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SPECIAL EVENTS

Mt WAVERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

2015 CHRISTMAS CAROLS NIGHT



TONIGHT



Please have children seated by 6.45pm for a prompt 7pm start.

We are seeking your support with the following:

- * The area and seating designated for staff and students should be left clear
- * All MWPS children should remain seated with their class group until all performances are over
- * Toddlers and children who are not MWPS performers should be seated with families
- * **No photos are permitted from the area in front of the performers**

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) and the school has a SMOKE FREE Policy whilst any person is on school property. Also when students are in attendance events are ALCOHOL FREE

For families who would like to purchase something to eat there will be a BBQ between 5.30—6.30pm.

RUNNING CLUB 2015

Thank you to our parent helpers who have been at Running Club this year. Without your assistance we couldn't run such a great club getting children out running, challenging themselves and creating healthy life habits. In total this year the students have run **6758km**, which is enough to run all the way across Australia and more than half way back, a fantastic effort.

Congratulations to the following classes and teachers who ran over 300km in Running Club over the year.

1 st – 1B Miss Richards – 581km	2 nd – PB Miss Peters – 500km
3 rd – 3A Mr Parker – 454km	4 th – 1C Mrs Woods – 405km
5 th – 2D Miss Combe - 374km	6 th – 2A Miss Gangell – 335km
7 th – PE Mrs Noblett – 324km	8 th – PF Ms Orr – 300km

Thank you again to the wonderful group of parents who have been out there every week to supervise the track and support our runners. Medals will be awarded to the 100km champions at next week's assembly.

Merryn Ashcroft

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

STAFFING

Ingrid Noblett has been an outstanding member of the Mount Waverley Primary School community for many years and I could not begin to put into words what she has done for this school. Thanks Ingrid and all the very best for the future in your retirement.



Chris Parker has taken a 1 year contract at Montmorency Primary School and may return to Mount Waverley in 2017. Chris has also been an outstanding contributor to Mount Waverley Primary School for many years and Montmorency is fortunate to have his diverse range of skills on offer next year.

Amanda Newcombe returns to Mount Waverley Primary School next year two days a week and Phil Cairns comes to us from New South Wales to implement our new Science Specialist Program.

The following new teachers to Mount Waverley will have classroom positions in 2016: Rachael Miceli, Chelsea Whitehead, Nicola Russell and Dean Salamouras.

Emma Kyriacou and Shauna Sahadeo have requested to remain on leave for a further 12 months, which I have granted.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council plays a vital role in making decisions for the ongoing development of the school and supporting the school's Vision. In addition to reviewing and ratifying many policies, in 2015 School Council have also supported me to complete several minor works around the school:

- Air conditioners were installed during the January holidays in the Prep rooms so they could have a cool start to the year and I know the teachers were most grateful for this.
- A long jump pit was created at the northwest corner of the oval.
- The hall floorboards were polished during the January break.
- Shade sails were installed over the picnic seats.
- Asphalt paths were laid leading from the SLA to the portables and a major path was constructed from the Toirram Road entrance.
- New turf was laid under the playground near the southern portables.
- A fence was created around the big eucalyptus tree near Toirram Road to protect the roots of this significant tree.
- The new ropes playground has been a real hit with the students.
- The addition of a reconditioned portable funded by the Department has enabled us to plan for EAL and Japanese having their own rooms in 2016.
- New Art room shelves were built.
- The Prep coverway was constructed to ensure a continuous covered area from the southern portables to the main buildings.
- Steps were built to the Prep area.

- A gate at the northern end of the school was installed to ensure the Running Club could function mainly within our school grounds.
- A large screen outside the Office now displays upcoming school events and celebrates our achievements.
- A projector and large screen in SLA East is now regularly used by large groups of students and for evening events.
- The large screen interactive TV in SLA West is used by teachers with groups of students and when new furniture arrives in January 2016 it will be set up as an eLearning and Technology Centre.
- New table tops have been purchased in SLA central for the implementation of a specialist Science program in 2016.

