Principal’s Report

What a busy time of year it is!
Please read all information as there are quite a few events happening between now and the end of the school year.

Congratulations

Well done Makaylah Watts on her successfully selection into the Under 13 Bellarine Representative Netball team for 2016. This is a wonderful achievement, as Makaylah has worked hard and persisted with her netball training and skill development and shown resilience during the selection process. Good luck in 2016 Makaylah, you may be a future Australian netball champion!

2016 staffing

Next year we will have an enrolment of approximately 256 students and have decided to extend to 12 classes, as listed below.

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End of year Family Picnic and Disco

On Friday December 11th at 6pm we will have our last family event for the year. It’s a celebration of another fantastic year of learning and fun. Pre-order BBQ meat at school (order form to come) or bring along a picnic dinner and be ready to disco! More details to come.

Disco Times:
6:30pm Preps - 2
7:00pm 3/4 Unit
7:30pm 5/6 Unit

One Up Day

On Tuesday morning December 8th we will have our ‘One Up Day’ transition session. This is a great opportunity for the students to meet their 2016 classroom teacher and the students who will be in their class. The session is an opportunity to allay some of the concerns that students often have when confronted by change. It allows our students to go into the school holidays knowing a bit about their 2016 teacher and their classmates.

Christmas Service

Thank you to our volunteer Christian Education teachers, Mrs Jackson and Mr Turley who have led the school program this year. On Monday we celebrated the end of the year by having the whole school Christmas service. Thank you to the families who donated non-perishable food items. Due to major changes in the delivery of Religious Education by the Education Department, we are no longer able to provide this program during our normal curriculum program in 2016. Instead, all schools will teach a values program, which will be decided by the Education Department. More details to come.

Last Day of School

The last day for students in 2015 is Thursday December 17th, finishing at the normal school time of 3:30pm. Assembly will be at 2:50pm.

Julie Makin—Principal

EVENT CALENDAR

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<td>• 2016 Prep Parent Morning Tea with Mrs Makin, 9:15-10:15 in staffroom</td>
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<td>Mon 30th Nov</td>
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<td>Whole School Assembly, 3pm, 3/4 item</td>
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<td>CURRICULUM DAY—No students at school</td>
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<td>Tues 8th Dec</td>
<td>• ‘One Up Day’ 9:15am-11:00am, students spend time in their 2016 classes.</td>
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<td>• Final Sporting Schools Hockey session</td>
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<td>• Book buying Day #1, sales strictly between 9am-1pm OR 2pm—4:30pm</td>
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<td>• School Council dinner, 6:00pm</td>
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<td>Thur 10th Dec</td>
<td>Final Sporting Schools Tennis session</td>
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<td>• End of Year Family Picnic &amp; Disco, information to come.</td>
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<td>Mon 14th Dec</td>
<td>Year 6 Graduation night</td>
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<td>Wed 16th Dec</td>
<td>Student Reports sent home</td>
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<td>Thur 17th Dec</td>
<td>END OF TERM 4, Whole School Assembly, 2.50pm, 3:30pm dismissal.</td>
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<td>Mon 25th Jan</td>
<td>• Book buying Day #2, sales strictly between 9am-1pm OR 2pm—4:30pm</td>
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<td>Thur 28th Jan</td>
<td>• 2016 School year begins for all students</td>
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<td>• 2016 TERM 1 BUS PASS PAYMENTS DUE</td>
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NOTES SENT HOME

Listed below are notes that will be or have been sent home over the last week.
* National Wool Museum excursion— all yr 1 & 2 students
* Totally Awesome Girls, Mums & Girls Afternoon Tea—all yr 4 girls
* Parent Payments 2016 letter—all families Contact your child’s teacher if you have not received the appropriate notes listed above.

EFTPOS facility is coming to MtDRPS starting December 1st.
Students of the Week

Grade Prep C
Kobi Dalton- for trying hard to improve her writing, especially this term.
Audrey Flakemore- for being a kind, thoughtful, caring and helpful class member.
Kiki Ring- for making big improvements with her reading this term.

Grade Prep H
Morgan Harker-Davies- for working hard in handwriting to begin each letter in the correct position.
Flinn Marsh- for publishing a very detailed and neat letter to the new Preps.
Summer Kelberg- for always working hard in reading and maths and sharing more of her wonderful ideas in class.

