Dear Families,

- **Maths workshops:**
  On Tuesday our Numeracy Coordinator, Tim Hemsworth and a group of his years 4-6 students presented the first of our parent maths workshops. Tim outlined his role as Numeracy Coordinator, the primary school maths curriculum and how we assess and then plan the maths curriculum to meet the needs of individual students. The students shared their thoughts about the assessments and setting their own goals and monitoring their progress as well as giving a picture of what a typical daily maths session looks like in their class.

Parents in attendance found the session extremely helpful and are already looking forward to the second session on Tuesday November 12th 9.15-10.15a.m.

The students will again help conduct the session and will explain their daily maths packs as well.

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**MKPS News**

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31st October 2013
Congratulations: To Steven, Lisa and Sylvia Hallam and welcome to baby Sarah Grace Hallam who was born last Saturday night, October 26th. We are all looking forward to meeting Sarah soon.

Gardens: Our Spring flowers are looking beautiful. With the Spring rains, we have been fostering the growth of quite a few weeds as well. If you have some spare time and are able to come and help us get on top of those weeds, can you please see Karen Faulwetter about which areas are a priority—and we’ll soon start to show them just who is the boss. Thanks.
• **Remembrance Day:**
  Our school Remembrance Day ceremony will be conducted on Tuesday November 12th at 11.00 am this year. This will enable our friends from the Whittlesea RSL to attend their own ceremony and still join us for ours. Students from years 5 & 6 are currently researching different aspects and will conduct the ceremony. Everybody is welcome to attend.

• **Operation Christmas Child:** Thank you so much to all of the families who have so readily given items for this project. The boxes have been collected today. We aimed to fill a show box for each grade and have ended up with 8 boxes. Well done! There will be 8 children in the world who will have a much brighter Christmas than they would have without your wonderful generosity.

• **Woodleigh:** Next week our Year 5 and 6 students head off to Woodleigh School from Wednesday to Friday for a 'Transition Camp.' While there they have the opportunity to participate in 'secondary' school activities and get more of a feel about what Secondary Schooling will be like. Each year they are asked to make a presentation to the whole school assembly as well. This is another wonderful opportunity for our students to be involved in 'real life' public speaking. The topic for this year is Respect. They are currently working together on this presentation.

• **Achievements:** This time of the year is often when we ‘notice’ huge jumps in achievement of our students. We make comparisons with where our students [your children] were at the start of the year and compare the progress made. Recently I have had many of these comments made to me. It is always so exciting to be able to share these celebrations. One of our local high schools holds some parent—teacher interviews at our school. It is wonderful to meet up with our past students and to share their continued learning as well. We have also had secondary school families pass on their gratitude and thank us for the great grounding we have given their children that is now evident in the high levels of achievement they are making in Years 7, 8, 10 etc. Well done!
They're back: Our echidnas have been found in many places around Kinglake. They have finally made their way back. Well done 3-6S and 4-6H—Great work! They have brought a lot of joy to the community.

Reminders:
Monday November 4th is a Curriculum Day—a pupil free day. Teachers will be working on documenting our Inquiry Units of work.
Tuesday November 5th is a public holiday for Melbourne Cup Day.
Years 5 & 6: Woodleigh Camp: Wednesday Nov 6th—Friday November 8th
Our end of year School Concert: Monday December 16th
Year 6 Graduation is Thursday December 19th.
Last day of school year is Friday December 20th

Until next week,
Take Care
Enjoy your ‘long’ weekend.
Janette
Teddy Bear Day
Our Grade Prep - 2 Teddy Bears’ Picnic Day was enjoyed by all last Friday. The children all remembered to bring a special cuddly friend and they completed a range of Literacy and Numeracy activities. They measured their teddies to see how long they were, they enlarged a teddy on a scale drawing, read and wrote co-ordinates on a map, built houses to fit their bear out of blocks, watched old movies of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Corduroy the Bear, they completed story maps, they looked at sizes (small, medium, large) and many more activities. We were very fortunate after such a wet week that the rain cleared for us to be able to have our picnic outside in the school playground.

