Principal’s Report

Reports
The teachers complete on-going assessment across the year to ensure the teaching and learning program caters to students’ learning needs. Teachers have begun writing the mid-year student achievement reports. Student achievement will be further elaborated on at the Student Led Conferences on June 22nd, (and June 23rd for years 1/2 and 5/6 students), where students with the support of the classroom teacher, will have the opportunity to share their learning journey with their parents.

Writing a class of student reports takes a lot of time, effort and brain power. Teachers endeavour to make the reports as current as possible, but as they do need a number of weeks to write them after school hours, sometimes individual student goals that were mentioned in the report have already been achieved, and the student has moved on to an even more complex goal. This is great, as it shows that our students are continually learning.

Student achievement reports will be sent home on June 15th.

Cross Country Success
Congratulations to Eric Loone and Lachy Haines who represented our Surf Coast Network at the division Cross Country. Eric came 6th and Lachy came 7th in their individual events which ensures that they now represent our division at the State Metropolitan Regional Cross Country on June 11th. Their success is due to practise, persistence and a willingness to ‘have a go’. Good luck boys.

Parent Information Nights
Anna Crawford and Carrie Rowe presented a THRASS parent information session last week during Education Week. We offer parent information sessions related to curriculum areas throughout the year so that parents develop an understanding of the teaching rationale, strategies used and prompts. Our aim is to further develop the partnership between home and school, therefore the more we can inform parents of appropriate strategies to use, the greater impact on student achievement we should have. Please keep an eye out for the next event, which will be the Family Maths Night on August 12th.

Bus Behaviour
I have had a number of disappointing bus incidents over the last week on both the Freshwater Creek and Connewarre buses. A reminder that the school behaviour rules and expectations still apply on the buses. I request that parents please reinforce positive bus behaviours and that the bus driver is the adult in charge, and should be treated with respect.

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund.
The Victorian Government has created a new initiative to support participation in school trips and sporting activities. The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund will run over four years and provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. The payment is $125 per year for eligible primary school students. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. More information will be sent home this week.

School Uniform Policy
The School Uniform Policy was reviewed and updated at the last School Council meeting. Our School Uniform Policy has always stated 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. Nail polish is to be clear only, and hair ties or ribbons need to be in school colours.

Georgina Giglio
Georgina Giglio, the 1/2G class teacher will begin her Family Leave on June 5th. I am very pleased to inform you that Miss Lauren Kavenagh will be returning early from her travel leave and will replace Georgie. Lauren is an ongoing member of staff and an experienced Year 1/2 teacher. Lauren knows many of the children, knows the school routines and expectations which will hopefully provide a seamless transition for the students. I’m sure that you will join with me in wishing Georgie all the best for her and her family as they look forward to an exciting new arrival.

Julie Makin

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Grade PrepC**  
Bree Churchill— for being a happy, friendly class member.  
Kiki Ring— for doing an excellent job hearing and recording sounds in writing. Well done!

**Grade PrepH**  
Freya Pinfold— for doing an amazing job within her writing— hearing and recording initial sounds.  
Cooper Palmer— for showing more confidence within the classroom.

**Grade 1/2C**  
Loni Williams— for excellent effort on her work at all times.  
Jordan Bentley— for reaching 75 nights of home reading. Well done!

**Grade 1/2G**  
Abby Kos— for her beautiful listening skills and her outstanding bookwork!!  
Cindy White— for being a happy and persistent learner.

**Grade 1/2L**  
Chelsea Hamilton— for always being a happy and hard working student!  
Jax Ellingham— for always being persistent with his maths work!

**Grade 3/4C**  
Ruby Smith— for working hard to learn new addition and subtraction strategies.  
Levi Bowden— for supporting his peers in Maths.

**Grade 3/4K**  
Charlotte Levinson— for working hard to make her handwriting neat.  
Rhys Cameron— for kind and caring behaviour towards others.

**Grade 3/4M**  
Claudia Draper— for being a consistent contributor in class discussions.  
Max Crooks— for working hard in Maths especially when adding decimals.

**Grade 5/6B**  
Tamara Watts— for having such a positive approach to reading.  
Ciaran Roberts— for making such an effort to get his home work done.

**Grade 5/6L**  
Kalin Gatti— For always being prepared for learning.  
Emma Kenyon— For showing ‘Effort Level 4’ in all subjects.

