Welcome Back
Welcome back to Term 2 and I trust that you all had a wonderful time with your children over the holiday period.

Term 2
This is a very busy term and teachers have worked hard to plan a range of exciting learning opportunities for all students. They include Literacy, Numeracy, Concept Driven Curriculum, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Physical Education and Sport as well as a range of incursions and excursions. Other significant events occurring this term are:
- NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5
- Writing and distribution of student reports and parent teacher interviews
- Preparation and distribution of Student Learning Portfolios
- Curriculum Day - Numeracy
- Education Week including an open morning and a grandparent morning
- School Athletics Day
For more information about events during term 2 please refer to the calendar on the school’s website

Student Free Day
Tuesday 30 April will be our fourth and last Student Free Day for 2013. Numeracy will be the focus of the teacher professional learning on this day. The Out of School Hours Care program will operate for parents who require care for their children. Please contact the Out of School Hours Care Program on 9314 9358 to book a place for your child if required.

Numeracy Information Sessions
Numeracy information sessions for parents will be conducted on Tuesday 7 May. The school will be offering two sessions, one in the morning and another in the evening. Additional information about these sessions will be published in this Newsletter and subsequent newsletters. I look forward to these sessions being well attended by parents and guardians.

Prep Enrolments for 2014
The school has received a number of enquiries from prospective Prep parents and I’m conducting tours on a daily basis. Enrolments are being confirmed on receipt of enrolment documents.
If you have a child to commence school in 2014, could you please collect an enrolment form from the office and complete and return to Mandy Pilkington by the end of May. This will greatly assist with our planning for 2014 school year.

ICAS Testing
For the last 30 years ICAS has taken place each year in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific region and South Africa. Children in years 2-6 are invited to participate in 2013. ICAS international tests are optional and parent choice.
ICAS provides an opportunity for all Years 2-12 students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. There is a cost involved for each individual test. Wembley will provide for students to sit the English, Spelling and Mathematics ICAS tests this year. Further correspondence will be sent home in early Term 2.

Bright Sparks Get A Bright Start at Mount Alexander College
From next year gifted and talented students will be able to enrol in a Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program at Mount Alexander College in Flemington. The program is aimed at students of exceptional academic ability to achieve their potential.
Learning in core subjects will be accelerated so that students complete Years 7-10 in three years with more options for their final years. They will commence VCE studies in Year 10 and may include a first year university subject while completing year 12. It will also be possible for these students to complete secondary school in five years and proceed to tertiary studies a year earlier.
### Upcoming Events For Term 2, 2013

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For more information visit the school’s website: [www.mountalexandercollege.vic.edu.au](http://www.mountalexandercollege.vic.edu.au) or phone the school on 9376 1622.

Registration to sit the selection tests for the 2014 intake closes on Friday 3 May, 2013.

