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School Community Newsletter

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<td>Monday 23.03.15</td>
<td>Gr 6 Shirt order and money due.</td>
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<td>Friday 27.03.15</td>
<td>Last day of Term One. Children will be dismissed at 1pm.</td>
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<td>Monday 13.04.15</td>
<td>First day of Term Two.</td>
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<td>Wednesday 15.04.15</td>
<td>Grade Prep-6 Morwell Park Athletics at Newborough.</td>
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Principal’s Report

School Council AGM
School Councillors are reminded that our AGM will be held next Thursday at 5.00pm in our staffroom, immediately followed by our first meeting of the 2015 school council.

Whole School Reading/Huff ‘n’ Puff
We will be alternating reading and Huff ‘n’ Puff (physical activities) at the start of each school day from 8.45 until 9.15 across our school. This will mean that on Tuesdays and Thursdays each classroom will be having reading activities AND on Wednesdays and Fridays each class will be involved in Huff ‘n’ Puff activities. We invite parents to join us.

With reading we simply ask those parents who have the time come up and read with / to children OR those parents who would like to join in games or simply walk / run laps on Wednesdays or Fridays once again just please join in. Children love seeing their parents at the school and this time provides a great informal opportunity so simply ‘pop in.’

Parking Around Our School
Mr Credlin and I recently contacted Latrobe City to discuss the possibility of installing bollards along the Waterhole Creek curb to prevent illegal parking on the nature strip which causes a safety concern as children cross. The response from Latrobe City was that rather than install bollards they will send parking inspectors to fine those who park illegally.

PLEASE BE WARNED.

Our major concern is that of student safety. We have teachers placed around our school at 3pm every day to assist our students safely leaving. Our staff have no jurisdiction beyond the school gate, we are not parking officers and this assistance is voluntary. The lives of all of our students are precious please be extremely cautious around our school. Children by the virtue of being children may not always recognise the dangers, as adults we don’t have that excuse.

Chris Joustra,
Principal.

Junior School Council Badge Presentation
Russell Northe will be attending our assembly tomorrow, Friday 13th March, to present JSC members with their badges.

to address bullying, and to assist us to recognise bullying it is important to let the school know.

If your child has an issue with bullying please inform the school. Many successful strategies to address bullying can be put in place but we need to know. We also need to work out whether an incident is indeed bullying (serious) or a disagreement (less serious), we do not seek involvement in every disagreement between children.

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Bullying
Many experts in the field of ‘bullying’ are beginning to describe it as normative and inevitable and that power relationships are likely to occur in any human group.

Whilst this may be factual it doesn’t always mean that it is acceptable. This school treats bullying seriously and the number one factor in addressing bullying is recognising it. Teachers cannot be directly involved in every exchange between every child every day – nor would I want them to. Despite Mr Credlin and I always being in the yard when children are outside at play we can never claim to see every student interaction. When recognised, this school will take action

Chris Joustra,
Principal.
STUDENT AWARDS THIS WEEK

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

PD  Luke E
PG  Jorja S
PW  Sophie R
1C  Amelia O’D
1E  Malakai G
1M  Mia F
2/3A  Sheila A
2/3D  Lavinah C
2/3J  Lachlan R
2/3L  Ethan B
2/3M  Bridget M
4A  Alexi D
4G  Riley S
5/6H  Sarwan H & Jesse S H
5/6S  Mackenzie D & James G
5/6V  Harrison J & Jayden L

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD
Amelia O’D, 1X

AWARD — Confidence
Chelsey M, 5/6H

IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

TIPS FOR BUSY STUDENTS

Making and keeping friends.
• Stuck for a good friend? Go and look in the mirror – you’ll find the best friend you will ever have.
• Stand up for your beliefs. Your friends will respect you more for it.
• Help your friends to achieve their goals.
• If you stop and think how you would feel if someone teased or behaved in a hostile way towards you, you will soon think twice before doing it to someone else.
• The best way to extinguish teasing is to ignore it.

TIPS FOR BUSY PARENTS

• Single parenthood has both advantages and disadvantages. On the up side, you don’t have to put up with differing standards and conflicts. On the down side, many things like discipline are much harder.
• Help your children plan their time management and study schedule and then help them to stick to it.
• Being an adolescent isn’t easy – for the parent or the adolescent.
• Avoid getting too upset when your child misbehaves.

Canteen Roster

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<td>8.30-10.30</td>
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If you are unavailable for any reason please ring the school (5134 1793) to let Deb Minster know. Thank you.
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 “The Lion King”, and have been able to obtain a group booking for Wednesday, July 29th.

To secure your ticket please return the form with the $20 non-refundable deposit asap.

**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 23rd March. Thank you.

**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 27th March**.

Thank you.

**GRADE 3/4 NETBALL TOURNAMENT**

We will be entering 4 teams of girls and boys in the 3/4 Netball Tournament tomorrow Friday 13th March (weather permitting).

Teams will participate in a round robin netta competition where children are learning the skills as they play. It is a fun day and no scoring is involved.

All parents are welcome to come along and support their children.

Good luck to all students participating.

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**Parent Association AGM and Meeting**

The first meeting of the Parent’s Association for 2015 will be the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday **17th March** in the Staff Room commencing at 2.00pm. An ordinary meeting will follow the AGM.

Positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Stalls Coordinator and School Council Representative will be declared vacant.

The nomination form below is to be returned to the office by 3.00pm Friday 13th March. We are especially looking forward to welcoming new parents.

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**MORWELL PARK PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

**NOMINATION FORM FOR AGM TO BE HELD TUESDAY 17TH MARCH 2015**

I ______________________ consent to my nomination to the position of ______________________

on the Morwell Park Parents Association. Signed ______________________

Nominated by ______________________ Signed ______________________

Seconded by ______________________

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National Ride2School Day
tomorrow Friday 13th March.

Decorate your bike or scooter, prizes to be won.

Join us for a healthy breakfast in the Art Room. Everyone welcome!!!!!

Assembly will be at 8.45am to display decorated bikes and scooters.

At 9.00am Prep-3 children and all scooters will be riding around the asphalt area. Grade 4-6 will be riding around the back end of the creek.
All walkers will be on the walking track around the creek.
Parents are welcome to join in.

Dear Parents,
Issue 2 of Book Club is due back by tomorrow Friday 13th March.

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.

Thanks, Mrs Maruzza.

LOST PROPERTY

There are a number of items in lost property located outside Mr Joustra's office. Items not collected by end of term will be added to our second hand clothing for re-sale.

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL CLOTHING IS LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME SO THAT IT CAN BE RETURNED TO ITS OWNER.