

## TERM 3 2017

Term 3 is jam packed with exciting activities such as the beginning of the Transition Program, sports events and of course, Camp Coonawarra. We have many people coming into our school to talk to our students and run activities across a range of topics.

Students involved in the State School Spectacular will have their moment in the spotlight in mid-September. They have been rehearsing and working hard with Miss Mathews throughout Term 2 and 3.

We have had many sports teams already compete this term. Their commitment to their sports was clear to see through their practice sessions that were run and supported by Mr. Malelis.

This term will also see the official opening of the new library space, which is eagerly anticipated by many students.



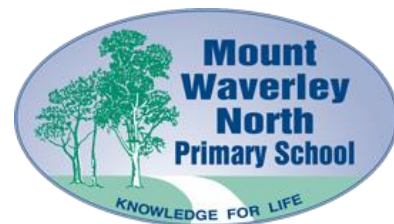
## Camp

As we approach the half way mark of Term 3, camp is quickly approaching. This year the students will be going to Camp Coonawarra in Bairnsdale. The camp is happening in Week 7 of this term, beginning on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> of August and finishing on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of September.

Payment notices have already gone home and these need to be finalised as soon as possible to ensure that your child does not miss out! A note will be going home soon in regards to a clothes checklist so that you and your child know what to pack and what won't be needed. The camp runs several exciting activities that promote teamwork and communication skills between the students. Some of the activities the students will participate in include: canoeing, high ropes, flying fox, giant swing, orienteering, hut building and team rescue. Feel free to contact me via email if you have any questions, queries or concerns in regards to camp. I look forward to an exciting week of adventure, as I am sure your child is too!

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Camp Coordinator



### Important dates:

#### First Aid

17/8

#### Book week – including author visit

21/8 – 25/8

#### Guest Speaker – Jim Asimakopoulos

24/8

#### Transition dates

25/8, 9/9, 21/10,  
9/11, 2/12

#### Camp

28/8 – 1/9/17

#### Book fair

4/9 – 8/9

#### District Athletics

8/9

#### Hooptime

14/9

#### State School Spectacular

14/9, 15/9 (Rehearsal)  
16/9 (Performance)

#### End of term

22/9

## Hats

From the 1<sup>st</sup> of September students will be required to wear Sun Smart approved hats during all outdoor activities.

## **Mathematics**

This term has a major focus on understanding and working with fractions, decimals and percentages. Students will be looking at which values across these are equivalent, ordering according to size, identifying fractions of a group and authentic situations that involve fractions, decimals and percentages. Volume and capacity as well as geometry will also be covered this term and how the four operations and number facts are used across the areas of mathematics.

## **Literacy**

Students started this term with some wonderful poetry, some of which is on display in the school newsletter. They demonstrated skills in both the writing and reading of poetry. Moving on in the term, students will be involved in writing discussion pieces and debate speeches based on existing and proposed laws as part of our mock parliament.

### **Reading in home groups**

The Senior Café reading program continues throughout the term with students now completing these sessions in their home group. Each week, students engage in individual and group discussions and activities that develop comprehension, accuracy, fluency and vocabulary skills.

### **Library sessions**

With our new library having a grand opening during Book Week we are excited to be utilising it. In Senior, we have incorporated one library session a week as part of the reading program during which students will have an opportunity to borrow and return books. The main focus of the sessions are to study author's techniques and stories and how they convey messages to the reader.

## **GRADUATION**

With Graduation booked in for Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of December at Mount Waverley Secondary College, planning is now underway for the Year Six students' special event. As done in the past, parent interest and support is welcomed with the Parent Committee. As this is a special time for the Year Sixes of MWNPS, we aim to create memorable moments for them as they spend time together as a year level and get involved in fun activities and events. The Year Sixes will be involved in all the preparation including writing speeches and rehearsing performances. Students will be provided with documentation of the night's presentations as a memento of their time at Mount Waverley North PS. For general thoughts and inquiries or to express interest in being a part of the Parent Committee, contact Courtney Ryan Graduation Coordinator at [ryan.courtney.e@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:ryan.courtney.e@edumail.vic.gov.au).

## **Inquiry**

Throughout Term 3, students will investigate and engage with a range of topics based on how governments operate, citizenship and laws.

Their learning will culminate with the students being involved in a mock parliament that will propose, debate, amend and possibly pass a new bill.

# Sport

Another term and another jam packed sports program organised in Senior. Already we have had three major sporting days with Girls Regional AFL, Boys Division Soccer and the Netball Championships and it has only been three weeks with plenty of more sporting opportunities for our Seniors for the rest of the term.

