

# 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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Newsletter No: 6



## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

### MARCH

<b>Friday 9th</b>	District swimming sports at Pines Forest Aquatic Centre
<b>Monday 12th</b>	Labour Day Public Holiday
<b>Tuesday 13th</b>	Parents and Friends Meeting 7pm in the Staff Room
<b>Wednesday 14th</b>	Divisional swimming sports
<b>Monday 19th</b>	Finance Meeting 5pm
<b>Thursday 29th</b>	Easter Bonnet Parade
	Last day term 1

**School will finish  
at 2.30pm**

### APRIL

<b>Monday 16th</b>	Term 2 commences
<b>Wednesday 25th</b>	Anzac Day
<b>Friday 20th</b>	Summer Lightning Premiership Mod 4

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### **Student-free days 2018**

Each year, schools receive four student-free days (when student instruction does not occur) for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development and student assessment and reporting.

The first day of Term 1 each year is always a student-free day in all government schools to allow for appropriate planning to take place for the arrival of students.

School councils have the flexibility to schedule the remaining three student-free days each year to meet local school needs. In order to allow parents and caregivers plenty of time to make plans, School Council has approved the dates for our next two student-free days.

In order to support the implementation of our BYOD program and to ensure that technology is being used effectively throughout the school to support and improve learning, we will be using one of our student-free days this year for a differentiated ICT day, where staff who have different levels of understanding can be catered for and where we can offer a variety of different workshops throughout the day. This day is to be held on Friday May 11th.

The third student-free day this year will be used for our three-way conferences where parents and caregivers come to school with their child to meet with the teacher to discuss learning, achievement and goal setting. Teachers stay into the evening on this day to accommodate parents who are unable to attend during the day. The date will be Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June which is the last Wednesday of term.

We have not scheduled our fourth student-free day as yet however it is likely to be in term 3.

### Good neighbours

Thank-you to everyone for showing patience and consideration at school pick up times, it is assisting in keeping our children as safe as possible.

As a member of the local community, we also need to ensure we are acting responsibly and considerately towards our neighbours at school pick up time. When parking, please just check that you are not blocking a driveway, parking in the hospital carpark where patients or staff need to park or in guest parking bays in the nearby apartments.

### School Council vacancy

We would like to welcome back to School Council Michael Scully who works for the Shire of Mornington and has been co-opted onto School Council as a community member for 2018.

Due to work commitments, Miguel Rodrigues Bravo has resigned from School Council. We would like to thank Miguel for his contributions to the school and School Council and for being willing to take on the role of Vice President for 2017.

School Council now has a casual vacancy for one year which is able to be filled without an election. If you would be willing to take on the role of a School Council member for 2018, please pop into the office for a chat so I can outline the commitment involved and discuss the role of School Council.

### Learner Profile

As you may know, the Learner Profile is an important part of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program. The learner profile is central to the PYP definition of what it means to be internationally minded and is discussed and modelled in every learning space throughout the school.

These attributes of the Learner Profile are;

Inquirers  
Knowledgeable  
Thinkers

Communicators  
Principled  
Open-minded  
Caring  
Risk-takers  
Balanced  
Reflective

One of our students Regan Bolger has created her interpretation of being a risk-taker. Thank-you Regan for your contribution to our newsletter this week.



**Susan Mattingley**  
Principal

**Seek the Truth**

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 2

Along with all the great two dollar books, have a squizzy at some of the new books, just in time for Easter. The Poppa Platoon in 'World War Chew', a brand new series from Danny Katz/Mitch Vane, is very funny and parents will relate to it too! Animal Jokes! Who doesn't love a good joke? Only \$2! The Chicken That Hatched a Cow, very funny picture book and at less than half price! Classic Where's Wally 3-pack. That will keep the kids amused and frustrated for hours... Can we please have book orders back to school or entered on line by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Please note late orders are always accepted. For all book club assistance please contact Anne Garlick at M.P.S. by email

[garlick.anne.j@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:garlick.anne.j@edumail.vic.gov.au) or mobile 0409181770.

