SPECIAL EVENTS

DISTRICT KANGA CRICKET

Congratulations to all the Year 6 students who competed at the District Kanga Cricket T20 Milo Blast round robin last week. All teams played extremely well. The Girls A team were undefeated and will now compete at the Regional round in a couple of weeks. Good luck girls!

Cassie Kemp
PE/Sport Coordinator

STATE SOCCER

Congratulations to Zac T for being selected in the Victoria Skilleroos Soccer Team. Zac is an outstanding soccer player and it is great to see that he has been recognised for his talents. All the best in your soccer future.

Cassie Kemp
PE/Sport Coordinator

YEAR 6 MINI FETE

Last Friday the Year 6 students held our Mini Fete. The weather threatened to spoil the fun but thankfully held and we were able to make it a successful event enjoyed by all. The Year 6 students were very excited and did a bustling trade at their stalls – some, such as the popcorn and dumpling stalls, did so well that their items sold out! This year there were many more family members and friends that came to lend their support, with happy faces all around as the students enjoyed themselves.

The Year 6 students are very proud that we have raised a record amount of money to stage the Year 6 Graduation. We would like to thank the school community for their generous donations and overwhelming support. Thank you also to the parent helpers and teachers for their support and guidance. This was certainly an event that we will remember for many years to come!
MINI FETE
Thanks to the Year 6 teachers and particularly Chris Low for organising the Year 6 Mini Fete. The purpose of this event is to raise money for the Year 6 Graduation, therefore the Year 6 students invest a great deal of time and effort into their Mini Fete.

The input from a large number of parents is also very much appreciated and provides further evidence of what a great community Mount Waverley Primary School has. The whole school was buzzing with excitement and it won’t be long before we are celebrating the efforts of our Year 6 group at the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony, which is to be held at Vogue Receptions on Tuesday evening 15 December.

OLIVIA
Congratulations to everyone involved in producing ‘Olivia’, our 2016 musical production. Naedene and Julie have worked tirelessly to ensure the final product was exceptional and I enjoyed the student performances immensely.

Performing in a musical requires not only confidence but also a high degree of cooperation and communication within the team. Well done to all of the students for performing to a very high standard and providing great entertainment.

I would also like to thank a number of our staff who gave up their time on Saturday to attend either the matinee or evening performance.

YEAR 2 FUN NIGHT AND PREP PYJAMA PARTY
Thanks to the Prep and Year 2 teachers for organising wonderful evenings for their students. Apart from the exciting activities this opportunity also allows students to experience school outside of school hours away from their parents, developing independence. It is also a gradual progression to our Year 3 Camp.

Greg Paine

*** 2016 CLASS STRUCTURES  ***
STUDENTS LEAVING OR GOING ON EXTENDED HOLIDAYS
Families are asked to provide details regarding any child leaving in writing to both the current Classroom Teacher and the Office as soon as possible.

We would also ask that if families are taking extended leave either at the end of this year or the start of 2016 that they inform the current Classroom Teacher and the Office in writing.

2015 P&F MEETING DATES
December 9

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

TERM 4
19 November
Music Demo Night
20 November
Jump Rope For Heart
22 November
Subway Lunch
18/23/30 November
Yrs 5-6 Family Life Education
23 November
Yr 4 State Hooptime
24 November
Yr 4 Cultural Tasting
Prep Transition
2 December
Japanese Day
4 December
3/4/5 District Swimming Trials
7 December
Yr 2 Zoo
10 December
CAROLS NIGHT
15 December
Yr 6 Graduation

18 DECEMBER
LAST DAY OF TERM 4
Early finish  1.30pm

REMINDERS
Permission forms & payments:
• 3/4/5 District Swimming Trials due by 20 November
• Yr 4 Cultural Tasting due by 20 November
• Yr 2 Zoo due 30 November

LIBRARY FUND
Thank you to families who have contributed to the Library Fund this year. The Library was able to spend the money on purchasing valuable and popular books and resources which the children have thoroughly enjoyed.

