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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable festive season and that our students have recharged their batteries ready to engage in a year of exciting and engaging learning tasks.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The floorboards in the Hall have been sanded and polished and are looking fantastic, so please take care when using the Hall and follow the instructions of teachers. New furniture has arrived for the eLearning Centre in the SLA West and will provide a range of flexible learning opportunities for students. Thanks to Parents and Friends 12 portable whiteboards have arrived for the classrooms in the SLA; new robotics kits have been purchased and the three classrooms without new tables and tubs will have their new furniture before the end of February. Four large shade structures in house colours have also been ordered by Parents and Friends and should arrive soon. Again, thanks to Parents and Friends for supplying additional seating around the school. The oval has been top dressed and hopefully we will not have too much hot weather so that the new grass can become established.

STUDENT LEADERS

On Monday 8 February our Captains and House Captains will be presented with their badges. I look forward to working closely with all of our student leaders, particularly with the delivery of assemblies. Other student leaders will be presented with their badges on Monday 15 February.

STAFFING

I would like to welcome to Mount Waverley Primary School new teaching staff: Dean Salamouras (Prep), Nicola Russell (Yr 3), Chelsea Whitehead (Yr 4), Rachael Miceli (Yr 6) and Phil Cairns (Science). I would also like to welcome newly appointed integration aides Kirsty Bertuch and Stacey Redman who will provide additional support to our Disabilities Program.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council nomination forms will be available from the Office on Friday 12 February and must be returned to the Office by close of business on Friday 19 February. If more nominations are received than the number of positions available an election process will be conducted in early March. School Council is a great way to contribute to the school and meetings are held the third Monday of each month. A minimum of eight meetings are conducted during the school year. All School Council members are expected to be members of at least one of the sub committees: Buildings and Grounds, Finance or Education (Policy).

INFORMATION NIGHTS

All year levels will be conducting information nights next Thursday 4 February. These evenings provide valuable information regarding your child's education, programs and classroom procedures. I encourage parents to attend. Prep – Year 2 will be conducted from 6.00 -7.00pm and Years 3-6 from 7.00 – 8.00pm.



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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

COMPASS

Compass is now available for families to access school information/notices/the newsletter. Please ensure that you have your user name and password saved.

Compass is available for downloading to android phones.

Either follow this link <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.jdlf.compass> or search for Compass School Manager in the Google Play store.

2016 School Account/Excursion Levy

Payment of the 2016 School Account and 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).

EMERGENCY STUDENT INFORMATION

Students will be bringing home an Emergency Information form (pale orange) for families to complete. This is to ensure that the school has the most current contact information for all students. All families, including new enrolments, must complete this form and return it to the class teacher or the Office as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

4 February

Information Night P-2 6.00pm 3-6 7.00pm

15—19 February

Parent/Teacher Conferences

17 February

District Swimming

11 March

CURRICULUM DAY (Students not at school)

15—18 March

Yr 4 Camp

21—24 March

Year 5 Camp

24 March

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Early Dismissal 2.30pm

REMINDERS

Permission forms & payments:

- Yr 4 & 5 Camps 2016 deposits **overdue**
- 2016 School Account – payments are to be made prior to **Friday 26 February**. Payment can be made via Qkr, cheque or credit card.

QKR PAYMENTS

The Qkr payment app was activated on 20 January 2016 and is available for payment of school accounts and events.



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The school uses this app for communication of brief updates or urgent messages to families. The app can be downloaded to phone or tablet and is available from your app store.

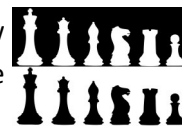
CSEF 2016

The application/ payment timeframe has been brought forward by DET. Please see the attached notice for further important information. If you have any queries, please contact the General Office. Please note, for those who were eligible applicants in 2015, payments were allocated to the 2016 Excursion Levy. Eligible applicants in 2016 will have the funds applied to Camps, swimming program or sports events.

Applications need to be submitted by 29 February 2016.

CHESS CLASSES

Enrolment forms for Chess Classes are now available from the display stand outside the Office.



SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The Second-Hand-Uniform Shop will be open on **Monday 1 February** from **8.50-9.20am**.



Please try to bring small denominations as the shop will not be able to provide a large amount of change.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) commenced in 2015 for four years and will provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students, with \$225 per year paid for eligible secondary school students. A special consideration eligibility category also exists. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student.