**Sportsmanship Award**  
Emma Kenyon— for being a great role model during our Sporting Schools sessions.

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**TERM 2 LUNCH ORDERS ROSTER- PARENT HELPERS NEEDED**

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 Term 2 Roster.

| Week 7 12L | Thursday – take orders & boxes to Grovedale Takeaway, Marshalltown Rd by 11:30am | Friday – pick up boxes at Grovedale Takeaway, Marshalltown Rd & deliver to school by 1:30pm |
| Week 8     | NO LUNCH ORDERS                                                                 |
| Week 9 34C | Jun 11th ?                                                                     | Jun 12th Tracey Bell |
| Week 10 34K| Jun 18th ?                                                                      | Jun 19th ? |

**Week 11**  
No Lunch orders—End of Term 2

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A reminder to parents that Term 3 BUS PASS payments are due by **Friday, 26th June**.  
Term 3 is an 10 week term, therefore it will be $110.00 for each fare paying child.  
All bus travellers have been issued 2015 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**

CONGRATULATIONS— Our division Cross Country championships were held in Torquay on Tuesday, MDRPS had 3 students who qualified to compete. Congratulations to Lachy Haines who came 7th and Eric Loone who came 6th, at this event. Lachy and Eric have now qualified to represent our division at the Western Metropolitan Cross Country Championships to be held in Melbourne on Thursday, 11th June. Well done boys!

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) - Visit our Facebook page “School Support Services” and hit like to keep up to date with service information.  
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STUDENT REPORTS
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Victoria Premier’s Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students on their completion of the Reading Challenge: Jack Bloink, Lily Cameron, Jesse Wines, Jordan Bentley, Alicia Elliott, Brooke Briscoe, Finn McManus, Lily Churchill, Bree Churchill, Scarlett McManus, Claudia Draper and Rhys Cameron. There is still plenty of time to complete the challenge so please encourage students to keep reading and logging their books online.

The Premiers’ Reading Challenge encourages children to read a set number of books over the year and record their efforts online. It’s a great way to get young people talking about reading with their friends and pushing themselves to read as many books as they can.

Rules for school and student Challengers

The rules and the way the Challenge operates have not changed this year.

Students must register as a Challenger and keep a record of their reading on the Challenge website.

Students must be in a Year level from Prep to Year 10 in 2015. They can be learning at a school or learning at home.

Students must read a set number of books during the challenge:

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ON BROADWAY

SCHOOL CONCERT DATE: TUESDAY 1st OF SEPTEMBER, 6pm onwards.
VENUE: Geelong Arena

We have already begun preparation for the MDRPS school concert as part of the school’s music program provided during term 2 and 3. All students have received a notice this week giving details regarding costumes for their performance.

Please contact Miss Casey Burrill on (03) 5264 1230 if you have any further questions.

Information regarding ticket sales will be provided closer to the date.

Sporting Schools

Parents please remember that students participating in the AFL and Basketball for the Sporting Schools Program need to:

• Be signed out when picked up from the program
• Be collected at 4.45pm when the program ends, students not collected at this time will be placed into After School Care and charged any relevant fees.

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SPOTLIGHT ON MDRPS CURRICULUM!

What is SchoolMate?
SchoolMate is an app for Victorian parents to help them understand what their kids are learning and to get more involved in their education.

Who is SchoolMate for?
Parents of Prep to Year 10 students in Victorian government schools.

Can parents with children in Catholic and independent schools use SchoolMate?
Parents with children at Catholic schools can use SchoolMate. These schools follow the AUSVELS Victorian school curriculum. Parents with children at independent schools should check with their principal or teacher about how closely their school follows the AUSVELS curriculum.

How can I get SchoolMate?
You can download it now for free from the App Store and Google Play. Just search for ‘SchoolMate’.

Does SchoolMate work on all phones and tablets?
SchoolMate works on all iPhone 4s, 5s and 6s and iPads. It also works on Android phones and tablets.

What does SchoolMate provide?
SchoolMate:
• shows parents a snapshot of what their children are learning in each subject, at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AUSVELS)
• provides tips for parents about what they can do at home to help their child’s learning
• suggests related apps, books, events and activities relevant to each subject area.

Who created SchoolMate?
The Department of Education and Training’s Communications Division, with lots of help from the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority, educators from Victoria’s professional teaching associations and parents associations.

Will SchoolMate be updated?
Yes, and the Department would love to hear from anyone who has ideas for future updates to SchoolMate. As this is our first release, we want to know what you like and what we can improve. The Department welcomes feedback from Victorian parents, teachers and those in the education community. Please get in touch online.comms.unitt@edumall.vic.gov.au

Here is the link to the information videos.

REMINDER—Our Senior Choir will be performing at Assembly on Friday, June 12th. A surprise performance for all teachers, staff and families including a whole school singalong.

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UNIFORM POLICY

Rationale:
A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Uniform Dress Code.

Nature of the Program:
This Dress Code has evolved after consultation with Students, Parents and Teachers. If a thorough and clearly defined Dress Code Policy exists, and is accepted and implemented by all, then Parents, Teachers and Students can direct more time, effort and resources to ensuring that students learn and develop their potential.

