

# 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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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

### JUNE

**Friday 23rd** Reports and Three Way Conference times sent home

**Tuesday 27th** **Three Way Conferences**  
**Pupil Free Day**

**Friday 30th**  
End of Term 2  
School will finish at 2.30pm

### JULY

**Monday 17th** Term 3 commences

**19th—21st** Music camp at The Briars

**Monday 24th** Finance meeting

**Monday 31st** School Council meeting

### AUGUST

**Friday 4th** Whole School Production Dress Rehearsal

**Tuesday 15th** Production dress rehearsal at Frankston Arts Centre 9am

School Production

**Wednesday 16th** School Production

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Learner Agency & Growth Mindset

Our school strategic plan includes an area of focus for our school that relates to the development of 'learner agency' and a 'growth mindset' in our students.

So, what does this mean? Well there are probably a number of descriptions we could give to each of these, and all may be correct in some way. My current description for learner agency would be something like: *'The capacity of a learner to take the appropriate action and put in place the appropriate strategies that will enable that student to take responsibility for their learning and be able to plan and implement a 'learning path' to achieve specific learning goals and outcomes.'*

Yesterday, Mrs. Mattingley and I attended a professional learning day facilitated by highly-regarded educator, Kath Murdoch. The focus of the day was 'learner agency' and the Primary Years Program of the International Baccalaureate. What was confirmed in my mind was the importance of continuing to develop, in our students, their capacity to implement the inquiry methodology as a mechanism to develop learner agency.

Integral to developing an 'inquiry mindset' are the PYP 'learner profiles', the 'attitudes' and the transdisciplinary skills:

- ◆ Thinking skills
- ◆ Research skills
- ◆ Communication skills
- ◆ Social Skills
- ◆ Self-management skills

These are the attributes and skills that will enable our students to have the capacity to take greater responsibility for their learning. Our students should all be setting personal learning goals and be developing their ability to implement a strategy to achieve these goals. Of course, there are differences at the junior level, compared to the senior level. However, goal setting should still be evident at each level.

Students should be able to articulate their learning goals at the forthcoming three-way conferences.

Why not ask them!

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

**Silvio Vitale**  
**Principal**

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

#### **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.

#### **Dear parents/caregivers,**

As part of the IB Primary Years Programme, a Grade 6 student at Mornington Primary School is required to prepare and present an IB PYP Exhibition. 2017 will be the fifth such Exhibition at our school and we would like to offer all of our parents and friends the opportunity to find out more about this exciting venture. As such, we will be holding two information sessions for you to select from - one during the day and one in the evening. Each session will cover the following points:

What is an Exhibition?

Why we hold an Exhibition.

What will students be doing?

What might it look like?

What role do/can parents play in the Exhibition?

If you are a Grade 6 parent, we would strongly encourage you to attend one of these sessions so that you are in the best possible position to support your child. Other interested parents are also more than welcome to attend.

You only need to attend one information session. The two available sessions will be held on:

**Wednesday 28th June 7pm** in the staffroom

**Thursday 29th June 9am** in the staffroom

#### **MOD 3 LIBRARY VISIT**

Students from Mod 3 were invited to Mornington Peninsula Library recently and learnt about the many features on offer. They also enjoyed exercises in the library, run by the Youth and Recreation team, and met Pelican Pete. What a wonderful resource for families, just around the corner from school!



#### **VICTORIAN PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE**

This is our last winner of the Reader of the Week Award and it goes to Will Gielen (MTW) who wins a Village movie card which includes a child's admission ticket, drink, popcorn and a chocolate treat. Next term we will see students starting to complete the challenge. Make sure you get your books entered online then print the list out and have an adult sign to verify you have read all those books. The list then needs to be returned to school.

#### **NOMINATE A BOOK OR SERIES FOR THE SCHOOL LIBRARIES**

This week's winner is Mitssy Gonsalves (MTO) who chose 'Spirit Animals' by author Brandon Mull because 'It is very interesting'. For her nomination Mitssy received a \$10 Scholastic Book Club voucher. Entry forms for nominations are available from both libraries and the school office.

### SWIRLY, CARMEN AND WOODINA (Curly Leaf Stick Insects)

Congratulations to our stick insects, they have over 30 eggs waiting to hatch and by waiting we mean waiting. It can take several months, even possibly a year, before we see our baby curly leaf stick insects hatch.



### VISUAL ARTS - ART SMOCKS:

Many children from all grade levels are coming to Visual Arts without protective clothing. Please ensure that all children have an **old shirt** or **art smock** at school. Mod 3 and Mod 4 classes will be using fabric paints and dyes during term 3 and 4 and these products will stain clothing permanently.

Leanne Rooks

Visual Arts Teacher



Hello everybody!

This will be my last newsletter entry because I am off on maternity leave from the end of this term as our first baby is due early August.

