Dear Parents and Carers,

Curriculum and Learning News
On Tuesday Jeremy, Meredith and I attended the Hume Region information session regarding implementation of the Numeracy and Literacy Strategy for Schools documents and plans. On initial examination, whilst the expectations of schools and staffs are quite explicit, there is enough room to ensure that our own students’ needs and our school context are considered in depth within that. For example – the assessments required to be done and the timing are not negotiable, however how we use the data to inform whole school goals (the AIP) and within the classrooms to differentiate learning for individual students relates directly to our knowledge of the school community. As the Literacy and Numeracy leaders, Meredith and Jeremy respectively, will act as resource/contact people and attend Region PD on our behalf. They will be the first to point out that this won’t make them experts, but they will be resourced to make sure that we can make our journey forward as a whole school as successful as possible.

Settling In
We are now at the end of week 3 already! The teachers are doing a great job of getting to know how your children learn and what their needs are. We are very fortunate here to have low class numbers and a lot of ancillary support - especially in the Early Years. This is fantastic for student learning outcomes.

Welcome Breakfast
Please feel free to use this opportunity to come and have an informal chat with me and ask questions (that aren’t TOO hard at that time in the morning!!) I will be the one collecting the money around the place.

School Level Report
The data from 2011 has been released to Principals this week. Gary Fletcher (our Region Network Leader) and I will be analysing this next Tuesday and then working with the staff to look at how this impacts our goals and targets for the year. The focus for us will be tied into the Literacy and Numeracy mentioned above.

Cheers
Briony x

The Cork Scramble was very popular at our swim carnival held yesterday.
Welcome Breakfast

Tuesday 21st February

In the Undercover area

There will be lots of yummy food like cereal, fruit, scrambled eggs, baked beans and toast

Bring your cup, bowl, plate and cutlery

Starts – 7.30am onwards

$3.00 a person or $8.00 a family

Everyone is invited.

We had a fantastic carnival yesterday. A huge thankyou to all the parents who volunteered to help. This year the carnival included Dederang PS as well as Falls Creek and Tawonga Primary Schools.

It was fantastic to watch all the children enjoy the day, cheering on their team and showing great sportsmanship.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

House points went to:
1st Kiewa Green 175 points
2nd Mitta Red 161 points
3rd Indigo Blue 156 points
4th Murray Yellow 127 points

Age Group Champions:
8/9 years Tamehana Pahina & Madeline Cariss
10 years Rhys Cook & Indianna Drew
11 years Sam Cariss/Aidan Grace & Tovah Harley-Wilson
12/13 yrs and overall boy & girl champions Liam Hood & Holly Cootee

Congratulations to Rhys Cook who broke the 10 year old boys freestyle record.

11 year old girls after their breastroke final.

Holly and Liam receiving their medal and certificate.
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

Parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 29 February 2012

2012 Student Accident Insurance

Schools are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. These costs may be recoverable where an injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of the Department, a school council or their employees or volunteers.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers.

2012 Personal goods brought to school at owner's risk

Private property brought to school by students is not insured by the school or covered by school insurance, and that it is not the responsibility of the Department if that property is lost, stolen or damaged.

School Council Nominations

Please be reminded that School Council nomination forms are now available at the School Office. Nominations close 4pm on Wednesday 22nd of February 2012.

We require four nominations to fill the parent vacancies. Please either call or visit Sue in the office. The staff reps for 2012 are Naomi Pask and Julie Ryan.

2012 VALLEY PASSES

Falls Creek Ski Lifts have sent us Valley Pass Order forms for local residents. They must be ordered before 30 April 2012. The pass allows local skiers to ski at a cheaper price.

Please note that there is no cost advantage for our year 5 & 6 students on school ski days as we purchase lift & lesson packages.

Valley Pass Order forms are available from Sue in the office. Information about our school ski program will be sent home early in Term 2, or feel free to contact Julie.

YEAR 3 TO 6 SWIMMING LESSONS

Due to a clash with the Secondary College, several of our swimming lessons will be different from next Monday onwards. The new timetable is

3/4D Tuesday 10am, Wed 12noon
Thurs 12.45pm

3/4J Tuesday 9.15am, Wed 1.45pm
Thurs 2.30pm

Yr 5 Tuesday 11.15am, Wed 1.45pm,
Fri 12 noon

Yr 6 Monday 12noon, Wed 10.00am,
Fri 11.15am

*Please note that swimming lessons continue until each class has completed 8 sessions.

