From The Principal

WORKING BEE
A big thank you to the families who contributed to our working bee last Saturday.
We had a small band of dedicated workers who made a big difference in tidying up & re-mulching the garden areas.
To Michaela & Rose Patel; Ameliya Fernando; Andrew Lewis; Domenic Provenzale; Lynne Lang; Michael Hyatt; Mary, Svetlana & Sergey Mironov(a); Mark Alvey; Sandra Bernard & Jonathan Curran–Nicholls, thank you for giving up a couple of hours last weekend.
Well done to Maree Bailey for doing a great job co-ordinating the work in our Sustainability work.
Working Bees are a great way to contribute to the on-going maintenance of the school & to meet up with other parents in the school community. For each working bee, our Facilities committee create a list of jobs that need to be completed. If we have strong support, the clean-ups, repairs or construction can be completed in a short time. We have tasks that suit both un-skilled & skilled workers. Keep an eye out in the newsletter for the date of our next Working Bee.

FEEDBACK IS VALUABLE
At any time it is important to receive feedback from parents & children about programs & procedures at the school. Thank you to the parents who have taken the trouble to comment on transition processes and in particular, the announcement of grades before the end of last year. The feedback has been favourable & this process has appeared to have contributed to a smooth start to the year.
We have received valuable responses from parents with regard to the ordering & distribution of the children’s resources for the start of the year. This information will help us plan our approach for next year.
Today our Prep parents will receive a survey focusing on their child’s start to Primary School which will assist our Transition Team in their future planning. We are constantly looking at ways to improve what we do and the feedback from the survey will either reinforce what we are already doing or assist in changes which may be made to the process.
Please return the survey to your classroom teacher within the next week.
Our newly elected SRC members from each class in grade 1 – 6, along with elected student leaders, will also provide valuable feedback & ideas from a student’s point of view.
GRADE 1/2D & 1/2E AFTERNOON TEA
Following on from the series of Prep parent morning tea sessions to start the year, the grade 1/2 classes are
organising their own activities involving parents sharing time with their children at school. Yesterday it
was great to visit the 1/2 D & E afternoon tea. The children had made healthy snacks for the parents to eat
and involved them in circle time and a Maths game. The other three grade 1/2 classes have activities
planned for later in the term.

Remember, the Prep Family Picnic Evening is on Friday February 28th starting at 5.30pm, at the school.
BYO everything.

Wanted : a volunteer to manage the uniform shop ASAP.
Please contact uniform shop or parent club for more information.

Uniform shop
Extended hours for Feb.

Friday 14th 8.45am- 9.15am
Tuesday 18th 8.45 - 9.15am (Extra day for Feb only)
Friday 21st 8.45am- 9.15am
Tuesday 25th 8.45am – 9.15am (Extra day for Feb only)
Friday 28th 8.45am – 9.15am

Normal trading hours from March.

EMA

Are you eligible for Education Maintenance Allowance?

If you hold a Health Care/Centrelink card valid on the first day of school you will need to collect an EMA form from the stand in the school foyer, complete the details and present your card for photocopying. The closing date to lodge your form is FEBRUARY 28th.

We are unable to accept LATE APPLICATIONS. Please contact the office for further information.
**Dates for Your Diary**

**Whole School Assembly in the Multi-Purpose Room every Friday at 2.50pm. Families welcome.**

Reminder that Preps will not attend these assemblies until the 21st March.

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<td>9:15am in the Multi Purpose Room. All Prep families welcome.</td>
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<td>Gr6 Interschool Sport</td>
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<td>Monday 24 February</td>
<td>Grade 1 / 2 – Walk to school</td>
<td>Meet on corner Queen &amp; Fifth Street at 8:30am. Please sign up to volunteer to help walk to school.</td>
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<td>District Swimming</td>
<td>Selected students will attend Noble Park Aquatic Centre to compete and travel by bus.</td>
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<td>Hot Dog Lunch Day</td>
<td>Payment by QkR or cash due by Tuesday 25 February. No late orders accepted.</td>
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<td>Wednesday 5 February</td>
<td>Prep children <strong>do not</strong> attend school on these days</td>
<td>You will be asked to bring your child to school for a short Literacy and Numeracy test with the Classroom Teacher. A list will be posted outside the classroom for you to choose a suitable appointment time.</td>
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<td>Monday 3rd March</td>
<td>Parent Club AGM</td>
<td>9.05am in the Staff room. All Welcome.</td>
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<td>Mon 3 to Wed 5 March</td>
<td>3/4 Camp</td>
<td>Forrest Edge Camp. Children must be at school by 9am.</td>
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<td>Monday 10th March</td>
<td>Labour Day Public Holiday</td>
<td>No school on this day</td>
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<td>Tuesday 11 March</td>
<td>School Photos</td>
<td>Please wear full school uniform.</td>
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<td>Monday 17 March</td>
<td>First full time week for Prep children</td>
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JUNIOR SELF DEFENCE & FITNESS CLASSES

Ages 6-14 – Boys and Girls
MENTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Beginner classes starting 1st March
Saturday mornings 9.30am – 10.30am

Contact Cliff Wilson to register:
Tel. 8786 9076 Mob. 0418 150 405
EMAIL: cliffwilson@caydam.com
WEB: www.caydam.com

First trial lesson is free!

