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From the Principal – Colin Dobson

International Twilight Festival – Thank You

I would like to thank all the parents and staff members who made this year’s International Twilight Festival such a success. We had the biggest crowd turn up for the Festival and lots of past students made their way back to Mount View. Murrundindi opened the Festival with an Indigenous ‘Welcome to Ceremony’ and played the Didgeridoo as the children made their way to the stage. The market stall had lots of beautiful merchandise available as did the school stalls which included: cakes, lucky jars, toys, chocolate toss and face painting. The Haunted House, organised by Ms Brianna Lee, lived up to expectations and was extremely scary. The food vans and the BBQ stall provided us with wonderful food options as did our fairy floss, popcorn and slushies stall. The children loved the variety of rides that were available this year and we were so fortunate with the weather.

The Festival Committee did an outstanding job and this dynamic band of volunteers was admirably led by Ms Sharon Ammerlaan, the Coordinator of the Festival. The key members of the committee included, Isabelle Martin, Priya Smith, Cindy Parker, Felisia Dewi, Lakshmi Guruparan, Kyla Miller, and Wendy Watson. These parents spent hours in preparing and organising this year’s event and they are to be congratulated on running such a child centred festival. I would also like to thank all the parent and staff volunteers who helped out on the day, this may have been in assisting with the setup, looking after a stall or being there at the end of the festival for the pack up process. Thank you!
The Festival is a major event for the school community and as I have stated very publicly, “thank you to the parents who were involved in this year’s festival”. However, there are so many parents who did not get involved and if the school is to continue to run such events there will have to be so many more parents willing to help out. It is simply not fair for a few parents to do so much while others do not contribute at all.

There will be a review of this year’s festival in the next 2 weeks. Again – thank you to Sharon for her meticulous planning and organisation of the event, to the committee for their commitment and for the volunteers who helped out. The children had a wonderful 50th birthday celebration!

**International Twilight Festival Sponsors**

I would like to thank the following sponsors for their generosity and support of Mount View Primary School. I encourage parents and families to support these companies as they have continually supported Mount View Primary School over many years.

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**ICAS Medal Ceremony**

I am looking forward to attending the ICAS Medal Presentation on Saturday 28 November at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. At Mount View we have 11 students who have received this top award with 1 student receiving awards in 2 categories! These are fantastic achievements and our congratulations go to:
Assemblies

There are only two assemblies left for the 2015 school year. The next general assembly will be held on Monday 7 December at the usual time of 2:40pm. The last assembly for the school year will be held on Friday 18 December at 12:30pm.

7 December – Assembly focus will include Compass Awards and presentations of gifts for the Salvation Army.

14 December – Please note that assembly has been cancelled due to the Year Level Fun Days being held on this day.

18 December – Assembly focus is on the Year 6 Graduates and the children and staff members who will be leaving Mount View Primary School at the end of this year.

End of Year Events

The following is a snapshot of the key events that are planned for December 2015.

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*Please note that the Term 4 Calendar is displayed on the website*
Parent Helper’s Morning Tea – 9 December @ 10:40am

Invitations will be sent out to all the parents who have helped out at the school over the past 12 months. This will include volunteers in the classrooms, helpers on excursions and camps, volunteers with the sport programs, banking team members etc. Our annual special morning tea will be held in the staffroom.

From the Assistant Principal – John Kennedy

Chess

It has been a very busy time of the year for our chess players at Mount View Primary School.

I am pleased to announce that both our girls and mixed teams managed to come second in the recent state championships. As the National Chess Championships will be played in Melbourne this year, both Mount View teams have been invited to compete, which is a wonderful opportunity for the students.

Girls’ Chess Team:

Mixed Chess Team:
Luis C, Jimmy D, Zoe J, Shalana P and Rahil M.

Many thanks to Judy Rowe, Richard Jones and David Powell for chaperoning the students during the competitions.

The students have performed extremely well throughout the year in a range of chess competitions and they are to be congratulated on their attitude and enthusiasm for the game.

Many thanks to Nick Speck for coaching the students throughout the year and for his excellent advice in preparation for the competitions.

Robotics Champions

Congratulations to all the students from Mount View who participated in the Robotics Championships at Forest Hills Secondary College last weekend. Special congratulations to Alex K, Gerald T, Tharushi W and Helani W whose team achieved the Excellence Award, which is the highest award. This qualifies the team to compete at the Vex Robotics World Championships in Louisville, Kentucky. Equal tournament champions for the youngest team were Garv S, Tharin B, Arshiya N and Thomson L.