5/6 Wilsons Prom Camp - 19th to 23rd March

If you are interested in being a parent helper on our camp, please send a note to Julie or Wendy by Monday 20th February. Thank you to those parents who have already offered their help.

A Working With Children check would be required to go on camp.
**Back to School 2012 – Tips for Parents and Carers**

A significant ‘spike’ in asthma symptoms, and subsequent hospital admissions of children occurs during the first few weeks of Term 1. While there have not been direct links established, the February ‘asthma spike’ is believed to be largely due to children coming into contact with triggers that they have had time away from now that they have returned to school.

**What can parents and carers do to help their children avoid asthma exacerbations at school?**

Ensure that your child is always carrying their reliever medication (eg. Ventolin, Asmol, Airomir or Bricanyl) as well as a spacer. Also ensure that you provide medication to the school or preschool that your child attends if required.

Ensure that you have provided the school or preschool with an updated Asthma Action Plan that has been signed by a medical practitioner.

Ensure that your child knows how to recognise early asthma symptoms, and can self-administer their reliever medication properly.

Encourage your child to seek assistance from school/preschool staff if they experience asthma symptoms.

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**Instrumental Music Reminder**

Applications for the Mt Beauty Schools’ Band Program are due in by Fri 17th of Feb.

Lessons will begin asap after this and after-school band rehearsal for new students will begin in Term 2. Current students should already be attending lessons and senior band rehearsals begin Thu 23rd of Feb.

Any queries contact Jarrod Policha at MBSC.

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**DONATIONS:**

We always attempt to keep our prices as low as possible. If you have a supply of produce eg fruit, tomatoes, cucumbers, eggs etc or if you would like to donate other food items like cheese, nachos or anything you think the canteen could use it would be most appreciated. Food can be dropped off direct to the canteen or the office.

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**CANTEEN FOR NEXT WEEK**

Please note the Canteen Menu will continue for next week. So far the Nachos have been very popular.

The Canteen will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday at snack and lunch time.

Purchases at snack time are made over the counter at the canteen.

Lunches are to be ordered on a brown paper bag with money inside. (Correct change appreciated).

**Lunch Menu choices for next week:**

- Homemade Nachos, salsa, cheese & sour cream: $4.00
- Homemade Bolognese & Pasta: $4.00
- Homemade Pizza—toasted roll topped with napoli sauce, ham, pineapple, cheese: $3.00

**Snack Menu for next week:**

- Banana Bread: $1.50
- Assorted Fruit: $0.80

**For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au**
**MAKE SURE YOU DON'T MISS**
The Mt Beauty Playscape Twilight Festival this Saturday, 18 February 5pm to 8pm, Mt Beauty Playground and Picnic area (by the pondage).

Jumping castle, fairy floss, slushies, BBQ, pony rides, petting zoo, face painting, Ranger Roo, the Bendigo Bank Pig, games, art, craft, stalls, buskers, a movie under the stars (BYO chairs and rugs) and much, much more!

Come along and support your local clubs and groups and find out more about the Mt Beauty Playscape Working Party's playground developments.

Lucky door prizes to be won too!

*A fun community event for everyone! See you there!*

Please spread the word! The more the merrier, and there is safety in numbers!

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**CALLING ALL BATHROOM SINGERS, FRUSTRATED DIVAS AND BUDDING PAVAROTTIS!**

Mt Beauty Music Festival is sponsoring a community choir event this year, open to all ages and abilities. Come and be part of this exciting opportunity! The choir will be performing twice at the festival, April 28th & 29th, and will be led by highly experienced and talented choir leaders, Penny Larkins & Carl Pannuzzo.

Rehearsals commence Sunday 26th Feb, 2-5pm @ Seniors Citizens rooms, Tawonga Cres, Mt Beauty. Enquiries; Rose Heystek 5754 1282
www.musicmuster.org.au

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**ALPINE SHIRE GROUP**

When Saturday 3rd of March 10am – 12 noon

Bring & Meet

Bring something you don't want anymore
All in the name of Recycling.

