

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

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 7th	Year 7 2018 Mornington Secondary College parent information evening
Monday 11th	Mod 3 Excursion to Arvo Gallery School Council Meeting 5.30pm
Tuesday 12th	Mod 4 Summer Interschool sports Various venues
Friday 15th	Grade 5 Mini Exhibition School disco
Wednesday 20th	Grade 6 PYP Exhibition
Friday 22nd	Last day Term 3 School finish at 2.30pm
Monday 9th	Term 4 commences

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Student Access to Technology

On Tuesday evening, around twenty-five parents attended the notebook forum. The evening gave an overview of reasons for continuing to expand the number of students who have their own notebook and also highlighted some questions regarding access, use and cost. Representatives from **Edunet** outlined their products and service to parents who attended.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, School Council has endorsed that beginning 2018, a parent-funded notebook be a compulsory item for students in grades 3 to 5.

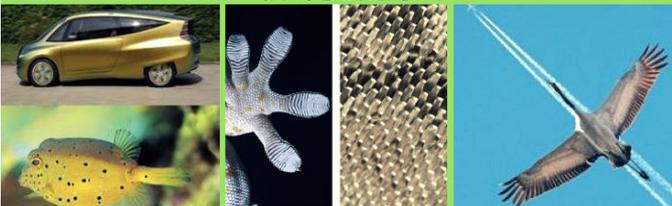
Currently, around fifty students have their own notebooks. Some of these have been passed down from older siblings who have left the school. The evidence is clear: **students who have their own notebook are streets ahead in the use of technology for their learning.** Of course this makes sense. Give a child their own basketball and their basketball skills improve. Hand them a tennis racquet and tennis ball and very soon they begin hitting up against a wall and improving their tennis skills.

Having your own computer gives you access any time and any place and you soon learn how to use the computer to a level that enables you to go beyond the basics and towards more complex learning.

Here are some reflections from students who have their own notebook:

- ♦ *It's easy to carry around and it's great because it has a lot of advantages to having your own computer. I get to take it home and don't have to nag my mum and dad to use theirs. It makes (grade 6) exhibition so much*

2017 GRADE 6 PYP EXHIBITION
HOW THE WORLD WORKS
UNDERSTANDING THE NATURAL WORLD
AND IT'S LAWS HELPS US SOLVE
PROBLEMS



WEDNESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER IN THE
SCHOOL HALL
SESSIONS FROM 10.00AM-11AM, 12.00PM-
1.30PM AND 6.00PM-7.30PM

EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND

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easier because you get to take your work home with you each night—Nathan Flenley

- ◆ *I bring it to school every day. Other kids miss out on using computers because they run out but I have my very own. All of my files are on my computer and I can access them at home. I've been able to make games with coding, type up my school work, I can do my own research and email my teachers—Brad Marshall.*
- ◆ *I've been able to use a program to help me with my learning. I bought myself a wireless mouse to use too, it's much easier. I get to take it home, complete my work or homework and don't need to save things to a USB—Spencer Slocombe*
- ◆ *I can easily take my work home to complete tasks. I don't have to wait for when it's my turn to use a school computer because I have my own. I can practice my computing skills too. I get to practice things like coding, spelling and athletics. The things that we should be doing as part of our homework anyway—Ella Thompson.*
- ◆ *I like that I don't need to worry about using school computers. I get to save my work to my own desktop to take home. It makes it really easy to arrange my files. I think I've got much better at actually typing because I get to do it more—Annalise Purcell.*
- ◆ *I like that I get to work on things both at home as well as school. It's a lot easier to access all of my things. I've got a lot better at computing, I've got a lot better at understanding how to troubleshoot problems and fix things on my own—Lucia Moresco*
- ◆ *It's a privilege to research on my own device. I know it will be charged and it's made (grade 6) exhibition a lot easier. I've got a lot better at using programs like Word, Powerpoint etc. as well as using Yammer and our emailing system—Jessica Randall*
- ◆ *Exhibition! You get your very own computer. You don't have to wait to get one. Logging in is so much quicker, then you can just get on with your work. Also, it's got all of my own*

stuff on it. It means I get to work on things at home and no one can accidentally delete my things—Brody Evans.

- ◆ *You don't have to wait for others. If everyone needs a computer in class then you can log on straight away. You can do some researching, typing up your work, Athletics etc. at home without having to wait for people to get off of the home computer. I've got much better at using all of the programs that it comes with too—Ella Moir*
- ◆ *I know it's always fully charged and no one else gets to use it. I can use it at home to complete my homework. During (grade 6) exhibition, I've been able to keep up with my work and when I was away could email my group and send them some of my work—Kye Macleod.*
- ◆ *I think the best part of having my own computer is having all of my things stored on my own device because it's easy and I know where everything is. I use it at home a lot too, for homework and (grade 6) exhibition. I can make things using the programs it comes with — Lorenzo Rodrigues*

When students purchase a notebook through our preferred suppliers, all the software is provided free of charge and all the technical support is provided free of charge by our school.

So, whilst the initial cost of the computer may be challenging for some families, the longer term cost will be minimal, if any.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, all students will have access to technology at MPS. However, the level of access available to students who have their own computer is clearly greater than those students who do not. Their higher level of skill in the use of technology for learning is clearly evident.

Authorised providers' portals are now open for purchase:

- ◆ *Edunet Computer Services*
26 Milgate drive,
Mornington
Ph. 9708 8700



Portal details:

<http://morningtonps.technologyportal.com.au>

School Code: MorningtonPS2018

- ◆ *JB Hifi Education*
Chadstone Centre
Ph. 1300 730 548

Portal details:

www.jbeducation.com.au/byod

School Code: MORNPS2018

More information may be obtained from the school office.

