Principal’s Report

NAPLAN
It’s been a hectic week for our grade 3 and 5 students who have been taking part in NAPLAN testing. It is always interesting for me to read and hear media reports related to NAPLAN. On the whole NAPLAN is nothing to fear, it is simply an assessment tool that allows comparison to other children. What is of concern is when it is viewed outside it’s purpose. When your child sits a NAPLAN test typically it only serves to inform teachers and hopefully parents what they already knew. Half the world is above average and half the world is below average, the very concept of ‘average’ dictates that. One test on one day does not determine a child’s future but it may give a broad sense of where a child is at (assuming that on the test on the day the child performed to their ‘true’ level). In September / October this year parents will receive the results of NAPLAN and teachers will be available to discuss these should they throw up any surprises. On the whole I would encourage parents to keep NAPLAN in perspective. No child died in the process!!!!

Impetigo (School Sores)
We have recently had a couple cases of Impetigo (school sores). Children with school sores are to be kept at home until treatment has commenced and when they return the sores must be covered with a water tight dressing.

Interactive Learning
Our very popular interactive learning activities commence tomorrow at 12 noon. Some children may need particular items for their activity so please check with them.

Mother’s Day Stall
Many thanks to our helpers who assisted with the Mother’s Day stall last Friday. The money raised goes to our Parents’ Association who in turn spend it on our children.

Education Week
Attached to the newsletter is information related to Education Week which begins on Monday. We have quite a few activities in place so please take the time to read. Children love seeing parents / grandparents and family in the school so if you are able to come along please do so. During recess next Thursday we hold our annual ‘Biggest Morning Tea’ which is a fundraiser for the Anti Cancer Council.

Woorabinda Camp
Our grade 5’s will be off to Woorabinda Camp next week. Woorabinda is one of only a few Camps run by the Education Department which means costs are kept down and the activities are fantastic. Woorabinda is situated beside Lake Narracan near Yallourn North and is a great asset for our district. I'm certain our grade 5’s will have a wonderful time.

Chris Joustra, Principal.
STUDENT AWARDS THIS WEEK

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

PREPS
- Tanisha M
- Sienna D
- Tierna R

1E
- Harley F H

1G
- Raymond S

1M
- Mackenzie C

2/3D
- Sheila A

2/3L
- Millie J

2/3M
- Ryley G

2/3V
- Calais G

2/3W
- Caitlin A

4/5F
- Nyoka A

4/5L
- Zach S S

4/5S
- Rachael C

6 A
- Chloe H

6 B
- Ruot P K

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD
Adam G, 1E

AWARD — Organisation
Nyoka A, 4/5F

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Student Ruot P K
Receives $5.00
Canteen Lunch Voucher.

CLASS 1E

YOU CAN DO IT!

TIPS FOR BUSY STUDENTS

- Identify the most difficult part of a project or homework, and tackle it first.
- Figure out what time of day you study best and do it then.
- Early unpressured study leads to the best results.
- When you are distracted from your study, ask yourself, "How important is this distraction?"
- Correct spelling earns you a better result.

TIPS FOR BUSY PARENTS

- Try to keep things in perspective.
- Children frequently misbehave as their way of pushing their parents’ emotional buttons.
- Your child is not your servant.
- If you’re available to listen to your children when they are young, it is more likely that they will want to talk to you as they grow older.
- Follow through with what you say you’re going to do.

Canteen Roster

Monday 19th May
- 8.30-10.30: Rachel Scott
- 10.30-1.30: Keith & Kylie Kerstjens

Friday 23rd May
- 8.30-10.30: Kerri Kingston & Kelly Hudson
- 10.30-1.30: Keith & Kylie Kerstjens

If you are unavailable for any reason please ring the school (5134 1793)
to let Deb Minster know. Thank you.
The Value of the Fortnight is: RELIABILITY

AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA
Thursday 22nd May, 2014.
10.45-11.15am in the Staffroom.
This year we will again host “Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea” to raise funds for the Cancer Council of Australia.
We are asking for support from all teachers and parents, please bring a small plate to share.

All donations will be gratefully accepted.

Hoping to see as many people as possible to help us support this very worthy cause.

Thank you. Angie Lane & Randall Cruickshank

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
The District Cross Country event was held last Friday at Crinigan Rd Reserve. The weather conditions were excellent and Morwell Park Students were keen to perform well.

The course is challenging and tough compared to our usual track around the creek, but children performed very well and all of our students completed the course.

Ryan S, Brodie L, Ruot P K, Dylan C C, Adior D, Amity L, Milla S, Rachael C, Talia C, Zoran W & Lachlan T all finished in the top 6 in their age groups and will now progress to the Division Cross Country at Gaskin Park in Churchill on Thursday 5th June.

Other competitors were:

WELL DONE AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS ON THEIR EFFORTS.
Morwell Park is celebrating Education Week with lots of activities for the students and families/friends to participate in. Parents please feel welcome to join in any of these activities.

**MONDAY**
- Our Grade 5 children will be off to Woorabinda Camp for the week.
- There is a huge display of Art Work around the school, in the main corridor and in the 4, 5, 6 area in the BER. Parents are welcome to come and have a wander to look at the great Art work the students have created.
- Grade 2/3M Recycling excursion.
- Junior School Council members will be conducting games during lunchtime.

**TUESDAY**
- Junior School Council members will have story time in the Library for Preps-3.
- Walk & Wheel for grades 4-6. Children will be walking, riding bikes and scooters around the creek. Parents are welcome to join in.

**WEDNESDAY**
- **DRESS UP DAY: Mad Scientist / Nutty Professor.** Science is the theme for Education Week. Students can come dressed up.
- Grades 2/3V Recycling Excursion.
- Art Show for everyone to have a look at around the school.
- Walk & Wheel after recess for grades Prep-3. Children will be walking, riding bikes scooters around the school and the creek. Parents welcome to join in.
- Junior School Council members will have story time in the library for Preps-3.

**THURSDAY - OPEN DAY FOR FAMILY MEMBERS**
- Our annual **BIGGEST MORNING TEA** is on again and parents are invited to join us and have a “cuppa” at recess to raise funds for the Anti Cancer Council. Families are invited after recess to an open day and to join in activities.
- Some grades will be performing an item on new stage area during the day.
- The Art Show continues to be on display around the school.

**FRIDAY**
- Walk Safely to School Day with your child/children and help raise awareness that walking is a great physical activity to increase fitness levels. If you drive, park the car and walk halfway. Riding your bike is also okay on Walk Safely to School Day.
- Art Work will be on display at MidValley Shopping Centre all week.
- Grade 2/3L Recycling Excursion.