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<td>Whole School Assembly, 1.00pm, Last Day Term 1, 1.30pm dismissal</td>
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“YOU CAN DO IT” TERM FOCUS

“Resilience”

STUDENT BANKING

The school does student banking through the Commonwealth Bank each week. Youthsaver Account Opening Kits have been given to all prep and new students. If you are a current student who wishes to open a Commonwealth Bank account please see the office or your local branch for a Youthsaver Account Opening Kit.

- Bank books to be at the school office on Tuesday.

STUDENT LEADERS

School Captains: Skye Pekin  Tom Pilgrim
School Vice Captains: Tanika Trickey  Alex Blunt

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

- To Be Announced

SCHOOL COUNCIL— 2012 / 2013

Parent Representatives:
Rick Werner  Heather Felstead
Melinda McKenzie  Joanne Hinch
Jo Anstee  Duncan Mallord
Barry Castle  vacancy

DEECD Representatives:
Carrie Rowe  Adam Lavars  Julie Makin

School Council meetings are scheduled on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

NOTES SENT HOME

Listed below are notes that will be or have been sent home over the last week:
- Revised 2013 Lunch Order Menu— all families
- Active After School Communities Information sheet— all families
- Parent Participation form 2013— all families
- STOP WORK ACTION Information for Thursday 14th February—all students.
- Making Friends Incursion— all prep-6 students
- S.S.A Swimming Sports Day— all 4-6 students

Contact your child’s teacher if you have not received the appropriate notes listed above.

STUDENTS WISHING TO ORDER LUNCH FOR FRIDAY MAY BRING THEIR LUNCH ORDERS TO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY.

TEACHERS STOPWORK ACTION — THURSDAY 14TH FEBRUARY, ALL MDRPS TEACHERS OUT.

Protect, Nurture, Grow.
New School Captains
I am delighted to announce our 2013 School Captains and Vice Captains who will work closely with our staff to make MDRPS even better and to represent our school at special events in the community. It is a great honour and privilege to be held in such high esteem by their peers and the staff.

School Captains – Skye Pekin, Tom Pilgrim
Vice Captains – Tanika Trickey, Alex Blunt

As part of their leadership role they are expected to:
- Organise assembly,
- Represent our school at school and community events,
- Work with the other school leaders to make our school safe, fair and friendly,
- Work collaboratively to initiate activities that make our school even better,
- Demonstrate our school values of Respect, Learning, Excellence, Team Work, Honesty and Community Spirit,
- Follow and model our school behaviour expectations,
- Treat all staff and students with respect.

I would also like to congratulate the other year 6 students who applied for these important leadership positions. It takes confidence to have a go at new situations and challenges, and I am sure that they will have learnt from this experience and developed further resilience. I look forward to working with these senior students in the other student leadership positions that will become available this year.

Family Welcome Picnic and Information Night.
Last Friday the teachers held an Information night in their classrooms for parents. It was an ideal opportunity to get more detailed information about individual class and unit routines/expectations. Parents were also able to ask questions and look at their children’s school work. The night was a big success with many families enjoying the warm weather, having a picnic and catching up with many other MDRPS families.

Statewide AEU Stop Work
This Thursday, February 14th all MDRPS teaching staff will stop work for the day as part of the union industrial action against the lack of progress between the government and the AEU in regards to a new employment agreement. A separate note was sent home on Monday to inform parents. We acknowledge the impact this action has on families and we appreciate your support.

Bus Passes
Thank you to the families that have made payments and arranged their bus passes. All students using the school buses MUST display their coloured bus pass on their school bag at all times. Please see Barb Luehman in the office if you still need to finalise arrangements.

Interruption to Electricity
We have been notified by Powercor that on Wednesday this week there will be an interruption to the electricity in our area. It should not greatly impact on our educational program but it’s worth knowing that we will be without some services on the day. It may also impact on the phone lines.

Parent Helpers
As a non profit organisation we rely heavily on our own fundraising abilities to provide the extra services and programs at our school. Parent helpers and volunteers are a major component of our fundraising program. At the beginning of each year we contact all families seeking support and ideas for fundraising events. A separate blue form was sent out yesterday to all families to survey parents about their capacity and willingness to assist the school with fundraising events. I urge you to find some time to assist with even one event as all money raised goes to enabling us to provide a quality educational program for our students. Thank you.
STUDENT DETAILS
All students were given envelopes to bring home, containing all family contact, medical, emergency, work details that you have given to the school. Please check this information, make any changes required and return the Student Information sheets to the school by Friday, 15th February.

- Notifying us of any changes to your child's information will help us ensure the safety and care of your child, we would hate not to be able to contact you in the case of illness or injury.
- WE STILL HAVE 27 FAMILIES WHO HAVE YET TO RETURN THEIR STUDENT INFORMATION SHEETS.

ABSENCES
Parents, please remember that if your child is absent from school for any reason, a signed note or email, stating the reason and the date of the absence MUST be sent to the school office on their return to school. MDRPS email address, mt.duneed.regional.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
If you know your child will be absent, prior notification with the absence dates can be sent to the office.

- If any parents need a school absence note pad to have at home, they are now available from the office, please see Barb or Jo.

MDRPS ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE - TERM 1—Limited spaces still available

- Monday—Badminton, 3:45-4:45pm. 11/2 until 25/3. 6 Week duration, 11/3 is a Public Holiday.
- Wednesday—Sports Aerobics, 3:45-4:45pm. 13/2 until 27/3.

