

# Principal's Report

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## **Welcome Back**

Welcome back to term three. I hope everyone had a great holiday!

## **Welcome to the School**

I would like to welcome Dawn Heldt and Wendy Punay to the school this term. Dawn is taking L4B and Wendy is taking L4W for the rest of the year.

## **Student Absences**

Could I please remind parents that if their child is absent, they need to provide a note to school on their child's return to school. Parents are welcome to email the school if this is more convenient, and this will be passed on to the classroom teacher. Some parents ring us to let us know the child will be absent, however we still require written confirmation.

## **Bringing Valuable Items To School**

Parents, students and staff are reminded that personal property brought to school (including mobile phones, MP3 Players/Ipods, calculators, toys, sporting goods, stationary) is not insured for loss or damage. Students are discouraged from bringing anything to school that is particularly valuable or special.

## **Cybersafety**

The internet is an attractive and exciting place for our children to play and learn. Cybersafety is an issue that many parents have expressed concerns about. Below is the address of a website that parents may find useful as they balance their child/ren's use of the internet, and all the wonderful resources it offers, with their child/ren's safety on the internet. <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/>

## **Enrolments of Prep Students for 2010**

We are slowly receiving enrolment forms for Prep students coming to our school in 2010. If anyone would like an enrolment form they can be down loaded from the website (Parents / Forms), collected from the office or contact the office and we will be happy to send one home. If you know of anyone who has a child starting school next year, who may be interested in a tour and enrolling, please encourage them to contact the school or visit the website. 'Taste of School' sessions commence on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 2.45pm.

## **Distribution of the School Newsletter**

Last term a form was sent home to all families regarding the distribution of the school newsletter. All parents were asked to return the form to the school indicating how they would like to receive the newsletter in the future (even if they wish to continue receiving a paper copy). To date we have received very few responses. I have attached another copy of the form and request all families who have not yet returned a form to please complete the form and return it to school by next Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July. This is an important initiative, as we endeavour to ensure all families receive up to date and timely communication from the school.

*Robyn James*

Dates to remember: July Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Environment Meeting 5.30pm, OSHC Meeting 6.30pm, PFA meeting 7.45pm Tues 21<sup>st</sup> L 4 Excursion to Glen Waverley S.C ( Andy Griffiths) Wed 29<sup>th</sup> German Poetry Speaking Competition, Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Mini Concert in hall 2.30- 3.30 Korumburra SC

## **Building the Education Revolution (BER) Update**

The School Staff and School Council have been working over the past few months to put together the School's application for BER funding.

The template building models as proposed by the DEECD, are not a good fit for our school and as such the School engaged the services of an Architect to develop a concept package to submit with our funding application.

A 5-stage redevelopment has been proposed and the school will be applying in the 3rd round for BER funding. The basis of the redevelopment is to provide modern flexible learning space at all levels.

The School has been successful in obtaining funding from National School Pride Program. This is likely to fund stage 1 of the School redevelopment. At this stage the School believes Stage 1 of the program will be the extension and redevelopment of the Art Room/After School Care area. This will provide a flexible space to assist with any disruption during any further works as well as providing a long term facility that is required by our school.

The School Council will keep the school community updated regarding the outcome of the application.

Adam Creek  
School Council President

## **Can you help?**

We would like to help the *Middle Kinglake Primary School* start a new library to replace the one destroyed in the Black Saturday bushfires.

Word from their teaching staff is that they need books suitable for students 5-13 years, to re-stock the library.

- **Picture Books**
- **Junior fiction**
- **Early teenage fiction**
- **Information books**
- **Discovery books**

Do you have any *recently published books in good condition* (less than 5 years old) sitting on the shelves at home that you or your children would like to contribute?

If so, you can drop them off at either address below. We'll be collecting for a while until they have somewhere to set up a new library.

Karen Curulli  
10 Bullock Court  
DONVALE  
Mob 0400 345 223

Sharon Lindner  
25 Ashton Rise  
DONCASTER EAST  
Mob 0407 867 499

Check out this website as a guide to fiction kids love to read. [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/books/default.htm](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/books/default.htm)

Your contribution is greatly appreciated. **Karen & Sharon**



# Distribution of the School Newsletter

In order to do our bit for the environment and ensure all families actually receive our newsletter, we are offering families the option of having the school's newsletter emailed to them, rather than receiving a paper copy. Alternatively parents can access the newsletter on our website.