Where Petanque Park, Kiewa Crescent in Mount Beauty

One person’s trash is another person's treasure!

WAIT ---- DONT THROW IT AWAY!

Get rid of stuff you don't need.

Plants, Clothes, Bicycles, Furniture, Appliances, Gardening Tools, Construction Materials, toys, Electrical goods etc..

Keep our landfills from overflowing

Join the Alpine Shire Freecycle™ Network

WWW.FREECYCLE.ORG

or phone Jocelyn 0407797228 for more info

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**POOL PARTY**

Mt Beauty Swimming Pool

Sun 19th Feb

12 till 4pm

Children $10 each, Families $20 Adults Free

Lucky Door Prize and a Free Burger or Snag.

Pool Inflatable, Music and Fly Wall.

Contact Rob Taylor (Alpine Health Youth worker) 5754 3531

Or Mt Beauty Police 5754 4244

Pool Rules Apply

Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult

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Ph 5754 4484
**Mt Beauty Soccer Club**

Expressions of interest: Boys interested in a Football (Soccer) tournament in Bendigo age 10y – 15y late March (7 aside).

Registration day 2012 Sat 3rd March @ football ground 10.30am. Total girls players/parents needed for the twilight festival this Saturday, Call Ron Crawford 57544886 or 0413 339 570

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**Community News**

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**Junior Registration Day**

Dederang Multi-Purpose Building

Sunday 19th February 2012

10:00am to 1:00pm

Junior Registration Day is a fun day for all kids interested in playing football or netball for Dederang/Mt Beauty for season 2012, and their families. It kicks off at 10:00am and you will be able to meet the coaches and pick up uniforms. Orders for club hoodies will also be taken. There is a showbag full of goodies for each player that registers on this day.

Pre-season training singlets will also be part of the registration package. A free sausage sizzle will be provided, as well as drinks, icy poles and snacks available to buy.

So come along, bring the family, and join in the fun.

For more information contact Bronwyn on 02 6028 9451

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**Auskick**

Mt Beauty/Tawonga/Dederang

Coach wanted for 2012 season to coach Auskick kids age 5-8.

If you are interested, please call Kevin Cosgriff, 0419 364 907

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**Apply First Aid**

Delivered by Australian Red Cross

Apply First Aid HLTFAS01B is a 2 day course which is also known as Senior First Aid level 2. A one day refresher course is also available on 27 March 2012. Refresher students must provide evidence of previous certification to the Red Cross assessor on the day. Credentials expire within 3 years of the issue date; credentials that have expired by more than 3 months will not be accepted.

**Full Course (2 Sessions): Tuesday 27 & Wednesday 28 March 2012**

Refresher: 9:00am-5:00pm Tuesday 27 March 2012

**Fee:**
- Full Course $175 ($170 MTBNCI financial members)
- Refresher: $140 ($135 MTBNCI financial members)

Full payment is due by 20 March 2012

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**Responsible Service of Alcohol**

Undertaking an approved Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) program gives participants the skills and knowledge necessary to contribute to a safe, enjoyable environment in licensed premises.

Face-to-face RSA training is mandatory for licensees and staff selling, offering or serving liquor for general, on-premises, late night and packaged liquor licences.

The RSA program covers a range of topics including: problems associated with excessive consumption, alcohol and the law, the question of who is responsible for RSA, facts about alcohol, improving the atmosphere of your premises, handling difficult customers.

**1 Session: 6:00pm Monday 26 March 2012**

Full fee: $85:00 ($80 for MTBNCI financial members)

Full payment is due by 19 March 2012

ACFE Fee: Please refer to Hospitality Skills course

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**Venue:**

Mount Beauty Neighbourhood Centre
1 Tennis Court Avenue, Mount Beauty 3699
Phone: 03 5754 1166
email: info@mountbeauty.org.au

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**Pancake Night**

Tawonga Hall
Kiewa Valley Highway, Tawonga
Starting at 5:00 P.M.
Admission: $10.00
Pre School Children: Free.
Family: $30.00

Lucky door prizes
Raffle Tickets available at $1 each
Pancakes, savouries, desserts, coffee and tea.