MORDIALLOC NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

TERM 1

BELLY DANCING: TUESDAY 7:30 – 8:30pm
Belly Dancing for beginners is a low impact, gentle workout that increases flexibility, tones your body and boosts your confidence. Why not try something different. It’s also a lot of fun.

TAI CHI: MONDAY 1:15 – 2:15 pm
Tai Chi is famous for its health benefits. Students can soon experience better balance, co-ordination, flexibility, agility, increased strength, alertness and calmness. Tai Chi is gentle, peaceful and non-competitive. Suitable for all ages.

For further information or bookings, please phone the office on 9587 4534.

Mentone Girls’ Grammar School

2015 SCHOLARSHIPS
Mentone Girls’ Grammar School is pleased to offer Academic, General Excellence and Music Scholarships for girls entering Year 7 in 2015.

Applications close: Friday 21 February 2014.

Apply online:
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Phone: 9581 1200

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Email: alittleblessing4U@gmail.com
Menton Primary School’s
House Cross Country Competition
Dolamore Reserve
Tuesday 18th March
9:00am – 11:15am

Our School’s House Cross Country Competition is to be held on Tuesday 18th March for students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Training has already commenced at school but students would benefit from more training in their own time if possible.

Please remember:
- to wear comfortable running shoes.
- your house coloured T-shirt and running shorts.
- to bring a drink bottle of water.
- hat and sunscreen.
- water proof jacket.
- personal medication e.g. asthma puffer.
- a snack and lunch.

There will be six races:

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The fastest eight children in each race will represent our school at the District Cross Country Day at Bald Hill Park in Clarinda, on Monday 19th May. Students must be a minimum age of 9 years in 2014. The distances at the District Level are: 2000m for the 9 & 10 year olds & 3000m for all other age groups.

Anyone interested in helping on Tuesday 18th March, could you please complete the slip below and return it to the school office.

Thank you,

Trish Stone.
P.E. Teacher

Cross Country School House Competition
I am able to help on Tuesday 18th March from 9:00am to 11:15am at Dolamore Reserve.
Parent’s Name: ____________________ Mobile number: ____________
Child’s Name: ____________________ Grade: ____________
ENVELOPE AND ORDER INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Parents & Students .... PHOTO DAY IS Tuesday 11th March 2014

School photo order envelopes will be distributed to every student on Thursday 27th February. It is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

Important Information

*Online Ordering: If you choose to pay and order Online the order envelope does not need to be returned to the school. Instructions are included on the Flyer enclosed in your envelope. The code for online ordering is printed on your envelope (top right corner).

*Sibling (family) Photo envelopes are available from the stand in the foyer. These MUST be returned to the school (on or before photo day) in order to be photographed.

To pay for Sibling photos online go to www.advancedlife.com.au

Step 1 Enter your code: FAM or SCH
Step 2 Click No (no 9 digit code required)
Step 3. Complete student and Credit Card details.
Step 4. 8 digit receipt number on envelope (bottom left corner)

or enclose Cash or Cheque in the order envelope.

Your Sibling envelope must be completed and returned to school for your order to be completed.

Payment Options are as follows:

1. Online Order and Payment: Instructions are on the of Flyer, which is enclosed in your envelope.

2. Online Payment Only: Instructions are on the Flyer, which is enclosed in your envelope.

3. Cash: enclose correct money in order envelope and return to your school before or on photo day.

4. Cheque: enclose in order envelope and return to your school before or on photo day.

*Please note that all your payment and ordering instructions are included on the Flyer enclosed in your Student order envelope.

Feel free to contact Advancedlife Photography for further assistance. (see details below)

Email: info@advancedlifevic.com.au
Phone: 9852 1133

From the team at AdvancedLife Photography.
Listening to Children Read

Listening to Children Read for Improvement:

Listening to Children read enhances the development of their reading and language skills. The time you share with your child also makes them feel valued and encourages them to engage with books.

In Term 1 2014 Mentone Primary School will be running an evening session for you to develop strategies to help children learn how to read. We will also discuss the importance of understanding phonics when learning to read.

A range of excellent educational Apps will be suggested that will address early reading skills.

Parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to attend.

If you are a volunteer and listen to children read at Mentone Primary School, we recommend that you attend the following session.

The information session will be held in the 5/6 Building on Monday 24th February 2014 from 7-9pm

If you have any questions please do not hesitate in speaking with Wendy Lowe (LEAP) or Lynne O’Connor (Grade 12Q).

Please return the slip below by Friday 21st February 2014 to your child’s class teacher.

I __________ will / will not be attending the Listening to Children Read Training.
My child is ______________ class ______________

Math Mind Benders

See if you can work out the answer to the Math Mind Bender question.

Number Bubbles

Put the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 in the bubbles so that each row, column and diagonal adds up to the same thing.

Place this sheet with your answer in the Math Mind Bender box outside the Office by Thursday of next week. The winner will be drawn at Friday assembly next week.

Name: ________________________________

Grade: ________________________________
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