Contributions to a Library Trust Fund (these trust funds are approved by the Australian Taxation Office) are fully tax deductible. Payments to the 2016 Library Fund can now be made with your School Account.
SILVER

GOLD
Edgar L, Riley D’S, Nelini W, Geet J, Jinghan Y, Natalie W, Andrew B, Alethea D’S

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
All children have been participating in the Jump Rope for Heart program over the last few weeks in Physical Education classes. The Jump Off Day will be TOMORROW and it will be a celebration of all the skipping they have done. Children are encouraged to wear sports clothes with a ‘touch of red’ for a healthy heart. All forms and money must be returned by Monday 23 November.
Cassie Kemp
PE/Sport Coordinator

MUSIC DEMONSTRATION NIGHT Thursday 19 November
Tonight Mount Waverley Primary School will be holding a Music Demonstration Night. This event will be held in the School Gym from 6:30pm to 8pm. There will be performances from a number of musical groups in the school, including the Band, Senior Choir and many of the Online Music Ensembles/Groups.

It is also an opportunity for those who do not learn an instrument to try out different instruments and see if they would like to start learning. This evening is open to all MWPS students and their families.

MOUNT WAVERLEY DANCE AND DRAMA GROUP

Rubbish Free Lunch Day Winners Week 6 Term 4
Congratulations to our winning classes for last week’s Rubbish Free Lunch Day. The winning Prep classes were PE and PF with 89% rubbish free lunches in their class. The winning Junior school class was 1D with 100% rubbish free lunches in their class. The winning Middle School classes were 3C and 4E with 100% rubbish free lunches in their class. The winning Senior class was 6B with 100% rubbish free lunches in their class. Our winning classes are rewarded with 15 minutes extra recess! Congratulations!
JAPANESE DAY
Wednesday 2 December

Dress up in Japanese dress or something similar to Japanese, a character from Japanese cartoons or wear red or/and white!

Bring some Japanese Lunch box items, there are some examples below.

Check the MWPS’ Cooking book “Melting Pot” as there are a few recipes that would suit the day. You don’t have to bring really fancy sushi. Instead you can make ham and cucumber or even vegemite sandwich rolls. Chopsticks will be provided for everyone on the day.

There will be a lot of Japanese activities happening, so if you are available to help classroom teachers please let them know beforehand. Helpers will require a valid Working with Children Check.

SRI CHRISTIAN INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2016
Instructors for SRI Christian sessions are excited to have the opportunity to continue the SRI Christian Instruction program in 2016. They look forward to making the lunch time SRI program exciting and fun for all.

The SRI Christian Team are very pleased to have all but one SRI Christian Instructor returning in 2016. Reverend Steven Kasambalis will be retiring at the end of 2015. Pastor Steve has been a SRI volunteer at Mount Waverley Primary School for 14 years. He has been the SRI coordinator for all these years. His contribution to the school and SRI program has been most valuable. Pastor Steve will be greatly missed. Pastor Steve’s final day will be at the 2015 Christmas Service.

Additional details regarding the 2016 SRI Christian instructions program will be available in Term 1 2016.

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT UPDATE
MWPS GOES GREEN FOR GREEN DAY

On Wednesday 25 November we will be holding our fourth annual Green Day. Students can dress in GREEN, as an animal or as something inspired by nature and participate in Green Day activities across the school. Classes will enjoy a special Sustainability Tour of the school during their day of green fun. Students will also be presented with a special Green Day 2015 Show Bag that will be full of environmental surprises.

For lunch the whole school will have a picnic on the oval and celebrate the day with a Nude Food Rubbish Free Lunch.

Let’s GET GREEN FOR GREEN DAY!

CAN YOU HELP US SOLVE A LIBRARY MYSTERY?

Some months ago, this whole series disappeared from the library! Without being scanned!

They are popular with girls Years 3-6, and we would like to buy more titles in the series, but can’t afford to unless these are returned.

We don’t need to know who has them, but if they could be dropped off somehow, all the girls who love the series AND Mrs G will be very pleased. A plastic bag slipped inside the Library door will suffice.

It’s great to be a keen reader, but we do need to be fair to all the other fans of our favourite books...

