

Principal's Report

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School Fees 2010

By the end of this week families will have received the 2010 fees notice through the post. School Council has set the 2010 School Fees at \$250.00 per student as follows:

Compulsory Fees	195.00
Additional Contributions	<u>55.00</u>
School Fees total	<u>\$250.00</u>

This year some of your child's stationery for 2010 will be individually packaged for collection on payment of the compulsory fees. The School Fees may be paid on the dates set out below and your child's stationery collected in time for covering and naming ready for the start of school. A \$10.00 discount per child is available to families who pay the School Fees in full before the end of the 2009 school year.

Extra Curricular Activity Fees for excursions, camps, interschool sport, swimming programs and the like are charged separately. Parents will receive an invoice for these charges at the beginning of each term.

As for 2009 you will have the option of paying either in full by the 29th January or in two half yearly payments. The installment option is available with credit card payments only.

Payment and collection dates:

Monday 7th December, 2009 from 6.00 pm to 7pm

Tuesday 8th December, 2009 from 8.00am to 10.00am

Friday 29th January, 2010 from 8.00am to 5.30pm

B Pay is now available to pay your fees, your B Pay number is at the bottom of your statement. Other options are Cash, Cheque, Eftpos & Credit Card.

If you would like to discuss any matter in relation to the school fees, please contact me either by phone or email at: mt.waverley.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Grade Allocations For 2010

Within the next few weeks staff will begin the process of allocating our students to their grades for 2010. This is an extremely complex process where staff use their knowledge of the students to ensure the placements are successful for all concerned. If parents have requests regarding the placement of their children, could they please put these in writing and forward them to me by **tomorrow, Friday 23rd October**, emails to mt.waverley.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au are preferred. Verbal requests will not be considered. Parents are advised that not all requests can necessarily be met, however where possible we will take the requests in to account. Parents are asked **not** to request a certain teacher for their child as the decision of staff placement is a separate and equally complex process and final decisions on staff placement for next year have not yet been made. Any request made after the 23rd October may not be able to be considered.

Students Attending MWNPS in 2010

In order to assist with planning for 2010 and staff with the development of grade lists, if any family knows they will be shifting from the area and not attending Mount Waverley North Primary School in 2010 could they please let the office know in writing as soon as possible.

Melbourne Cup Day

Tuesday 3rd November is a public holiday for Melbourne Cup Day and therefore the school will be closed. **Monday 2nd November** is a normal school day; we will be operating as usual.

World Teachers' Day

Next Friday is World Teachers' Day, a day to celebrate the role played by teachers worldwide in the education of our children. I would like to thank the teaching staff at Mount Waverley North Primary School for their commitment to our students and school.

Ron Hodges – First School Council President

Ron Hodges, the first School Council President of the original Syndal North Primary School (which later became Mount Waverley North Primary School) passed away last week. Ron's children attended from when the school opened and into the 1970s, his grandchildren also attended in the 1990's. Ron is largely responsible for the trees planted around the school ground. He has also helped the school out in a number of ways over the last decade. We appreciate the commitment Ron showed to our school community over a very long period and send our condolences to his family.

Robyn James

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

I am pleased to announce that your School Council has been successful in securing funding under the Federal Governments Building Education Revolution and the State Governments Pride of Schools Program. We have been allocated \$2.5 million and \$150,000 respectively. Under the standard arrangements this money was required to be spent in a standalone new structure, such as a library or hall. School Council, our Principal and Vice Principal have all worked tirelessly to obtain a variation to the standard arrangements and ensure we have been able to spend this money in the best manner for the school. We have been successful in allocating this money to the renovation of the existing school buildings, which is a significant win for our school community. The renovation of the school will be commencing in the near future and will be undertaken in stages to minimise disruption to the students and staff. The new design of the classrooms will be focused on the open plan team learning that has been implemented in Grades 5 and 6 and has been a key element of our school's Strategic Planning for some time. Detailed plans for Stage 1 of the renovations have been completed and are currently being tendered. Copies of the plans available soon on the MWNPS website or on the Building Program display board located near the front office.

Anyone who has done renovation at home will know that there are always small additional costs that become evident during any building process. This project will be no different and therefore it is important that we continue to raise funds for the school. I therefore urge all parents and students to support the upcoming Festive Fair which requires the help and support of the whole school community. Your support of all school fund raising events is important as all events contribute to the successful functioning of the school and play a role in the quality of what we as a school community can achieve for our children.

