

# Mornington Primary School

## School Vision

*Inspiring a passion for learning and personal excellence, whilst preparing students to become globally responsible citizens.*



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SCHNAPPER POINT SNIPPETS

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

### MAY

**Friday 26th** Mod 3 Camp at Golden Valley Lodge—students return  
Mornington Secondary College School tours

**Friday 26th** Big Brekkie 8.15—8.45am  
Mod 4 Dandenong Market  
Parent Forum IB 9.30am

**Tuesday 30th** Mod 2 Aquarium Excursion

### JUNE

**Friday 2nd** House Athletics Mods 3-6

**Monday 5th** Finance Meeting 5pm

**Monday 12th** Queens Birthday public holiday

**Tuesday 13th** **PUPIL FREE DAY**

**Wednesday 14th** Mod 4 Lighting Premiership  
Family Life Information Evening -  
Mod 3 5.30—6.30pm  
Mod 4 6.45—7.45

**Monday 19th** School Council Meeting

**Tuesday 27th** Student Led Conferences  
Pupil Free Day

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### How can we develop resilience in our children?

One of the questions I am often asked relates to the development of resilience in our children. Some of the research suggests that resilient people have particular characteristics which enable to handle life's challenges more effectively.

Resilient people seem to be more aware of particular situations and of their own responses to these. They also seem to be more aware of the characteristics of others around them and are able to manage their feelings more adequately in difficult situations and bounce back more quickly.

We know all children are different and perhaps have varying 'in-built' capacities to deal with difficult situations. Research also tells us that these capacities can be strengthened over time to improve their ability to handle these challenges.

Sometimes, challenges arise that, as parents, we instinctively want to solve for our children. However, challenges may, in fact, be the catalyst to strengthen children's capacity to deal with these situations in the future. Every challenge is an opportunity for further learning and growth.

It's also important to be aware that life will always throw up a few challenges. So, those little challenges that our children experience as they grow can possibly help them in dealing with the bigger challenges later in life. Our roles is to help them develop the tools they will need to remain strong and resilient.

### **Student Attitudes to School**

Each year, Victorian State Schools implement a student survey for grade 5/6 students. The survey measures student attitudes in three broad areas: Student Relationships; Student Wellbeing and Teaching & Learning.

This year, the survey will also be administered to grade four students. Over the coming weeks, grade 4—6 students will undertake the survey which will provide our school with important information about our students and how they view their school life.

This year the survey will be conducted through an on-line portal. The results will form part of my principal's report in a future newsletter.

**Silvio Vitale**  
**Principal**

*Mornington Primary School is  
A great place to educate!*

**State Schools are Great Schools!**

#### **Prep/STAR Enrolments, 2018:**

Enrolments for 2018 will commence during Education Week. School tours will also begin and will continue over the coming weeks. Please call the school office to book a tour.

#### **Education Week Activities @ MPS**

##### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May:**

- ◆ **MPS Big Brekkie, 815am – 8.45am—All welcome**
- ◆ **9.30am – 10.30am, International Baccalaureate – Primary Years Programme, Parent Forum (for new and existing parents)**

*Education is for everyone, so please get involved.*

##### **MTE, MTO, MTS classrooms:**

MTE, MTO and MTS invite you to come along to visit their classrooms on Monday 29th May from 3.45—6.30pm.

### **X-RAYS WANTED**

From time to time throughout the school, students undertake units of inquiry where it is helpful if they can see some of the things inside a human body. If anyone has any unwanted x-rays at home, we would love to have them at school to be kept as a resource. If you are able to donate any x-rays, could you please send them in to the school office. If it is unclear which body part has been x-rayed, could you please place a label on it before sending it in – thank -you.

### **HOUSE ATHLETICS**

House athletics is on next Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June for Mods 3 and 4 students. It a great day out and a chance for all students to experience a real athletics track and facilities for each event. Thanks to parents who have already returned permission forms and money. These are now overdue so please return ASAP.

Thanks to parents who have volunteered to help out with setting up and helping run the events. Let me know if you can help out.

Lindsay Lockhart

### **VICTORIAN PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE**

The reading challenge is in its 13th years and in that time 2.2 million students have turned the pages of nearly 42 million books. Each year our students contribute 1,000 books plus to that tally. With 3,694 books read so far and still three months to go we look set to break our record. This week's Readers of the Week Award are Isabella Woods (MTW) and Oliver Cuthbertson (STW) who will each receive a \$10 Scholastic Book Club Voucher along with a School Canteen Voucher. The closing date for the Reading Challenge is Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September and all books must be entered and verified on line by that date. To have your books verified you need to print out a record of your reading and have a parent/guardian sign and then hand the form into your classroom teacher or Mrs Garlick, the Reading Challenge Coordinator.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 4, 2017

This issue is jam-packed with over 360 products. One hundred and forty four new releases, 196 titles \$10 and under, 70 plus titles \$5 and under, over 70 Australian authors featured and six \$2 books. If you order online (LOOP is the online system for Scholastic) for two consecutive issues and spend a minimum \$10 each time, you will be eligible for a free book and can earn up to 3 books by the end of the year.