## HERMIT CRABS ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY

Hi from Helena, Ron, Hermione, Harry, Dumbledore, Voldemort, Sirius, Dobby and Christmas Spirit. We had a great holiday enjoying the warm weather which allowed us to be taken out of our enclosure and go for walks outside. This is fun as we all head off in different directions which is very tricky for our carers! Our favourite things to do are escaping, eating, swimming and digging. The most fun of all is swapping shells which means no one knows which crabs we are. Christmas Spirit is the biggest of us all, so the biggest shell is always hers.



parents  
& friends News & Upcoming Events

### **It's Easter Raffle Time Again**

This year's Easter Raffle will be drawn after the MPS Easter Parade on Friday March 29<sup>th</sup>. We are now asking for donations from our school community to help make up our prize baskets. We welcome anything related to Easter – chocolate eggs, crafts, baking activities, books, baskets to make up for prizes etc.

Please drop donations into the office.

Raffle tickets will be distributed to the youngest member of each family in coming weeks.



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ALTERATION SERVICES**

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Shop: 29/78 Barkly Street Mornington  
(Central Shopping Centre)



## PE and Sport News



### District Swimming Sports

Tomorrow, the MPS Swim Team will compete against other schools from the Mornington area in the District Swimming Sports. Congratulations to the following students for making the team:

Good luck tomorrow!

### Running Club

Running Club is back for 2018! All students (Prep-Year 6) are welcome to attend running club on Tuesday and Friday from 8:15-8:45am. The purpose of running club is to provide fitness based activities for students to experience in a fun and friendly environment. All sessions are led by our house captains and are fully supervised by me. Hope to see you all there!

**Yvette Fasham**

**Physical Education Teacher**

### BEING ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING AND THEIR SCHOOL

Schools, parents, and the community should work together to promote the health, wellbeing, and learning of all students. When schools actively involve parents and engage community resources they are able to respond more effectively to the health-related needs of students.

Family and community involvements foster partnerships among schools, family and community groups and individuals. These partnerships result in sharing and maximizing resources and they help children and youth develop healthy behaviours and promote healthy families.

Research shows that students whose parents are involved in their education are more likely to:

- Adapt well to school
- Attend school more regularly
- Complete homework more consistently
- Earn higher grades and test scores
- Graduate and go on to college



- Have better social skills
- Show improved behaviour
- Have better relationships with their parents
- Have higher self-esteem

Additionally, linking community activities to the classroom

- Improves school-related behaviours
- Positively impacts academic achievement
- Reduces school suspension rate

#### **7 Tips to becoming actively involved:**

- Build Relationships – with teachers and other parents
- Make the most of parent teacher meetings.
- Create a rich learning environment at home.
- Get connected – read weekly newsletters, check classroom notices
- Join Parents Associations
- Join School Council
- Join a Subcommittee

Further reading on this topic is available in Peninsula Kids – Autumn, available free in stores and at Mornington Library.

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**FlexiBuzz** 

1. Search for FlexiBuzz and download the free app on your device(s): phone, tablet, computer.
2. Open FlexiBuzz and sign up
3. Find our school by clicking on the 'Search' icon and typing our school name. You will see our school boxes.
4. Click on the 'Add icon beside our school box and any other boxes that apply to you: Mod 1 or Mod 2 etc.
5. Click on the 'Home' icon. This is where you will receive messages, newsletters, notices etc.

You are now ready to receive!

#### **SHOOTING STAR AWARDS**

**PTA** : Charli Jacobs for being a risk taker and independent student by initiating a game of basketball with new friends.

**PTB** : Jake McOrist for being knowledgeable and enthusiastic by working hard to learn new things and being excited about school.

**PTC** : James Osborn for being brave and independent by saying goodbye to his parents without getting upset.

**PTN** : Harvey Allan for being principled and a thinker by always listening attentively and contributing to class discussions.

**PTS** : Harmonii Gason for being caring and principled by becoming confident and willing to share her ideas, thoughts and opinions.

**JTB** : Alba Marshall for being a risk taker by always being brave and a willing participant in our classroom activities.

**JTC** : Khaleigh Garbang for being principled and caring by having a fantastic attitude towards her learning and by taking care of others.

**JTE** : Max Garlick for being principled and balanced by showing excellent dedication to his learning.

**JTK** : Josh Lee for being a risk taker and a communicator by seeking help to resolve a problem in the playground.

**JTM** : Scarlett Clencie for being a thinker by showing persistence and determination during a Math problem solving session.

**JTS** : Hal Slocombe for displaying independence and commitment by consistently working hard and supporting his classmates to do the same.

