



IN THE CLEAR

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Care
Respect
Honesty
Personal Best

From Chris

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Our first week back was simply outstanding. Thank you to all our families for supporting your child's return to school. It was evident across the school that students are keen to be back, energy levels are high and the engagement of our students in learning is brilliant! We look forward to all that this term brings!

Enrolments for 2014

We have commenced our planning for 2014 and encourage all families who are enrolling children in Foundation (Prep) or other year levels at Mount Clear PS for the 2014 school year to enrol now. Enrolment forms are available at the office and we look forward to discussing your child's enrolment with you.

Roof Replacement and Repairs

Weather prevented the planned roof repairs to the F- 4 classroom building commencing last Friday. These works commenced today. During the works we will need to enter and exit the building via the doorway closest to the Year 4 classrooms.

Parent Opinion Survey

Each year the school conducts an opinion survey of 15 per cent of the school community. Parents are randomly selected to participate and we use the information to support future school planning and improvement. The survey is designed to take no more than 20 minutes to complete and your feedback and opinions play an important role in making our school the best it can possibly be. This year surveys will be sent home on Monday July 29th and will be due

back to school by Friday August 2nd 2013. Thank you for taking the time to participate. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Triathlon Fundraiser

Our annual Triathlon is our major school fundraiser for this term. In Week 4 this term all students will receive details of the event and also a Triathlon Sponsorship Form. Students will be given a class quiz in class time during Week 9 and leading up to the quiz they collect sponsorship for the quiz. There are many prizes to be won with results and winners announced at assembly at the end of the term. Keep an eye out in Week 4 for the Trivathon details! Funds raised from this event will go towards the paving and development of the tram / kitchen / garden area.

Uniform

We have shared details of our uniform expectations in the previous two newsletters and we thank families for supporting the wearing of correct uniform. At this time there are a growing number of students wearing fluoro coloured footwear which is not really in keeping with our uniform expectations. When purchasing footwear for children please consider the school uniform colours and how the footwear looks in relation to the uniform. Thank you for your consideration.

Have a wonderful week. Take care.

Chris Simmons
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER



July 24th
Division Soccer

July 26th
Year 5/6 Golf
SEDA sport

July 29th
Year 4 Ecolinc
Bacchus Marsh

July 30th
Year 5/6 Golf

August 2nd
Year 5/6 Golf
SEDA sport
Jeans for Genes Day

Breakfast Club
Every Tuesday and Thursday
8.00—8.30am
Room 15—next to the gym

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Thanks to the Jaruga Family, Grade 2/3s enjoyed juicy, fresh fruit last Friday.

It reminded us how much we enjoy sharing sweet and tasty fruit.



FOUNDATION

Asha Spark

Her confident attitude, bright happy smile and great use of spelling strategies

Daniel Flind

His wonderfully thoughtful contributions to our discussions and being more willing to put his hand up

Grade 1

Narissa Chilcott

For settling into our classroom enthusiastically

Deakin Henderson

For a wonderfully detailed lunch box investigation

Millie Taylor

For making a great discovery in her lunch box investigation

2/3C Damon Fry

Doing his **personal best** and working hard to improve across all levels of his learning

2/3G Luke Ozols

Maintaining a high standard in everything and this week especially for his writing

2/3S Charli Jones

Taking pride in her work environment and being a **caring** classmate

4C Felicity Quayle

Being organised for term 3 with her home reading journal

4T Madi Smith

Always doing her **personal best** and being organised for her learning every day

5/6B Riley Doherty

For starting off the term with a great attitude and making good choices to help him learn

5/6C Maiya Quinney

Outstanding start to Term 3!

5/6J Chloe Walker

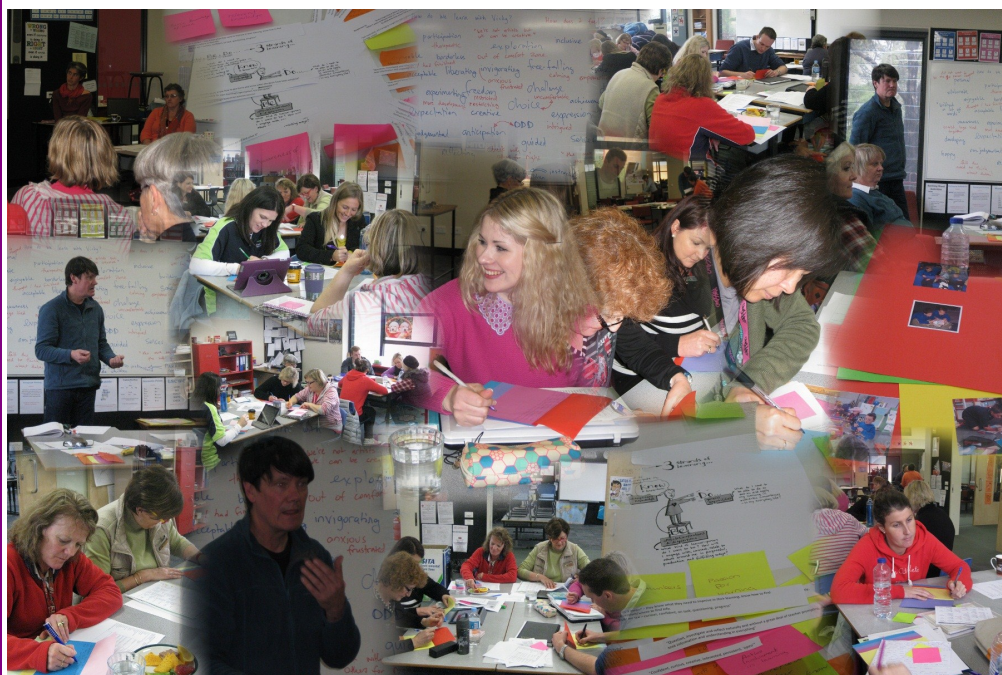
Being a fantastic helper in my first week

5/6L Zoe Gibson

Kara Jaruga

Paige Mihalec

Working co-operatively together to successfully present their dance routine



Connected Learning in Community

On Monday July 15th staff at Mount Clear were privileged to spend a day of professional learning with Peter Burrows from EdPartnerships International. Peter is our Learning Partner working closely with one of our Professional Learning Teams made up of five of our school staff – our **CLiC Team**.

