

Mornington Primary School

School Vision

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



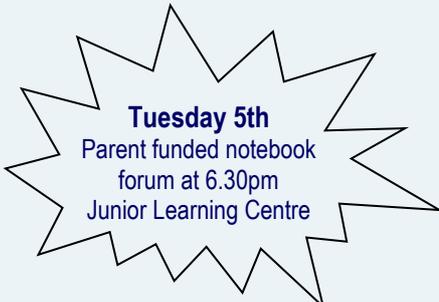
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SCHNAPPER POINT SNIPPETS

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Friday 1st	Father's Day Stall Interschool sport payment due Mod 3 excursion payment due
Monday 4th	Finance Meeting 5pm in Staff Rm
 <p>Tuesday 5th Parent funded notebook forum at 6.30pm Junior Learning Centre</p>	
Thursday 7th	District Athletics Year 7 2018 Mornington Secondary College parent information evening
Monday 11th	Mod 3 Excursion to Artvo 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

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Friday 1st September
9am—11am
Items priced \$2—\$6. Limit Of 2 items per child
Please bring your own bag to carry your gift

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Boys' Behaviours

It's interesting to reflect on the behaviour of children in schools and, in particular, the behaviour of boys.

Recently, I examined the playground behaviour statistics collected on a daily basis by our teachers on playground duty.

I have mentioned at various times the processes we implement to monitor the playground behaviours of our students. This involves our teachers on playground duty recording any playground incidents in the playground folder.

In most cases, these incidents are resolved by the teacher at the time. In some cases these are followed up by class teachers, mod leaders or even the principal team.

Each week the information from the playground folders is entered into a spreadsheet. This records the student's name, the incident and the resolution. The information in the spreadsheet is cumulative, so we are able to look at any student and see all incidents that have been recorded to that student.

This information is then emailed to the mod leaders and discussed at their planning meetings each Monday after school. In this way, we can monitor the behaviour of students in the playground and respond to any students who have on-going concerns with their behaviour.

Many students never appear in this spreadsheet, and some only rarely.

In fact, given the 480 students in the playground at any one time, very few incidences are recorded each week: around 3 per day.



Which confirms what I often say at our assemblies: "That most students do the right thing in the playground."

The interesting aspect of the behaviour I'd like to highlight is the prevalence of incidents that involve boys. This is what it showed in the last 2 weeks:

Monday 21st – Friday 25th August 2017

No. of incidences recorded: 17

No. boys: 15

No. girls: 2

No. of Preps: 5

No. of Junior Team: 5

No. of Middle Team: 7

No. of Senior Team: 0

Monday 14th – Friday 18th August 2017

Total No. of incidences recorded: 15

No. boys: 11

No. girls: 4

No. of Preps: 2

No. of Junior Team: 8

No. of Middle Team: 5

No. of Senior team: 0

Whilst the number of incidents each week is quite low, given the 480 children enrolled at the school, and some of these are not of a serious nature as we endeavour to record all incidents, the behaviour of boys clearly stands out.

This is 'food for thought'.

Do boys have greater difficulty in resolving situations in an appropriate way? Do we, as a society, give them more licence to behave aggressively? Do we need to teach them better strategies to resolve problems?

It's a very complex societal issue that goes beyond the school gates.

'Food for thought' indeed.

State Schools are Great Schools!

Silvio Vitale

Principal

Mornington Primary School is

A great place to educate!

Prep/STAR Enrolments, 2018:

Enrolments for 2018 have commenced. School tours have also begun and will continue over the coming weeks.

Please call the school office to book a tour.

SHOOTING STAR AWARDS

PTF : Zach Scanlan for being principled by being enthusiastic about his learning and for trying hard.

PTC : Emilie Maxwell for being a thinker by thinking carefully about her work and solving problems on her own.

PTB from **PTS** : for being risk takers by presenting their puppet shows at the Fairytale Ball.

JTB : Presiyaz Mallard for being a risk taker by creating great models of the Gingerbread Man as part of our Inquiry Unit.

JTE : Hal Slocombe for being reflective and principled by being a fantastic role model for revising his writing.

JTK : Charlie Baines for being reflective by showing a positive attitude to learning and an eagerness to improve.

JTK : Bella Keast for being a thinker by showing some great thinking during Math by using efficient strategies for counting groups of things.

JTS : Lincoln Swaeney for being a risk taker by working confidently and independently to produce a great piece of writing.

MTE : Percy Byrne for being a thinker by demonstrating enthusiasm and confidence when solving Maths and English problems.

MTF : Melania Marambio Merlino for being balanced by always working hard in class but also for being able to have fun and share her beautiful sense of humour too.