Fingers crossed!
The process for booklist collection is to enable families to have student requisites before Christmas. The following dates and times have been set aside for booklist collection from the General Office:

**Tues 24th Nov**
8am – 10am

**Thurs 26th Nov**
2.30pm – 4.30pm

**Wed 2 Dec**
8am – 10am

**Mon 7th Dec**
2.30pm – 4.30pm

**Mon 14th Dec**
8am – 4.30pm

**Mon 25th Jan 2016**
9am – 4pm

Payment will be required upon collection.

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**PRIMARY SCHOOL WEAR (PSW) SALE**

Monday 9 November to Friday 18 December
288-290 Stephensons Rd, Mt Waverley

5% off uniforms
25% off school shoes
PSW 2016 Uniform price list is available from the display stand outside the Office.

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**WANTED**

Pine cones
Big or small
Please send to
Ms Leary’s Room

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**OUR COOKBOOKS ARE GOING PUBLIC**

... and we are offering a prize of a JB Hifi Voucher with a value of $150 to the school family that can sell the most cookbooks by Friday 4 December. A 'cookbook selling’ pack went home to each family today with instructions about the competition and how you can enter.

This is the major fundraiser for our school this year, so we need as many families to pitch in and help sell books (even if it's only 1 or 2). Try your workplaces, your neighbours, your family and your family friends. It is now that time of year when people are looking for Xmas gift ideas - so this is a perfect option!

If you have any questions about this competition and how you can win this great prize, please email mwpscookbook@gmail.com or phone Kerrie on 0428 588887.

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**2016 SCHOOL LEVIES**

The 2016 school account has been sent home to each family. Student packs are to be paid for and collected on the days/times below. If you are unable to collect your child’s pack, once payment is made, the pack can be collected by your child as long as you send a note with your child giving permission for your child to collect the pack on your behalf. A copy of the 2016 School Account is available on Compass.

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**2016 SCHOOL SUPPLIES BOOKPACK COLLECTION**

Just a reminder that you may wish to pay your school account prior to the collection days to avoid long queues.

The process will be:
- make payment at the School Office
- obtain a payment slip
- proceed to the bookpack collection area

*If payment has been made prior to these days, you may proceed directly to the collection area where your payment details will have been recorded.*

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**HEADLICE**

We are appealing to parents to act as the first line of defence by checking their children's hair regularly and treating any detected head lice immediately. Please also treat clothing and bedding appropriately.

Children who are detected with live infestations should be withdrawn from school until treated. It is vital to break the breeding cycle of these pests to reduce the incidence of reinfestation. In order to do this, all families should check for and treat the problem promptly.

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**COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

**VICTORIAN SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES (VSL)**
Latin for students Years 7-12
Saturdays 9.00am-12.20pm
Glen Waverley SC Centre 21
O’Sullivan Road, Glen Waverley
For information phone: Kevin Ryan 9802 4326

