Dear Parents & Friends,

Our House Sports were very successful last week and we have a team heading to Korumburra on Friday to compete in the Interschool Sports. Good luck for Friday! Thank you to Mr Besley for organising the team.

Information Sessions 2012

On Monday we will be holding our Information Sessions for 2012. The first session will be at 5pm when our Grade 1 and 2 teachers present to their parents in room 3. After the presentation parents are welcome to visit the individual classrooms. At 5.30pm the Grade 3 and 4’s plus the Grade 2 /3 will hold their session in room 7. Teachers will then visit their classrooms with parents. The final session will be at 6pm in the Learning Centre. This is for parents of children in Grade 5 & 6. The Learning Centre is a flexible learning space. It is different from our other classrooms. The whole space is the classroom and children have lockers as part of their transition to Secondary College. Children are in Class groups but work within the space with all of the teachers. The new building was designed with the aim of giving students a contemporary education (21st century) so they are equipped with the skills they will need to be successful and productive members of a 21st century workforce and society. The design of the learning areas was influenced by the need to be flexible and supportive of different learning styles. The Learning Centre is also advantaged as they can also access the Library areas and ICT easily.

School Council Elections

Nominations for School Council have closed and we have sent home Ballot papers for parents to vote for your parent representatives. Ballot papers need to be placed in the ballot box at the office before 4pm Tuesday 28th February.

Presentation of School Captain Badges

On Monday 5th March at 9am we will have a special assembly in the MPR to present our school and house captains with their badges. The presentation will be made by Mrs Karen Lanyon the Principal of the Secondary College.

Student Free Day Wednesday 7th March

On Wednesday 7th March we have a student free day. The teachers will be working with the Secondary College teachers and an international facilitator Martin Renton. Teachers will be investigating Inquiry Learning, how to improve their questioning techniques to improve student thinking/learning and how to improve their feedback to students. Martin will be working within both schools for the whole week.

Kind regards
Wendy Inman
Principal
YES..........WE ARE STILL COLLECTING PAUL’S 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.

OUT AND ABOUT NEWS

Grades 5/6 were extremely lucky to have had a visit from Ros Griggs, local author of ‘Prom Pockets’. Ros talked about her life at Wilsons Prom and her ideas for her book, a great little book with the answer to all those questions you ever wanted to know about the Prom - like “Just who was the ‘Biddy’ from Biddy’s track?”

A huge thank you to John and Mitchell. They have volunteered their time to start moving the pile of bricks from the front of the building to somewhere safer. It’s going to be a long job! It will take a lot of Persistence!

Congratulations to all the recipients of our ‘You Can Do It’ Awards. Students have demonstrated Persistence, Confidence, Getting Along, Organisational skills and Emotional Resiliency - well done!

Friday, March 2nd is School’s Clean Up Australia Day and Mirboo North Primary School will be taking part. After lunch, Grade 5/6 students will head down to the walking track towards the swimming pool and see how much litter they can collect. They would welcome any willing parent volunteers to come and join them and give them a hand. Please let your class teacher know if you are able to help.

The rest of the students will stay in school and have a great big litter pick. Some grades may even count and sort the litter they find so we’ll keep you posted.

SWIMMING SPORTS

Chelsea & Jack
Open Medley Winners

Leah & Jack
Swimming Champions
**YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS**

Felicity
Kelsey
Elissa
Luke
Meaghan

**MUSIC NEWS!!**

****BREAKING NEWS****

The winners of the $5 Canteen Voucher’s for participating in the Demo Day 2012 are (insert drum roll!!) I will deliver your voucher very soon!!

YEAR 7 - COOPER
GRADE 6 - MEAGHAN
WELL DONE AND ENJOY!!!!