Parents are requested to ensure that their child wears the school uniform that is correct and is kept in a clean and tidy condition. Variations to the school uniform are not permitted, unless substantiation is provided on medical or religious grounds.

Aims:
- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of belonging, pride and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
- After consultation with the school community, the School Council has developed a Uniform Dress Code that provides a neat and practical style of dress for the students. It allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- Ensure new students are assimilated quickly.
- Uniforms can be purchased from the independent local supplier or the school second hand uniform shop.

Implementation:
- The Uniform dress code applies during school hours, while travelling to/from school, and when students are on school related activities unless otherwise specified by the school.
- Thongs, open-toed sandals, slippers, ugg boots, gum boots, platform soles and slip on shoes are not acceptable footwear.
- For safety reasons, stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears are acceptable. Dangling earrings, necklaces, costume jewellery and loose bangles may get caught on playground equipment and are to be avoided.
- All students will have neat and tidy hair tied back from their face. All shoulder length hair must be tied back with appropriate hair ties in school colours for health and safety reasons, and to reduce the possibility of infestation of head lice.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is the approved SunSmart Mt Duneed Regional Primary School hat consistent with DET’s SunSmart policy and a school beanie (Baseball caps are not permitted). SunSmart hats are to be worn in terms 1 & 4 or when directed by the Principal or Staff and are not to be worn inside.
- During colder months, all beanies, scarves, gloves and jackets are to be navy blue.
- Make up and coloured nail polish is not to be worn.
- Long sleeve t-shirts are not to be worn under school polo shirts. Nor will tracksuit pants or long leggings be worn under dresses.
- Parents/Guardians are responsible for ensuring their child/ren are dressed in school uniform.
- Classroom teachers, along with the Principal, are responsible for ensuring that clothing, footwear, sunhats etc, meet the appropriate standards in regard to student safety and overall student presentation and appearance, in line with this policy.
- When a Parent/Guardian can demonstrate significant economic hardship that prevents their child/ren from complying with the dress code they can make application for special funds from the Principal.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Uniform Dress code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship, should see the principal.
- Parents are expected to name all pieces of clothing.
● All lost clothing will be gathered into one place. This will be sorted at the end of term and named items will be returned to students. All unnamed items will be washed and put in the second hand uniform shop.
● All students are required to wear the approved School Uniform which is defined as:

**GIRLS**
Approved Blue and white gingham school dress
School kilt
Jade (short or long sleeve) Polo shirt (with school logo)
Navy track pants
Navy boot leg pants
Navy skivvy. White skivvies are not school uniform.
Navy with jade windcheater (with school logo)
Navy skorts
Navy shorts (no brand logo to be displayed)
Navy SunSmart approved hat
Appropriate predominately black or white runners, or black school shoes
Navy beanie
Navy scarf
Year 6 students – Year 6 jumper
Navy jacket
Navy tights

**BOYS**
Navy shorts (no brand logo to be displayed)
Jade (short or long sleeve) Polo shirt (with school logo)
Navy with jade windcheater (with school logo)
Navy track pants
Navy gaberdine pants/cords
Navy skivvy. White skivvies are not school uniform.
Navy SunSmart approved hat
Appropriate predominately black or white runners, or black school shoes
Navy beanie
Navy scarf
Year 6 students – Year 6 jumper
Navy jacket

**Evaluation:**
● School Council will evaluate regular formal and informal feedback from all members of the school community.
● Uniform Shop and second hand uniform shop coordinators will report to finance Committee and School Council with regards to changes in items, prices, and other recommendations.
● This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

**Resources:**
State School Relief is provided for students in economic situations which make uniform purchase difficult.
Donation of uniforms to school to support uniform policy and families.
Second hand uniform shop.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on 20th May 2015
BARWON COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICE
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THE Barwon Community legal service provides a range of services to assist members of our local community. These services include legal advice, referral to specialist casework services, community education and development, and policy and law reform activities. We are a free community legal service for people living in the Geelong, Bellarine Peninsula, Surfcoast and Colac and Otway regions. We also provide advice and education on renting and tenancy matters in Southern Grampians, Glenelg, Moyne Shire, Corangamite and Warrnambool areas.
If you would like more information about our service, please call 1300430599. Have you subscribed to our newsletter?

Massive Fam Hip Hop Choir @ Universal Grooves Concert
supported by local rock act The Larson Effect
Sunday 7th June
3.00pm Community singing and grooves workshop with Massive
7.30pm Concert with Larson Effect and Massive Hip Hop Choir
Aireys Inlet Community Hall, Great Ocean Road
Tickets at www.trybooking.com

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