Principal’s Report

We have had a very settled start to the school year and celebrated with the ‘Welcome’ Family Picnic, Open Classrooms and Bush Dance. Once again the weather was lovely which enabled many families to catch up and chat. It was great to see our new families here and making connections with our existing school families.

To assist with further developing positive relationships, I am in the process of typing up the class Friendship Tree lists. If you haven’t returned the yellow Friendship Tree form, and want your family contact details included, then please have it to me by this Friday. (Last chance!)

School Captains

Last week our Year 3-6 students listened to the speeches of the Year 6 nominated students running for the MDRPS School Captaincy. Every speech was well organised and rehearsed, demonstrating an understanding of what makes our school great and suggestions for future events. All of the nominees would have made fine school captains however the successful students are;

- Lachy Haines – School Captain
- Olivia Butel – School Captain
- Aston Smith – Vice Captain
- Chloe Blunt – Vice Captain

Congratulations to our new school captains, I look forward to working with these senior students in 2015.

Bunnings Torquay

Thank you to Bunnings Torquay for the donation of equipment, plants and books which will assist in further developing our school vegie garden. Melissa Craig and Kiala Balcombe have been working behind the scenes to gain more resources and they have more plans to further enhance the garden. The vegie garden is a wonderful area for students to work, develop a love of nature and a sense of calm.

Listed below are a number of brief items for your information.

1. After School Care

Please remind your children that if they are booked into ASC, then they need to go straight to the ASC room, sign in and wait for permission to go out and play in the school yard. I know it is tempting to go and play with their friends in the yard but all students must sign into ASC first.

2. Bus Behaviour

Last week I sent home a note of behaviour expected on the school buses. All students need to follow the school rules on the bus, stay seated, be respectful and wear their seat belts. Parents need to reinforce these simple rules so that all passengers, the bus driver and other road users are as safe as possible. Students not following these rules will be banned from the bus. Please contact the office if your child is away and ensure they are taken off the bus list.

3. School Uniforms

A reminder that our School Uniform Policy states that students are required to wear either mostly white or black shoes. Most students look great but a few have fluorescent shoes or laces. Please remedy this ASAP.

4. Absence notes

The office has printed absence note pads available for families. Please collect a new pad so that you can inform the office of any student absences and the reason. We need to keep accurate attendance rolls as they are legal documents.

5. School Council Elections

Our last School Council meeting for the 2014-2015 cycle will be held on February 18th. Some of our school councillors will be completing their 2 year appointment which means that we need to elect new SC members. If you are interested in being on School Council, please keep an eye out for the nomination forms which will be sent home soon.

6. Working With Children certificate

As an extra measure of security within our school, all parent helpers must have a current ‘Working With Children’ card. Please present your card to the office so that we can take a copy and check the expiry date. This is relevant for parents working in classrooms and going on class excursions.

7. Asthma Plans

Any student who has been diagnosed with asthma must have an Asthma Management Plan. It needs to be signed by a medical practitioner and a copy sent to school. Please ensure that all children’s medical conditions are up to date on the school information forms so that we are aware and prepared.

Julie Makin

EVENT CALENDAR

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STUDENT DETAILS:

This week all families have been mailed copies of the student information currently on our Admin system. This contains all family contact, medical, emergency, work details that you have given to the school. PLEASE return your children / childrens form to school by Friday, 20th February even if no changes required. This important information enables us to make any changes required on our database, which 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.
### Students of the Week

**Grade PrepC**
Maggie O’Loughlin - for being a 5 star listener and a helpful and caring class member.

**Grade PrepH**
Riley Horne - for ‘Having a go’ in class.

**Grade 1/2C**
Lucy Pritchard - for a great start to a new year at a new school Mt Duneed Regional P.S.

**Grade 1/2G**
Henry Pritchard - for settling into his new school with a positive, eager attitude.

**Grade 1/2L**
Zara Miltenoff - for making such a positive and fantastic start to the new year.

Jasper Viner - for making a settled and excellent start to the school year.

**Grade 3/4C**
Ella Wilkinson - for being an amazing helper in the Library.

Jacob Dunn - for always showing respect, being polite and using his manners.

**Grade 3/4K**
3/4K - for a wonderful start to learning in 2015.

**Grade 3/4M**
Simone Butel - for writing a great letter titled ‘Me as a Mathematician’.

Eric Loone - for writing a fantastic letter titled ‘Me as a Writer’.

**Grade 5/6B**
Layla Garside - for taking on the responsibilities of being a grade 5.

Ruby Weavers - for being such a passionate reader.

**Grade 5/6L**
Millie Conway - for your extremely thoughtful friendship poster and displaying all of the qualities of a great friend.

Bethany Warren - for your positive and enthusiastic approach to all your work.

