Principal’s Report

Parent Survey
A system generated random sample of families have been sent a Parent Opinion survey (15% of our total number of families). These surveys are confidential and feedback is used to help future management and organisation of our school. If you have received a survey please consider completing and returning it by Friday August 1.

Parent and Teacher Interviews
Thankyou to those parents who attended the Parent and Teacher interviews last Thursday. A reminder that should parents have concerns or simply require an update on how their child is progressing, interviews can be requested at any mutually agreeable time throughout the year.

Vandalism
Unfortunately we have had a spate of vandalism and graffiti in and around our school in recent times. Quite sadly a financial burden is associated with the repair and clean up associated with it. The department does not provide additional funding for vandalism and it comes from our school’s budget so in effect it’s money that would have been spent on our students. If you see intruders in our school please contact Morwell Police on 5131 5000. Police have a list of suspects and are currently undertaking proceedings.

Medical Concern
One of our students has been receiving treatment in the Children’s Cancer Centre at Monash Medical Centre over the last few months and we need your assistance in supporting his ongoing recovery.

There is a letter within the newsletter that explains the situation, particularly in regard to infections. Please take a minute to read the letter and respond if an infectious problem should occur in your family environment. Thanks for your support.

Chris Joustra, Principal.
STUDENT AWARDS THIS WEEK

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

PREPS
Eric S L, Anthony W & Jason F H

1E
Harley F H

1G
Jesse W

1M
Lachlan G

2/3D
Dylan P

2/3L
Alex M

2/3M
Alex D

2/3V
Zack W

2/3W
Jacob McA

4/5F
Jai B

4/5L
Luke J

4/5S
Lachlan B

6 A
Tanesha G & Thomas L

6 B
Thomas L

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD
Taraia L N, 2/3D

AWARD — Persistence
Alicia McF

IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Student
Jessie B, 1M
Receives $5.00
Canteen Lunch Voucher.

CLASS
1E

YOU CAN DO IT!

TIPS FOR BUSY STUDENTS

Techniques for success.
• Feeling good about your body is important. It is not vain nor time-wasting.
• Dieting works best when you tackle it sensibly; that is, in moderation and regularly.
• Exercising controls weight, works muscles and keeps organs in good shape. It’s also a great way to meet people.

TIPS FOR BUSY PARENTS

• Encourage your children to identify skills they want to strengthen and ways in which they would like to improve.
• Stamp out criticism – it doesn’t improve child performance, or the relationship.
• Teach responsibility by allowing your child to help with family decisions and family chores.
• Reading daily to your young children is one of the most stimulating things you can do for them.

Canteen Roster

Friday 25th July
8.30-10.30
Kerri Kingston
10.30-1.30
Julie McMillian

Monday 28th July
8.30-10.30
Kelly Wells
10.30-1.30
Kelly Wells

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: PERSISTENCE

JEANS FOR GENES DAY
Friday 1st August.
The JSC will be having an Out of Uniform Day on Friday 1st August. Students are asked to come dressed in denim and make a gold coin donation. All money raised goes to Children’s Medical Research Foundation. Thank you.

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2nd INSTALMENT
Applications close on Friday 1st August.
If your 1st instalment application was lodged at Morwell Park and your card details remain the same, you do not need to do anything. If your card has been renewed it will need to be presented at the office to be photocopied.

You will need to complete an application form if:
♦ You are new to the school after the start of this year and applied for the first instalment at another school, or
♦ You have recently become eligible and been issued with a Health Care or Pension Concession card valid on 14th July 2014.

If you have any queries please contact the office.

Issue 5 of Book Club was sent out this week. All orders are due back by Friday 25th July.

Please make cheques payable to Morwell Park P.S NOT Scholastic.

Each order helps the school earn bonus points that we can order free books for the school library and Lexile program.

Prep Enrolments for 2015 are now being taken.
If you have a child who will be enrolling for Prep next year please contact the office to arrange an appointment to complete the required paperwork. Please be aware that proof of date of birth (eg Birth Certificate) and an Immunisation History Statement are required for enrolment.

The Immunisation History Statement is available from:-
♦ any Medicare office,
♦ by ringing 1800 653 809, or
♦ online at www.medicareaustralia.com.au.

Please also pass this information on to others who may not be aware that enrolments have commenced. School tours available at any time by appointment. Thank you.

Tips for staying active this winter!
Exercise Induced Asthma (EIA) is a common trigger for asthma. However, it does not need to be a barrier to Students participating in sports and physical activities.

