Dear Parents & Friends,

On Monday our information sessions were held and from the feedback I have received they were very successful. Thank-you to the teachers for making themselves available and thank-you to the parents and family who visited.

School Council
Our Ballot has closed and thank-you to Sharon Eagle from the Secondary College who officiated and did the count. It was great to see the number of parents who took the time to vote. Paul Van De Ryht, Angelo Cannizzo, Dave Poland, Carolyn Barry and Alison Snell have been elected to fill the 5 parent vacancies. As well we have had 2 casual vacancies arise with resignations so Paula Goldman and Lee-anne Falkingham are also elected to Council.

Congratulations to these people and thank you for joining our School Council. Craig Parker, Kerry Matthews, Heather Butler, Mark Burgess and Mel Worsfold have retired or resigned from School Council and I would like to thank them for their fantastic contributions to our school. Our next meeting on March 21st and it is also our Annual AGM and all parents are welcome to attend.

Parking
It is really important that we observe the signs in Castle Street. Cars should not park in the drop off zone. This zone is meant to support parents pulling in to pick up children and then moving straight on so that other parents can do the same. If you want to leave your car to go into the school you should park elsewhere.

Assembly Monday 5th March
On Monday at 9am we will have an assembly in the MPR to present our School Captains with their badges. Mrs Karen Lanyon from the Secondary College will make the presentations.

Student Free Day 7th March
On Wednesday 7th March we have a student free day. There is no school for students.
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.

School Banking Reminder

All students have the opportunity to win a $50 deposit into their bank account just by participating in our School Banking program. For more information or for terms and conditions contact Mirboo North & District Community Bank® Branch, 88 Ridgway, Mirboo North, phone 5668 1231. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited ABN 11 068 049 178 AFSL 237879. S32688 (01/11)
- Mirboo North & District Community Bank® Branch

PARENTS’ CLUB NEWS

The Parents’ Club would like to thank all those families that donated their old mobile phones to our ‘foneraiser’ late last year. Your donations helped us raise $440 for our school. A special thankyou goes to the Robertson/Rawlings family who personally donated almost 1/4 of the total phones received. Well done!!

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Bags - Just a reminder that all preps need to have a library bag before they can borrow books from the library. Even a simple plastic bag will do as this will protect our books from damage.

**DOG BREATH** by Dav Pilkey - Hold your nose!! Here comes the dog with the worst breath in the world!!! A picture book by the author of the Captain Underpants books. If your dog has smelly breath this is the book for you!

**FLOWER GIRL** by Chrissie Perry - (Go Girl book) - Lola’s mum and step-dad are getting married, and Lola gets to be a flower girl! But wait, there’s another flower girl - will she drive Lola crazy?

**A NIGHT IN TERROR TOWER** by R.L.Stine - (Goosebumps) Sue and her little brother are alone in a gloomy old prison tower, locked in after dark by a guide who has disappeared. Can they get out? Especially as there is a strange dark figure who wants them.....dead!
MNPS School Swimming Sports Report

As the crowds of kids in their house teams were screaming their chants, we could smell the bush drifting past us. We walked through the gates and raced up the hill. We were all so excited!
I got changed and then I was waiting for the first race. When it was finally the under 10 girls’ backstroke, I hopped in the water and was waiting for the whistle to go off so I could push off the wall. I was so excited! Finally the loud whistle went off and when I finished, I was really amazed that I came third.
As it was getting cold and nearing the finals, I was really excited because I was in the freestyle finals and backstroke finals. I waited and waited. It was finally time! I tried my hardest and I came third in freestyle and fourth in backstroke. Then I got chosen for the under 10 girl’s and 11 girl’s relays. In the 11 girls’ freestyle relay, Bethany, Lana, Jaime and I came second. Then it was under 10 girl’s freestyle relay. There was Sophie, Mekaela, Jaime and I and we came fourth. Then it was the end and time to leave.
Most people either stayed at the pool with their parents or went back to school. Before we left, Mrs Rogers announced that we had to wait until the next day to find out which team had won.
It ended up that Fraser won by 2 points, Jackson came second, Clarke third and Gould (my team) last. Even though I didn’t get to do breaststroke or butterfly because of my sore hip, I really enjoyed the swimming sports.

Written by Kelsey .... Grade 5
Star Reader News!!!

There have been a few students asking about completing quizzes for their own books recently. This is perfectly ok and should be encouraged. However, it is a good idea to check on the Accelerated Reader website first to see if there is a quiz available for a particular book. This can easily be done by going to - www.arbookfind.com.au

On this website you can search by title, author, quiz levels, or even by interest. The easiest way is to search by title, but remember that sometimes it is better to only enter keywords instead of the whole title, e.g. simply enter Captain Underpants and all Captain Underpants books will be listed, then click on the correct book. It is a good idea to encourage your child to complete quizzes only in their correct reading range.

This is also a good website to identify star readers that would be suitable for purchasing for our library. If you or your child find any books that look interesting please come to the library and use our suggestion book and we will do our best to add them to the collection.

Once again, if you have any queries about star reading, please don't hesitate to contact me at the school. - Thanks, Jo.
NetSetGo!

NetSetGo is now in its 2nd year in Mirboo North. NetSetGo aims to provide young kids aged 5 -10 with the best possible introduction to netball. NetSetGo incorporates skill activities, minor games and modified matches in a FUN and SAFE environment. The weekly program is coordinated by accredited coaches to ensure a quality experience for all participants.

The structured program will provide every participant with the opportunity to develop netball skills, physical fitness, social skills, sportsmanship and an understanding of the game of netball.

The centre will have a registration day on Tuesday 13th March from 3.15 to 4pm at the school netball courts. Kids can come along and have a try at this time. The formal sessions will start on Tuesday 20th March for 2 weeks in term 1 and then recommence on Tuesday 17th April for 8 weeks in second term until 5th June. The sessions will run at the school from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. The cost of the 10 week program is $50 and includes a participant pack. Parent volunteers will be required to assist with the running of the program. For further information please contact Jodie Pincini on 0438 122 759 or jodie.pincini@westnet.com.au.

MIRBOO NORTH JUNIOR BASKETBALL ASSOC.

REMINDER: Registration night tonight March 1st from 6 - 7pm
Aussie Hoops & Up-coming Autumn Season.
REMINDER: AGM tonight March 1st 7pm sharp - ALL Welcome
Mirboo North Gym (School)
Sharon - 0418 146 862

Thanks
Sharon

School’s Clean Up Australia Day

Tomorrow, Friday, 2nd March our school will be participating in the Clean Up Australia Day. After lunch at 1.45 pm the Preps and Grades 1 - 4 will be staying in school, helped by the School House Captains. The Grade 5/6 students will help clean up the track leading down to the swimming pool, helped by the School Captains. Gloves, litter pickers, bin bags etc., have all been provided by the school. Thanks to those parents who will be helping the Grade 5/6 students clean up.

Let’s hope the rain holds off!
CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2012

Term 1 – 2012

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
16th March: Parents’ Club Annual General Meeting – 9.15am staffroom
22nd March: No Canteen
30th March: Last Day of Term 1 – No Canteen

‘YOU CAN DO IT’ AWARDS

Daniel
Lachie
Cody
David
Abbey