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

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

School Uniform:
Well, the updated school uniform is now in place and, I must say, it looks very smart!

I am aware that we have encountered a number of teething problems with its distribution and other issues. We are doing our best to clarify and resolve these as follows:

- **Hats**: The suppliers have experienced problems with the supply of the designated hat. An alternate is now in place and this should no longer be an issue.

- **Senior Sports Tops**: Some students in grades 3/4 were, incorrectly, sold the sports tops. The sports top is for senior students only and to be worn only on Friday sports days, interschool sports or when representing the school at sports events. The senior sports top is not an everyday alternate uniform. Parents of grade 3/4 students who have incorrectly been sold the senior sports top can exchange these at PSW or the outlet at the school.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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Lily, Macy, Markus and Zenon inspect the demolition works.
Footwear: A reminder that appropriate footwear is required. Either black school shoes or runners that are predominately in the school colours, with minor variations. Fluro runners and laces are not appropriate.

Polyester tops: A number of children in the school are not able to wear polyester clothing. Unfortunately, our supplier PSW is not able to supply a suitable alternative. I have spoken to a local company that may be able to assist with the supply of a cotton-blend polo top. They are, Peninsula Uniforms & Embroidery 1/1 Titan Drive Carrum Downs Vic (03) 9775 1777

Overall, the MPS uniform has really smartened up and the students seem to be really proud of them. This is one of our objectives: to instil a pride in belonging to MPS and ensuring that we always look the part.

I thank parents for your support.

Movement Around the School: (pick-ups / drop-offs etc.):

We have monitored the flow of pedestrian traffic around the school during drop-off and pick-up and have made a number of changes to improve this.

One of the major issues is in relation to the narrow steps leading down to the Junior Learning Centre (JLC). Both in the volume of people using such narrow steps and in the direction they are moving. Also the congestion is more apparent at dismissal times rather than drop-off. So we are implementing the following to assist:

- Grade 1/2 students in the JLC will be dismissed from their respective external doors—except for Mrs Melder’s class who will walk through the JLC. These students will then proceed along the external paths around the building to the path that leads to the bike shed area via the front entry to the JLC. This means that parents of grade 1/2 students can wait at the top asphalt area for their children.

- For Prep students, parents will still need to collect them from the new ‘caterpillars’ but then walk through the JLC library and up the path to the top asphalt area near the bike shed. Please be advised that the JLC library is not a waiting area for parents.

- Grades 3–6 students will continue to use the steps that lead to the top asphalt, when dismissed from class. Anyone seeking to walk down the steps to the junior oval area once the dismissal bell has sounded will need to wait a few minutes while the pedestrian traffic going up the steps clears.

- For those parents who like to remain in the junior playground area after school, this can still happen as the congestion is usually cleared by the time you exit the school.

The situation is not ideal and we are looking at further ways to improve it. However, we are taking the approach of short-term pain for long-term gain. I thank you for your assistance with this.

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.


School Council Election:

Nominations are being called for School Council Elections (Refer to Schedule 4 notice at the back of this newsletter).

The School Council is a legally constituted body under Parliamentary legislation. As the governing body of the school, it oversees financial matters and policy development within Department of Education and Training (DET) guidelines and acts to support the endeavours of our school community. Serving on School Council gives an insight into the function of the school and where we sit in the ‘big picture’ of education. Experience is not a necessary prerequisite for involvement - an interest and a
The configuration of the MPS School Council consists of:

- Eight Parent Category members
- Four Department of Education & Training (DET) employee members, including the principal.
- One Community member – co-opted by SC for their particular skills, interests or experiences.

Each year approximately half of school council positions become vacant. This year, four ‘parent’ and one ‘DET employee’ category positions are subject to an election. The timeline for the election is listed below with the incoming School Council to be fully constituted and operational as from the declaration of the poll.

The following timeline is to be implemented for the conduct of the 2017 School Council elections:

- Thursday 9th February – Call for nominations.
- Thursday 16th February – Nominations close.
- Thursday 23rd February – Ballot papers distributed.
- Thursday 2nd March – Close of ballot (4pm) & Counting of ballot (6pm).
- Monday 6th March – 1st School Council & Induction meeting for 2017
- Monday 27th March – 2nd School Council Meeting for 2017

**Starting time for School Council Meetings is 5.30pm until 7.30pm**

The School Council meets for a minimum of eight meetings per year. SC members are also required to attend sub-committee meetings—also around eight per year depending on the circumstances.

I am aware that many parents contribute to making MPS a great school in a variety of ways. One of these is involvement on School Council. Please consider your contribution to MPS via School Council and contact me if you require any further information.