## Girls AFL Regional

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of August Mount Waverley North had 17 girls from both Senior and Middle represent the school at the Regional AFL, with many playing AFL competitively for the first time. Our girls travelled to Bulleen Park to play in a round robin competition against 35 other schools. It was a jam packed day with the girls playing six games in one pool with the best schools from each pool progressing to the finals. It was fantastic to see our girls continue to build and improve as a team, as each game progressed, with the girls getting a win on their last game of the day. It was also a memorable experience that I am sure they won't forget, as they were given the opportunity to meet two AFLW Collingwood players. They were given time to get their photo taken and signature. It was a massive celebration and privilege for our students to play in Mount Waverley North Primary School's first ever women's AFL team.

## Division Soccer

Division Soccer was played on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August at Keeley Park, Clayton. It was a highly anticipated day with the team putting in a lot of hard training sessions before the competition. The round robin was made up of six schools, the best from each district. The team started the day off strong putting up quite a number of shots but unfortunately were unable to find the back of the net for the first time this season, going down 1-0. In the second game, it was a lot of the same with the boys producing some fantastic opportunities, hitting the post twice but unfortunately losing 2-1. Feeling a little down, the boys came back strong only conceding one goal in their last three games and putting past seven of their own. Overall the team finished third on the day with three wins and two losses. We would like to congratulate the boys on their fine efforts and hard work all season. A huge thank you to all the parents who helped transport students and assisted on the day.

## Netball Championship

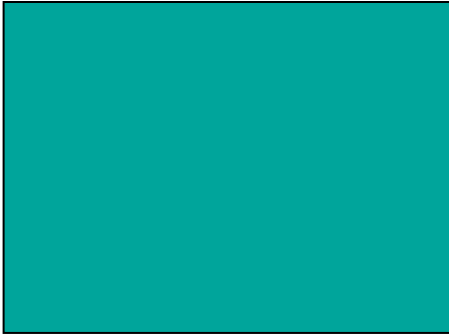
On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August girls' teams and boys team, made up of the Seniors, represented the school in the annual Netball Championship at Knox Regional Netball Centre. It was a massive day with the girls' teams playing nine games each in total and the boys playing six. Unfortunately our teams came up against very tough competition which resulted in no wins for the day. It was great to see that no matter the score all three teams kept persisting and giving their all. The students came away from the experience exhausted, but delighted to be a part of it all. We would like to thank all the parents and helpers who gave up their time to help manage, transport and supervise students on the day.

## What is on for the rest of term?

So what is next in the sporting area for Mount Waverley North Primary school you may ask? This term we still have two more events to compete in: District Athletics and Hooptime Basketball. District Athletics will be held on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of September, at Bill Sewart Athletics Track. Students have already been notified if they are in the team and what events they are in based on their results from House Athletics. Students have been training Thursday mornings and Friday after school. Hooptime Basketball will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September at Nunawading Basketball stadium. Trials will commence this week to determine teams and training will begin once these teams are finalised. We have also moved Senior Sport to Thursdays, where students will be participating a variety of sports and will focus on areas for the upcoming sporting days this term.

## The Arts

This term Senior students will take part in two mini units, focusing on Drama and Music. In Drama students will develop an understanding of how voice, movement, mood and atmosphere are used in drama to engage an audience. They will respond to media clips to identify dramatic elements used by other actors, and through workshop sessions build skills in communicating emotions and ideas in their own acting. In Music they will develop an understanding of how instrumentals, vocals and digital technologies are used to create music that communicates ideas and emotions. They will respond to the music of others and create their own brief musical compositions.



## PE

The Senior students will be enjoying some well earned indoor sports time with table tennis, volleyball & ultimate frisbee. The students will be working in teams & pairs to develop their skills through peer teaching & tactical games for understanding approaches to their learning. The students will be focusing on good sportsmanship & will be working on their fitness throughout the term.



## German

This term in German, the Senior students will be discussing towns, by learning the names of common buildings and shops, and labelling them on maps. They will use this knowledge to design their own shops, and create a simple brochure or catalogue which describes a number of the items they are selling, using simple German sentences. They will be expected to perform a simple roleplay activity with a partner, in which they take on the roles of shopkeeper and customer.



## Transition

Throughout Term 3 and 4, Grade Six students will partake in the transition program which aims to ready our students for their move to secondary school. They will cover a range of topics that address aspects of specific schools (timetables, maps etc), social skills (making new friends and keeping old ones), as well as any concerns that the students may have. As part of this program, community speakers are invited in to share knowledge and ideas with the Grade Sixes.

At any stage if there are any questions about secondary school, please feel free to come and speak to one of the Senior Staff at MWNPS.