**MTA** : Connor Hinge for being principled by being fair and honest to everyone in our classroom.

**MTE** : Faith Xerri for being principled by using integrity when working in team situations.

**MTF** : Isabel van Wyngaardt for being open minded and a risk taker by working hard to improve her working knowledge of Australian money.

**MTM** : Liam McLachlan for being principled and knowledgeable by taking his learning further at home, focusing on improving his writing.

**MTS** : Lily Kelly for being knowledgeable by sharing her thoughts and thinking with the class.

**MTW** : Dean Neilsen for being a communicator by being able to talk about his feelings and make better choice.

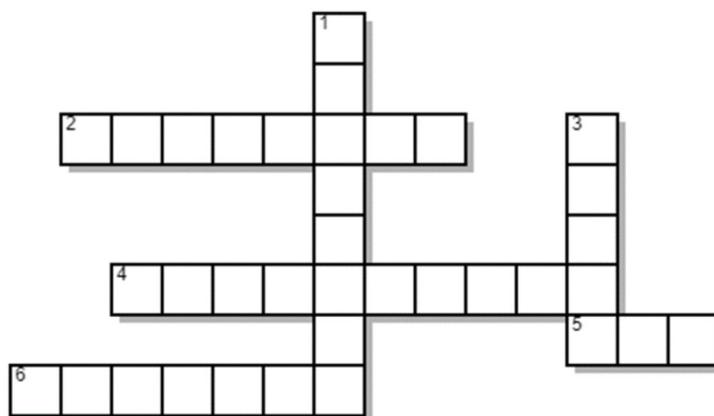
**STS** : Lenny Garnar for being balanced and reflective by taking control of his emotions and making great choices.

**STW** : Harry Davis for being a risk taker by 'having a go' at everything when he did Mod 4 water safety.

**STW** : Hannah Santoreneos for caring and being balanced by happily lending anyone a hand as well as finding the balance between working hard and having fun.

## Historic Happenings

Have you been paying attention? Can you complete this crossword based on our previous Historic Happenings sections in the newsletter? Ask someone in your family if you need assistance. (HINT – All of our previous newsletters are on the school website)



### ACROSS

- 2 In 1879 the three year old students were in the \_\_\_\_\_ class.
- 4 Mr Hutchinson was qualified to teach military drill and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 The number of classrooms in the original MPS building.
- 6 The original infant room had a high \_\_\_\_\_.

### DOWN

- 1 The month that MPS first opened.
- 3 Mr Richard Hutchinson was the \_\_\_\_\_ Headmaster of MPS.

## Prep Parents Coffee and Chat Morning, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March

We extend a warm welcome to all prep parents to come along to the staffroom on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00am to meet other parents or to chat with Principal Susan Mattingley and Prep Team Leader Jen Thom about how the year is going so far.

This will be followed by a session at 10.00am for Mod 1 and 2 parents wishing to help out in the classroom.



## Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Mornington Primary School is excited to be participating. The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 7 September 2018.

**Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.**

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child's name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the attached form and return it to your school.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)

If you would like your child's name to appear on the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge online Honour Roll, please sign this form and return it to your school.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**Definitions:** *Department* refers to the Victorian Department of Education and Training, *Person* refers to the child/adult listed below in the consent declaration.

#### Privacy Protection

The Department takes its privacy obligations seriously and any personal information collected or used by the Department will be handled in accordance with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic)*. This law sets out what we must do when the Department collects, uses, handles and destroys personal information. Personal information includes personal details such as an individual's name and school that could be used to identify an individual.

#### Collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information

If you provide your consent your school will collect and disclose your child's first and last name, and the name of the school to the Department. The Department will then:

Publish your child's name on its online Honour Roll located at: [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc) at the completion of the Challenge with no other identifying factors such as early childhood setting name.

#### Accuracy, access to information and withdrawal of consent

The Department will endeavour to ensure that any personal information held about your child is up to date and accurate. You can access, correct and withdraw personal information held by the Department by written request in accordance with the Department's Information Privacy Policy located at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/privacypolicy.aspx>

Consent may be withdrawn at any time by writing to the Department's Privacy Unit on: [privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au).

***If you have any questions about this form, or if you need more information, please contact the PRC Challenge Coordinator at the Department [readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au) or (03) 9637 3624.***

Yes I consent to my child's name appearing on the online Honour roll

Name of child.....

Parent Signature.....