Grade 1/2 C
Lucy Pritchard- for amazing growth on big spelling test.
Ella White- for great progress on your reading skills.

Grade 1/2 G
Chloe Winter- for using excellent strategies to solve addition and subtraction equations in Maths.
Cooper Maguire- for settling in well to our school and learning new class routines.

Grade 1/2 L
Bella Reeve- for making great improvements with her handwriting.
Caelum Petrovics- for writing some creative and imaginative poetry!

Grade 3/4 C
Stella Draper- for working really hard in Maths.
Indy Kos- for her short narrative to go in her Writer’s Gift.

Grade 3/4 K
Bailey McDonald- for revising his narrative and adding more description.
Riley Watts- for revising his narrative and adding more description.

Grade 3/4 M
Callum McCrae- for being a reliable and helpful leader when it comes to setting up the middle space.
Ethan Mohr- for working hard on his editing skills to create a narrative for his Writers Gift.

Grade 5/6 B
Ashleigh Seach- for persisting in maths during problem solving Friday.
Noah Morgan- for going above and beyond in his writing.

Grade 5/6 L
Sophie Korovulavula- for always being an excellent friend and role model.
Sam Tromba- for trying your best in Writing and creating a very impressive poetry anthology.

Term 1 Bus Pass Payments

ARE DUE TO BE PAID NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 28TH JANUARY 2016.
Students who have not paid by that date will NOT be able to use the bus until payment is received.
Term 1 is an 8 week term, therefore it will be $88.00 for each fare paying child.
All bus travellers will be issued NEW 2016 bus passes, these MUST be attached to school bags to enable children to access the bus to and from school. If you would like your child to start catching the bus please see Barb in the office Monday to Wednesday.

No Current or Paid Bus Pass — NO Bus Travel

Library - All library borrowing will end at the end of this week to allow time for our end of year stock take.
All students please return your Library books to school as soon as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support this year with our Book Fair and Scholastic Book Club. We have been able to purchase lots of new books for your children to borrow.

Merry Christmas and have a happy & safe New Year.

Kelly Stewart

Outside School Hours Care – Curriculum Day Expressions of Interest

OSHC is currently taking expressions of interest to run a session on the upcoming scheduled Curriculum Day: Monday 7th December 2015.
To run a session we require a minimum of 10 children.
The cost per child is $50 (if you are entitled to CCB/CCR this will be a reduced rate) for the day and the session runs from 7.30am-6pm.
If you are interested in booking a session for your child/ren, please email bookings@schoolsupportservices.com.au.

Thank you kindly

Lynn McTavish, School Support Services
Operations Manager
E: lynn@schoolsupportservices.com.au
W: www.schoolsupportservices.com.au

Library - Please note that we have had several cases of headlice reported to the office from the Prep and year 3/4 areas. Hair MUST be treated before students return to school. We ask parents to check their childrens hair regularly. It is a good reminder to ensure hair is tied back.

Chicken Pox – Please note that we have had a case of Chicken Pox reported to the office from the 3/4 area.
**SPOTLIGHT ON MDRPS CURRICULUM!**

**PROFESSOR BUNSEN INCURSION— Yr 3 & 4**

On the 2nd of November Professor Bunsen visited our school, here’s one of the experiments he showed us.

First he put sugar in the can. He lit a candle and put the candle in too.

Then he attached a tube. As he blew into the tube the sugar flew up to the candle and set it alight.

Rhys Cameron

It was fun and he was funny and it is awesome and I learned

- hot water has fast moving molecules
- A hand can go through liquids and gases but not a solid.
- Tablets dissolve faster in hot water because
- The molecules move faster
- Water can be air too
- Water can be solid too

It was cool and we made fake snow, they use it in movies to make it snow.

On Monday we are going to make an eyeball, it is small but when you put it in water it will grow bigger. I liked it, it was fun.

Oliver Mounsey

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**2015 School Magazine!**

I am very excited to announce the 2015 School Magazine has arrived and is available for purchase from the office. The 2015 school magazine contains 51 colour pages full of student work, photos and drawings. It showcases the amazing learning, work and events that have occurred throughout the year.