**ARE YOUR CHILDREN CYBERSAFE?**

PARENT FORUM
Thursday 3 December
7.00—8.30pm
Glendal Primary School, Main Hall,
55 Nottingham Street, Glen Waverley
Reservations: glendal.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
(Please so not bring children)
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<td>Prep A</td>
<td>Raya for helping other people tidy their tables.</td>
<td>Jenuli for her excellent writing.</td>
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<td>Prep B</td>
<td>Grace C for always being kind, friendly and helpful to your friends. Keep up the great job!</td>
<td>Harin D for your strong loud voice during Show and Tell. We are always excited to see and hear what you’ve brought. Thank you for sharing with us.</td>
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<td>Prep C</td>
<td>Natalie T for being a kind and caring class member with a positive attitude to learning.</td>
<td>Rusandu D for working diligently and making great improvements in his writing.</td>
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<td>Prep D</td>
<td>James R for being a fantastic helper to others whilst making our 2D and 3D robots.</td>
<td>Alethea D’S for always working hard during all our Literacy and Numeracy sessions. Alethea always tries her best.</td>
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<td>Prep E</td>
<td>Nick Y for the confidence he has gained to not only participate in class discussions but also add his own interesting comments.</td>
<td>Nina G for her mammoth efforts in improving not only her handwriting style but also the content of her writing. Nina’s stories are lots of fun to read.</td>
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<td>Prep F</td>
<td>Sowmika C for the way you always try to do your best. You are so positive about learning. Thank you for having such a good attitude!</td>
<td>Sam A for the way you read with expression. Your enthusiasm for learning is wonderful to see. Thank you for coming to school ready to learn.</td>
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<td>1A</td>
<td>Sunny Z for being such a kind and caring friend. You are a role model to others. Well done!</td>
<td>Olivia P for working so hard to achieve your Gold Mathletics certificate. Well done!</td>
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<td>1B</td>
<td>Kenneth Z for teaching the class how to make &quot;chatterboxes&quot;.</td>
<td>Tanya S for always producing work of a very high standard.</td>
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<td>1C</td>
<td>Danny O for being a thoughtful, kind and well respected member of our class.</td>
<td>Ramit K for using clever strategies to solve problems in Mathematics.</td>
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<td>1D</td>
<td>Saige H for being reasonable and fair to those around her and for displaying a range of beautiful manners.</td>
<td>Milla Z for making wonderful progress in both her reading and her writing skills. Top job Milla!</td>
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<td>2A</td>
<td>Jasper W for always being very honest with his teachers and his peers.</td>
<td>Dineth F for working quietly and independently during reading groups. Keep up the great work Dineth!</td>
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<td>2B</td>
<td>Patricia L for being an active and energetic class member. She regularly participates in 'Show and Tell' and enjoys continuing creative activities at home.</td>
<td>Lalita A for always working to the best of her ability and adding detail in the presentation of her work.</td>
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<td>2C</td>
<td>Aadi P for sharing his interesting show and tell with lots of confidence.</td>
<td>Rowan B for working very hard on improving his reading skills. Keep up the good work Rowan!</td>
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<td>2D</td>
<td>Emma G for always being an active and energetic member of the class who displays a positive attitude towards work. Well done.</td>
<td>Billy K for displaying a positive attitude towards guided reading sessions. Your enthusiasm is great to see. Keep it up.</td>
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<td>2E</td>
<td>Clayton C for cleaning up the classroom floor and putting chairs up at the end of the day without being asked. Thanks Clay.</td>
<td>Hayley C for always presenting her themed show and tell on time all year. Good on you Hayley.</td>
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SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN RESPONSES TO TRAUMATIC EVENTS REPORTED IN THE MEDIA

Children and young people often hear and see reports about tragic events around the world. Children often worry and know more than we realise. Adults may assume that children are doing okay if they don’t talk or ask questions about what has happened. Sometimes they have questions they may not ask unless we provide the opportunity.

Most children and young people will experience normal reactions to something that is distressing and, with support from trusted adults around them, these reactions will subside. Routines are important when an event like this occurs. School can be very useful to support all children and young people.

Advice for Parents

- It is wise for you to monitor your child’s exposure to television coverage, print media and social media.
- Some children and young people will want to talk about the tragic events and try to make sense of what they have both seen and heard.
- Other children will avoid any discussion around the events and will be reassured by routine and normality.
- Remember the importance of routine, sleep, exercise and healthy eating.

There is a range of things you can do to assist your child during traumatic events including:

- Acknowledging that the event was distressing
- Reassuring children that they are safe
- Looking for signs of distress (e.g. some children/young people might be scared)
- Normalising responses - typical response will range from anger to general upset or sadness
- Maintaining a normal routine - keeping the structure at home or at school in place
- Allowing children to express feelings as they arise
- Telling stories about how people manage during difficult times can be helpful.
- Separating fact from fiction e.g. children may express fears about unrelated events.
- Planning relaxing activities before bed – talking your child through a gentle relaxation, this might include using soothing music and talking them through relaxing tension in their body or simply reading something to them that induces relaxation (i.e. a favourite book).
- Speaking in hopeful terms – children and young people will often take their cues from their parents' reactions; if you are honest, calm, compassionate and open they will be much more able to trust that they will be okay.
- Always remembering the value of doing something with children that they like to do such as playing, exercising, being outdoors - have a time during your day to share time with your child.