Karen Faulwetter
Middle Mates: We continue to implement our social skills program which focuses on those social skills which we have identified to best support the development of our students. Each week we highlight a particular social skill across the whole school. This term our focus will incorporate aspects of Integrity and Cooperation, then Optimism and Courage.

Our focus for this week has been: “Optimism: Looking on the Bright Side”

Next week our focus will be “Optimism: Making Your Own Good Luck”

If you are an optimist, you try to work out how much of a bad event was due to your own behaviour, how much to the behaviour of others and how much to plain’ bad luck’ or circumstances. You don’t just blame yourself for everything.

If you are being pessimistic, you think that everything is your own fault and that you are an unlucky person.

Optimists give themselves a lot of the credit for the things they do to create good events in their lives. They do many things to make it more likely that they will get good luck:

- e.g try again,
- look for opportunities.

Pessimists think nothing they do makes any difference to whether or not good things happen and it’s just about luck. Pessimists believe they don’t get much luck.
Years 3–6 Somers recently wrote some very descriptive and emotive poetry about Tantrums. Here is a taste—all Anonymous …

Tantrum

Terrible Temperus

This creature lives in the darkest part of my soul where no one dares to enter.

It comes out when I’m feeling lost, sad, angry or annoyed.
And often, brings out the side of me I hate the most.

It is the colour of blue tears and red fire.

It feeds on the good part of me everyone likes the most.

Notice how I try and control it, but it doesn’t go so well.

It has a most distinctive cry

Like a dog that has been hurt in the most painful way.

Do not ever dare to start it up because I don’t know how it will end.

Tantrum

When my sister throws a tantrum,
It’s like trumpets in my ear,
When my sister throws a tantrum,
I can barely hear,
When my sister throws a tantrum,
Her face goes red like fire,
When my sister throws a tantrum,
She throws herself on her bed,
This monster comes out when she’s angry or upset,
And often when she does not get her way,

Don’t push it,

Ever

More next week …..
PFA: Next Meeting: Monday November 11th: 2.30pm

Disco:
When: Friday November 15th
   6.15-7.00pm: Years Prep, 1 and 2
   7.15-8.30: Years 3-6
Where: MKPS Multi-purpose room
Entry: Gold coin donation—includes drink and snack
Theme: Movie Characters
Come dressed to enjoy and have fun!

Working Bee to make decorations: Friday Nov 1st afternoon in the Art Room—all welcome!

Socks fundraiser:
We have registered our school with www.socksonline.com.au as a fundraiser. Look out for further details as we have our ‘log in’ sent to us. Shortly we will have a display of socks so you can look at the quality, etc before making an order.

2nd Hand Uniform Swap and Buy:
We are keen to try and keep our second hand clothing stock ‘on the move’. If you have some items of uniform that your children have outgrown please consider putting them in our second hand clothing stock—you can swap these for items more suited to your child’s current size. If you are seeking extra items or have none to swap, we invite you to buy—just a gold coin donation. All items are in good condition, just outgrown.

Whittlesea Show Fundraising Events for PFA:
Sponsors’ Tent: Making Coffee and ensuring the sponsors have enough to eat. We still need 2 or 3 people to help for 3 hour shifts on each of the Saturday and Sunday. This is a great social way of helping. Both activities are always a lot of fun.
Please contact the Office if you can help. All workers receive free entry into the Show as well. Thanks

Lemonade Icy-Poles Wednesdays:
This term we are having icy-pole Wednesdays. $1.00.
If you are able to assist please add your name to the roster at the Office.
All past and present residents of the Kinglake district
together with their friends and families
are welcome to attend the

'Back to Kinglake'

to celebrate the replacement of the district
World War 1 and World War 2 Honour Boards
and the launch of the Kinglake Historical Society publication
'Kinglake - A Collected History 1861 - 2011'

* Sunday 10 November 2013
* 1 PM to 5 PM

* Kinglake Community Centre
cnr Extons Road & Whittlesea-Kinglake Road
Kinglake Central (Mel. Ref. 380 B2)

Program: Dedication of Honour Boards
Launch of 'Collected History'
Historical Displays
Afternoon Tea

For further information:
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