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Silvio Vitale
Principal

Mornington Primary School is
A great place to educate!

Prep/STAR Enrolments, 2018:

Enrolments for 2018 are still being accepted
School tours have also begun and will continue over
the coming weeks.

Please call the school office to book a tour.

NURTURING CREATIVITY IN OUR PLAYGROUND...

As you may have noticed a few branches have been cut off the pine trees at the front of the school. Some of our clever students have decided to turn it into a fairy garden, they have been working hard creating different items to add to their fairy garden. They were wondering if anyone out there has any donations of artificial flowers, gnomes, small dolls furniture that could help make this fairy garden look and feel amazing.

If you do have any donations you can find Donna or a special container marked 'fairy garden' in the Junior Learning Centre near Mrs Evans' room.. The team below would be very grateful.....Watch as our fairy garden grows with their amazing imaginations.



SHOOTING STAR AWARDS

PTB : Callum Lucas for showing enthusiasm by participating eagerly and asking thoughtful questions during our measurement activities.

PTC : Sento Hewett for being a thinker by constantly trying to improve his reading and writing.

PTS : Belle Vallance for being a risk taker and a communicator by embracing our inquiry into imagination and expressing her ideas through music, dance, stories and puppet shows.

JTB : Aiden Barker for being principled by trying very hard and producing great handwriting on his marvellous medicine story.

JTK : Amber Taylor for being principled and a thinker by showing persistence and taking on feedback during writing sessions.

JTE : Hannah Neilsen for being a thinker and inquirer by showing great commitment and persistence in Maths.

JTM : Oliver Lotitio for being a thinker and reflective by showing persistence, enthusiasm and an improved attitude to learning.

JTS : Jack Searle for being caring by always showing respect to his classmates and teachers.

MTE : Alex Guerrero for being balanced and principled by expressing his feeling so well in restorative circle time.

MTF : Skylah Leitch-McCormack for being a communicator by sharing her understanding of multiplying numbers by 10, with her peers.

MTO : Brodee Collins for showing reflective thinking by carefully considering her word choice in writing a memoir.

MTS : Olivia Berry for being a risk taker and balanced by trying new learning and expanding her social group.

MTW : Lorelai Bradshaw for being a thinker by exploring metaphor to represent her learning at school.

STB : Amelia Barrette for being open minded and a good communicator by working well in her exhibition group and sharing her ideas.

STF : Lucy Cowley for being balanced and reflective by considering her thoughts and ideas and confidently sharing these with her exhibition group.

STW : Eamon Rolls for being a thinker and communicator by completing some interesting research for his mini exhibition and sharing his action ideas with his team.

VICTORIAN PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

The big green tub is making its way around all the classrooms (it is chock full of toy goodies) and this week it will be going to Mrs Speirs and PTS who are our next grade to have enjoyed completing this year's Reading Challenge. Well done Preps! Friday is the very last day to get all your reading entered online for this year's Reading Challenge. If you need any assistance Mrs Garlick will be available in the library before school, or can be contacted by mobile 0409181770, email garlick.anne.i@edumail.vic.gov.au. In Term 4 we will be handing out Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge certificates to all the M.P.S. students who have completed the challenge with 7 very lucky students receiving the special award pins. Our major prize was drawn out at assembly today, a well deserving student received an adult and child ticket to go tree surfing at the Enchanted Gardens, Arthurs Seat.



NOMINATE A BOOK OR SERIES FOR MPS LIBRARIES

"I like that there are different groups of fairies and they each have different problems", says Lola Allan from JTK who chose the series Rainbow Magic by the

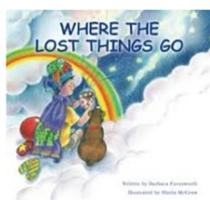
author, Daisy Meadows. Good choice Lola. Enjoy your \$10 Scholastic Book Club Voucher. Hopefully there will be a Rainbow Magic book for you to choose from in upcoming catalogues.

LOST PROPERTY

MISSING approximately 20 cold students, your unnamed jumpers are looking for you and can be located in the lost property bins.

FOUND 22 students named jumpers left in the lost property bins were sorted and returned to the students' classrooms on Monday.

Please if your child loses items of clothing they need to check both bins and we don't know where those jumpers hide but the majority eventually make their way to the lost property bin. Please keep checking.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 6, 2017

Orders are due back by Friday 8th and delivery will be the following week. Late orders are always accepted. If you place an order after the 15th September we cannot guarantee your order will arrive in time for the school holidays. For all book club enquiries please contact Anne Garlick.

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SCHOOL DISCO

Friday 15th September

\$5 entry

Junior (Stars—Grade 2) 4.30—5.30pm

Senior (Grades 3—6) 5.45—7.00pm

Glow products, choc tops, cans of drink, sausages in bread, bottled water all available for purchase.

Students need to be collected on time from hall by parent/guardian at the end of the disco.

For further information please read the flyer that was brought home by your child.

Thank you

Parents and Friends would like to say a big thank you to all of the MPS mums and grandmothers that helped at last week's Father's Day Stall. There was a fabulous turnout of more than a dozen helpers, making it many hands, light work.

We hope you enjoyed helping the children make their selections and purchases.

We look forward to seeing you again at the School Disco on Friday 15th September.

School Disco

Our annual School Disco will be held next Friday September 15th. To help make this event a success, P&F require parents to please assist from 3pm onwards. You aren't required to help for long periods; just lending a hand for a short time over the night will be great! Please leave your name and contact details at the office.