On the form below we would like parents to indicate how they would like to receive the newsletter in the future (paper, website, emailed).

If this process works well we hope to send more newsletters and notices home via the email and have these items accessible on the website also.

The system will be set up so that no one else will be able to access your email address and it will only be used to send school business home, as per the DEECD Privacy Policy.

We ask that parents return the attached slip to their child's teacher by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. It is envisaged that the changes to the distribution of the newsletter will be in place as early as possible this term.

Regards,

Robyn James  
Principal

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# Distribution of the School Newsletter

**Parent's Name:** .....

**Children's Names:**

1. .... **Grade:** .....

2. .... **Grade:** .....

3. .... **Grade:** .....

4. .... **Grade:** .....



**I would like to access the school's newsletter in the following way:**

**Paper copy (sent home with my child)**

**Access on the school's website**

**Sent to me via email**

**Email address:** .....

**Parent's Signature:** ..... **Date:** ...

## **EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**

If we have any new families who hold a health care card could you bring it to the office to claim for your allowance before the end of July.

## **BPAY**

In order to provide families with more payment options we have introduced BPay. For parents wanting to use this payment option, you will need to contact the school for your individual biller code, which some families may have seen at the bottom of their statements recently.

We have ordered new school payment envelopes that will have a BPay tick box so when families are returning permission notes, please continue to use the payment envelopes so that we know what has been paid for and the payment option used. Until such time as the new payment envelopes arrive, we ask that parents notify the office if paying by BPay, so that we know what the payment is for.

## **PFA NEWS**

### **Cadburys chocolate drive.**

The Cadbury chocolate fundraiser will be taking place tomorrow (Friday the 17th July). This year we are selling a selection of Freddo frogs at \$1 20 each (\$60 for the box) and the funds or unsold chocolates need to be returned by Friday the 7th August to the Office. If any families do not wish to take/ sell chocolates can they let the office know by Friday morning or return them back to the office. If you do not receive a box of chocolates to sell you can collect them from the office. Your support is very much appreciated with one of our biggest fundraisers. Any queries please contact Deb Radi: 9808 2762



## **Fundraising VIP Night**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009 - 6.00 pm til 9.00 pm

Invitations will be distributed to your class the first week back of term 3. You will need your invitation to receive EXCLUSIVE pricing on the night.

Please mark this night in your calendar as a percentage of sales will go towards the school.



Hurry we have just received the last lot of Entertainment Books for 2009/10, they are selling fast. It is a great way to be able to still go out and enjoy the things you want and be able to save some money. They are valid until June 2010. Now available in the office.

DO YOU LOVE GOING TO THE MOVIES?



**EACH TIME YOU CHECK YOUR  
EMAILS CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW**

[http://waverleycinema.com/program/club0027  
.php](http://waverleycinema.com/program/club0027.php)

Or go onto the Waverley cinemas website and look for our school.  
Many families are winning free tickets daily!  
Don't miss out.

**Here is an easy way to get free tickets**

### **ParentsZone@ GWAC**

“Parenting, pizza and play”  
5-7pm, Saturday, August 8

Glen Waverley Anglican Church, 800 Waverley Rd, Glen Waverley

Self esteem impacts on many aspects of children's lives, including learning, motivation and relationships. Parents' attempts to build positive self esteem do not always succeed. The seminar will consider ways to enhance self esteem, focusing particularly on praise and how to use it appropriately. Conducted by parent educator Sue Kerchhoff (B Social Work, M Child Psych, Nott, UK).

Cost: \$10 a person or \$15 a family (includes children's program)

Bookings essential  
RSVP: [www.gwac.org.au](http://www.gwac.org.au)  
Phone: Ross or Fiona 9560 7494

#### **What is *Parenting Pizza and Play*?**

This is an opportunity for parents of pre-school and primary school children to attend parenting sessions where information is provided and parents' issues discussed. Children are included so that couples are able to attend together. Children participate in games and craft activities and then enjoy pizza and ice cream with their parents.