Here are some tips to help prevent EIA in students:
Before Exercise take reliever medication 5-20 minutes before warming up.
Warm Up before exercise as normal.
During Exercise watch for asthma symptoms and administer reliever medication if they should occur. Only return to exercise if symptoms are relieved. If symptoms appear again, administer medication again, until they are relieved. It is not recommended that the Student should return to the sporting activity after a second occurrence of asthma symptoms.
After Exercise cool down as usual. Note that asthma symptoms can present up to a half an hour after exercise has stopped. Ensure reliever medication is still easily accessible should it be required.
I would like to thank those parents and students who cared for our chooks over the holidays. Unfortunately our traditional ‘Thank You’ breakfast will have to be postponed until later in the term as I am currently full time in the classroom. We look forward to getting some new chooks in August.

We have set up 2 new worm farms (bins) in the vegie garden with a plan to sell containers of ‘Compost’ worms to the public. More details later.

Thank you to those of you who donated pots and containers last term for our succulent garden; students from my grade and the gardening group have begun setting up our garden around the water tank in the vegetable garden. Donations of succulent cuttings and containers are still welcome.

Vegie Stall

Although there is only a limited amount of produce available in the garden at the present time, I am hoping to have an afternoon stall in the next 2 or 3 weeks. More details to follow.

#### AFL FOOTBALL TRIP

On Friday the 18th of July the students who participated in School Football were rewarded with a road trip to Etihad Stadium to watch the Multicultural Football match between Carlton and North Melbourne.

At 3:30pm we started our trip, fair to say that we were all very happy and excited about our road trip. Our first stop on the way was at Officer for dinner, most people had McDonald’s others had KFC. Some people got the normal size meals. We got back on the bus and continued on our journey to Etihad Stadium. When we arrived at our destination and found our seats we were amazed! We were on the third tier and the view was awesome, some of us thought we might fall off. The siren shortly sounded and the game was away. Next minute BANG! Carlton scored the first point, then in no time at all, Kangaroos kicked the first goal. WOO HOO- the crowd goes crazy. The game was really close and Carlton ended up winning by a few goals.

All the people loved it and we were really lucky to go. Thanks Mr. Joustra!

#### REMINDER

**Gr 4-6 Scienceworks Exc**

**Wed 30th July**

Permission forms and money due back by **tomorrow**

**Friday 25th July**
Wicked was wicked! We got on the bus and travelled to Melbourne. We put on a movie and we all sat quietly on the bus. I sat up the front next to Miss Allison. We had about ten minutes left until we got to the place we were going to eat lunch. We all had our yummy lunches that our Mum’s had organised for us. Miss Allison, Miss Grummish and Mrs Lane were having a little chat about where the people without money were going to go while the people with money went to the theatre. The people without money went to the park.

In no time we were all back together at the theatre. We all took our seats we waited impatiently for Wicked to start. Out of the blue the lights turned off. We all went quiet and watched the brilliant show WICKED! The show went really quick. My personal favourite part was when Elphaba died and the awesome effects that they used. At the start of the show it was in the present then it went back to the past. At the end of the show we went down to first class and we got to go backstage and have a look at all the props.

Let me tell you one thing...they have a lot of props in a tiny place.

Sadly we didn’t get to meet any of the cast but oh well there is always next time.

WICKED WAS BY FAR THE BEST LIVE SHOW I HAVE SEEN. By Laura M 6A

On the 15th of July a mix of 4, 5 and 6 students left Morwell Park P.S at 9.00am heading for the city. They were off to see ‘Wicked’ the musical. Twenty minutes into our long bus trip Mrs Lane put a movie on. While some students enjoyed watching it, others slept. When we got into the city some students were excited when we got into the city. We had food at a three story building named Federation Square. Then when we finished eating we went to Regent Theatre on Collins Street. The merchandise at Wicked was really expensive. It was definitely worth going to and we strongly recommend this play. It was a really amazing, beautiful and spectacular show. “The view was amazing from the second tier” said Thomas when he was asked about his highlight. By Thomas L and Thomas L.
Dear Parents

We would like to ask for your co-operation in an important matter.

One of our children is receiving medical treatment which puts them at serious risk if they develop chicken-pox, measles or shingles.

For chicken-pox, shingles and measles a special protective injection is available for this child, however, it is only effective if given within 72 hours of exposure, and only lasts for one month.

It is very important that you let us know immediately if your child develops any of these infections.

Please ensure you notify us immediately as the health and wellbeing of your child's friend depends on this information.

With many thanks

Dr Peter Downie MBBS FRACP
Head, Children’s Cancer Centre

Please note that our school office staff need to be contacted in the event of the infection becoming known.

Peter Credlin
Assistant Principal