Along with the other significant upgrades that have occurred in the last 12 months,

such as the new bike shed and oval refurbishment this is an exciting time for the school community, as we continue to develop our school to meet future needs. If you have any questions, I encourage you to speak to your School Council members

Adam Creek
School Council President
Mount Waverley North Primary School

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Hi from Carol, your new school chaplain. I started at Mount Waverley North this term, replacing Roy who has gone to Balwyn High. I'll be at school on Tuesdays and Fridays. Thanks for making me feel so welcome here. It's been great to meet some of you already. I'm enjoying getting to know the school community and discovering how I can fit in as a support and helper. Please do come up and say hello if you see me around the place. Breakfast Club, started by Roy, is up and running again. Cereal, toast with spreads and drinks of milk are available from 8.15 in the hall on Tuesday and Friday mornings. The doors will close at 8.45 to allow everyone to finish breakfast and get to class on time. So remember to arrive early if you want to eat!
Bye for now from Carol

Out Of School Hours Care – Staff Wanted

Our OSHC Programs are looking for qualified staff to work as both coordinators and assistants, particularly during the vacation periods (beginning in March/April 2010). Under the new regulations all staff must be qualified childcare workers and hold suitable first aid qualifications. If anyone is interested could they please contact either Joy Burton or Robyn James on 9802 3168 for more information. If parents know of people outside our school community who may be interested could they please pass these details on.

PFA NEWS

Annual General Meeting – all welcome!

Wed 25th November 2009 in the staff room (to be followed by ordinary monthly meeting). All PFA committee positions will be vacant and up for grabs!

President - Chairs Association meetings, co-ordinates the duties of and liaises with other committee members. Attends school council meetings as a co-opted member or arranges for a nominated committee member to do so.

Vice President - Deputizes for the President.

Treasurer - Maintains financial records, pays accounts and prepares monthly and annual financial reports. Arranges an independent audit of the financial statements and balance sheets to be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

Secretary - Keeps a record of and acts upon incoming and outgoing correspondence in consultation with the Association. Prepares agendas for meetings.

Minutes Secretary - Records minutes of all meetings and distributes them to all committee members one week after the meetings.

General Committee Members - Assist with fundraising events and carry out general duties as required by the committee.

Refreshments will be provided, everyone is welcome, remember you don't have to be a part of the committee to attend! See you there.

Deb Radi.

PFA President

P. & F. Frequently Asked Questions

What does the P. & F. do for our school?

We organize events such as educational nights, seminars, community functions and parent morning teas, as well as helping raise much needed funds to spend on our children. .

When are meetings and how long do they take?

Meetings are held monthly and are usually around 60 – 90 minutes long. Meeting times are negotiable and are currently on Wednesday or Monday evenings as this suits the current committee. Meetings are very friendly with quite a few laughs in amongst the business at hand!

I would like to be involved with the PFA but what if I can't make it to the meetings? Doesn't matter! Many of our PFA members work 'behind the scenes' and have never attended a meeting, or attend only the meetings which suit them.

I have never done any fundraising, where would I start with a fundraising event?

Full support and 'how to' information is always available. Fundraisers need assistance with tasks such as packing and wrapping, counting money and sorting as well as organizing, so there are always small tasks you could help with.

I work all week, what can I do to help?

You may not be available to help in the classrooms if you work. You can still support your child's education by helping out with whatever amount of time you have available to give, large or small.

Proposed Fundraising Events for 2010

School Concert, Opportunity Shop, Easter Raffle, Hot Dog Days, Mother's & Father's Day Stalls, Movie Night and Family Events.

AUSSIE FARMERS DIRECT – The Milkman's Back! Aussie Farmers Direct are a FREE home delivery service supplying all your staple needs such as milk, bread, juice, cheese, eggs, spring water and more. With prices cheaper than major brands in supermarkets and conveniently delivered to your door, they offer freshness, convenience and quality with all products 100% Australian owned and produced. You will have received today an expression of interest form. If you and your family would like to hear about their great service, and in the process help the school raise funds - please sign and return the attached the form. Please note that there is no obligation by signing this form, it will only allow Aussie Farmers Direct to call you to explain their service further as there are many options. Mount Waverley North Primary will receive \$10 per family that signs up for a minimum 4 weeks, and ongoing \$10 per 6 months for all registered families. ***If you, or someone you know, already receives deliveries from Aussie Farmers, you simply need to send an e-mail to StefanieCarniato@aussiefarmers.com.au or call 1300 MILKMAN (1300 64 55 62) and register Mount Waverley Nth as their school of choice and the school will receive the donation. They don't even need to live in the area!!***

Dates to remember: October: Mon 26th L1&2 Music Incursion, Tues 27th L3&4 Music Incursion, Wed 28th & Thurs 29th L2 Incursion Minerals Victoria, Wed 28th Finance Meeting 8.30 am, Wed 28th Festive Fair Meeting 7pm, Friday 30th Jump Rope for Heart.