Child/ren’s names: ____________________________________________________________

Parent signature: ____________________________________________ Date:____________

- Active After School Care is now SEPARATE to the After School Care program, Kelly Stewart is the new co-ordinator for our Active After School Care program.
- Students are now required to meet Kelly at 3:30pm in the outdoor classroom area where their fruit snack will be provided.
- Children booked into A.A.S.C must be picked up by 4:45pm or they will be placed into A.S.C and the full A.S.C fee will apply.
- Any enquiries for this program can be made to Kelly Stewart via the school office on 5264 1230.
- Parents please note that there are only 25 places available for each Active After School Care activity.
- Please fill in the above AASC request and return it to the office ASAP.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP
All parents of children with special needs (or children who are going through assessments) at our school are invited to be part of a parent support group.
We envisage meeting fortnightly during the school day at a local café.
If you are interested please call Elizabeth Anders (Oliver, Ciaran and Niamh’s mother) 0437 741 932.

DID YOU KNOW???
The Regional Parenting Service has a list of Parenting articles that you can download. Topics range from Toddlers to Teens and all (or most) things in between. Follow this link: www.geelongaustralia.com.au/community/family/services/article/8cbe84b53070368.aspx

BUS TRAVELLERS 2013
Parents of ALL Bus travellers need to indicate the travel requirements of their child/ren for 2013 in the form below.
Please place a tick in the days you require bus travel and return it to the school office by Friday, 15th February.
We need to have correct bus lists for the start of the new school year. We have had a few occasions last year where the bus is delayed whilst we look for children who haven’t been crossed off the bus lists (to find they have gone home with a friend or been picked up from school by family members). Please help us avoid this by letting the office know of any changes to your child’s arrangements.

Bus: CONNEWARRE / FRESHWATER CREEK (please circle)

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Signed: ____________________________________________ Date:_______________________

- Please note MDRPS requires all bus travellers to indicate their travel requirements for 2013 & to have a current bus pass.
- Changes to your child’s bus arrangements can only be made by a signed and dated note or diary entry or a phone call from a parent to the office.
- NO VERBAL MESSAGES FROM CHILDREN REGARDING BUS TRAVEL WILL BE ACCEPTED.
DANCE CLASSES IN TORQUAY
Karen Feldman’s Dance Studio has been operating in Geelong since 2005. Classes are offered throughout the Geelong Region in ten locations including Geelong, Geelong West, Grovedale, Belmont, Highton, Bannockburn, Bell Post Hill, Hamlyn Heights, Lara & Torquay! Join us for these fun dance classes taught by an experienced teacher!

Wednesdays @ St. Luke’s, Cnr. Pride & Price Streets, Torquay

Tinies 4:00pm – 4:45pm 5 – 6 years
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Inters 6:00pm – 6:45pm 9 – 11 years
Seniors 6:45pm – 7:30pm 12 – 18 years

Toddler classes (2 - 4 years) are also offer on Friday afternoons.

Cost: $9 per class (paid weekly)
Or enrolments contact Karen: 5276 1357 / 0432 493 527
Email: feldmans@ncable.net.au
Website: www.karenfeldmansdancestudio.com

IMPORTANT—AFTER SCHOOL CARE INFORMATION
The After School Care Program is now run through School Support Services. For enrolment in the After School Care program you will need to complete the following: School Support Services enrolment form – Available at www.schoolsupportservices.com.au
This completed form needs to be returned to bookings@schoolsupportservices.com.au or faxed on 1900 970 217.

To reserve your bookings for 2013 you will need to contact: OSHC Programs - Bookings and Enrolments ph: 0488 662 783  Fax: 1900 970 217
All further information on fees and enrolments is also available on the website.

Screen Actors Geelong - drama classes for kids & teens.
Explore your creative side and get involved in Screen Actors classes this term. Great for drama, confidence, making friends and having fun!

SPECIAL TERM 1 OFFER: Get one of your friends to enrol with you and you'll win a free spot in a “Casting Workshop” next month with a TV Commercial Casting Director! This is a fantastic opportunity for people of all ages and experiences (it doesn’t matter if you’re brand new to the acting game)... so don't miss out!
Book now... places limited! 5229 1600
geelong@admin.screenactors.com.au

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THE BLOCK ALL STARS MIGHTY AUSSIE ROADTRIP IS COMING TO TORQUAY.
The very popular Block All Stars Josh & Jenna, will be in store at Torquay Mitre 10 on Saturday 23rd February from 1:30 until 3:30 pm. There will be a Block Challenge for the children with some great prizes and giveaways. There will also be a free sausage sizzle and product demonstrations. Also judged on the day by Josh and Jenna, with be our Block All Stars Colouring Competition. Entry forms for this competition can be found at www.torquaymitre10.com or are available to pickup in the Torquay store. There are three designs to choose from and prizes will be awarded to every school class age group. So don’t miss out, come along and enjoy the fun on Saturday, 23rd February.

WANTED- Agistment for two horses and 1 pony. Do you have an empty paddock?
Phone Sarah  5243 1406 or 0407 795 301.

Tennis Lessons Term 1
* At the school tennis courts  Fridays - Lunchtime
* 30 min lesson, group size 4 max.
* Prep – Year 2, beginner standard. Limited vacancies
* Experienced qualified coach
* 6 weeks: $60, family discount: $54/child
* Commencing Friday, February 17
Enquiries or to book a place: Raelee  5241 8023 • 0402 335 764 or raleetennis@bigpond.com