### Entertainment Books 2013-14

The new Entertainment Book was launched this week and a pre-packaged book will be sent home with the eldest child in each family (unless we have been previously notified to the contrary) early next week. Parents are asked to have a look through the book, and if you wish to purchase it, instructions on how to do so are included in the package. Alternatively please return the book to school as soon as possible if you do not wish to purchase it. Additional books are available at school and can be purchased through the school office. The Entertainment Book is $65 to buy and the school will benefit from each sale that we make. It is packed full of offers including dining, family activities, accommodation and this year includes a new section with retail offers. It represents great value for money and certainly has something for every family. Please check your child’s bag early next week for the packaged Entertainment Book that you are welcome to look through at your leisure and purchase if desired.
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<th>Student of the Week</th>
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<td>PA Wilson Hegarty-</td>
<td>for using impressive problem solving skills to work out how many Easter eggs in the basket.</td>
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| PB Ellie Tabone-   | for explaining the similarities and differences between the words ‘was’ and ‘saw’.
| PC Heidi Prested-  | for showing all the Wembley Values by trying her best and helping others in our class.
| PD Alexandra Kokolios- | for excellent improvement in her reading.
| 1A Kajal Oraniuk- | for working hard and persisting to achieve her writing goal and form her letters using the dotted thirds. Well done! |
| 1B Grace Le-       | for a great term of learning. You have made excellent progress.
| 1C Eleni Kikidis-  | for always putting in 100% in all that she does. Well done! |
| 1C Elly Rose Mercieca- | for trying her best to link sounds when writing. |
| 1D Sheamas Duffield- | for writing a great summary about a big book we read ‘The Sunflower That Went Flop!’.
| 1E Imogen Handley- | for consistently displaying all of the Wembley Values. What a great role model. |
| 2A Shae Saville-   | for being respectful towards her peers. |
| 2B Samuel Haddad-  | for consistently showing all the Wembley values and a love of learning. |
| 2C Joseph Lyons-   | for always being a responsible member of our grade and helping others. |
| 2D Zoe Hibbard-    | for always displaying her strong sense of integrity. |
| 3A Iris Lazic-Smith- | for always being considerate and including others. |
| 3B Joanna Maricic- | for working extra hard at home to support her learning. Great job Joanna! |
| 3C Abbi Plarre-    | for a fabulous improvement in numeracy this term. |
| 3D Oliver Ngo-     | for displaying the school values perfectly throughout term! :) |
| 4A Oliver Rudd-    | for using information gathered throughout concept to create a powerpoint presentation. |
| 4B Max Kovacevic-  | for utilising information gathered throughout concept study and presenting it as a powerpoint. |
| 4C Oliver Rheeder- | for starting to show confidence and persistence in his work. Keep it up! |
| 5A Lucy Dawson-    | for being a confident and persistent learner. |
| 5A Louis O'Halloran- | for taking risks with your learning. Well done! |
| 5B Sarah Brown-    | for persistence in completing her online magazine. |
| 5C Michael Milonakis- | for maintaining concentration to produce some high quality work this week. |
| 5C Jaimee Colwell- | for showing our school values throughout all of Term 1. |
| 6A Lucas Ghazi-    | for a very well constructed persuasive essay. |
| 6B Xena Zenelovski- | for consistent high quality of work and a delight to have in class!! |
| 6C Hannah Giddey-  | for her persistence in completing her persuasive essay. Well done. |
| 6C Millie Purcell- | for her wonderful improvement in maths this term. |
## Cross Country
The Williamstown Little Athletics Centre would like to invite all those between the ages of 5 and 16 who would like to try Cross Country running to attend the Cross Country Season Opening Day at 10:00am on Saturday, 27 April 2013 at Newport Lakes Reserve located at Lakes Drive, Newport (off Mason Street). The course starts at the southern end of the lake, adjacent to the car park & facilities area. For further information, please contact John Gilbert on 0408 360 499 or at williamstown@lavic.com.au.

## World Education Program
**Looking For Volunteer Host Families - It’s fun!**
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Finland, France, Switzerland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Brazil and Chile are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

**Find Out more!**
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

**Sylvia Kelly**
Manager - Inbound Exchange Programs  
Phone: 1300 884 733  
Email: info@wep.org.au  
Online: [http://www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au)

## Mini Volleyball Comp & Coaching Starts SOON
Like VOLLEYBALL? So do we!  
Come along for FREE to Maribyrnong Secondary College on Saturday May 11, 9-10:30am  
Olympic Coach Peter Jones will be there plus State and National representatives to help you to learn the 2nd most played sport in the world. Suited to Gds 4-6.  
Call Peter on 0421 204 578 to book in.

## Murphy's Maintenance Services
Free quotes and Good rates for any carpentry or maintenance jobs at home or in the office. Fully insured, police checked and current working with children check.  
Please call Tim on 0419535132 or timmurphysmaintenance@gmail.com

## Short Course - Integration Aide
**RMIT University**  
**2013 Brunswick Course**

**7Saturdays:**
11 May to 20th July (missing school holidays and Queens Birthday weekend)  
(total course length = 50 hours)

Specifically designed for those seeking work or already employed in schools as Integration Aides. Course provides individual assistance with job application and interview. Also of benefit for parents or carers of children with special needs.

**Enrol online via the RMIT short courses website**  
[www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au](http://www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au)
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www.rsl.org.au
OPEN DAYS

1. Sunday, 21 April 2013 at 10.30 am. Meet in the college car park off Mt Alexander Road (Old “Soundhouse”). Tours of the college’s facilities with current parents & students. This is during the Farmer’s Market (9am to 1pm), so come and buy some wonderful fresh organic produce too!

2. Every Wednesday during the year prospective parents are invited to meet at the main office at 9am sharp to be taken on a tour of the college. Jane Wignell, Assistant Principal will conduct the tour with plenty of opportunity for questions and so you can see the college in operation.

Enrolment enquiries at any time:
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2014 Kindergarten

- Children turning four years of age by 30 April 2014 are eligible to attend kindergarten next year

Is your child registered? 🎈

- To be considered for first round offers registration forms must be received by Friday 28 June 2013

For information and to obtain a registration form please contact Kara Langshaw on 9688 0116

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