**Silvio Vitale**
Principal
**Mornington Primary School is**
A great place to educate!

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**State Schools are Great Schools!**

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**MPS Tech Talk**

Welcome back to all students and families,

This term the students and staff at MPS will be beginning the year with a focus on cybersafety and using digital devices in an appropriate manner. As part of this, students in Mods 3 and 4 will be attending a session run by ThinkUKnow.org.au an organisation supported by the Australian Federal Police. “ThinkUKnow is a free, evidence-based cyber safety program that provides accessible cyber safety education to parents, carers and teachers through schools and organisations across Australia.” The session will provide students with information on the safe use of technology and will be held on Tuesday 28th of February.

To coincide with this, **the school will be hosting a forum for parents and carers on Tuesday 21st March at 6pm in the school hall.** Please put this date in your diaries as it will be a fantastic opportunity for you to find out about how young people use the online environment and how you can support them in being safe and responsible users.

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**GRADE 6 EXHIBITION**

Each year, every Grade 6 student is involved in preparing for and presenting a PYP Exhibition. This year the staging of this Exhibition will be on Wednesday 20th September. It would be great if all Grade 6 students could be at school on this day. We are informing Grade 6 parents now so that if you are booking events or holidays, you can work around this date – thank-you.

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Welcome back to Term 1 of 2017 everyone! I hope you all have had a great break, I know I have but we’ll get to that later. We are kicking off the year again with **Fee Free Friday** which is explained below and please note:

All lunch orders for Fridays need to be ordered using the online system. If you are unable to do this
then please send the lunch orders to the canteen by Thursday (with name, class and date of lunch order) to ensure all lunch orders are processed in time for us to have them to the kids on time. Friday is the busiest day of the week.

Fee Free Ordering online
Friday Lunch Orders can now only be submitted via Online Ordering until 9am Friday morning. Written lunch orders submitted on Friday from the classroom lunch bags will not be processed until after all online orders and orders already received through the week. Due to the higher demand for lunches on Fridays we need to keep our kitchen moving to get all lunches to the kids on time. In order to do this we invite all parents to order their children’s lunches via our Online Ordering! www.myschoolconnect.com.au
Type the address into your web browser, click on the My School Tuckshop icon, click on Register, and fill in the information to sign up and start ordering!
My School Connect also have a user friendly App now too! Simply go to the App Store or Google Play store on your smart phone and download. The app is called “My School Connect” and is easier to use than the website on a phone or tablet. If you are having any problems or need a run through of how to order lunch on your device please pop by and see me so I can show you what to do.
Friday is “Fee Free” so you don’t incur any processing fees (Credit Card and PayPal fees excluded) for ordering online. You can order any time before 9am on the day of which you want to place a lunch order. You can still continue writing lunch orders and paying with cash or eftpos however lunch orders must be submitted to the Canteen no-later than Thursday each week.

For those who I have not seen or do not get to see I wanted to let you all know that my husband, Tom, and I are expecting our first child early August 2017. We discovered I was pregnant over the holidays and are, along with our families, filled with joy and happiness for this next chapter of our. So, in light of this exciting time of our lives I regretfully have to say that I will only be at Mornington Primary’s Stir Crazy Kids Canteen until the end of Term 2, but plenty of time to enjoy being here before then!
Thank you, and enjoy Term 1!
Alyssa

SHOOTING STAR AWARDS
PTB : Sunny Theobald for being principled by listening carefully to instructions and doing her best in her work.
PTC : Sarah Keogh for being caring by being a buddy to someone who is less confident.
PTS : Isabelle Vallance for being balanced by making an excellent start to Prep. Well done Belle.
JTB : Bailey Trigg for being a great communicator by sharing his great ideas with his classmates.
JTC : Markus Coombs for being balanced by demonstrating a great attitude towards his learning and his peers.
JTF : Hannah Neilson for being principled and balanced trying her hardest and focussing on her learning.
JTH : Tinashe Corriero Nkonde for being caring by including a prep student in her play after seeing they were on their own.
JTH : Bella Riddle for being principled by having a fantastic start to the school year and being focussed on your learning.
JTK : Lucy Gunn for being caring and principled by encouraging other students to do their best and offering to help.
JTM : Oliver Lotito for being a thinker by proving himself to be a great worker and a good listener.
JTS : Sierra McMillan-Molnar for being a thinker by writing interesting words for our emotions during Writer’s Workshop.
MTF : Jacques Kelly for being principled by staring the school year with a positive mindset and making responsible choices.
MTO : Jessica Conroy for being a committed student and showing respect to her classmates.
MTS : MTS for being excellent communicators and reflective when creating our Positive Classroom Culture.
STB : Lilly Sang for being caring by helping and welcoming a new student in our class.
STF : STF for being great thinkers by communicating their thoughts and ideas to help establish our Positive Classroom Culture.
STS : Bonni Lockens for being principled by committing herself to her learning and participating in class discussions.
STW : Zach Hubbard for being open minded by working hard to ensure the grade 5’s are ok and helping to show the way in Mod 4.
**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 1, 2017**