CLiC is the acronym for *Connected Learning in Community* and the work the team has been leading in our school this year is all about documenting and researching our school's approach to connecting learning in our community. We are committed to sharing, reviewing and analysing effective teaching and learning approaches that build our learning capacity at leadership, teacher and student levels within our school community. We are examining student learning data and the implications this has on how we teach.

This is exciting and rewarding work and will have a direct influence on future teaching and learning approaches and innovations at Mount Clear Primary School. We thank our parents for supporting the student free day last week that allowed this very important work to be undertaken by our staff.

SPORT

5/6 Golf

The children in grade 5/6 are currently practising their golf swings and putting prowess with Tony Collier, who has extensive experience instructing primary and secondary students in the finer techniques of golf.



SEDA

On Friday for the next six weeks we are fortunate to have a team of young sports people from SEDA (Sport Education Development Australia) to run activities for all our students. We are all looking forward to participating in the SEDA program.

Soccer

Tomorrow our 5/6 soccer team will be participating in Division soccer at Morshead Park, Pleasant Street. They will be leaving at 9.00am and returning in the afternoon at the conclusion of the Championship. Everyone is welcome to go along and cheer our team on.



Panda Awards

Funi

Shannan Waldon
Demonstrating the school values every single day

Wang Wang

Lachlan Jew
Fabulous resilience and independence



ORGANISATION

For children to do their best at school they need to have high expectations of themselves and teachers and parents must also have high expectations for students. If we model mediocrity, then children learn that they do not need to give effort to what they do and their attitude becomes too relaxed and carefree. To be successful in their learning and social development

children need to know that we have high expectations for them. It is also important that we are consistent in expecting high levels of commitment and effort. Parents who support the school in developing high expectations for their students send a clear message to their children about a work ethic. Always do things to the best of your ability and try hard. For children to achieve their personal level of potential they

must develop organisation skills. This involves planning their time and setting goals. A critical aspect for students to have organised is their work equipment – pens and pencils, reading books, work books. Keeping their personal belongings organised is vital to develop the habits of success

YOU CAN DO IT!

This week's winners are
Jess 2/3G
Charli Jones 2/3S

Junior School Council

Social Service Club

We are holding a fund raising day on **Friday 2nd August.**



It is Jeans for Genes Day. We want you to wear your jeans with your school tops and bring a gold coin donation. The money will go to the Children's Medical Research Institute.

It's Not Okay

To Be Away

Please send a note or contact the school if your child is going to be absent:-

Phone: 53301844
 Fax: 5330 1526
 Email: mount.clear.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
 SMS: 0438 701 844

Parents & Friends

Chocolate Drive:

Please return all chocolates ASAP, contact Michelle on 0417 584304 or contact the office if you would like to sell another box as we still have some left over and we need to sell them all to get the best profit on this fundraiser. All money raised is going towards new take-home readers and shelving for the library. We are hoping to make \$5000.

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be this FRIDAY 26th July at 10am in room 15. We will be looking at next term's events and the market day planning. Please come along and have a coffee and talk about what we have planned for Term 3. Children welcome.

Do you shop at Bakers Delight Sebastopol ?

If you shop at Bakers Delight in Sebastopol, please mention Mt Clear Primary School when you finish making your purchases and 5% of your sale will be donated to the school. Last year we received

over \$100, just by having our families mention our school. What a great and easy way to raise funds!

Hot Food Days

Do you have a Food Handlers Certificate? Would you be interested in overseeing one of our Hot Food Days once a Term? If so, please contact P & F to discuss. We also need some Co-ordinators to purchase and count the orders. We have procedures in place which are really easy to follow and of course, one of our Members would be there to assist, as well as all the other wonderful Mums and Dads that come to help out on the actual Hot Food Day.

Check us out on Facebook

Keep up-to-date with P&F activities and reminders on what is happening at school on Facebook. Search our name: Mount Clear Primary Pandf.

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Forthcoming Term 3 Dates

Fri 26th July

P&F Meeting 10am- Rm15

Tues 21st Aug

HFD – order forms in news letter

Week of 26th Aug

Fathers Day stall Working Bee

Fri 30th Aug

Fathers Day Stall

Wed 4th September

HFD – Orders Due back

Tues 10th Sept

Afternoon Tea Catering

Thurs 12th Sept

Hot Food Day – Hot Dogs

Thurs 19th Sept

Disco Catering
Election Day BBQ
Coffee Catch up



Community News

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

EMA

Families are reminded that there is financial support available for education costs.

If you are a Health Care Card holder, you may be eligible to claim EMA. If your application was successful first semester and your situation has not changed you do not need to reapply for second semester.

If your card has changed or your student is new to this school please complete paperwork available from the office.

Applications close August 2nd.

Late applications cannot be accepted.

Student Photos

Should you wish to view/and or order photos for the following:

- * School Leaders
- * Environment Committee
- * ICT Committee
- * Junior School Council
- * Sport House Leaders
- * Wellbeing Committee
- * Parents and Friends



please come to the office for an order form.

25cm x 20cm photo \$18.00.

Orders must be returned to school complete with full payment by August 2nd 2013