MTO : Nina McGovern for being open minded by showing her appreciation for visual art forms using insight, regard and artistic intellect.

MTS : Jack Vermeer for being knowledgeable and a thinker by applying his knowledge in mathematics.

MTW : Will Gielen for being a thinker by showing his thinking about multiplication by drawing pictures.

STF : Alice Wotherspoon for being a thinker and principled learner by working diligently during 'I can' Maths learning time and showing an improved effort.

STW : Ruben Pateman for being knowledgeable and principled by showing great dedication to all areas of his schooling and having a 'never give up' attitude.

MORNINGTON COMMUNITY MUSIC CAMP 2017

In week one of this term 14 students went to music camp to play and sing for three days finishing with a performance on the Friday night. The iMPreSs MPS school band played Mini-Bass at the Red Faces night and came equal second! At assembly last week the music camp members performed Smoke On The Water that they learnt at camp. Some choir students might perform for you soon too. Thanks for attending with me and rocking out!

Mr Harland

Oscar: *Music camp was awesome fun, I enjoyed it and I made new friends.*

Leila: *The teachers were all really nice and they helped you a lot when you needed help.*

Kate: *I really enjoyed music camp even though I was a day camper. I enjoyed performing in front of everyone for red faces.*

Lorelai: *I've enjoyed making new friends and learning new songs.*

Ethan: *I had fun at music camp and we learnt new songs.*

Isabella: *I enjoyed camp a lot, everyone was nice and I met new friends and enjoyed performing.*

Caitlin: *I enjoyed music camp a lot because I got to meet new friends and learn new songs which wouldn't have happened if I didn't go.*

Jess: *I enjoyed learning new songs and meeting new people.*

Nikki: *I enjoyed singing with a big group and learning new songs.*

Alice: *It was a really good experience that I've never done before and there was lots of great people that I met, they were very talented. A teacher, Rose, had a good way of teaching us and I would definitely go again.*

Toby: *At music camp we learnt new songs, new chords and had fun playing our instruments.*

James: *It was a really fun and enjoyable experience. We got to learn lots of new songs and skills and it was good it was based for lots of different levels so if you were struggling you can play along and there was help from the teachers and tutors.*

Joe: *It was a great experience you meet lots of new friends and play new songs.*

Max: *It was good learning the songs with different instruments because when you are learning alone you can only play one instrument's part in the song. So it sounds a lot better with all the instruments.*

Mr Harland: *It was so much fun jamming with the percussion section and whole mass band.*



WAR ON WASTE

This week we have decided to give our tip on how to reduce our rubbish load. It would make a difference to our environment if, instead of bringing packaged food items, students brought plastic containers. This will help make a healthier and more rubbish free school environment.

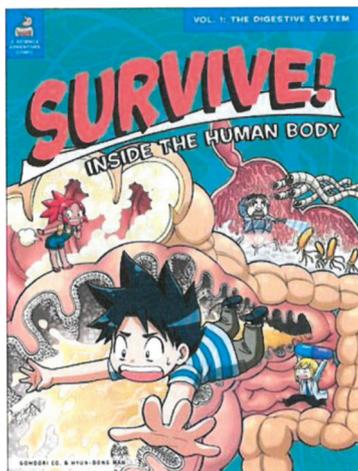
Jess, Emma, Megan and Olivia.

MORNINGTON NETBALL CLUB

Reminders:

- Last game until Term 4 for 9's, 10's and 11's is on Saturday 2nd September.
- Club Presentation is on Thursday 21st September 5—6pm at the netball courts.
- 2018: Start thinking or planning for next year. New players usually start in the Spring season, held for eight weeks on a Saturday morning in Term 4. We need 3-4 new players turning 8 or 9 years old next year and 4 players turning 10 next year. Players can put their names down for 2018 in readiness for the new season.
- If interested please contact Mrs Robin Carroll, President MNC on 0400 054 231.

NOMINATE A BOOK FOR MPS LIBRARIES



'Survive Inside the Human Body' by the author, Gomdori Co, and illustrator, Hyun-Dong Han, is this week's series nomination for the school libraries by Oliver la Nauze from JTM.

Oliver says, "It has comics and it has facts!"

This book is about an epic journey through the human body with a look at the digestive

system. This lively full-colour science comic explores Phoebe's insides after she accidentally swallows a microscopic ship. The only problem? Dr Brain (the ship's eccentric inventor) and Phoebe's friend, Geo, are on board! Geo and Dr Brain must avoid danger at every turn—like hazardous stomach acid and feeding parasites. (Ew!) Will they escape? You've got a front row seat as they travel through Phoebe's oesophagus, stomach and intestines. Excellent choice Oliver and, for choosing such a good series for the school, you will receive a \$10 Scholastic Book Club voucher.

