**Principal’s Report**

**Transition Lunch**

Our grade six students were formally acknowledged at their transition lunch held yesterday. The luncheon was well represented by Mr Russell Northe, members from the CFA and RSL who presented awards and Kurnai College Principals who presented the Kurnai Scholarship.

The Helen Tipping Award was also presented. Helen was the Business Manager at Morwell Park for 27 years and succumbed to cancer some years ago, the award is a terrific way to acknowledge her work at our school.

Congratulations to all award winners and many thanks to the large number of parents in attendance. Best wishes to our grade 6 students who are moving forward to their next phase in education. I trust Morwell Park will have been the catalyst for future successes.

**Glen Cromie Park Picnic/Fun Day**

A reminder that next Monday the whole school will be attending Glen Cromie Park for our end of year school picnic. Parents are invited to attend for the day. There is minimal room on buses but parents are welcome to drive to the venue. It’s a great day out and those parents who have attended in the past have had a very worthwhile day.

**Final School Council Meeting**

Our final school council meeting for 2014 was held last Thursday. Two long serving school councillors Katrina Palmer and Elaine Ivory have concluded their service at Morwell Park as their children will now have completed Primary School. Elaine has been our School Council President for the past four years and also served as President of the Parents Association for four years prior. Katrina has also been a keen contributor to school council and has served as Vice President during her time on council.

I sincerely thank Katrina and Elaine for their significant contributions to our school community, I have always known them to serve with a tremendous commitment to the well being of all in our community.

**Canteen Thankyou**

Many thanks to all of our canteen helpers through the year with a huge thanks to Deb Minster who has worked tirelessly all year to ensure our canteen remains open.

Our canteen is run to provide a service to our school community, principally through the efforts of our Parent’s Association. If we were required to pay wages the cost of the lunches would increase hugely, without the work of volunteers and in particular Deb Minster the canteen would close.

**1.00 pm End of Year Dismissal**

The school year formally ends following the final school assembly at 1pm next Thursday.

During the final day many children will be involved in classroom clean up as children should have taken their belongings home on Wednesday. Children will not require lunch on the last day.

Chris Joustra,
Principal.
STUDENT AWARDS THIS WEEK

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ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD
Amy I, 6B

AWARD — Confidence
Jorja K, 2/3W

ATTENDANCE AWARDS
Student N/A
Receives $5.00 Canteen Lunch Voucher.

CLASS Prep D

YOU CAN DO IT!

TIPS FOR BUSY STUDENTS

- Lists help you to remember. Put them in a place where they will remind you of what you want to remember.
- Leave space between lines when making notes so that reading them is easier and additions can be made if needed.
- If something isn’t working out, don’t give up, just try another way.
- In tests, listen carefully to the teacher and read questions carefully.
- Don’t just highlight important points in reading. Try to recall them in your mind.

TIPS FOR BUSY PARENTS

- Be reasonable.
- Your feelings and actions will often be unconsciously imitated by your child. If you are in a good mood, so will your child. If you are cranky, it is likely they will be too.
- Communicate clearly with your child what you expect and what you won’t accept.
- Help younger children to become better organised by creating routines.
- Let your children sort out their own disputes among themselves unless they get out of control.
The Value of the Fortnight is: RESPONSIBILITY

2015 PARENT PAYMENT (Booklist) FORM
There are still a number of forms to be completed and returned.
Books will not be packed for children who have not returned a signed form.
Please remember to advise the office if you will not be attending Morwell Park next year. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY
A large number of items are in lost property outside Mr Joustra's office.
If anyone has misplaced items of clothing, these need to be collected as soon as possible.
Items not collected will be added to our second-hand clothing at the end of the year for re-sale.

ICYPOLIES
Tomorrow Friday 12th, just before lunchtime, icypoles (zooper doopers) left over from the Music Festival will be sold for 50cents each.

GLEN CROMIE PARK
Monday 15th December
Children are required to be in full school uniform including school hat and suitable footwear for bushwalks.
Please bring sunscreen, lunch, snacks and plenty to drink.
Bathers and towels are optional as children have the opportunity to swim/wade in supervised areas.
We will be leaving school at 9.15 and returning at 2.30

MORWELL TOWN CENTRE & ADVANCE MORWELL COLOURING COMPETITION
Colouring forms were handed out yesterday, all completed forms can be handed in to the school office by next Wednesday 17th December, or at Morwell Newsagency.
Best entry P-3, and 4-6 wins a $25.00 voucher.
Chook Roster over Christmas Holidays

Thank you to those who responded to last week’s request to help care for the chooks over the Christmas vacation.

If you assisted during the Term 3 holiday break I am assuming you can assist again. If not, please notify me as soon as possible as I am drawing up the timetable.

Please let me know of any specific dates you CANNOT DO on the form below.

**Thank you Naomi for your information.

CHOOK ROSTER

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

I cannot do the following days.

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I am NOT available to help.

JSC 2014

Congratulations to our Junior School Councillors for a fantastic effort in representing our school during 2014.

Morwell Park is very proud of their fundraising efforts for this year, having raised over $3452.00 for many different charities by selling various merchandise and organising activities.

We hope the children have learnt from their experiences and enjoyed their time representing our school as a Junior School Council Member.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Borrowing for the year has finished.

There are a large number of students with overdue library books. It would be appreciated if children could check at home and bring books back before next Thursday 18th December.

Thanks, Mrs Maruzza.
Children’s School Holiday Program

Pirate Storytime
Free event
Ahoy! Come to your nearest Latrobe City Library for this special storytime session to hear pirate stories and make a pirate hat to take home. This activity is suitable for children aged 3 to 5 years.
Tuesday 6 January
Morwell Library at 11am
Wednesday 7 January
Churchill Library at 11am
Thursday 8 January
Traralgon Library at 10.30am or 11.30am
Friday 9 January
Moe Library at 11am

Captain Twist
$5 per child
“Ahoi me hearties” Captain Twist has just docked at Latrobe City Libraries. He, along with Percy the crazy parrot are on a adventurous quest to find that elusive treasure. Come along and join in the fun. Bookings are essential for this event. Suitable for children aged 3 to 8 years old.
Tuesday 13 January
Traralgon Library 10.30am -11.15am
Moe Town Hall 2pm - 2.45pm
Wednesday 14 January
Churchill Library 10.30am -11.15am
Morwell Library 2pm - 2.45pm

Kite Making with Jo
$5 per child
Join Jo from Kites4Kids to make and decorate a diamond kite in a fun, safe environment. This great fun activity is suitable for children aged from 4 years up to 12 years. Bookings are essential as places are limited for these creative hands on workshops.
Tuesday 20 January
Traralgon Library 10am - 11.30am
Moe Town Hall 2pm - 3.30pm
Wednesday 21 January
Morwell Library 10am - 11.30am

Sessions may be photographed for promotional purposes, please advise a staff member on the day if you do not wish to be photographed.
2014 GRADE 6 AWARDS

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Kurnai College Scholarship  Blair M
Helen Tipping Excellence Awards  Conan H  Chloe P
Morwell Fire Brigade Citizenship Award  Chelsea F
RSL Bill Brannon Award  Stephanie S
Morwell Bowling Club Sports Awards  Lachlan T  Milla S
Russell North Citizenship Award  Amy I

CURRICULUM AWARDS

Mathematics  Gabby H  Chris M R
English-Reading  Zoran W
English-Writing  Laura M
Arts  Maddison O
Music/Drama  Alexa S
Humanities  Adior D  Dylan C C
Most Improved Scholarship from Morwell Newsagency  Lasela F