They will also be available for sale on the night of the school picnic and disco for $18.00

Thank you, Anna Galle.

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**THE LAB— Technology Club**

The Lab has spaces at their recently opened Torquay club!

The Lab is a technology club for young people with Asperger’s Syndrome or High Functioning Autism. It offers a safe social environment and tuition by technology professionals in areas such as programming, digital design and gaming. There is more information on the link below, or people can contact Justin or Wayne directly for more info on justin@thelab.org.au or wayne@thelab.org.au


The LAB is located at Spring Creek Community House, 14 Price Street, Torquay.

They are running a session on Mondays 4.30 – 6.30pm.

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**STUDENT REPORTS — PLEASE NOTE**

ANY TWO HOUSEHOLD FAMILIES WANTING A SECOND COPY OF THEIR CHILD’S REPORT MUST REQUEST THIS AT THE OFFICE.

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**Sporting Schools Program for Term 4**

The Sporting Programs for Term 4 are Hockey and Tennis

**Hockey** - Tuesdays 3.45 to 4.45pm to 8/12/15

**Tennis** - Thursdays 3.45m to 4.45pm to 10/12/15

If you have any questions regarding this please see Kelly.

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE COLLECTED BY 4:45PM
ENROL NOW FOR 2016
PIANO AND GUITAR LESSONS
AT YOUR SCHOOL

Music stimulates the brain
Scientific Research supports the theory that exposure to mu-
ic enhances the learning process in very young minds. Chil-
dren learning an instrument, compared to those who do not, show greater flexibility in math’s and reading.

Music lessons can also enable your child to develop co-
ordination and discipline as well as enjoying the playing skills acquired in lessons themselves. Why not give your child the gift of a positive experience at precisely the age it will have the most impact by giving the gift of music tuition.

Starting from Grade one students and up.

Oxygen Tuition with a reputation spanning over 33 years, is offering private tuition in Piano or Guitar Lessons are held at your school during school hours using a rotating roll system so that the student is not absent from the same class each week.

For each individual half-hour weekly lesson the fee payable will be $28.00 each. This is charged in advance to your account on the first Monday of the term paying for the full term. Books will be needed and this is at an extra cost.

PAYMENT IS DIRECT DEBIT OR DIRECT CREDIT CARD ONLY.
WE WILL NEED YOU TO FILL OUT BANK FORMS BEFORE LESSONS START.

If you have an interest in your child pursuing piano or guitar lessons, please complete the form available from the school office and return it to the School Office, post or email back to us before the end of the school term.

THE PERFECT
FAMILY DAY OUT
TO START THE
COUNTDOWN
TO CHRISTMAS!

Saturday 5th December
The Geelong Showgrounds
11am-4pm

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BLUES

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO TRY BASEBALL? NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!

FREE ‘Come and Try’ Day

WHEN: Saturday, November 28th
TIME: 9:00 am to 10:00 am
WHERE: Geelong Baseball Centre, Waurn Ponds

Deakin Baseball Club are seeking interested boys and girls aged 8 – 14 to participate in Summer baseball (October – March) in both our Little League and Junior League divisions.

Little League players must be 12 or under as at May 1 2016
Junior League players must be 14 or under as at May 1 2016

Baseball is an exciting participation sport which builds friendships, skills and fitness.

Games will be played at the world class Waurn Ponds Baseball Stadium (Pioneer Field Waurn Ponds) every Wednesday night and alternate Sunday mornings.

To register for the Come and Try day, or if you require any more information, call Rob on 0438 294 269 or email jcahickey@gmail.com

Barwon Dodgeball is hosting a 4 week clinic for kids aged between 10 and 15

* Thursday after school in Belmont
* Learn the basics of dodgeball
* Clinic run by Australian player Rachel Dawson
* Every participant gets a free dodgeball and certificate for completing the clinic

When: 26th of November to the 17th of December
Where: Court 4 at BVAC (Belmont common)
Time: 5:00 to 6:00 pm
Cost $10 per session ($40 for 4 weeks)
Registration: Contact Rachel to register your child. Places limited.

Contact: Rachel Dawson 0438599780
rachel@barwon-dodgeball.com.au