## Principal's Report

### School Council AGM
Our School Council Annual General Meeting was held last Thursday. Elaine Ivory was elected President, Kerri Kingston Vice President and Raylene Palmer Secretary, many thanks to all school councillors for their attendance. The Annual School Report was also presented and approved with copies available from the office.

### School Clean Following Mine Fire
Our school is currently undergoing additional cleaning following the Hazelwood Mine fire. The cost for the clean is being met by additional funding for cleaning which has been made available to our school.

### Parent & Teacher Interviews
A reminder that children will be dismissed at 12 noon tomorrow Thursday March 27 to enable Parent and Teacher interviews. Interview times have been allocated and parents should have received their interview time. Please contact the office if you still need to make an appointment. Please be on time.

### End Of Term 1.00pm Dismissal
Term one ends next Friday, April 4 at 1.00pm following our Friday assembly. Term 2 will commence on Tuesday April 22.

### Hazelwood open cut mine fire – update 25/03
*Media* Release
After 45 days of intensive firefighting the Hazelwood open cut mine fire has been officially declared ‘safe’, and management handed back to the mine operators, Fire Services Commissioner Craig Lapsley said today.

Mr Lapsley said today was a major milestone and marked the end of a long and difficult time for the Morwell community and firefighters. "When an incident is declared safe it means fire authorities are confident it no longer poses any threat to people or communities," he said.

"The open cut mine is officially being handed back to GDF Suez with today the last shift with Victorian and interstate fire services physically working at the mine.

The northern batters, the area that was closest to Morwell and one of the most fire intense areas that put smoke and ash over the town for many weeks, was declared safe on Friday. Management of the mine has been progressively handed back to the mine operators.

"This fire has for more than five weeks caused significant concern to the communities of Morwell and the Latrobe Valley and the health concerns of both the community and firefighters have added an extra layer of complexity to the fire fight," Mr Lapsley said. "This has been an extremely challenging fire and we have to acknowledge the hard work of Victorian and interstate fire services and incident management personnel throughout the past 45 days."

More than 7000 individual firefighters have worked through the mine, and at the peak of the fire more than 500 people were working directly and indirectly on the fire and its effect.

On peak days:
- 123.8 million litres of water was used per day and recirculated by ground crews and aircraft to fight the fire. That is around 86,000 litres per minute.
- The aircraft that worked on the fire dropped an average of 1540 litres of foam per day on the fire.
- More than 1,000 carbon monoxide tests on emergency services people were done each day of the 45 days.
- Over 300 accommodation bookings each day in Morwell, Traralgon, Moe and Sale for staff from many different agencies working on the mine fire and its effects.
- Staff working at the mine consumed approximately 1500 meals per day.

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Chris Joustra, Principal.
STUDENT AWARDS THIS WEEK

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YOU CAN DO IT!

TIPS FOR BUSY STUDENTS

Making and keeping friends.
• If your best friend is in a bad mood, give them some space. And don’t take it personally.
• Showing interest in what your friends are doing or saying makes them feel pretty good.
• Learn to smile more. It eases tension in yourself and in others.
• Ask for help only if you really need it.
• Friends are our greatest source of company, support, interest, stimulation, trust and fun.

TIPS FOR BUSY PARENTS

• Becoming a parent does not bring with it a ‘How to’ manual. All the wisdom and skills of parenting have to be learned.
• Your pattern of parenting may be strongly influenced by your experience with your own parents.
• ‘Dawdling’ is an excellent way children keep their parents busy.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Student Alicia McF, 2/3W
Receives $5.00
Canteen Lunch Voucher.

CLASS Prep D

Canteen Roster

Friday 28th March
8.30-10.30 Kerri Kingston & Kelly Hudson
10.30-1.30 Keith & Kylie Kerstiens

Monday 31st March
Naomi Brittain

If you are unavailable for any reason please ring the school (5134 1793) to let Deb Minster know. Thank you.

EMA CHQS
If you requested your EMA payment as a cheque these have now arrived. Please collect from the office.
In past years Morwell Park has given children in grades 4-6 the opportunity to attend a musical production in Melbourne, however this opportunity may only occur when there is a suitable production available. This year we would like to attend “Wicked”, and have been able to obtain a group booking for **Wednesday, July 16th**. Forms were sent out last week to all Gr 4-6 students. To secure your ticket return the form with the $20 non-refundable deposit asap.

**GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL**

Envelopes have been sent home, if you are able to give to this worthy cause your donation will be greatly appreciated. Please return envelopes by **Friday 4th April**.

**SUPERPAGES ART COMPETITION**

SuperPages are giving your child a chance to shine through their artwork. A cheque for $500 will be awarded to the winning school as well as individual prizes to the winning student and runners up. They will also be published in the 2014/15 West & Central Gippsland directory. The theme this year is ‘Outer Space’ and the judges will be looking for overall artistic talent as well as originality. **Closing date for entries is Friday 9th of May**. Entry forms available from Mrs Owler.

**GRADE 6 MEMENTO POLO SHIRTS**

If you are interested in purchasing a shirt for your child all orders and money are due back by **Monday 28th April**.

**CHOOK CARE DURING TERM HOLIDAYS**

Cannot believe I am organising this timetable already but if you are able to help feed & water the chooks during the term break would you please complete & return the below form as soon as possible please.

**Breakfast for Chook Carers**

The Thank You Breakfast for those who assisted with the chooks over the summer vacation will now be held on **Wednesday 23rd April**. Your son / daughter will bring a new invitation home this week. Please return the acceptance or non acceptance by the end of next week.

**CHOOK CARE DURING TERM 1 HOLIDAYS**

I am able to help care for the chooks during the school holidays.

Name: ........................................................................................................

Children & their grades) .................................................................

Days / Dates I am not available......................................................

*I will forward a timetable and relevant information during the middle of next week. Thank you, Mr.J*
**HPV Wonthaggi**

The feeling of overtaking vehicles felt great!

The track was hard at times, especially when you turn up the hill going into the straight, our legs were burning but I could hear people cheering us on helping us feel more energised and stronger to keep going. When we go past the pits always trying to beat our previous times challenging me to go faster and ride more laps.

When we got out of the vehicle our legs felt like jelly and we could barely stand. But we had 3-4 hours to rest after that, which was great hanging out with friends.

The nights were noisy while the adults were racing all night long but we had a good sleep because we were so tired. We had to wake up really early because the race continued at 6:00am and ended at 12:00pm that day, the race all up was 16 hours, while the adults raced for 24 hours non-stop.

Overall the race was amazing and great fun.

By Milla, Chloe, Amy and Laura

**ANZAC BADGES**

We are selling badges early this year because of the school holidays.

Junior School Council members will be going to classrooms daily selling Anzac lapel badges and wristbands.

- **Lapel Badges** 
  - .50 cents
  - $1.00
  - $2.00

- **Wrist Bands** 
  - $3.00

- **Bag Tags** 
  - $4.00

All money raised goes to the R.S.L.