SPECIAL EVENTS

MT WAVELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS CAROLS NIGHT

DO YOU RECOGNISE OUR GUEST PERFORMERS?

YEAR 6 IN THE SWING OF THINGS

YEAR 6 GRADUATION NIGHT
**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**
The basketball courts were transformed last Thursday evening into a sea of red, green and festive fun. Thanks to James Macaulay and Ellen Newbury for organising a terrific event and thanks to all of the staff who found time to come and support the Carols at this busy time of year.

Thanks to the staff who got involved with their own special item, *Last Christmas* – an interesting performance! The students sang with gusto and Santa even made a guest appearance.

Dan Fitzgerald organised a sausage sizzle for the evening and I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Dan and his merry helpers.

**YEAR 6 GRADUATION**
On Tuesday night Year 6 had their Graduation evening at Vogue in East Burwood and all students behaved exceptionally well and were dressed appropriately. Thanks to the Year 6 teachers and Mr Hough for organising the event and for their commitment to preparing the students for secondary school. This Year 6 group have been outstanding to work with and I wish them all the very best at secondary school.

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS**
Due to a number of reasons it has taken longer than anticipated to commence the construction of our Outdoor Maths Centre (Maths Garden). I am pleased to announce that three major items have been ordered from ForPark Safeplay, who installed our ropes playground, which will be installed in February 2016. The first three items are: Musical Pipes, Ball Toss and Talk Tubes. The Outdoor Maths Centre will be located on the land surrounding the new portable. Following the installation of these three items, a large scale chess set and sun dial will be created. As 2016 progresses more items will be added to this fantastic learning resource. I thank Parents and Friends for the large amount of money they raised and the patience they have displayed during the delays in construction.

Parents and Friends have ordered tables with tubs for three classrooms ensuring that all classrooms have the same quality of furniture. They have also ordered portable whiteboards for all classrooms in the Senior Learning Area, 4 extra tables and seats in house colours for the Buddy Benches picnic area and portable shade structures in house colours. Remaining funds from 2015 will be allocated to assist with setting up the new specialist Science Program.

The robotics kits have arrived and Mr Chan is preparing them, ready for use at the commencement of Term 1 2016.

Again, thanks so much to everyone on Parents and Friends for their wonderful support of MWPS students and staff.

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**STAFFING**
I wish Charles Addison all the very best for the future. Charles has been teaching Japanese on Thursdays for the past two years and finishes his service at Mount Waverley today.

2015 has been a very productive year and I thank staff and parents for their valuable contributions and the students for working hard and making it a pleasure for me to come to work each day.

Collaboration is one of the keys to success and I would like to thank the Consultative Committee and Level Leaders for their ideas and suggestions for school improvement. The Core Leadership Team meets weekly and I thank them for beginning to embed our school’s Vision, Philosophy and Values into all sections of the school community. The Core Leadership Team is made up of the three Leading Teachers—Danielle Bonacci, Leasyl Richards, Erin Harman and Assistant Principals Vicki Martin and Peter Hough. Although Vicki, Peter and myself have only been working together for 12 months, a great deal has been achieved and the development of a new Vision has certainly been a highlight. I thank them for their support.

The Office Staff have a complex range of duties and I would like to thank Christine Priddle, Wendy Sims, Lynn Norman and Nicole Picioli for their commitment to all aspects of Mount Waverley Primary School.

I thank all staff for their high level of professionalism and wish everyone a safe and happy holiday period.

*Greg Paine*

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY**

*THE MWPS OFFICE STAFF*
CONGRATULATIONS 100KM RUNNING CLUB CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the following 5 boys who completed their 100km at Running Club this year. A fantastic effort and well done on your persistence in completing the 100km. Well done William, Jishnu, Jack, Liam and Julian.

*Merryn Ashcroft*

P.E / Sport Teacher

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**Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon**

MWPS is a registered school for the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon which will be held in Melbourne on Sunday 13 March 2016 at Cantini Gardens, St Kilda. Children must be 7 to participate and complete a short TRYathlon, where children are all encouraged to have a go and every child who finishes receives a medal. It is a great day out for the family and if you wish to enter the earlier you register the cheaper registration. Details can be found at “try.weetbix.com.au” Register as part of MWPS group to receive an additional discount.

*Merryn Ashcroft*

P.E / Sport

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**YEAR 6 GRADUATION AWARDS**

**School Council Citizenship Awards** Presented by Michael Seelig

Maria P, Himaya F, Johnny M, Hannah R

**Student Excellence Awards**

6A: Johnny M, Ivy L
6B: Daniel T, James M
6C: Jiny J, Amina D
6D: Imandie A, Lila O

**Yr 6 Literacy:** Sophia A

**Yr 6 Numeracy:** Michelle O, Kris K

**Specialist Awards**

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A big night was had by all!
**Hi, I’m Earnest**

and I care about

the environment

Having a good

clean out for the

end of the year

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remember to sort

for recycling.

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**BOOK COLLECTION DATES**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 9am- 4pm

Payment of the 2016 Essential Items Student Packs is required prior to collection. Please present receipt or make payment at the General Office.

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**2016 Excursion Levy**

Payment of the 2016 Excursion Levy is due by Friday, 26 February 2016. If you choose not to pay the levy, excursions will need to be paid for as they arise. Families who were in receipt of 2015 CSEF Funds, these funds have been allocated to the 2016 Excursion Levy. Where this has been done there is a balance of $5 owing for Senior students (Yrs 3-6).

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**LUNCH ORDERS 2016**

Miss Peppercorn will resume taking lunch orders from Friday 5 February next year. Families will be informed via the newsletter when the new menu is available.

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**WESLEY MISSION FOOD DONATIONS**

Thank you to all the families who have contributed to the food donation organised by Student Council. The school was able to send off several boxes to help those in need over the Christmas period. Donations have now closed.

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**2016 TERM DATES**

Term 1:  Staff 27 January / Students 28 January to 24 March

Term 2:  11 April to 24 June

Term 3:  11 July to 16 September

Term 4:  3 October to 20 December

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**THANKS FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE**

Thank you to all those parents who assisted by taking home the Sick Bay linen to be laundered. It certainly was a great help.

*Katrina Hooke*

School Nurse

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**COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

**EASTERN LIONS SOCCER CLUB**  MI NIROOS  Players wanted U9-U11 to register miniroos@easternlions.com.au

**LITTLE ROOKIES**  Boys and Girls aged 5-8  Beginners class at Gardiner Creek Reserve Burwood  r.skillen@live.com.au or contact Roy on 0452 490424

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**QKR PAYMENTS**

The Qkr payment app will close from Friday 18 December until 20 January 2016 to allow for end of year/ start of year processes to be completed.