### **Challenged by your child's asthma?**

#### ***'Parenting Children with Asthma'***

The University of Queensland is conducting research investigating the challenges faced by parents of children with asthma. This project involves a survey examining the factors that parents believe make management of childhood asthma more difficult.

#### ***What does participation involve?***

Parents of children with asthma, aged *3 to 12 years*, can participate by completing a set of online questionnaires about their family, their child, and their child's asthma. These questionnaires will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

You can complete the survey at: <http://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/asthmaparents>

For more information, please contact  
Caroline Gregory (ph: 07 3365 9186, email: [caroline.gregory@uqconnect.edu.au](mailto:caroline.gregory@uqconnect.edu.au))

Your participation will be greatly appreciated!

**WAVERLEY BLUES FOOTBALL CLUB**  
**Auskickers - Come Down and Have a Game!**

If your son or daughter is interested in playing football for the Under 9s in 2010, they are invited to come along and play in the end of season game with our present Under 9 teams.

**SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2009 AT 10 A.M.**  
**WAVERLEY BLUES FOOTBALL GROUND AND CLUBROOMS**  
**CHARLES STREET**  
**MOUNT WAVERLEY**

Free Sausage Sizzle (+ can of drink for all players)



Game (half pitch) between two mixed sides of the present Under 9 + any Auskickers thinking of playing next year (40 mins)

*Any new players thinking of playing in 2010 are welcome to join in the match (please bring your own **mouthguard and footy boots**) or just come down to watch the game. The club will provide you with headgear.*

If planning to attend, **please RSVP** [robsturgeon@hotmail.com](mailto:robsturgeon@hotmail.com)



*There is no tackling in U'9 games. 2009 Season was 14 matches. Play Sundays 9:30am.*

*U'9 (2010) eligible for children born in 2001 or 2002*

For more details or if attending, please email [robsturgeon@hotmail.com](mailto:robsturgeon@hotmail.com)  
<http://www.waverleyblues.com.au>

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

As many Grandparents act as carers for their grandchildren, **Neighbourhood Watch** has decided to host A Grandparent's Night. This will be held during the next NHW meeting on **Tuesday July 21st at 7.30pm here in the school staff room.**

A qualified science teacher, Ralph Sinclair, will be demonstrating to grandparents a series of simple math's & science experiments/activities that grandparents and grandchildren can get involved with together. You can ring me, Joe Panzera, to book on 98028200 or email me at [nhwmon007@gmail.com](mailto:nhwmon007@gmail.com). The session will be approximately half an hour.



Coming up  
Term 3, 2009 . . .

# Basic Engineering

## Mount Waverley North Primary School



This unit is entitled Basic Engineering - Unit 1 using Lego Dacta. Through activities and exploring, children will develop their language, and explore mathematical and scientific ideas. Children will make working models each week. It helps all children develop skills and stimulates and encourages them to think on a higher level. This is a unit for all children, girls and boys and there are separate kits for the juniors and seniors. Seniors will be working with the idea of levers, structures and forces while the juniors will be working with levers, wheels and axles - and it is absolute fun!

### Wise Ones Application for 3rd Term 2009

This program is available for all Grade 1 - Grade 6 children who have qualified for Wise Ones.  
The unit for third term commences week beginning Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

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I wish to enrol my child in the unit "**Basic Engineering**" commencing week beginning Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

I give permission for a copy of this slip to be handed to the Wise Ones teacher.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Class (2009) \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: BH \_\_\_\_\_ AH \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

My child has already qualified for Wise Ones YES/NO

I would like a free test for my child YES/NO.

I would like my child to be tested with a fuller assessment to qualify for Wise Ones (assessment cost \$100 inc GST).

**Please send this slip and payment of \$195.00 on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009. As we are a non-credit business, children will not be accepted into the program for the term unless the fees and enrolment form are returned by the above date.**

If paying by cheque please make it payable to Mount Waverley North Primary School.

For further information please contact Pat Truscott on 9326 6441 or Mobile: 0407 313 657.