If you are interested in joining School Council, nomination forms will be available in the first week of February 2016 and meetings will be held on the third Monday evening of each month at 7.30pm in the Staffroom.

I would like to thank all Council members for their contributions. Sam Wickramaratna has contributed on Council for many years and as Treasurer this year. I wish Sam and his family all the best at their new school.

Role of School Council President can be complex, so I would particularly like to thank Michael Seelig for his hard work and supporting the school's Vision.

Greg Paine

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

TERM 4

10 December
CAROLS NIGHT



11 December
Meet the teacher and class for 2016

15 December
Prep Big Slide

Yr 6 Graduation

17 December
Yr 1 Minibeasts
Yr 5 Strike Bowling
Yr 6 End Year Excursion

18 DECEMBER
LAST DAY OF TERM 4
Early finish 1.30pm

ACHIEVEMENTS

HOUSE SWIMMING

Congratulations to all the students who attended the District Swimming Trials in Years 3,4,5 last Friday. It was great to see so many students being able to swim 50m. The results were: 1st: 181 points Glenelg, 2nd: 174 points Murray, 3rd: 162points Goulburn and 4th: 92 points Barwon. Thank you to all the parent helpers who helped out at the pool.

Cassie Kemp

PE/Sport Coordinator



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"](http://try.weetbix.com.au) Register as part of MWPS group to receive an additional discount.

Merryn Ashcroft

P.E / Sport



GOLD

Rex L, Kenneth Z, Aritha J,
Vishwa P, Nathan K, Ivy L

SILVER

William A, Ian W, Sean C, Ayden L, Crystal M, Saoirse M,
Veboda W, Esther K, Forest L, Matthew P, Johnny M,
Chelsey D, Amna B, Jaiden L

Rubbish Free Lunch Day Winners Week 9 Term 4


Congratulations to our winning classes for last week's Rubbish Free Lunch Day. The winning Prep class was PF with 100% rubbish free lunches in their class. The winning Junior School class was 1C with 100% rubbish free lunches in their class. The winning Middle School classes were 3A and 3/4Y 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!

	SCORE	CLASS	SCORE	CLASS	SCORE	CLASS	SCORE
PA	No result	1C	100%	3B	No result	5A	43%
PB	No result	1D	89%	3C	96%	5B	92%
PC	78%	2A	No result	3D	96%	5C	85%
PD	No result	2B	78%	3/4Y	100%	5D	95%
PE	91%	2C	91%	4B	No result	6A	100%
PF	100%	2D	75%	4C	91%	6B	No result
1A	95%	2E	91%	4D	91%	6C	83%
1B	91%	3A	100%	4E	No result	6D	83%

CURRICULUM

JAPANESE DAY!



Our annual Japanese Day was held on Wednesday 2 December. The day was filled with cultural learning and fun activities. Students were told beforehand to dress up in red and white or Japanese-style clothing. 

To start off this wonderful day all students gathered in the Hall for a special assembly. The Japanese Extension students stood up at the front and made a speech they had been practicing. After that, it was time for an exciting annual game of Jankenpon (or as you may know it, 'rock, paper, and scissors'). This year there were giant rock, paper and scissors signs to enable the audience and players to see easily.

After the game we welcomed a Wadaiko Drumming performance. It was an engaging and interesting experience hearing the Japanese drummers. They are extremely talented in their field and listening to their intense drumming was an incredible opportunity. There was also a Japanese comedy show during the day with Year 4 classes and it was hilarious! SHOWKO's performance with cheeky puppets was really energetic and amusing to watch. Everyone went back to their class rooms after the drumming to start off their Japanese day. There was a wide variety of activities we could do, such as making a Japanese-style bandanna, sumo-wrestling and origami. We all learnt a lot about Japan and its culture through these entertaining and informative sessions.

For lunch the students (and some of the teachers!) had a challenge set to them: they had to eat their lunch with chopsticks! It was quite difficult for some people to eat their sandwiches with them, but for some people it was really easy and very impressive to watch!