I am very sad to be leaving you all here at Mornington Primary School. I have thoroughly enjoyed my 4 years here, watching the kids grow and move through the grades and eventually on to secondary school life. The arrival of siblings and new children to Prep and STAR has been exciting and has left me with many happy memories. I have learned many names and faces and felt the warmth, not just from the children but the staff and parents too. Mornington Primary School is filled with kind hearts and it is this that I will miss the most.

Kelly (who has been filling in on Wednesdays as of late) will be your new Canteen Operator come Term 3. She has been over at a brand new school in Clyde called Willandra Rise where we also have a Stir Crazy Kids Canteen. Kelly will be my permanent replacement and comes with an abundance of experience and a

happy face to match. I hope that she settles in quickly here at Mornington Primary like I did.

I will be at the canteen right up until the last day of term 2, so if you need to see me or finalise any lunch payments please feel free to drop by. I am here each morning from 8:30am onwards.

I'd like to thank you all for having me here as a part of the school community. I have met many lovely people and made lots of great memories that I can hold onto. I hope to be back to visit with our new baby boy at the Christmas break-up later in the year. Thanks to all the teachers and staff here at Mornington Primary, you have all been wonderful and I wish you all the best with the new school buildings once they are completed.

Love to you all,

Alyssa



### REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June Ruby Hellier and Toby Randall ran at the Regional Cross Country at Ballam Park. It is an amazing achievement,



when you consider there are approximately 250 schools in our Region and only 40 students make it through to this level. It was an undulating course making for challenging running conditions. I would like to congratulate Toby and Ruby for putting themselves

out there and giving it their all. Toby's race was first and he made a strong start and maintained a strong pace for the entire race. He placed 38<sup>th</sup> overall. Ruby had a strong start leading the pack for a lot of the course. She ran a strong race to come home fast and place 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are extremely proud of these two students. Both of you ran hard and had nothing left at the end. Congratulations!

## SHOOTING STAR AWARDS



**PTF** : Olivia Janosa for being helpful and enthusiastic by helping everyone at pack up time and enjoying her learning activities.

**PTB** : Eva English for being reflective by looking back at her writing and making changes to improve it.

**PTC** : Jemima Russon for being a great communicator by doing an excellent job of speaking to the class about her guinea pig.

**PTS** : Chloe Lynas for being a thinker by asking interesting questions about 'living things' for our inquiry.

**JTB** : Max Garlick for being an inquirer by working hard to learn about the different habitats animals live in during our inquiry sessions.

**JTC** : Ella Pleiter-Singleton for being a thinker and a communicator by making great observations, sharing her ideas and always doing her very best.

**JTE** : Flynn Tucker for being knowledgeable and a thinker by making fantastic connections to our inquiry and reading group activities.

**JTK** : Angus Brand for being principled and a risk taker by showing enthusiasm for his learning and having a go in all curriculum areas.

**JTH** : Eliza Woods for being principled by showing an ongoing commitment to her learning across all areas of the curriculum.

**JTM** : Tai Kerby for being reflective by showing he can be responsible by making better choices during learning.

**JTS** : William Fancett for being principled and a thinker by always being helpful in the classroom and making good learning choices.

**MTE** : Eden Jolley for being a communicator by sharing thoughts and ideas in a collaborative science investigation.

**MTF** : Oscar McOrist for being a thinker by confidently asking questions when unsure of something and making a great improvement in his overall work.

**MTO** : Liam Vermeer for showing commitment by making a big effort to begin his writing task straight away.

**MTS** : Baxter Owens for being a thinker and communicator by clearly explaining his thinking when editing writing.

**MTW** : Isabella Woods for being an open minded risk taker by extending herself as a writer by enthusiastically trying new techniques and approaches to her work.

**STB** : Emma Kelly for being a thinker and inquirer by actively working through her Maths I Can statements.

**STF** : Harrison Gemmell for continually demonstrating all the aspects of the learner profile by showing outstanding commitment to his learning and the wider school community.

**STS** : Solomon Howard for being a hard working thinker by applying himself to difficult mathematical concepts.

**STW** : Amelia Sherwin for reflecting and thinking by taking on teacher and peer feedback to write a detailed and descriptive story.

## RUNNING CLUB

I have been amazed by the commitment a lot of students are showing towards attending running club. We have approximately 40 students regularly attending from year 1 to grade 6 and even parents and younger siblings joining in and setting a great example. Running club is open to all aged students and is a great way to start the day. It runs on a Tuesday and Friday from 8.15 till 8.45am. Hope to see you there soon!

Lindsay Lockhart

### Rain, Hayne & Shine



#### Farmyard

#### Holiday Program

Cow milking daily at 10.30am and 2.30pm

Followed by separating milk and cream, churning cream to butter, grinding wheat to flour, baking a loaf of bread and tasting the yummy bread and butter

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