

# Mornington Primary School

## School Vision

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



2nd February 2017  
Newsletter No: 1



SCHNAPPER POINT SNIPPETS

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

Monday 6th	Mod 4 camp 2nd Instalment due
Wednesday 8th	Mod 4 water safety payment due
Friday 10th	Payment due for Mods 3 & 4 House Swimming Sports
Wednesday 15th	Mods 3 & 4 House Swimming Sports at Mornington Secondary College
Friday 17th	Mod 3 camp confirmation deposit due
Monday 20th	Mod 4 camp 3rd instalment due
22nd—24th	Mod 4 water safety at Mills Beach
Monday 27th	PUPIL FREE DAY

### MARCH

Friday 4th	District Swimming
8th—10th	Mod 4 Camp

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Welcome Back:

Welcome back to all our students, teachers and parents. Welcome also to all our new families and students.

What a fabulous first day we had on Tuesday! There is always a great sense of excitement on the first day of the school year. This is particularly so with our Prep students who begin the next phase in their lives: a Primary School Education at MPS! There were plenty of smiles all round from parents and students. A warm welcome to all.

### Enrolments, Classes and Staffing

We welcome a number of new staff to the school:

- ◆ Ms Joanne Brooker—Grade 5/6
- ◆ Mrs Glenda Edmond—Grade 3/4
- ◆ Ms Lisa O'Leary—Grade 3/4
- ◆ Mr Andrew Burns—Grade 1/2
- ◆ Mrs Michelle Achison—Wellbeing

We welcome all our new colleagues and know they will make a great contribution to our school. We are very fortunate at MPS to have such a dedicated and skilled group of teachers and support staff working with our students and providing many opportunities for them.

Our leadership structures in 2017 are as follows:

### Principal Team:

- ◆ Silvio Vitale (Principal)
- ◆ Tina Vallance & Susan Mattingley (Assistant Principals)

This year, Ms Vallance will be working part-time and will not be available on Fridays.

### Module Team Leadership:

- ◆ Prep Team Leader (Preps & STAR):  
Ms Jen Thom—(Mod 1)
- ◆ Junior Team Leader (Grades 1/2):  
Ms Tina Vallance—(Mod 2)



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- ◆ Middle Team Leader (Grades 3/4):  
Mrs Kellie Salmon—(Mod 3)
- ◆ Senior Team Leader (Grades 5/6):  
Mrs Susan Mattingley—(Mod 4)

The preliminary enrolment figure is 487 students. This is somewhat higher than last year. Our 'official' enrolment for funding purposes is determined by the number of students on the last day of February each year.

This year we have increased the number of classes by one class, due to increasing enrolments. With 20 classes in place, this gives us an average class size of 24.3. This is well below the funded class average of 1:26. However, as mentioned in the newsletter last year, our senior classes will be around the 30 students mark this year.

We are certainly conscious of the enormous responsibility we undertake as educators in helping to shape the future generation of students. In partnership with parents and the wider community, we are all working together to achieve the same goal.

I take the opportunity to thank our school community for the enormous support we continue to receive. We really value the trust you place in us to make decisions that are in the best interests of all our students. I invite you to contact me at any time to discuss your child's progress or other broader school issues.

#### **Pupil-free Day– Monday 27th February**

Monday the 27th February is a Pupil-free Day and students should not attend school on this day. Our teachers and support staff will be participating in a workshop conducted by Andrew Fuller. The focus will be on developing a 'positive' and 'growth' mindset in our students. This is an important aspect of our school's Strategic Plan and will help students develop resilience and a positive outlook on life.

See the link below for further information.

<http://andrewfuller.com.au/free-resources/>

#### **Facilities Update:**

- ◆ Capital Works: Site fencing has been erected to begin our building project. We expect the building works to proceed smoothly with minimal disruption to the function of our school. However, a project of this magnitude will cause some disturbance. We will be taking a positive approach to this in the knowledge that we are making significant improvements to our school. We anticipate occupying the buildings before the end of this year.
- ◆ We are working through issues of student movement around the school and making adjustments as we identify problems. We ask parents to be patient when

collecting their children and be aware of others around them.

- ◆ Music Instrumental Rooms: Our new instrumental rooms are now almost completed. These are located in the building previously known as the senior library/ Science Centre. This building is now the Library/Arts building as it also houses the Visual and Performing Arts Programs.

This project has been led by one of our parents, Robert Rolls. He has procured some of the materials, free of charge, and is donating his time and expertise. A number of other parents have also come on board and will be donating their skills and materials: Grant Moir & Nick Bond—electrical and Vincent Driscoll and Steve Paris (Vincent's friend)—plastering.

This is a fabulous school community based project. I thank these parents for their support and contribution to MPS.

I am looking forward to another great year at MPS!

#### **State Schools are Great Schools!**

**Silvio Vitale**  
**Principal**

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

#### **CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

#### **MORE INFORMATION**

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

#### **VISUAL ARTS**

Classes start next Monday 6th. Please ensure that your child has an art smock or old t-shirt.

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