Nomination forms are available at both libraries and outside the school office. Students, families and staff are all welcome to make a recommendation.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 6 2017

All students will have received their book club catalogue last week and book club orders can be completed online or by filling in the order form at the back of the catalogue and sending it back to school with cash or cheques. The commission earned from book sales is used to purchase books for our school libraries (like the amazing series nominated this week). Can all book club orders please be returned by **Friday 8th September**. Please contact Anne Garlick for Scholastic Book Club enquiries.

BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS

Thank you to all the generous school families and teachers who have donated so many second hand books to our libraries, take home reading boxes and literacy support. Two copies of the brand new children's book, 'Who Ate the Cake' by the author Cinta have been very generously donated to the junior library by Arabella and Charlotte Macrow.

2017 VICTORIAN PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Wow, a double grade has completed this year's reading challenge. Congratulations to Ms Milne and Ms Keil and students from JTK and JTM. The prize for completing the challenge was awarded at assembly. Each student was able to choose a small prize from the very popular green tub. The reading challenge will be closing on Thursday 7th September. All books read must be recorded online by that date.

Once students have entered all books read they need to print out the sheet, have a parent sign it and bring it back to the school by the closing date. On Thursday 7th all students who have completed the challenge and brought their paperwork back will be eligible for a very, very special prize box on that day. Drum roll please. The winning student will be going TREE SURFING at the **Enchanted Adventure Garden** at Arthurs Seat. This prize is for 1 adult and 1 child and includes either the Nippers Tree Surfing course or, if you are over 135cm, you will participate in the Grand Tree Surfing (2 hours of exhilarating tree top adventures, 5 levels of aerial obstacles to tackle, each with its own zip line, giant Tarzan swing and rock climbing wall) plus mazes and gardens, bush scramble obstacle course, tube slides and canopy walk, 3D spooky indoor maze and more! So make sure you get your completed form back in by 2.30pm Thursday 7th September. For all Reading Challenge enquires please contact Anne Garlick, Reading Challenge Coordinator, available each morning in the junior library, email garlick.anne.j@edumail.vic.gov.au or mobile 0409 181 770.

OFFICE NEWS

If your child is required to be picked up early on any given day and arrangements have not already been made with your child's teacher, please note that it is best to notify the school office before lunchtime. In this way we are not interrupting class time.

During assembly time on Thursdays (between 2.30 and 3pm) we will be unable to gather your child for an early exit. Please make arrangements for this earlier in the day so students can be waiting at the office with their bags.

WRITER'S WORKSHOP IN MOD 3

Toward the end of last term the whole Mod read the book Wilfred Gordon Macdonald Partridge, by Mem Fox, a delightful classic that explores the concept of memory through the eyes of a young boy and the elderly people who live in a retirement village next door to him. Borrowing from the ideas that Mem Fox explores in this story, the students wrote about memories that they associate with being sad, happy, precious as gold, laughing, crying and feeling warm. Early this term we built on this by discussing memoirs and exploring those written by each of the Mod 3 teachers and Ms Vallance. The students then brought photographs from home and began the process of writing their special own memoirs. We had some wonderful memoir writing across the Mod, of which there is one example in this week's newsletter. Like many of the other students, Holly Arrowsmith spent four weeks developing this touching memoir - from developing initial ideas through to editing and finally publishing her text.

BUSTER by Holly Arrowsmith (MTO)

Two years ago, I lost someone dear to my heart. It was my pet dog, Buster. I don't mean he ran away. I mean I actually lost him. He was put down.

I remember he'd sit outside my door every night, and in the morning he'd come and sit on my bed. He was a beautiful black, silky dog. He would always get into trouble for sucking my Mum's doona. He was not the culprit – Angel my excitable pit bull was the criminal.

I remember one time we were at my Nan's and when we went back to the car Angel and Buster were destroying the back seat. What fun they had (I think!).

One bad, rainy day we were rushing home. When we opened the door to the house Angel was at the front door. My stomach dropped. I felt terrible. We looked behind the door. Buster was lying on the floor, white foam streaming from his mouth. We picked him up and rushed him to the vet. The vet said we should bring him back in the morning.

I couldn't sleep all night. My heart raced. Thoughts bubbled in mind. I was so afraid.

The next morning, we took Buster back to the vet. He whined for a minute or two but then he went silent. He was put down. He was dead. I cried. My Dad cried, too.

A week later we buried him. He lay limp and lifeless. He was dead, but he was still alive in my heart.

Buster and Angel