November Tues 3rd Cup Day Holiday No School

FUN SONGS IN GERMAN This week Level 3 students learnt a simple new song in German. This song has great actions which accompany the words! Following a number of requests, I am now providing the URL for it so that these students can help their families learn this song too! It is called "Wackel mit dem Po!" and it is at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tyc_EoYCrks

Not only have Level 3 students all learnt an exciting and funny new song, but a small group of "cool" Level 4 students are working on a performance of another song. They are practising their German language skills, as well as adding to their IT skills by recording this performance to share with others. We will keep you posted!
Tschüss, Frau Imberger

FESTIVE FAIR NEWS

Food Safety Training

The Festive Fair is only one month away. Hopefully you have had time to read the most recent Fair newsletter which is full of requests and information. Not mentioned in the fair newsletter was that we are seeking the assistance of parents who hold a certificate in Food Safety Training. We already have two but would like to share the responsibility as widely as possible. If you have completed the training and are able to offer an hour at the Food Stall please let Chris Forge know. If we can find two or the more people to help share this role on the day that would be great.

NEXT MEETING

The next Fair meeting is to be held on Wednesday 28th October at 7.00pm in the staffroom. All are welcome to attend.

University of New South Wales Competition Results 2009.

Once again it has come the time to congratulate all students who participated in the UNSW ICAS Tests in 2009. We need to recognise a special group of students on outstanding achievements in receiving award certificates at the highest level of this competition. Standouts amongst a talented group were Khai Ling, Harry, Yan Yan and Kirby from Level 3 and Mae and Colin in Level 4. These students all attained High Distinctions which places them in the top 1% of those tested in Victoria. Khai Ling earned 4 High Distinctions while Harry was successful twice. The others received one High Distinction and performed well in other subjects also, demonstrating great aptitude for learning across the curriculum. YanYan received 3 Distinctions and a Credit in addition to her High Distinction. All students receiving Distinctions (top 10%) and Credits (top 35%) are to be congratulated on their success.

The certificate winners are:

English

High Distinction: Mae, Colin Khai Ling, Harry, Kirby

Distinction: Kate F, Boya, Amy, Emefa, Samuel, Anika, Dominic, Vincent, Yan Yan McKinnon, Rebecca, Scott W

Credit: Alice, Cindy D, Nancy, Jai, Timothy, Andrew X, Leonard, Katherine Y, Charlie, Lawrence, Meg, Minoli, Emily C, Genkis, Oriana, Jake T, Kolya, Anusha.

Spelling

High Distinction: Khai Ling

Distinction: Amy, YanYan, Kirby, Colin, Katherine Y.

Credit: Lawrence, Leonard, Anyu, Vanessa, Boya, Mae, Chloe, Phoebe, Jai, Nancy, Vincent, Isha, Emefa, Minoli, Oriana, Deesha, Emily A, Elysia.

Writing

High Distinction: Khai Ling, Yan Yan.

Distinction: Kirby

Credit: Emily C, Emefa, Colin, Katherine Y.

Mathematics

Distinction: Mae, Boya, Cindy D, Anyu, Katherine Y, Nancy, Colin Dominc, Khai Ling, Lawrence, Scott W, Kolya, Emily A

Credit: Amy, Udharma, Kate F, Namm Kit, Alice, Leonard, Andrew X, Timothy, Samuel, Anika, Minoli, Katherine H, YanYan, Kendrick, Charlie H, Jake T, Oriana, Genkis, Kirby .

Science

High Distinction: Harry

Distinction: Mae, Boya, Katherine Y, Vincent, Khai Ling C, YanYan, Minoli, Lawrence, Scott W, Kolya, Emily A

Credit: Amy, Namm Kit, Alice, Chloe, Jai, Dominic, Lawrence I, Indigo, Genkis, Scott W, Elysia, Kolya

Computer Skills

High Distinction: Khai Ling,

Distinction: Harry, Sarah S, Scott W, JoshuaA-C, Dominic, Vincent, Mae, Phoebe

Credit: Lawrence I, Kirby, Genkis, Kendrick, Indigo, Minoli, Jai, Namm Kit, Alice, Cindy D, Amy.

Congratulations to all.

ZONE/REGIONAL ATHLETICS

On Tuesday the 13th of October, 7 students represented our school in the Zone/Regional Athletics. It was held at Bill Sewert Athletics Track. Darcy finished 3rd in hurdles for the second year running just missing out on a place in the regional final. Cienna competed in discus, Mikhaelha in triple jump, Matthew in the 200m while Yannick competed in shot put. Clayton competed in long jump and Jayme in the 1500m. Emefa qualified for shot put but was unable to participate on the day.

Congratulations to everyone who competed.

GREAT AUSTRALIAN RUN

Family Fun Run is taking place Saturday 28th November in Albert Park. Children aged 11- 14 will have the opportunity to run or walk 5km in the Junior Run, whilst those under 11 years can participate in the Family Run over 2km.

