Uniform shop – Thanks Bianca and Michelle
The first thing that struck me on our students return was how superb they all looked in their school uniform – this is not a fluke and I thank parents for supporting our school by having children arrive in uniform, as a staff we appreciate your support in this regard, it certainly does reinforce the pride students have in our school. I want to also extend my appreciation to both Bianca Seadon and Michelle Tipper for taking on the role of Uniform Shop Co-ordinators. It was such a busy day on the uniform sales day and we were thrilled with the amount of parents who come to ensure their children were ready for the first day back.

LAKERS Playground Leaders
This year we are trialling the initiative of having our trained Grade 5/6 student’s act as Playground leaders. Our brightly vested students work on a roster system and are in the playground to support other students by offering a listening ear, to organise activities and to assist in mediating should there be an issue that can be resolved without the need for a duty teacher. It should be reinforced that our playground leaders are not used to replace duty teachers or to take on issues that are too complex. We must say that we were thrilled with how the first week ran with this new concept.

Attendance
School attendance is not only mandatory by law in Tasmania but critical in ensuring students achieve the very best outcomes. A day absent here and there over a term and year(s) most certainly adds up and takes valuable time away from learning. Regular attendance and student’s achievement are strongly linked. As Principal it is my responsibility to ensure that unexplained absences are followed up and approved. Students missing time from school for personal appointments such as haircuts, shopping and celebrating birthdays; are NOT acceptable or approved explained absences and are marked in the DoE system as not authorised.

Where a student is unwell or has a medical appointment that requires them to be an early departure or late arrival it is appreciated if parents could promptly notify the school office. If your child is away and you have not already notified the school you will receive an SMS message indicating their absence. A reply to this message is appreciated as we can amend our records instantly. If this is not received we are legally required to follow up.

If students have regular unexplained attendance we are mandated to communicate with families and follow the Department of Education non-attendance policy. Part of this process is sending attendance letters home that have been generated under the guidance of the legal department and may be used as future reference by the legal team if prosecution is required.

Your co-operation in notifying the school about absences, either prior to or as soon as possible after the date, is much appreciated.

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Moments Where Our Students Have Shone – Please Let Us Know

We take pride in celebrating the achievements of our students not only during school hours but also during holidays, weekends and after school. We would love to know if your child has achieved something that they are proud of so we can share this with our school community through the Weekly Shine.

Congratulations
It is exciting to report that Bridget received second place in the Girls points score for the 2014 LTBA Bowler of the Year. Bridget really is excelling in the sport of Ten Pin Bowling, hopefully Bridget continues to do well so she can represent our State in this sport in the future.

School Association Meeting
On the last Monday of each month (unless otherwise notified) at 2pm parents are invited to join us in the Parent Room for the monthly School Association Meeting. At these meeting we discuss events and plan for the year ahead. It is a great opportunity to share your ideas and although it may sound quite formal, the meetings are friendly, fun and informative. We hope to see some new faces in 2015, so why not come along on Monday 23rd February at 2pm. Hope to see you there.

STOP PRESS!
- The date for our Athletics Carnival has been revised and will now be held on a Kinder day. The new date will be on Tuesday 17th March
- We now have a new Parent Room!
  It is now located in the Walkway just past the Uniform Shop. Why not pop in and have a cuppa after you drop the children off in the morning or before collecting them after school.
  We hope to see you enjoying this new space.

Tony Brazendale
Principal

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
This year we are looking for dedicated, enthusiastic parents to join us in forming a Fundraising Committee. We will be meeting Wednesday 18th February at 2pm in the Parent Room, and we would love to see you there!
If you are unable to attend, but are interested in joining, please leave your name at the office. Thankyou

Junior Roller Derby!!
Re-commencing in Term 1 2015
With Basic Learn to Skate and Essential Skill Classes
Mondays 4-5pm
And
Introduction to Roller Derby Classes
Mondays 5-6pm
Open to both boys and girls all ages 8-17
Any skill level, no prior skate experience necessary.
Mowbray Sport n Skate

STUDENT VALIDATION FORMS
DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR FORMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO ENABLE US TO UPDATE YOUR CHILD'S PERSONAL DETAILS, PHONE NUMBERS ETC. IN OUR SYSTEM.
THANK YOU!

FRIDAY SPORT
Friday 13th February
Touch: At West Launceston
Tball: At Waverley v St.Leonards
STUDENT BANKING WILL COMMENCE THIS WEDNESDAY

PLEASE SEND ALONG YOUR CHILD’S PAY-IN BOOK AND MONEY TO THE CLASSROOM EVERY WEDNESDAY

STARTER PACKS WILL BE GIVEN FOR TO ALL KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

SHOULD YOU WISH TO START A NEW STUDENT BANK ACCOUNT, STARTED PACKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR OTHER STUDENTS FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Lisa Sutton Co-Ordinator
Waverley Early Years
Playgroup Sessions

Here is our calendar for Term 1 2015.
Families are welcome to come along on Wednesdays or Fridays, which ever suits you best.

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Looking forward to catching up with you all!

Sally and Gayle- The Early Years Team
Tony Brazendale-Principal