For all book club enquiries please contact Anne Garlick who is available every morning in the Junior Library, email [garlick.anne.i@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:garlick.anne.i@edumail.vic.gov.au), or mobile 040918177. Can all orders be completed by Friday 9th June, though late orders are always accepted.



**KEEP THE READING MOMENTUM ROLLING...**

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and you could get up to **THREE Bonus Books** for the year!

## 49 COWS

Is the winning answer to the Scholastic Book Club Counting Cow competition and we had 4 winners. Congratulations to Isabella Masina (JTM), Ava Ross (MTE), Lamita Tabet (STF) and Ruben Pateman (STW). These lucky students had the choice of fidget spinners, books, book club voucher, canteen voucher, movie vouchers, EB games voucher and the cow balloons. Thank you to everyone who entered the competition.



## NOMINATE A BOOK OR SERIES FOR THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

This week's nominate a book for the school libraries is 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by the author Roald Dahl. Rhianna Petterson from (STW) will receive a \$10 scholastic book club voucher for her choice. She wrote 'It is very exciting and you won't want to stop reading'. Thank you for your nomination Rhianna.

## YABBIES

As we have said before the yabbies were purchased as food for Tiddles the turtle. If you have been lucky enough to see them riding around on Tiddles' back you will see that's not going to happen. So, a very big thank you to the Leitch-Prowd family who so generously donated their aquarium, along with a stand and filter. Our yabbies now have their very own home. We have 5 yabbies and they have been named by Mrs Garlick and the Science Captains. Their names are The Boss, because he is the biggest of them all, Mumbo Snips, named by Aria, Evan has called another David, Ruby has chosen Snappy and Valery named the last one Gummy. Thanks for the many offers but NO we do not need any garlick butter to go with them. Not yet anyway!



## THANK YOU

A big thank you to Angela Corriero who has very kindly donated, from her workplace, 3 iPads and a notebook.

## RUGBY JUMPER

For Sale  
Brand new senior team jumper  
\$20  
Contact Natalie on 0400 959 422

## FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Two year old rabbit with two storey hutch  
Contact Lynne at the school on 5976 5500



## SHOOTING STAR AWARDS

**PTF** : Daniel Dobroszczyk for being a thinker and knowledgeable by sharing his thoughts and ideas during our class discussions and asking interesting questions.

**PTB** : Marlee White for being a risk taker by having a go at challenging tasks with a positive attitude.

**PTC** : Asha Coaker for being a thinker by showing initiative when writing, by practising in her own time.

**PTS** : Milla Trigg for being principled by working so hard to develop and improve her writing skills.

**JTB** : Tia Muratore for being a risk taker by being brave and independently writing her own stories in Writer's Workshop.

**JTC** : Mollie Dentry for being a thinker by using feedback to improve a piece of writing.

**JTE** : Coco Armstrong for being principled by showing commitment to her learning and focussing on completing tasks.

**JTE** : Marley Watkins for being a talented risk taker by playing the role of Jasper Carrot in our presentation to local kinders and our Mod 1 and Mod 2 students.

**JTK** : Lily Shannon for being a thinker and a risk taker by improving her ability to solve addition problems and by attempting challenging tasks.

**JTH** : Hunter Masson for being reflective by thinking about how to improve his writing and using his writing goal to make positive changes to his work.

**JTM** : Beau Betts for being balanced and a thinker by proving herself to be a fantastic role model for her classmates.

**JTS** : Annabelle Withall for being great thinker by coming up with a variety of interesting beginnings for her writing.

**STB** : Shelby Downs for being a thinker and reflective by thinking through and sharing her ideas as she solved problems in 'I Can maths'.

**STF** : Trent Fleming for being reflective and principled by being an exceptional role model to his peers and contributing positively to our classroom environment.

**STS** : Lachlan McLeary for being a deep thinking risk taker by becoming a world record holder. Well done.

**STW** : Liam Callaghan for being principled and reflective by working very hard in class to listen to all instructions and complete set work.

## Do You have Working with Children Check?

All school volunteers require a WWC check.

### Here's How to Get One -

To apply for a Working with Children (WWC) Check, you need to:

- fill in an online application form: <https://online.justice.vic.gov.au/wwccu/onlineapplication.doj>
- get a passport size photo of yourself
- gather your proof of identity documents, and

lodge your application at a participating Australia Post retail outlet, providing a photo and proof of your identity.

The application is free for volunteers; valid for 5 years and transferable between other volunteer organisations.

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## SCHOOL PHONE NUMBERS

Please note our telephone numbers are  
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**Before / After School Care - 5976 5559**

**Mobile for Before / After Care - 0409 136 288**