On Monday 20th February we held our Instrument ‘Demo Day’. Every year 7 and MNPS Grade 6 student had the opportunity to try the flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone and percussion instruments. It was a very busy day but a huge success!! All Grade 6 students were given an information pack to take home. I will be coming to visit the Grade 6 students on Tuesday after lunch. This will give students a chance to ask any questions they might have about learning an instrument. Alternatively please feel welcome to attend our Music Recruitment Evening which will be held in conjunction with the Year 7 Information BBQ on MONDAY 27th FEBRUARY - 6pm in the Learning Centre, MNSC (next to Auditorium).

A BBQ tea will be provided, the Senior Band will perform, Allans Billy Hyde will have a display of instruments and there will also be a ‘Demo Table’ where students can try an instrument from the ‘Demo Day’ if they are still a little unsure! If you are unable to attend this evening but are interested in joining the Music Program, please contact me during school hours on 5668 1203 or alternatively email smallwood.rebecca.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

Keep Practicing!! - Rebecca Woodall, Music Co-Ordinator - Mirboo North Secondary College

**MIRBOO NORTH JUNIOR BASKETBALL**

Registration Night & AGM - Thursday 1st March
Mirboo North Community Gym - School
Registration’s 6-7pm
AGM starts at 7pm sharp
All welcome
Enquires - Sharon 0418 146 862
**ART ROOM NEWS**

Any parents with scraps of brightly coloured fabric, lace, braid, wrapping paper, wallpaper or anything which may be useful to put together towards our art room masterpieces could you please send them along to the art room it would be much appreciated. Thank you! - Kathy & Michelle

Congratulations to Mrs Hamilton's grade who won the hot chip prize for all having their art smocks in on time. We are delighted with the effort everyone has put in to making sure each child has an art smock. We are decorating each smock with their own name using fabric paint. We love our recycled look! Check out our models with their work.

**AUSKICK 2012 - CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED**

For many years children from Mirboo North and surrounding areas have been able to enjoy the Auskick program. It is a 10 week program run by volunteers teaching primary school aged children the skills of AFL football through appropriately modified activities and rules in a fun and safe environment. A program will not be able to run in 2012 unless we find a co-ordinator to run these sessions. You are given full training and support is offered by both the Junior and Senior Football Clubs. We really do not want to see the Auskick program fold in Mirboo North as it has in a number of places so if you feel you can take on this role or wish to discuss anything further please contact Julie Lewis on 0414 988 126.

**Mirboo North Cricket Club U/11’s 2011/12 Report**

It was great to see some familiar faces this season and even more pleasing was the number of new kids that gave it a go, and gave it a go in excellent style. With the recent construction of the new turf wicket and the great kids coming through the ranks, the Town, School & Cricket Club have a very bright future. On behalf of the MNCC Committee I would to congratulate and thank all the kids that took part in the U/11’s this season, you did a brilliant job. The club would also like to thank Mr Chris Anders (MNCC Junior Coordinator), Mr Dave Ryan for starting the season off and Mrs Julie Newton for her wonderful work & support. Finally a special thank you to all the parent helpers and to all the Mums & Dads for bring the kids along and giving them so much support. Thanks again to everyone for their wonderful support this season and the Club looks forward to a very bright future.

- Wal on behalf of the MNCC Committee.

**THERE WILL BE NO CANTEEN ON THESE DATES:**

- **MONDAY 5TH MARCH**
- **WEDNESDAY 7TH MARCH**
- **THURSDAY 22ND MARCH**
- **FRIDAY 30TH MARCH**
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CALENAR OF EVENTS – 2012

**Term 1 – 2012**

24th February: District Swimming Sports
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29th February: School Council 7.30 pm
5th March: No Canteen
7th March: Student Free Day - Whole School PD
12th March: Labour Day Public Holiday
13-16th March: Grade 6 Camp - Wilson’s Prom
22nd March: No Canteen
30th March: Last Day of Term 1 - No Canteen
CONGRATULATIONS TO FRASER HOUSE FOR WINNING THE SWIMMING HOUSE SPORTS