Dear Parents and Carers,

Curriculum and Learning News
Our RNL worked with me most of this Tuesday looking in depth at the School Level Report (SLR). The data from the VELS Teacher Judgements and NAPLaN indicates VERY positive results for our school in Literacy and Numeracy.

One major concern that shows up is attendance though. For example, last year’s year 5’s had on average 22.3 days absent. This is equivalent to over 4 school weeks or 3 terms of school during primary years!! As an average figure, it includes those students who are regular attendees (i.e. have less than the usual maximum of 10 days per year), which makes it all the more worrisome for those who make up the ‘average’. These figures don’t include carnivals, Professional Development days, camps etc. Nor does it include temporary transfers to Falls Creek School in ski season. I wonder what impact this might have on learning? Something for individual families to ponder perhaps... The clear message though is that it is something that School Council and all of us need to work at.

Welcome Breakfast
Thank you to all those families who made the event so successful. It was a wonderful way to get to meet you all in an informal and fun way and I appreciated your coming to say hello. Tony’s famous Chile Eggs lived up to their reputation as did the rest of the breakfast. Thank you to all of the staff for getting up extra early and doing all the hard work to make this as delightful as it was.

Cheers
Briony x
ZONE SWIMMING AT WODONGA

Congratulations to all the students who represented Mount Beauty Primary School yesterday at the zones.

We now have a group of students who are off to Shepparton in 2 weeks time for the Regional Championships.

Students who qualified for the Regional Championships are
Rhys Cook—Backstroke & Freestyle
Billy Cootee—Backstroke
Holly Cootee—Backstroke & Freestyle

Mixed Medley Relay—Rhys Cook, Lucy Lembke, Indianna Drew and Billy Cootee

Girls Freestyle Relay—Zoe Kromar, Millie Smith, Cassie Richardson & Freya Veikkanen.

A very happy Under 10 relay team after coming first in the Mixed Medley Relay.

Zoe diving off the blocks in the girls relay.

CANTEEN NEWS

Our Term 1 Canteen Menu starting on Monday is included with this newsletter.

Thanks to Lisa Drew who has done a fantastic job identifying the green, amber & red food types.

FOR TOMORROW ONLY AT RECESS

MILKSHAKES

CHOCOLATE OR STRAWBERRY

$2.00 EACH

CLASS PRESENTATION AT FRIDAY’S ASSEMBLY
PREP & YR 6 BUDDIES
Year 6 Polo Shirts have arrived!

This year’s choice is green, pink and black and they look great. Year 6—Please bring $30 ASAP to receive your shirt.

CLEAN UP SCHOOLS DAY—FRIDAY 2ND MARCH

Our students will be cleaning up our school grounds and the areas nearby as part of Clean Up Australia Day. Parents are welcome to come and help. Meeting in the under cover area at 9.30am, Friday 2nd of March.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Thank you to our parents and teaching staff who nominated for School Council this year. The following people will become School Council members at our Annual General Meeting. The AGM will be held on 28th March, 2012 starting at 7.00pm in the Staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend.

The following parent nominations were: Lisa Drew, Mike Smith, Amanda Bye Felicity Van Dyke
Parents continuing their 2nd year of the 2-year term are Libby Garoni, Karen Ford and Mick Grace

Teacher nominations for 2012 were: Julie Ryan, Naomi Pask
Dave Fraser continues his 2nd year of the 2-year term.

Thank you to Sophie Willis, Angela Toniolo, Wendy McInnes and Emily Hunt who are finishing their tenure for all the hard work they have done on school council.

SCHOOL BANKING TUESDAY

If you would like your child to be involved in school banking, just bring along your Commonwealth or Bendigo Bank deposit book and money each Tuesday and give to your class teacher.

Preps will receive a School Banking programme information from the Commonwealth today.
The Prep/Year 6 Buddy Program is off to a great start! The children meet each Tuesday afternoon. They are enjoying a variety of fun activities to help them get to know each other.

At Assembly tomorrow the Prep and Year 6's will be showing their posters which display pictures of their favourite things.

Above are from Top—Malachi & Jarrah, Henry & Cassie, Britney & Sammi, Will & Seb and Jerrica & Jesse all enjoying their time together.
Brumbies Junior Basketball
Mt Beauty Brumbies are seeking Junior players for Thursday night.
4.00pm Kinder and Preps
Under 10 & 12 Comp game times are 4.50 and 5.30pm
Under 14 & 16 Competition Game times are 6.10 and 6.50pm
For more info contact Kelly Roffey 0439 951577 or just come down the Thursday night to the Stadium.

MT BEAUTY SKATE JAM
Sat 25th Feb Skate Jam 1pm – 5pm, at Mount Beauty. All ages welcome. Professional demo’s and tuition. Students under 18 must have a permission form signed by a parent or guardian to Ride. Available from Rob Taylor 2 lakeside avenue. 5754 3531. Sponsored by Alpine and Indigo Shires.

MT BEAUTY SOCCER CLUB
Mt Beauty Soccer Club needs 4 more U12’s girls & 1 U14’s for the Total Girl Tournament in Ballarat 23rd-25th March. If anyone is interested please call Ron Crawford on 57544886 or 0413 339 570
We need to know before the end of February or that age group will be cancelled.
Registration day Saturday 3rd March 10.30am @ the football ground
For girls & boys age U7’s to U15’s
Contact: Ron Crawford 57544886 or 0413 339 570

Falcons Hockey Club
Registration Day 2012
Sunday 26th February
Albury Hockey Fields
10am to 12pm
All levels are welcome
For more info phone 02 6027 5227

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 25th & 29th, and will be led by highly experienced and talented choir leaders, Penny Larkins & Carl Pannuzzo. Rehearsals commence Sunday 26th Feb, 2-5pm @ Senior Citizens rooms, Tawonga Cres, Mt Beauty. Enquiries; Rose Heystek 5754 1282
www.musicmuster.org.au
Please spread the word! The more the merrier, and there is safety in numbers!

Apply First Aid
Delivered by Australian Red Cross
Apply First Aid HLTAID011B 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

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

Mt Beauty Sports Centre
Mon- Fri 7-9am Lap swimming
3pm-7pm General admission
Sat-Sun 1-6pm
4 Weeks Left to Swim
Other Activities:-
Seniors swimming – 9-10am
Monday & Thursday
Infant swim lessons-Saturdays -10.30-1pm
Yoga -Tuesdays 7.30pm &
Thursdays 6.45am
Basketball- Mon Reps 5.30,
Thurs comp 4-8,
10 Visit Swim Passes Available
Adult Entry $4.20 Child/Pensioner $2.10
Our kiosk has a great selection of swimwear, goggles, caps and swim equipment.

Café Creek Launches a Fundraiser
Café Creek has introduced a new menu which is perfect for a light lunch. In order to raise some funds for our community, we are selling some of our new menu items at half price. We would really appreciate your support.

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