**Dates to Remember**

- **February 12**
  - Activity Groups Y3-6

- **February 15**
  - Swimming Y3-6 commences
  - In School Activity ‘Shockproof’

- **February 16**
  - Room 2, 5 & 6 Class Meetings

- **February 17**
  - Room 1 & 12 Parent Meeting
  - After School Rugby Y1-3
  - After School Rugby Y4-6

- **February 18**
  - Breakfast Club
  - Room 9 and all IEC classes Parent Meetings

- **February 25**
  - P & C Annual General Meeting

- **February 27**
  - School Busy Bee & Garden Day

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**Principal’s Report**

**Dear Parents/Caregivers**

Congratulations to our new student leaders who took charge and ran our first assembly for the year. Although initially nervous the students did a great job and I am positive they will continue to improve their leadership skills throughout the year. Well done to all of our Merit Certificate winners, you can all be proud of your efforts so far this year.

During term 1 we will be having a whole school focus on home reading. Each class will set a target of how many books they will read, and we will then tally the results to determine our winning class. Reading comprehension and fluency are vital skills and consistent home reading plays an important role in developing these skills and a love of reading. Please see the table on page 2 to see how a few minutes of reading per day can help your child.

**Student Council 2016**

The student leader group for 2016 is as follows:

- **Head Boy**  
  - Kapambwe Musonda

- **Head Girl**  
  - Jean Ella Truscott

- **Deputy Head Boy**  
  - Ahadu Alemayehu

- **Deputy Head Girl**  
  - Carolina Perez Abdalla

On the 17 March our student leaders and Mrs Black will be heading to a student leadership conference at the Perth Convention Centre, this conference is a great way for our students to understand and develop their leadership role and we look forward to their work throughout the year. Congratulations to you all and good luck with your duties for 2016.

**IEC Buses**

A reminder to parents that **ALL** children using the bus service **MUST** be supervised by parents while waiting for the bus in the mornings. In the afternoons parents need to be **ON TIME** to collect children. If you require changes to the bus schedule you must telephone the school or come into the office. The bus driver and staff cannot do the changes for you. All queries/concerns regarding the bus service are to be directed to Mrs Burnett on 9440 7777.

**Term Calendar**

The Term One calendar is on the website and Skoolbag app. A copy has also been sent home with your child today. Please refer to it for important dates and events.

**Healthy Lunches**

I would like to remind parents to strongly encourage healthy eating practices in the school. We would greatly appreciate parents supporting this in everyday lunches brought from home. We have noticed a number of children bringing soft drinks and lollies to school and want to discourage this as it does not allow children to fully focus on their classroom work.

**Anthony Middleton**

PRINCIPAL

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**Family Details**

Please make sure that all address and telephone details are up to date. This is very important, especially if we need to contact you in case of an emergency. We also need to be informed if there are any changes to medical/physical/psychological details for your child. A student update sheet will be sent home in the next week.

**Voluntary Contributions**

Thank you to those families who have already paid. This money goes towards the extra benefits our children use at school which is not covered by the school grant. The amount is **$40 per child with a maximum of $100 per family**. Thank you in anticipation.

**School Banking**

Thursdays at 8.30am is School Banking Day and students should bring their weekly deposit to Room 4.

**Breakfast Club**

Come along and have a healthy breakfast on Thursday mornings in the canteen from 7.45am. A permission note must be signed by parent/guardian before you can attend – they are available in the office.

If you are available to help out on that morning please come along.

**Canteen**

This year the canteen will be available to students every day. A new menu went home with your child last Friday. The menu is also available on the website. Any late orders (After 9.15am) must be taken to the High School canteen by the parent.
The following students have received Honour Certificates:

- Weston Room 5
- Marjan Room 10
- Kevin Room 6
- Lovely Room 6
- Talon Room 9
- Jeet Room 9
- Demka Room 17
- Adam Room 17
- Jackson Room 2
- Fatima Room 5
- Regina Room 2
- Eh Kaw Saw Room 2
- Gyeong Room 3
- Ghulam Reza Room 3
- Ywa Hae Room 11
- Klo Doh Say Room 11
- Emily Pre-Primary
- Lucas Pre-Primary
- Liani Room 1
- Robbie Room 1
- Kasra Room 16
- Naw Way Paw Room 16
- Zaw Room 20
- Joy Room 20
- Jackson Room 2
- Robert Room 1

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!!

PARKING
We remind all parents and caregivers that when parking before and after school they need to use designated parking bays only. For student safety and bus accessibility the staff car park is not to be used for student pick up or drop off. We seek all parents continued support in this matter for the safety of our students. Thank you.

SIGNING IN
We remind all parents and caregivers, if you are visiting the school for any reason you MUST sign the visitors’ book in the office. This is particularly important in case of evacuation or emergency, as we need to know who is present on the school premises at all times.

P&C AGM
The Annual General Meeting for this year will be in the Hall on Thursday 25th February at 1.30pm.
Please come along and share your ideas, we are always looking for new perspectives and would welcome any time you may have to offer. It is not a huge commitment and everything we do is for the benefit of all the children in the school.

SENIOR SWIMMING
Children in years 3 to 6 will commence swimming lessons on Monday February 15 until Friday February 26. Children can wear their bathers to school under their uniform or they will need change into their bathers at school before going to the pool. After swimming lessons children will dry off, put a shirt on and come back to school to get changed into their uniform. Thongs/slip on shoes may be worn to the pool. Please label all items, as it is easy for bathers etc to be misplaced. A letter outlining all the costs and times has been sent home.

SCHOOL ABSENCES
We will continue to follow up children arriving to school late and those who may be absent on a given day via SMS. Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who have been telephoning us in the morning to notify the school that their child is going to be absent.
If you are intending to take your child out of school for an extended period of time a letter will be required outlining dates and the reason before you leave.

CRUNCH & SIP
To encourage healthy eating, Mirrabooka Primary School is running a Crunch and sip program in all classes. Every day children will be permitted to drink water and eat a healthy snack of fruit or vegetable in their classroom after lunch. We encourage you to send a small container with cut up fruit or vegetables to school with your child each day along with a drink bottle of water.

HEAD LICE
Now that we have started back at school it is inevitable head lice return as well. Prevention is always better than having to treat your child, so try to keep long hair tied up and use a preventative.

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

- Student A Reads
  - 20 minutes per day.
  - 3,600 minutes per school year.
  - 1,800,000 words per year.

- Student B Reads
  - 5 minutes per day.
  - 900 minutes per school year.
  - 282,000 words per year.

- Student C Reads
  - 1 minute per day.
  - 180 minutes per school year.
  - 8,000 words per year.

Want to be a better reader? Simply read.
Physical Education

The first week of Term started out with Years 4, 5 and 6 participating in Fitness Testing in their PE Lessons. The students worked in groups and helped each other measure, time and record their results. The students all tried their best and we even saw some friendly competition.

The students will perform the same Fitness Tests once each term for this year and hopefully we will see some great results at the end. Well done to everyone.
Tuart Hill Junior Soccer Club
Please telephone Angie on 0416 267567 if you are interested in registering your child for soccer at Tuart Hill. Training is 2 nights a week at Woodchester Reserve, Woodchester Rd, Nollamara with games played on Sunday mornings. Our focus is on giving children of all abilities the opportunity to play in a team sport for fun and enjoyment.

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