Dear Parents & Friends,

On Monday 27th February we are planning to have our Parent Information Sessions. Times will be staggered so parents can attend each talk and then visit classrooms. There will be three sessions – Junior, Middle and Senior. The first session will start at 5pm. There is no session for Preps as they have all had individual interviews as their entry to school. This is an opportunity to meet the classroom teachers, hear about their plans for 2012 and to share any information with the teachers that will support your child’s learning this year.

**Swimming**

Thank-you to everyone who helped with our House swimming sports today. There will be a report in next week’s newsletter. Next week is also the District Swimming Carnival on Friday 24th February.

**School Council Elections**

Nominations for School Council close on Monday 20th February. Our first School Council Meeting is Wednesday 29th February. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**School Banking**

The Bendigo Bank is offering School Banking again this year. Banking registration day is Monday 27th February. The bank is donating $500 to the school to support our programs. Their theme for this year is “Fitness for Life”.

**Mobile Phones and IPods**

Students are not allowed to use mobile phones or iPods at school. The school will take no responsibility for these if they are brought to school and are lost or damaged.

Kind regards
Wendy Inman
Principal
YES...........WE ARE STILL COLLECTING PAULS COLLECT-A-CAPS

Pauls will contribute 10c per cap for every cap collected to Mirboo North Primary School. So the more caps we collect, the bigger the contribution. Start collecting today! Tell your friends! Tell your family! Get them to help us collect now.... Please send your specially marked caps into the Office at Mirboo North Primary School.

‘YOU CAN DO IT’ - PROGRAM

At Mirboo North we use the ‘You Can Do It’ Program as its main purpose is to support communities, schools and homes in a joint effort to optimize the social, emotional and academic outcomes of all our young people. We want to provide our students with these strong foundations so that they can be the best they can and we can do this by working together.

This week the students will be taking part in the Swimming Sports. This has required a lot of Persistence (training), Organisation (bathers and towels), Confidence (swimming underwater, doing more laps etc.,) and Getting Along (working in small teams). Well done to all those that have taken part.

A HUGE thank you to all our swimming volunteers who have given our children the Confidence to have ago, shown them how to Persist when things were tricky building their Emotional Resilience in the process. Thank you for being so very friendly and Getting Along well with the groups that you worked with and the other parent volunteers. Great role modelling - we appreciate it! -Lorraine Gurnett

HOUSE CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS FOR 2012

Bonnie
Chelsea
Sandie
Charlie
Ella
Nicola
Rhys
Tim
Brad
Riley
Connor
Austin
Tom
John
Sarah
Nykayla
MIRBOO NORTH SWIMMING POOL STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!!

After the amazing public meeting last year when 600 people turned out in support of the swimming pool, Council has now revised the original Draft Aquatic Strategy. The latest version, as detailed in last week’s paper, is more favourable to all the Shire pools. It proposes Master Planning for all the outdoor pools over the next 2 years and renovation of two pools over the next 10 years. While not guaranteed, it appears likely Mirboo North will be considered a priority for renovation, so we are hoping that all councilors will vote in favour of the revised strategy.

As the old saying goes - “There’s safety in numbers”. Can we again show support by attending the Council meeting on 22nd February at 2.00 pm? The more people who attend the better it will be, as all of those people will then be aware of how their representatives vote and it’s important we all know. If you have an hour you can spare on 22nd, please attend the meeting in Leongatha. Anyone requiring transport please register your name at Nanna’s Cupboard or contact Mary Baker on 5668 1643 or 0417 148 619. It’s possible that we will have a bus going, depending on numbers.

One other way you can help is to make a call to councilors - particularly those who represent Mirboo North - and ask that they vote in favour of the revised document. You can do this by phoning the Shire and asking to be connected to Cr David Lewis, Cr Mimmie Jackson or Cr Jim Fawcett, all of whom are our elected representatives.

MIRBOO NORTH COMMUNITY SPORTS DAY

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Mirboo Nth Community Sports Day that was scheduled for this Sunday Feb 19 to be held at the Walter J Tuck reserve has been cancelled until further notice.

MIRBOO NORTH JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Registration Night & AGM - Thursday 2nd March
Mirboo North Community Gym - School
Registration’s 6-7pm
AGM starts at 7pm sharp
All welcome
Enquires - Sharon 0418 146 862
CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2012

Term 1 – 2012

23rd February: District Swimming Sports
24th February: Parents’ Club Meeting after assembly in the Staffroom
29th February: School Council 7.30 pm
7th March: Student Free Day – Whole School PD
12th March: Labour Day Public Holiday
13-16th March: Grade 6 Camp – Wilson’s Prom
30th March: Last Day of Term 1

Friends of Mirboo North Swimming Pool

MOVIE NIGHT # 2
FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY, 2012
(weather permitting)

Nessis @7.15pm

Followed by High School Musical @ dusk

$5.00 entry

BBQ food & Tea / Coffee for sale
BYO Sleeping Bag, pillow, blankets etc.
Strictly No Alcohol / NO Pass Outs

Thank you for supporting MN Swimming Pool

Thorpy Blues’ Relay For Life
Party Plan Market Day
Saturday 18th February 2012
Thorpdale Public Hall - 10am - 3pm

Stalls include Local Produce and ....
Nutrimetics
Body Shop
Suay Baan Sabai
Eat Live Fresh Deli
Chocolates
Flaschengiest
Bellesque
Chef’s Kitchen
Tri Nature
Sketch for Kids
iBare Giftware
Intimo
Bessemer ware
Enjo

Julie’s Cakes
Beadilicious Jewellery
Handbags – Fifth Avenue
Lorraine Lea
ML Nelson Photography
Soytique Candles
Pottery/Apron
Katrina’s Garden plants
Faeries with Attitude
Personalised Notebooks
Cards/Wrapping paper
Color Me Accessories
Tupperware
VIK Face Painting

Gold Coin Entry – champagne on arrival
Raffle (prizes donated by stall holders)
Sandwiches/Scones/Tea/Coffee to buy & enjoy
Lucky Door Prizes every half hour
Further info: Glennie 0437189435 Sue 0407 334129

All money raised is to research a cure for cancer