

Principal's Report

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Parent Opinion Survey

The use of opinion data to monitor performance is a very important step toward making our school the best it can possibly be. Each year we conduct annual and anonymous opinion surveys of staff, students and parents and use the information gained to drive school improvements. On Monday 24th August, 60 or so randomly selected families will receive a parent opinion survey, through the post, and we ask that these families return the completed survey to school by Friday 28th August. Thank you in anticipation of your support.



Gymnastics and Golf Congratulations!



Congratulations to Sarah T (Level 4) who recently finished 1st at the national gymnastics competition on bars. Congratulations also to Chris K (Level 4) for coming 2nd in the recent round of the Victorian Primary School Golf Championships. Chris has qualifying for the regional finals.



Working Bee

Our next Working Bee is for Level 3 and 4 (Years 3 to 6) families. It is to be held on Saturday 15th August from 9am to 12pm. If families other than these year levels are able to attend, we would love the extra assistance.

Taste of School

This afternoon we had a keen group of Kindergarten students join us for the first Taste of School session for this year. The future Taste of School dates are: 27th August, 10th September, 15th October, 29th October and 12th November. Could I please encourage parents who have not enrolled their Prep children for 2009 to contact the office for an enrolment form?

Transition across the School

As a way of improving the transition for all of our students in preparation for 2010, all students from Kindergarten to Year 5 were involved in transition today. Students were randomly divided in to groups and completed activities with students who will be in their level next year. This has been introduced as a way of assisting students (particularly those who are moving up in to the next level) prepare for the next year in the same way as we do our new Prep students. Transition activities will be held for the whole school each time we have Taste of School.

Robyn James

Dates to remember: August Sat 15th Working Bee L3 & 4 parents 9am – 12.30 pm & Mon 17th PFA Meeting 7.45pm, Mon 24th Meetings Environment 5.30pm, OSHC 6.30pm, Education 7pm
Thurs 27th Communication Meeting 7pm

Main Oval – Mt Waverley North Primary

I am sure that the current appearance of the school oval is a concern for many in our community. Rest assured that the School Council and staff are taking advice on its management through the winter period. Unfortunately that advice includes the limiting of use during wet periods. The students will not be permitted to use the oval on days when the surface is wet.

The turf that has been laid is very resilient, Kikuyu, but it has not yet had a full season to establish. We need to protect the root systems to allow for regeneration when the grass comes out of its dormant phase in mid to late spring. The high traffic areas will be cordoned over the next couple of weeks to give them a better chance of quick recovery. We expect to have a good grass cover for the Festive Fair in November.

Please remember the working bee this weekend. All families are welcome but the special callout for this working bee was for parents from L3 and L4. Our major focus for this working bee will be to clean up the fence lines to improve the general appearance of our school. It is on from 9.00am-12.30pm. I hope to see you there.

Chris Forge
On behalf of School Council

PFA NEWS

Father's Day Stall 2009

The Father's Day Stall will be held on **Thursday 3rd of September**. Each class will be allocated a time so that the students can purchase a gift. The gifts will be **\$4.00 each**. The stall will re-open in the afternoon on **Thursday (03/09/09)** and **Friday (04/09/09)** from **3.10pm to 3.40pm** for those wishing to purchase extra gifts. The gifts will be on display in the cabinet near the office.

If you are able to help on the stall, please complete the following and send it back to school ASAP.

We are also meeting this Friday (14/08/09) in the General Purpose Room (opp Art Room) from 2pm to 3.30pm to sort and wrap the gifts. If you can come, we would appreciate your help.

Regards,
Maria and Anna (0416137539 / 0414644604)

Yes, I can help on the Father's Day Stall. My preferred time is indicated below.

Name: _____ Mob: _____
Student's name: _____ Year: _____

Thursday 3rd Sept

Friday 4th Sept

9am-10am	10am-11am	11.30am-12.30pm	3.10pm-3.40pm		3.10pm-3.40pm

FESTIVE FAIR

Adult Lucky Dip Stall Once again I am asking for bottles of wine or goods suitable for my stall at this year's Fair. They can be left at the office for me to collect or at my home 16 Josephine Ave., this is my last Fair for Mount Waverley North and I would love to make it a special one. Thanks Helen Forss 98026735

GLENDAL PRE SCHOOL

Lucerne Street Mt. Waverley, phone 98021504, www.glendalpreschool.org.au

- Stimulating and fun 3 & 4 yo Programs
- Professional, dedicated & caring staff
- Play based learning
- Exciting & environmental large playground
- Friendly family atmosphere
- Broad range of activities and equipment
- 4yo Extended Hours Program

In 2010 we are introducing a new 3yo Kinder group, *Afternoon Fun*, to be run Thursdays 1.30pm - 4.00pm. This session is for any child that is old enough to attend 3yo Pre School.

Call our Enrolments Officer – Claire on 9802 3486 or email us on glendal.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB REGISTRATION

Mount Waverley Cricket Club, Junior Registration Night. Ages 8-17 years. Friday 4th September 7pm-8.30pm, Charles Street Club Rooms (Melways 61F12) If you could please bring copy of birth certificate for proof of age. If you can't make it email moddon@gmail.com or call Michael O'Donell on 96141944 (work) or 98021459 (home).

PARENTZONE

Anglicare, Bayswater are conducting four sessions on "What Kid's really need from their Dad's."

Bookings essential Phone 97213646. Wednesday August 12th – September 3rd. 7.30-9.30 pm. Cost \$40.00 per person \$20.00 concession

EATING DISORDERS

In collaboration with Deakin Uni Eating Disorders Foundation of Victoria are offering a six week workshop for families and parents of a person with eating disorders.

Where: Malvern East Uniting Centre

When: Every Tuesday for 6 weeks commencing 1st September to 29th September and 6th October. Time 7pm-9pm

Cost: \$80.00 per person \$120 per couple.

Registration forms available at the office.

SPRING TIME CHARITY DINNER

3 course dinner, dancing and entertainment, \$75.00 per person, to support Windermere, a local community charity helping children and families in crisis. Further enquiries Kelli Benjamin 98039006