 3 Swimming Program due 27 March
- Yr 6 Shrine of Remembrance due 13 March
- ICAS due 23 March

CAR PARKING
Staff Car Parks are reserved for staff. Parents and visitors are not to park in these designated areas.

ART ROOM REQUEST
The Art Room would be grateful for donations of:
- Old clean towels
- Ice cream containers with lids
- Newspapers

PARENT CLASS REP MEETING
A short meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 June, 9am in the Staffroom (siblings welcome).

Being a parent class rep is a great role that involves a monthly meeting, developing a contact list and communicating with your teacher and parents. It is not a big role that requires hours and hours of work (even better if there are 2 reps in a class to share the role) and it can be very rewarding.

Parent class representatives are still required for the following classes; PA PC PE PF 1B 1D 2A 3A 3D 3/4 4B 4C 5D 6A 6C.

Please email Emily at emily_thomas@hotmail.com if you are interested, speak to your teacher and/or come along to the meeting to find out more (no obligation).

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

6 March
CURRICULUM DAY (Students not at school)

9 March
Labour Day Holiday  SCHOOL CLOSED

10–13 March Yr 4 Camp

11 March
PrepFitness Worx

12 March
Yr 6 Reach Rookies
Parent Forum—Quality Learning project 6.30pm

13 March
Regional swimming

16 March
Yrs P-2 Junior Cross Country
Author Visit Yrs 5&6

17 March
Author Visit Yrs 3&4
Yr 6 Shrine of Remembrance

18 March
District Tennis

HARMONY DAY

19 March
Hockey Clinic Yrs 3&4

26 March
Racquetball Clinic Yr 6

27 March
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Early Dismissal 2.30pm
Rubbish Free Lunch Day Winners Week 5 Term 1

Congratulations to our winning classes for last week’s Rubbish Free Lunch Day. The winning prep classes were Prep A and Prep E with 100% rubbish free lunches in their class. The winning junior school class was 1D with 95% rubbish free lunches in their class. The winning middle school class was 3C with 100% rubbish free lunches in their class. The winning senior class was 6A with 100% rubbish free lunches in their class. Our winning classes are rewarded with 15 minutes extra recess! Congratulations!

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5B and 5D worked wonderfully as a team shovelling mulch into the garden beds

Hi, I’m Earnest and I care about the environment.

Congratulations to everyone on helping to keep our school grounds clean and tidy!

ACHIEVEMENTS

GOLD
Hayley C, Tharuka H, Grace S, Sara P, Radin T, Lucas J, Sean F.

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<td>Albert B for being a computer whiz and by logging on and getting to work without any assistance!</td>
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<td>Archie B for always going out of your way to help others. It is wonderful having you in the class!</td>
<td>Harry K for giving everything a try, even when you are unsure. Your attitude towards work is outstanding!</td>
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<td>Rusandu D for being a great helper in the classroom and looking after other children when they are upset.</td>
<td>Vivian F for always trying her best in the classroom and presenting beautiful work.</td>
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<td>James R for always positively having a go at all class activities.</td>
<td>Rebecca W for her creative and interesting patterns she made during our numeracy lessons.</td>
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<td>Julia K for being such a kind and caring class member who is a friend to all in her class. A beautiful quality.</td>
<td>Vass V for his terrific work ethic. Vass remains on task and completes his work to the best of his ability. Well done!</td>
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<td>Sam A for trying really hard to be a good person. You are kind and a friend to everyone in our class.</td>
<td>Bella T for being a wonderful role model for others in our class. We can look to you to see what to do and how to behave.</td>
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<td>Harry C for always helping around the classroom and assisting your friends when they need help. Well done!</td>
<td>Oscar D for always working so quietly at your table and completing your work on time. Well done!</td>
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<td>Eunjae K for being helpful, kind and courteous towards her classmates.</td>
<td>Kenny D for consistently producing work of a high standard, always with a positive attitude.</td>
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<td>Jasmine J for using fine organisational skills to keep her work space and materials tidy.</td>
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<td>Henry B for being considerate and well mannered and working nicely as part of a team.</td>
<td>Chris L for producing excellent work every day and finishing absolutely everything!</td>
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<td>Eleni K for always being a delightful student and bringing a positive attitude into the classroom. Well done!</td>
<td>Seo Young L for always presenting her work with thought and care. Your work always looks beautiful, Seo Young!</td>
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<td>Cate F for being thoughtful and showing kindness towards others. Wonderful!</td>
<td>Jimmy H Y for consistently working hard and producing work of a high standard in Maths. Well Done!</td>
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<td>Matthew L for being a very reliable and responsible computer monitor. Thank you Matthew for assisting others without being asked.</td>
<td>Erin W for her very creative shape picture using 2D shapes. Your mermaid looks great!</td>
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<td>Billy K for showing enthusiasm and participating wholeheartedly in class activities. Great work Billy. Keep it up.</td>
<td>Charli S for continuing to work hard on all her class work. Keep up the effort Charli.</td>
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<td>Ryley S for handing in money when he found it on the floor. Well done Ryley, being honest is a wonderful trait to have.</td>
<td>Angie W for trying really hard and persisting with her place value activities.</td>
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A message from our Environment Team Captains:

On Friday 28th February the school helped out with Clean Up Australia Day. The whole school gathered a total amount of 7.5 kg of rubbish. That is a 50% reduction of last year’s 13kg total. Next year let’s try to reduce our rubbish in the school yard; simply by picking up rubbish when found on the ground and making sure that EVERY DAY is a rubbish free lunch day. Thank you to everyone who contributed on the day.

Ella and Imandie
Environment Team Captains

ENVIRONMENT TEAM CLEANS UP THE PERMACULTURE GARDEN

Last week the Senior Environment Team went into the Permaculture Gardens and cleaned up the area, weeded the garden beds and found some corn and a pumpkin that are ready to be harvested. We also found some interesting bugs and ate some nasturtium flowers and mint. Now the beds are almost ready to start planting our next crop of lovely vegetables.

Loretta Leary

Sustainable Environment Team Leader