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
on the first day of Term two;

- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card successfully validating with Centrelink on either the first day of term one or term two.

Parents or legal guardians are required to complete a CSEF application form and lodge it with their child's school for processing.

Application forms should be completed and lodged with schools by 29th February 2016, as payments are made from March. However schools will be able to accept and process applications up until the end of term two each year.

The CSEF system only allows one application per student. Parents in shared custody situations are encouraged to make decisions as to who applies for the CSEF. Schools should not be put into the position of arbitrating in decisions such as this.

If the parents cannot decide between themselves who should apply, they should be encouraged to resolve the dispute through the Family Court, or contact the Department's CSEF Helpdesk for more information on 1800 060 970.

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

LUNCH ORDERS 2016

Miss Peppercorn will resume taking lunch orders from Friday 5 February.

The new menu is available on Compass or from the Office. A copy is also attached to this newsletter.





CATERING + SCHOOL LUNCHES + GOURMET FOOD

School Lunches Price List - Term 1 2016

Simple, healthy, fresh and delicious food delivered to children for lunch

From the oven		Sandwiches, Wraps & Rolls - make your own !	
Pizza – Marg or Hawaiian	5.75	- GF & yeast free rolls, wraps & bread available +\$1.00	
Fried rice w bacon	6.00	<u>Fillings available: + .50c each</u>	
Pasta w. napoli sauce + cheese (v)	5.10	lettuce, tomato, cheese, cucumber, avocado, egg,	
GF pasta w. napoli sauce + cheese (v)	5.80	grated carrot, honey, vegemite, free range turkey,	
Little more pasta w napoli sauce + cheese	6.20	beetroot, capsicum, poached chicken, lean ham,	
Sausage roll w sauce	5.50	bacon, tuna, falafels, tandoori chicken	
Wedges w sweet chilli sauce + sour cream	6.00	<u>Free Condiments:</u>	
Chicken and mushroom pie (gf, df, yf)	9.00	mayonnaise, mustard, tzatziki, homemade chutney,	
Oven baked chicken strips (5)	5.25	sweet chilli	
Hot Meal Deal A	9.50	Sandwiches - 1 filling from 4.00	4.00
Sausage roll w sauce OR GF Sausage roll available		Rolls - 1 filling from 4.50	4.50
Popcorn		Wraps - 2 fillings from 5.10	5.10
Drink of choice		Savoury vegemite and cheese scroll (v)	5.50
Hot Meal Deal B	9.50	Greek Lamb wrap	7.50
Pizza – Marg or Hawaiian		Snacks	
Chocolate Hedgehog		Jelly, peaches + custard	5.00
Drink of choice		Strawberries w choc dipping sauce	5.50
Hot Meal Deal C	9.50	Whole banana w choc dipping sauce	5.50
Wedges + oven baked chicken strips (3)		Scone w butter + jam	3.80
Popcorn		Yoghurt cup w. berry coulis (or not!)	3.80
Drink of choice		Chocolate mousse	4.00
Fresh Meal Deal A	9.50	Hard boiled egg – add mayonnaise or a dinner roll	2.50
Chicken burger (lettuce, tomato, cheese, chicken + mayo – not hot item)		Chocolate Chip Cookie	3.00
Chocolate Hedgehog		Chocolate Hedgehog	3.95
Drink of Choice		Air popped popcorn	1.90
Fresh Meal Deal B	9.00	Ham, cheese + pineapple savoury scroll	5.00
Greek Lamb wrap (lamb, shredded lettuce, cucumber, carrot, tomato + tzatziki)		Drinks	
Choc chic cookie		Plain bottled water	3.00
Bottle water		Apple 100% Fruit Juice	3.00
		Tropical 100% Fruit Juice	3.00
Sushi – avail <u>Thursdays & Fridays only</u>	3.50	Apple + blackcurrant Fruit Juice	3.00
- Cooked Tuna, Avocado + Chicken Teriyaki		Oak Flavoured Fresh Milk (250ml):	
MUST BE ORDERED BY 4pm THE DAY PRIOR		- Chocolate	3.50
Extra's		- Strawberry	3.50
Extra sweet chilli sauce	.50		3.00
Extra soy sauce (w/ sushi)	.50		
Extra tomato sauce	.50		
Extra bbq sauce	.50		

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