



Principals Report

Welcome back everyone to our new school year! It's been lovely to catch up with many of the students to hear about their holidays, learn what is new in their lives and see just how much they have grown!

The students and staff have settled back into our learning programs very quickly and the Year 3 – 6 students have attended the Netbook Program Information night already this year. Our school foci this year are further developing our teaching and learning of Numeracy, maintain our Literacy skills whilst building effective Word Study strategies including using THRASS, increasing the use of Information Technology across the curriculum and building resilience in our students.

Welcome Picnic and Information Night

This week we will have something different, a welcome Family Picnic and Bush Dance evening this Friday, February 7th. The classrooms will be open from 6 – 6:30pm so that students and parents can chat to the classroom teachers and the children can tell and show their parents about the special things that happen in their class.

⇒ 6pm Open Classrooms

⇒ 6:30pm Whole School Bush Dance

This will be an ideal opportunity to meet parents of students who are in your child's class and to meet some of our new parents.

New staff

I would like to welcome two new staff to our school:

Miss Phoebe Coulson— 3/4C

Mr Geoff Thompstone – Maintenance Man

Buses

Please be aware that 2014 bus passes must be allocated and presented each time a student travels on the bus. If your child requires a bus pass, please collect forms from the office.

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.

Anaphylaxis

We have a few students in the school have severe reactions to specific foods. The main concern is contact with peanuts. To assist with keeping our students safe, please try to make our school **NUT FREE**. Therefore, the families would appreciate it if you packed lunch boxes without nuts or nut products.

Lunch Orders

Lunch Orders won't start this Friday, as was previously mentioned. We will endeavour to have the Lunch Order system up and going by Thursday February 13th.

Preps

This year we have 35 new Preps starting at MDRPS, who I look forward to watching grow throughout their Primary years. Miss Grace and Miss Crawford reported that they have all settled into the class routine. There were very few tears (mostly from parents!)

New Families

Welcome to our other students who have moved to MDRPS;

Malachy Neilson 3/4M

Oliver Mounsey 3/4C

Jacob Reeves 5/6L

Brodie Reeves 1/2L

Ruth Landers 1/2L

Judah Landers 1/2G

Olivia Gober 1/2G

It's shaping up to be a great 2014.

Julie Makin

EVENT CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Fri 7th Feb	Whole school Family Picnic & Bush Dance, 6:00pm . Whole school workshop & concert during the day, performance @ picnic. Information sent home .
Mon 10th Feb	•S.S.A Tennis Trials @ Moriac Tennis Club—selected students only •AASC Tennis program begins
Tues 11th Feb	AASC dance program begins.
Thur 13th Feb	2014 Prep & staff photos taken
Fri 14th Feb	•Scholastic Book club orders due back today. •Whole school assembly, 3:00pm
Mon 17th—21st Feb.	Life Ed Van @ school
Wed 19th Feb	• Finance Committee @ 7:00pm • School Council meeting @ 7:30pm
Fri 21st Feb	S.S.A. Swimming Carnival @ Winchelsea pool. Year 3-6 students. Information to come
Fri 28th Feb	•Back Up Day for S.S.A Swim Carnival Back Up Day •Whole school assembly, 3:00pm
Thur 13th Mar	'Bravehearts' presentation. Prep—Yr 2 only. Information to come
Fri 14th Mar	Whole school assembly, 3:00pm
Wed 19th Mar	• Finance Committee @ 7:00pm • School Council AGM @ 7:30pm
Fri 21st Mar	National "No Bullying" Day
Tues 25th Mar	AASC Dance program ends
Fri 28th Mar	Whole school assembly, 3:00pm
Mon 31st Mar	AASC Tennis program ends
Tues 1st Apr	S.S.A Cross Country, information to come
Fri 4th Apr	End of term 1. Whole school assembly @ 1:00pm. Dismissal @ 1:30pm

Active After School Program

We have had an overwhelming amount of applications for the Term 1 AASC program of Tennis & Dance. This unfortunately means that applications will be drawn from a hat for the placements available, and **NOT** everyone who applied can be chosen. Notes will then be sent home on Friday this week to those who have been selected .

◆ The Active After School program of Tennis on Monday night runs from 10/2/14—31/3/14. Dance on Tuesday night runs from 11/2/14—25/3/14

◆ **Please remember that 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.**

NOTES SENT HOME

Listed below are notes that will be or have been sent home over the last week:

- Bush Dance information-all students
- S.S.A Tennis Trials- selected Yr 6 students
- Life Ed Van Incursion- all students

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

IMPORTANT—AFTER SCHOOL CARE INFORMATION

The After School Care Program is 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 2014 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. After School Care runs from 3:30pm—6:30pm each school night.

TERM 1 BUS PASSES 2014

2014 Bus passes must be **PAID for by Friday, 7th February**. Term 1 2014 is a 9 week term, therefore it will be \$90.00 for each fare paying child.

New 2014 bus passes for fare paying families will be issued once payment has been processed.

All bus travellers have been issued new 2014 bus passes, these **MUST** be attached to school bags to enable children to access the bus to and from school. If your child has not brought home their new bus pass please see Barb in the office on Monday to Wednesday.

NO CURRENT BUS PASS—NO BUS TRAVEL

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**. The MDRPS email address is, mt.duneeed.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 available from the office, please see Barb or Jo.

2014 STUDENT BANKING - Will start on Tuesday, 11th February. Please have your Bank books to the office by Tuesday morning.



TERM 1 2014 IS A SUNSMART TERM

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

NO HAT, NO PLAY.

TISSUES

COULD ALL STUDENTS PLEASE BRING ALONG A BOX OF TISSUES FOR THEIR CLASSROOM, THESE WILL THEN BE SHARED BY STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.



BUS TRAVELLERS—TERM 1 2014

*Parents please indicate **travel requirements of your child / children for Term 1, 2014 in the form below.***

*Place a **tick** in the days you require bus travel and return it to the school office by **Friday, 7th December**.* 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 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)

CHILD'S NAME/S	Mon AM	Mon PM	Tue AM	Tue PM	Wed AM	Wed PM	Thur AM	Thur PM	Fri AM	Fri PM

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.**