Thank you to Gary and Sue from the Robotics Club for preparing the students so well for the tournament.
Food for Families Appeal

Many thanks to the members of the Mount View community who donated grocery items to this year’s Food for Families Appeal through the Waverley Mission. Our school has a terrific reputation for assisting those families in need over the Christmas period and your generosity ensures that many, many people in need are able to have an enjoyable family Christmas together.

The festival of Divali

Wednesday was the main day of celebration of the Festival of Diwali, the Hindu festival, often nicknamed ‘The Festival of Lights’. Diwali is a Hindu festival celebrated to honour Rama, a Hindu god, as it is believed that on this day Rama returned to his people after 14 years of exile during which he fought and won a large battle against the demon king, Ravana and his demons. People light candles and small lights in their houses to celebrate his victory and the success of ‘good over evil’ or ‘light over darkness’.

Here are some of the girls from Mount View who were involved in the Festival of Divali celebrations at Federation Square last Saturday. The girls danced and performed in front of a large crowd of people and represented themselves and our school extremely well. Congratulations girls.

John Kennedy
Assistant Principal.
SRI (Special Religious Education) is finishing

Christian SRI teachers at Mt View are saddened to inform you that the SRI program at Mt View will finish at the end of 2015. The state government proposes to introduce a secular program from 2016.

The Christian SRI program has been overseen by the Christian Council for Education in Schools, now called Access Ministries, for the past 70 years. The current education act of 1958 facilitates the teaching of SRI in schools in class times and many thousands of children have had their lives enriched with the Christian values taught. Many adults today fondly remember their SRI teachers and the valuable spiritual and moral lessons they learned at school.

The current situation is that the Minister for Education has announced that SRI will no longer be allowed in class times. SRI may continue before school, at lunch time or after school, but this is logistically impractical and unable to be accommodated at Mount View Primary School.

If you have concerns and would like to discuss it please contact Sue Wheaton on 9560 5585 or Garry Stevens on 9560 3398. Also, please be aware that there are good local churches with programs for children.

Thanks to all the parents and children who have supported SRI over the years. We have enjoyed the privilege of voluntarily teaching your children and pray they will be greatly blessed.

Love from the SRI team - Sue Wheaton, Garry Stevens, Gary Ellings, Janice Tan, Siew Ng, Trudy Crotty and Lena Lim.

SPORTS NEWS!

Congratulations to Sang-Jun L in 6BL. He competed at the National School Sport Golf championships in Newcastle last week. He was part of the 12years and under Team VIC Golf team. His team won the Craig Parry Shield (National title) and as an individual Sang-Jun performed extremely well finishing in 2nd place.
SSV EMR Golf Championships

Last week both Sang-Jun and Sayumi competed at the SSV Eastern Metropolitan Golf championships. Sang-Jun placed 1st in the Boys 12-years Golf competition and Sayumi placed 2nd in the Girls 11-years competition. These results now mean that both students are off to the SSV STATE Golf championships next week. We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing how they performed.

Hot Shots Tennis

On Friday 13 November the Hot Shots Gold team went to Clayton North Primary School in the Monash Waverley Division Tennis finals. We came in 1st place. One of the highlights was everyone’s great sportsmanship and everyone had a great time. We are now going to compete in the Regional finals at Glendal Primary school on Wednesday 25 November.

Sebastian 6BL (Hot Shots Tennis Captain)

Kanga Cricket Carnival

On Thursday 12 November we had 6 teams who participated at the annual Kanga Cricket carnival at Mulgrave Reserve. We competed against Glendal, Essex, St Ceclias and Mount Waverley primary schools. Everyone participated with enthusiasm and worked together as a team. Our girls ‘Team 1’ qualified for the finals and unfortunately finished up as runners up to Mount Waverley Primary School. A special thanks to Aris, Kevin and David for coaching these students.
State Volleyball Finals

Congratulations to Christina, Emberlyn, Kai Xia, Polly, Hiruni, Isha, Julianna, Lilly and Kel for their outstanding performances at State Volleyball on Friday 20 November.

Our Volleyball Girls arrived at the State Volleyball Centre with a spring in their step ready for the day ahead. Their enthusiasm and preparation was transferred onto the court as they demonstrated their ability to work together as a team and execute the skills they have mastered throughout the year.

The competition was strong but we were up for the challenge and made it into the semi-final against Glenferrie. The games were close and after many highlight moments Glenferrie won 2 games and progressed to the Grand Final.

Thank you to parents who supported the day. Fantastic day had by all!

Deaf Sports Awards 2015

On Monday 17th November the 2015 Deaf Sports Awards were presented at the whole school assembly. There were many wonderful performances from our students and they all represented Mount View proudly. Congratulations to this year’s award winners: Emily in Year 1, Tama in Year 2, Kaitlyn and Laura in Year 5 and Luke in Year 6. Well done!
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