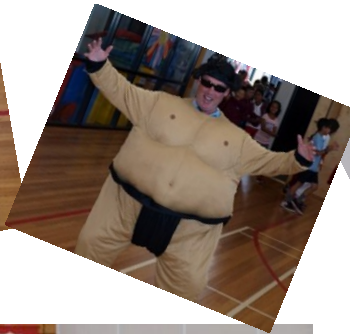
Overall, Japanese Day was a great learning opportunity and I think everyone enjoyed the whole day immensely.
By Sophia 6c

-Details can be found with all the incursions that we had on the Japanese Day below-

Wadaiko Rindo <http://www.wadaikorindo.com> (They have classes for beginners if you are interested!)

SHOWKO - comedian <http://showkoventriloquist.com/> (She will be in the Australia's Got Talent on TV!)

Manga Drawing <http://drawingwithus.com/>




ART SMOCKS - HELP

Mrs Weaver would appreciate assistance from the school community to wash the art smocks from the Senior Art Room over the Christmas holidays. If you are able to help please see Mrs Weaver in the Art Room.

Many thanks.



THANK YOU FROM SRI CHRISTIAN INSTRUCTORS

We wish to thank the Staff, Office Staff, parents and students for the wonderful support given to the SRI Christian Instructors. 

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas celebration and a safe holiday. We look forward to seeing you in 2016.

Pastor Steve, Mrs Baker, Darshini, Gamal, Eleanor and Nagat

REMINDERS



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



Having a good clean out for the end of the year— remember to sort for recycling.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The Second-Hand-Uniform Shop will be open on **Monday 14 December** from **8.50-9.30am** and again from **3.15 —3.45pm**. Please try to bring small denominations as the shop will not be able to provide a large amount of change.

Uniform donations can be dropped off at the Office. Small sizes, such as Size 4 are greatly needed.

PRIMARY SCHOOL WEAR (PSW) SALE

Monday 9 November to Friday 18 December

288-290 Stephenson Rd,
Mt Waverley

5% off uniforms
25% off school shoes

PSW 2016 Uniform price list is available from the display stand outside the Office.



REMINDERS

Permission forms & payments:

- Yr 5 Bowling **due 4 December**
- Yr 1 Minibeasts **due 7 December**
- Prep Big slide **due 9**
- Yr 4 Camp 2016 deposit **due 11 December**

BOOK COLLECTION DATES

Monday 7 December 8am -10am and 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Monday 25th 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.

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).

STUDENT REPORTS

If family circumstances have changed and the school has not been notified that both parents/guardians require a copy of the Student Report please send a note to the Office .

Please include student name and names of the adults who require copies, with contact details .

STUDENT COUNCIL



Student Council is running the **FOOD for FAMILIES** appeal for Wesley Mission. Christmas is a special time for families but it also can be a difficult time for many people.

We are collecting non-perishable goods for families who do not have a great deal of money and find it hard to provide a meal on Christmas Day.

Items such as instant noodles, biscuits, pasta, pasta sauce, baby food, spreads like jam, UHT milk and breakfast cereals are good examples of what to donate.

There will be 2 boxes in the West area and 2 boxes in the East area of the Senior Learning Centre. There will also be one box in the Office area as well as a box in the Prep Area. Ms Willcox in Room 19, Mrs Knight in Room 22, Ms Gangell in Room 26 and Ms Karouzakis Room 23 will also each have a box.

Please donate some non-perishable food to help families in need this Christmas.



QKR PAYMENTS

The Qkr payment app will close from Monday 21 December until 20 January 2016 to allow for end of year/ start of year processes to be completed.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

MOUNT WAVERLEY NETBALL CLUB A final reminder that expressions of interest for existing players, new players and coaches for next Season are due by 14 December. Please contact the Committee via our email mwnc3149@gmail.com To secure a position Trybooking is open now at Trybooking mwnc3149.