Its back bigger and better than ever before—our first Scholastic Book Club Catalogue for 2017. If you would like to place an order please go to [www.scholastic.com.au](http://www.scholastic.com.au) or fill in the order form on the back of the catalogue and return it along with your payment of cash or cheque to your child’s classroom teacher or the school office. Can all orders please be returned to school or lodged online by Tuesday 14th February. The school receives 20% of all sales which is used to purchase books for our school libraries with these books being chosen by students, families and school staff. Nomination forms are available from either school library or from outside the school office. Thank you for your support and if you have any queries please contact Anne Garlick (Library Resource Manager) in person, by email garlick.anne.j@edumail.vic.gov.au or by mobile 0409181770.

**LOST PROPERTY**

They take them off, they put them down, then forget where they’ve put them, or they’re not there when they go back for them or those pesky items of clothing just walk away (except for the hats, they just run away) - LOST PROPERTY! If your child has misplaced any items of clothing, lunch boxes, drink bottles and/or toys there are two lost property bins. The one in the Junior Learning Centre near the menagerie is a blue bin and there is one in the Library/Visual & Performing arts centre, inside the foyer. Both bins are regularly checked for named items which are then returned to your child BUT unfortunately unnamed items cannot. Please label all new items (especially the hats) and check existing uniforms as often labels have faded over time.

**OFFICE NEWS**

Just a reminder that you can use our BPay option when paying for excursions. If you haven’t already received your BPay Reference no please contact the office. Payments can also be made by cash which must be placed in a clearly labelled sealed envelop and sent to your child’s classroom so that teachers may mark them off the classroom list.

We ask that payments for excursions/incursions/sports days which are not made by cash or eftpos at the office should be clearly indicated on permission slips when they are returned.

**SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA TEAM ONLINE REGISTRATION PROCESS.**

**12 Years and Under**

Registration to trial for AFL, Netball, Soccer and Basketball for state teams has traditionally started with nominations through their school to attend district trials.

School Sport Victoria (SSV) have advised that this process has now changed to an online registration process. District trials will no longer be held. The SSV website [www.ssv.vic.edu.au](http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au) provides important information and a video on the process as well as application forms and must be visited.

Key points include:

1. Parents must consult with their Sport Teacher at the school to ensure their child has a high skill level to trial and represent their school.
2. It is imperative that teachers will decide on your child’s capability of representing their school at a state level **before** registering online.
3. This discussion with the school Sport Teacher is necessary as all students MUST get the Sport Teacher/Coordinator and the Principal signature on their registration form prior to attending a trial.
4. The Eventbrite ticket, application form signed by the Principal and Sport Teacher/Coordinator and proof of payment must be handed to the Division Trial Coordinator on the day of the trial.
5. Applicants will be notified of arrangements for the Division trial once registrations have closed.

**Note:** Registration for Division trails close on Friday March 10th, 2017.

Please see Lindsay if you have any questions.
MUSIC INSTRUMENTAL ROOMS

As you may be aware from Mr Vitale’s report in the newsletter last week, we have some new Rooms being built for private/shared instrumental lessons. They’re currently waiting to have final sealing, priming, painting and furnishing which we hope is finished over the next couple of weeks. This may delay some instrumental teachers and students with their initial plans to start back this year and we hope you can wait with patience and excitement for the final outcome! If you have any queries about the instrumental program, please contact your instrumental teacher, Mr Harland or the office.

Many thanks, Mr Harland

VISUAL ARTS

Visual Arts lessons have begun. Please ensure that your child has a named art smock or old t-shirt to protect their uniform. Classes have visual arts sessions every week on the following days:
- Monday: JTH, JTB, MTO, STB, STAR
- Tuesday: STS, STW, PTS, PTB, JTM
- Wednesday: STF, JTS, JTK, JTC, MTS
- Thursday: MTF, MTE, MTW, JTM
- Friday: PTC

Looking forward to a creative year in the Art Room.
Leanne Rooks, Belinda Corcoran, Jacqui Bibby - Visual Arts Team.

MORNINGTON NETBALL CLUB

Reminder: Junior Registration is on Friday 10th February 4—6pm at the outdoor courts. Enter the rooms from the back entrance due to work being done on the courts.