Chance to try lots of different sports and meet CATHY FREEMAN. Entry is \$20.00 per child or cheaper if you get a group of 10. By entering you will be supporting our school and State Schools' Relief Committee, entry via email info@greataustralianrun.com.au.

ITALIAN LESSONS

Mount Waverley Primary School will be offering lessons to students wishing to learn Italian. Lessons will start on Thursday 22 October at 3:45pm and run for 1 hr. An enrolment form is available from our school office .

The parents can contact – Lisa Lucarelli on 0417 380 383 or at lucarelli@optusnet.com.au for further queries.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Dear Parents

This year our school has again registered to participate in the Heart Foundation's JUMP ROPE FOR HEART program.

Jumping rope is an excellent way for children to keep fit and healthy. Over the last few weeks, your child has been learning a range of jump rope skills.

On **Friday 30th October 2009** we will be holding a JUMP OFF day, an event to celebrate and culminate the Jump Rope for Heart program. We ask that students seek donations from family and friends for their participation in the JUMP OFF day.

There are two ways of seeking donations:

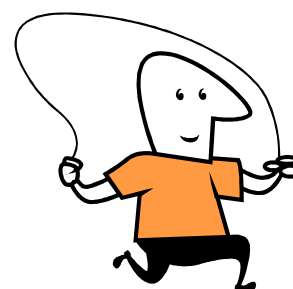
1. Your child can fundraise by email, using a Heart Foundation online fundraising account, under parent/guardian supervision by registering at www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumpropeforheart
2. Your child can use the traditional paper sponsorship form – students collect donations for taking part, not for how much skipping they do.

The money raised will go to the Heart Foundation to help fight heart disease and stroke through health promotion programs and heart research. In addition, 10 percent of the money raised by our school through the Jump Rope for Heart program will be returned to the school to purchase sports equipment. Your child may also be eligible for a prize as a thank you for his/her fundraising efforts.

Any money raised needs to be returned to school by Friday 6th November with the sponsorship forms to ensure that students don't miss out on prizes. Prizes usually take 2 or 3 weeks after this date to arrive.

We hope you can support this very worthwhile program.

Yours sincerely
Chris Naughtin
JUMP ROPE FOR HEART Co-ordinator.



YARRA VALLEY RAILWAY'S HALLOWEEN GHOST TRAIN

Friday 30th & Saturday 31st October

Trolley rides \$22 or \$18 conc. Dinner & Trolley ride \$38 or \$34 conc.

Friday - Dinner 8pm with ride at 9pm. Ride only at 8pm, 10pm, & 11pm.

Saturday - Dinner at 8pm with ride at 9pm. Ride only at 7pm, 10pm & 11pm.

8pm Friday and 7pm Saturday Ride Only suitable for families with younger children. Not recommended for U5 year old. **For bookings or more information call Patricia on**

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HARTWELL PLAYERS

Auditions for Country of Paper Castles

Auditions Thurs 22nd Oct 7.30pm Adults speaking roles. Sunday 25th October 9-11 am ensemble/ kids (group audition) 11-2.45 adults speaking roles, 3-5 ensemble/kids (group auditions). Please bring a head shot photo. Auditions for speaking roles need to come with a monologue, and a song. Child/Ensemble aged 8-14 years need to be willing to sing. Rehearsals and performances in Ashwood. Please phone 98880198 to book audition.



SYNDAL SOFTBALL CLUB

Softball season has started but it's not too late to join!
We are looking for **girls in Grade 5 & 6** to come along and have
FUN!

We play and train at Jells Park, Jells Rd, Glen Waverley.

Games are Saturday morning, 9.30 & 11.

Beginners WELCOME!

Call Liz (Secretary) PH: 9561 1802

MB: 0411 428 043



Nuna Triathlon Kids - Splash 'n' Dash

A fun non-competitive event with distances catering for all abilities:

- Under 7s 25m swim (kickboard optional)/100m run or walk
- 7-12 year olds 100m swim/500m run
- 10-12 year olds 200m swim/1km run

Date: Sunday 8th November

Where: Tintern Senior School East Ringwood
(Enter off Loma Street)

Time: 1pm (Check-in 12.30pm)

Who: Open to all primary-school-aged children. Register as a 09/10 Triathlon Kids member (\$20) and then entry is only \$5 for each event. (Register online at www.triathlonkids.com.au before 5th November 2009). Non-members also welcome – come and try!

Cost: \$5 Triathlon Kids members, \$10 come-and-try for non-members payable on day, **but all pre-entered with Karina (see below)**

Entry includes: Swim/run event, Finishing Certificate, Tri Vic Insurance.

Entries to karina@nunatriclub.com by Thurs 5th November at 5pm
(Please email children's names, age and primary school to Karina.)

For further information call Karina – 0407 803 793

