**THE WEEKLY SHINE**

**Date:** 11th August 2015

**Week:** 4  **Term:** 3

Planning has now started for this year’s Waverley Community Fun & Fishing Day which will take place on Sunday 11th October from 8.00am – 4.00pm. This will be a day full of activities and loads of fun! There will be an opportunity for families to ‘hire’ a table for the day to sell pre-loved or new items for a cost of only $5.00. Limited tables will be available so please call the school office and leave your name and number to reserve your table.

**School Attendance**

Attendance remains one of the Department of Education’s key priorities, and as such every school is required to follow-up with each family where a student’s attendance is of concern. All absences are recorded in the DoE data base and unexplained absences will generate an alert to the school each time a child’s absence reaches a new level of concern at 5 days of absence without reasonable explanation, 10 days absence, 15 days on so on.

At each of these levels the school Principal has an obligation to send a Department of Education letter home to address the issue of the unexplained absences.

There are many important reasons why children sometimes need to be away from school and the DoE certainly understand this. A simple message to the school office or a note to the teacher when your child returns to school will ensure that the absence is explained.

Missing one day every two weeks adds up over time and can make a huge difference to a child’s education. The table below shows how much school time is missed throughout a child’s primary school education from just missing one day a week or a fortnight.

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<th>Days missed</th>
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<td>1 day each fortnight</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>1 day per week</td>
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<td>20%</td>
<td>320 days</td>
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Source: Cycles for Success DETE, SA, 2012, page 4

Congratulations to Montana and her family on the arrival of the newest member of their family Oliver. We look forward to having Oliver as part of our Early Years Programmes

**Principal Acknowledgement Awards for last week:**

- **Being a settled and responsible learner:** Zanda
- **Being a respectful and proud Waverley Primary School member by showing excellent sportsmanship:** Seth R

Karen Hampton  
Principal
Attention Friday Playgroup families
There will be no Playgroup on Friday the 14th of August.

Sally Foley, Gayle Collins and Lisa Johnston are attending a Professional Learning Day to find out about how young children can learn about and discover maths concepts ready for school. Families are encouraged to get together and organise an outing/picnic to a nearby park, reserve, museum etc. There will be a special prize for a group that can show us what amazing things they did on Friday!

FRIDAY SPORT - 14th AUGUST

NO FRIDAY SPORT THIS WEEK
(Due to North/South Exchange)

THURSDAY CANTEEN SPECIAL
Minestrone soup
$3.00

MERIT CERTIFICATES
WEDNESDAY
Hosted by 1/2 Wood
In the Hall

Class | Teacher   | Student | Reason                                           |
------|-----------|---------|-------------------------------------------------|
Prep  | Miss Adams| CAMERON | For trying his hardest with his sounding out    |
      |           | KIARA   | For her positive approach to all learning areas |
1/2   | Mrs Wood  | JORDAN  | For improvement with his handwriting.           |
      |           | NICOLA  | For being more focused on completing her learning tasks |
1/2   | Mrs Gale  | MATANNA | For settling in well to her new class           |
      |           | JESSE   | For improvement in his reading                 |
3/4   | Miss Fawcett| BRAYDEN| For being a positive and helpful class member   |
      |           | KAIN     | For doing an excellent job on his planet research |
5/6   | Mr Bent   | SETH R  | For positive leadership                        |
4/5/6 | Mrs Djakic| LUKE    | For working very hard at all tasks             |
Wanted...Expressions of Interest
Are you ready to...

- Step up?
- Be a part of the Waverley School Community?
- Donate some time and energy to a worthwhile cause?

We are looking for someone to train and be able to take over the mantle of Lakeside Op Shop Coordinator in 2016.

So come on, get your ideas together, maybe plan on working as a team with friends, have some fun and learn new skills and be a part of a very valuable part of our school community.

Leave your details at the school office with a brief outline of the great skills you would bring to the position.

Applications close end of August, Term 3.

Gardening Basics with Pete

Topics covered:

- Soil
- Compost
- Building simple garden beds
- Plants

To secure your spot phone RNH on 63392861

Monday September 7th
At Waverley Primary
In School Breakfast Room
10am to 11am

Morning Tea Provided
Save the date!!

**Tuesday 18th August** is Waverley Primary Schools 'RSPCA Cup Cake Day'.

Student leaders will be selling cupcakes for 50c & $1. Children are invited to come in casual clothing - but must bring a gold coin donation.

All money raised will go to the RSPCA.

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SAVE THE DATE!

FOR THE BOOK FAIR

17th to 21st AUGUST 2015

SCHOOL HALL

2.30PM to 3.15PM