Members should have received an email allowing them to pay VNA insurance and club fees on line. Please bring your details, your receipt, indemnity form and enrolment form.

Practice begins on Wednesday 8th March, 4—5pm at Mornington Primary School. Games start in term 2, April 22nd, when the courts have been resurfaced.

DRINK BOTTLES

On very hot days such as we are having please remember to ensure your child brings a filled drink bottle to school with them.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Welcome back everyone. We hope you all had a great break. Just a reminder that EVERY child requires a new enrolment with immunisation every year. We are still waiting for several families to finalise enrolment details by returning a copy of immunisation to us.

Please be on the look out for accounts in your child’s bag as the final 2016 account has been printed.

A reminder that our mobile number is 0409 136 288. Please use this during programme hours to contact us or if you would like to leave a text message.

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking will again take place on Monday mornings. Please hand your saving book to your teacher on Monday mornings or the front office.

Unfortunately we cannot accept late books.

COOKING SCHOOL PROGRAM

Cooking School is back again this term! We will begin classes in week 4 of Term 1 (20/2 and 21/2) running Mondays and Tuesdays 4pm – 5:30pm. If you are interested in having your child attend and learn some very necessary life skills in a fun, safe environment right here at school please drop by the canteen to pick up an enrolment form or email me at morningtonps@stircrazykids.com.au so I can forward one onto you.

Enrolments must be confirmed before the first lessons begin so please get in quick as spots do fill fast! Feel free to contact me on 0421930452 if you have any questions or pop by the canteen anytime through the week.

Thanks!
Alyssa
1. Search for tiqbiz and download the free app on your device(s): phone, tablet, computer.
2. Open tiqbiz and register
3. Find our school by clicking on the ‘Find’ icon and typing our school name. You will see our school boxes.
4. Click on the grey ‘tick’ icon beside our school box and any other boxes that apply to you: Mod 1 or Mod 2 etc.
5. Click on the inbox icon. This is where you will receive messages, newsletters, notices etc.

You are now ready to receive!

“Places still available for the 2017 tennis program”

Mornington Primary School Tennis Program
The Mornington Primary School Tennis Program is designed specifically just for kids. With smaller courts, modified nets, lighter racquets and low compression balls that don’t bounce too high make learning tennis fun and easy for children aged 5 years+. This means kids are able to start hitting the ball and having fun right from their very first lesson!

The program will see children learn the basics of tennis, learning to rally with forehand and backhand and to serve on a small to medium size court.

**Age:** Prep to Grade One (approx.)

**Court Size:** Modified/Variable

**Tennis Ball:** Red

**Recommended Racquet Size:** 21-23 inches

**Lesson Duration:** 45mins

**Where:** Mornington Primary School
(area 3, basketball court)

* portable nets & lines used

**When:** Thursdays 8-8.45am (8 weeks)

**Cost:** $112 per term

**Age:** Grade Two to Grade Four (approx.)

**Court Size:** Modified/Variable

**Tennis Ball:** Orange

**Recommended Racquet Size:** 23-25 inches

**Lesson Duration:** 45mins

**Where:** Mornington Primary School
(area 3, basketball court)

* portable nets & lines used

**When:** Thursdays 8-8.45am (8 weeks)

**Cost:** $112 per term

Enquiries:
Ashley Naumann
Tennis Australia High Performance Coach
Phone: 0413021148
Email: ashnaumann@gmail.com

STUDENT WELLBEING
Welcome to all the returning families at MPS and an especially warm welcome to all the new families and students commencing in 2017.

We do hope you have had a positive start to the year.

For many students, the return to school is filled with excitement, new teachers, new classmates and reconnecting with friends.

Other students may struggle a little, be feeling anxious or uncertain about their year ahead.

At MPS we care for all the students and want each child to feel positive about coming to school.

Cath Sheridan had to leave us last year and in 2017 I commenced in the role of Student Wellbeing and Support.

I will work Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Please feel free to contact me if you or your child are having any concerns.

If for any reason you do not wish me to speak with your child please advise the office.

Michelle Achison
Student Wellbeing and Support.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK
All school volunteers will require a Working With Children Check. Applications can be filled out online. Upon receipt of your Card please present this to the office so they can copy it for their records.

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBERS
Please note our telephone numbers are

OFFICE - 5976 5500
Before / After School Care - 5976 5559

Email address: mornington.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Website: www.morningtonps.vic.edu.au
Phone: 5976 5500 Fax: 5975 8219
Schedule 4 – Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Mornington Primary School.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by **4.00 pm on Thursday 16th February, 2017.**

The ballot will close at **4.00 pm on Thursday 2nd March, 2017.**

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Silvio Vitale

Principal