### Notes Sent Home

Listed below are notes that will or have been sent home over the last week:
- Student Information details— all families
- Parent Helpers program— all families
- SSA Swimming permission note— selected students.
- Division Swimming Championships— qualifying students only.
- Excursion Pre Payment Scheme— all families

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

### Lunch Orders - Parent Helper Roster

Thank you to all the parents who put their names on our Lunch Order Roster for Term 1. If you are able to assist with either Thursday drop off or Friday pick up please contact the office to have your name added to the roster.

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**Week 9**
No Lunch orders—End of Term 1

### Term 1 2015 is a SunSmart Term

All students must have a sunsmart approved wide brimmed, navy hat to wear when outside.

**No Hat, No Play.**

### Bus Travellers—Term 1 2015

Parents please indicate any changes to travel requirements for your child/children for Term 1, 2015 in the form below.

*Place a tick in the days you require bus travel and return it to the school office ASAP.*

We need to have correct bus lists at the beginning of each term as we have occasions where the bus is delayed whilst we look for children who haven’t been crossed off 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 bus arrangements before 3:20pm.

**Bus:** CONNEWARRE / FRESHWATER CREEK (please circle)

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Signed: __________________________ Date: __________________________

- Please note MDRPS requires all bus travellers to indicate their travel requirements and 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.**
**SPOTLIGHT ON MDRPS CURRICULUM! - Term 1— 3/4 Unit Incursion**

In the year three four unit we are looking at an inquiry about self-improvement, rules and safety. We have planned an incursion from the R.A.C.V called ‘Street Scene’ on Monday 2/3/2015 to work with the students on understanding road rules and safety. Each 3/4 class will have a 45 minute session to support work to be done in the inquiry and during bike education. There will be no permission notices sent home to parents about this incursion as there will be no charge.

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- Czech
- Dutch
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- Greek
- Hebrew
- Hindi
- Hungarian
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- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Latvian
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- Macedonian
- Malagasy
- Malayalam
- Marathi
- Norwegian
- Russian
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- Slovak
- Spanish
- Swedish
- Tamil
- Thai
- Turkish
- Ukrainian

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- At the school tennis courts
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The following languages are available via distance education for Years 7-12 (VCE) for students who cannot attend face-to-face classes:

- Arabic
- Classical Greek (min 7 VCE units)
- Chinese First Language
- Chinese Second Language
- Chinese Second Language Advanced
- French
- German
- Greek
- Indonesian
- Italian
- Japanese
- Latin
- Spanish

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KARDINIA PARK NETBALL COURTS

La Trobe Terrace Geelong

**DATE:**

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9-11am Saturday

Check in time is 8:45am

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**It’s A Boy!**

Our congratulations to Georgia and Peter Armstrong who are the proud parents of a baby boy, ‘Phoenix’ - a new baby brother to Violet in yr 3/4C. We are sure that Violet will be a lovely big sister to Phoenix.

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**LJ & PATTY SAY JUMP INTO IT!**

**REGISTER NOW AT AUSSIEHOOPS.COM.AU**

- Monday (1:15pm to 4:00pm) Windwoora Leisuretime Centre
- Tuesday (3:45pm to 4:30pm) – Monapalle Primary School, Highton
- Wednesday (4:00pm to 4:45pm) – The Arena, North Geelong
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Enrol now—First 2 lessons free

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Mount Duneed Resident Survey
Regarding coal seam gas and unconventional gas mining

The Mount Duneed Progress Association has been asked by Cynthia Lyons from the ‘Lock The Gate’ organisation to conduct a survey of Mount Duneed residents regarding coal seam gas and unconventional gas mining.

Victoria is experiencing a rush of exploration for ‘unconventional’ gas and experimental new coal projects, with large swaths of the state now under coal, coal seam, shale gas, or tight gas exploration licences.

Licences have been issued by Lakes Oil and Western Victoria Energy Pty Ltd in the districts of Mount Duneed, Freshwater Creek, Moriac, Mount Moriac, Deans Marsh and Torquay. Campaigns and surveys have been carried out in these areas and except for Mount Duneed they are now declared ‘gasfield free’.

*Here is your chance to have your say in Mount Duneed.*

It is time for us to become part of this campaign to protect our community and the future. The declaration is not legally binding but it does act to protect communities. After the survey results come in, a company can no longer claim to have a ‘social licence’ to operate in the area. The declaration demonstrates that the community will defend itself from this invasive and reckless industry.

Further information can be obtained via:
Lockthegate.org.au/victoria
Freshwatercreek.blogspot.com.au
Frackfree Moriac

If you would like to purchase one of the yellow and black triangle lock the gate signs for your gates to send out a clear message, please contact Cynthia Lyons 52661698 or 0403683533. They are $5.

Regards,

Donna Carroll
Secretary – The Mount Duneed Progress Association
m. 0408 476 276
dl-carroll@bigpond.com

Please indicate your response to the survey question below:

☑

After completing this form please cut off this section and leave in the letter box at either:
85 Mount Duneed Road or 90 Lower Duneed Road.

Do you want your road / land to remain gasfield free? (please tick)

☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Unsure

Name: __________________________ Address: ________________________________

Additional comments (if any): __________________________

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