The P.I.P.

Parent Information Paper

This is an uninterrupted week!

- Thank you to those wonderful parents who have been working hard baking apple pies in the last week and a half. They have made a great start and they are very professional.

- We are looking for some families to make preserves and jams for our Applefest stall. We have a plentiful supply of jars, so if you are able to help out, please come and get some from our kitchen bench.

- Our first uninterrupted week was very successful, with a very focussed heads down learning environment happening.

- Our School Council nomination process closed last Friday and we received four nominations to fill three places. They were Jacq Cue, Rob McDougall, Veronica Budnikas and Lorella Burns. There will be a ballot shortly to make the final selection.

- The Netbook program has commenced in Grades 3-6. If you have not paid for this year’s lease yet, please complete this or come to the office to discuss a payment plan.

- A reminder to all families that Wilkinson Street at the front of the school is a courtesy one way street towards Coolstore Road during school drop off and pick up times. This is to facilitate the bus arrangements and also for the safety of all children who use the front of the school.

- Remember “Every Day Counts” We encourage all children to attend every possible day as this is the way to build strong friendships, a good work ethic and succeed academically.

What’s Happening This Week?

Wednesday  Last Wednesday ay for “No Preps”

Friday  Parents Apple Pie Baking—parent help required

Monday 2nd  Music Lessons for those students enrolled with Drew

Tuesday 3rd  Parents Apple Pie Baking—parent help required

Student Banking Day

Apple Pie Baking Days begin at 9.15am and we need lots of parent helpers!!
**Student Returns Booklets and Student Information Full Details**

We are still waiting on the above information to be returned to the school office.

These items were included in the large white envelope sent home at the end of January and were due back Friday 13th February 2015.

If there was no changes to the student information full details printout please return anyway.

If you need new copies please contact the school office asap.

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**CONVEYANCE: Car Travel**

If you live more than 4.8km* from school, and we are your closest Primary School then you may be entitled to financial assistance for your car travel.

Application forms are available at the office, and applications for **term 1 close on 2nd March.** Pop into the office to collect your form, complete it and return it by Monday next week.

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**Prep/1/2 Students**

Physical Education (PE) Monday & Thursday

Prep/1/2 students have PE on Monday and Thursday so it is important to remember to bring along or wear your runners those days. It is also very important to have a bottle for drinking water.

In fact, in this hot weather, students can bring a water bottle and place it on their table for drinking throughout the day. This will help their concentration too as it keeps them hydrated.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

There has been a slight change to the Library timetable in the short term, which means that library for all grades will be Monday next week.

Some other reminders for Library Books:

- If you don't bring back your books, you can’t borrow any more
- Books should be returned to school in their **Blue Bags**
- If you lose a book, please let Mrs Rice know so that we can arrange a replacement invoice for you

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**School Banking Details for EFT Payments.**

**Bank:** Commonwealth Bank  
**BSB:** 063509  
**Account:** 10042656  
Use your family name as the payment reference
APPLE PIE BAKING

thanks to all the parents that have helped make these gorgeous pies—the smells coming from the kitchen on Tuesday’s are just magical!!

Another baking day is to be held on Friday this week and Tuesday next week, so please feel free to pop in and help out for a short or long time!!

Pre-school children welcome.
**STUDENT BANKING**

**is Tuesday,** and every deposit your child makes entitles them to a silver token.

Once they have accumulated 10 tokens they can exchange these for a reward gift from the display cabinet in the office.

For those children who have earned their reward gift, please call in to see Mrs Renfrey in the office on Tuesday next week so we can order your reward. Please check your tear-off card for this Term’s Rewards.

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**Harcourt Pool NEWS**

Come along and have your say about your local swimming pool.

Council is seeking patron feedback on what is working well at our pools and areas for improvement.

Staff are hosting another series of listening posts this month to give pool patrons the chance to discuss their feedback or any questions they may have about the 2014/2015 pool season.

At Harcourt Swimming Pool, Thursday 26 February 5.00-6.00 pm.

Anyone unable to attend a listening post are invited to complete a survey throughout the season, or send comments and queries to pools@mountalexander.vic.gov.au.

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**Harcourt Junior Netball**

Anyone who wants to play Under 11 netball for the Harcourt Junior Netball, Saturday mornings at the Wesley Hill courts, please contact Tracey on 54742872 or 0438 801 118.

We are also looking for a couple of parents who might want to coach and umpire.

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**Pet Parade at Applefest**

Here’s some fore-warning…… If you would like to enter a pet in the pet parade at Applefest this year, you will need an entry form.

Entry forms will be available at the school later this week. Please come into the office to collect one.

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