Principal’s Report

NAPLAN
Can I just start by saying how proud I was of all the students who sat for the recent NAPLAN tests. What I noticed was the effort our children were willing to put in. I could see them using the strategies they had been taught in class by their teachers, to assist them. I am confident they have worked to the best of their abilities and that is all we can ask. Heather Christie made sure all of our children were well fed and as ready as possible to endure the rather difficult testing situation. They all had a yummy breakfast of scrambled eggs, toast and bacon washed down with juice. At the table while they were working they had cut up fruit to nibble on and bottles of water. Thank you so much Heather for your support.

EDUCATION WEEK
Education week was fabulous this year with many activities and opportunities for parents and the community to visit the school. Talking to the children it was obvious that their favourite sessions were the incursion ‘Tales of Jesters and Jousters’ and the ‘International Day.’ Thank you to Jo Dowell for her work organising the International Day. There will be more information in the ‘Kids Bizz’ about the week. Thank you to all staff for your commitment and enthusiasm at this busy time of the year. Thank you also to all parents who attended the ‘Science Evening’ last Thursday. It is so important for your children to be able to show you their work, classroom and all the things that happen at the school. Our band was magnificent on the night. Thanks you to all our band students and Paula Tuck for organising this. In fact the band is getting so good we could even have a music/performance night! Of course any night like this needs a sausage sizzle….thank you to Russell Ardley, Reece, Josh, Rob Verity and Laurie for all your help.

AUSKICK
On Saturday the 18th June, some of our students played on the MCG at half time. Reece & Alison got to watch the Collingwood V Geelong match and spend time in the rooms. Thanks to Leeanne, Amanda and Karina for taking the children and to Paul Dadds for his help on the field.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
As professionals, we continue to learn in order to provide the best possible learning experiences for your children. Mainstream teachers have been increasing their knowledge of the ‘Kath Walker’ investigative learning approach. They spent a full day learning about taking the process from years 3-6, so there will be some changes to curriculum and programs as a result of that. What can look like play is actually deep learning. Some of the key
goals for children’s learning is to promote in them the ability to think laterally and creatively. To be able to self-initiate, to explore the properties and elements of things, to problem solve, to take risks, to think deeply, to construct ideas and meaning, to utilise their own understandings and discover new ones, to become interested in endless possibilities and opportunities and to become increasingly intrinsically motivated to learn, to find out, to try, to have a go and to develop resiliency. Steiner teachers have been visiting other Steiner schools gathering ideas and making important connections with their teaching staff. Already the visits have resulted in strategies being implemented to help cater for individual students. You may be aware that there is a new Australian Curriculum; we have all been learning about that too.

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**Pupil Free Day**
Monday 3rd June
Children will not be required at school on this day.

**It’s Time to Enrol for 2014**

Do you have a Prep starting in 2014?
Or, do you know someone who will be coming to Mornington Park Primary School but hasn’t got around to enrolling yet?
Well, enrolment places are filling up fast. If you haven’t enrolled your child yet – now is the time to do so!

**Science Night**

A BBQ for the visitors to the Science Night

**Story Telling**
**Education Week**

Display at Centro Mornington

**Junior Master Chef**
**Mornington Secondary College**

Our school was represented by Katie and Lacey. Both students received a Highly Commended Certificate for their Greek salad and cup cakes. Well done girls!

**Jake the Jester Incursion**

**International Day**

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**Poetry**

The moon changes every night.  
It shines on me and it is bright.  
I love the full moon in the sky.  
It lights the night as it goes.  
By Tilly

The sun is loving, all the stars shine in the night.  
Everyone is tucked in to bed getting ready for The big day ahead.  
By Monique.

If you could be any animal, you could be a shark.  
They look scary and terrifying.  
Their teeth look amazing and sharp.  
It would be cool to have 100s of teeth.  
Sharks can do great things like catch and eat fish.  
They can eat big things.  
They can even eat people.  
Sharks get to live in cool places.  
Sharks live under the water and in dark places.  
They live in under water caves.  
I would love to live under the water, it would be awesome.  
You should be a shark because they have scary teeth, they eat big fish and they lives under water.  
By Connor O’Neill

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**Mornington School Holiday Program**

Monday 1st July to Friday 12th July  
David Collings Leisure Centre, Civic Reserve  
Dunns Road, Mornington  
Hours: 7:30am – 6:30pm

**Bentons Square School Holiday Program**

Monday 1st July to Friday 12th July  
Bentons square community centre  
Bentons Road, Mornington  
Hours: 7:30am – 6:30am

Enrolment forms can be collected from Mornington Peninsula Shire Offices or libraries. Alternatively forms can be downloaded from the Shire website at [www.mornpen.vic.gov.au](http://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au)

Completed forms need to be returned by Wednesday 12th June

For further information contact Joan Wust on 5950 1641

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**Mornington Auskick**

Mornington Auskick is going from strength to strength with a recent history record number of children participating.

This Monday may well be a pupil free day at Mornington Park Primary, but not so at Mornington Auskick. In fact there will be a **FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE** after the session at 5 o’clock.

As usual, cut fruit is available at half time as well as afterwards. There is usually plenty for all thanks to the generosity of NAB Mornington.

All welcome to either help out or just watch the children have fun.

Contact: Rob 0418 337 365

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**Mornington Blue Light**

**31st May**

Cruze Club@Grand Hotel, Main Street, Mornington  
6pm-8pm (8-15 year olds)  
Cost: $7.00

Contact:  
Leading Senior Constable  
Mick MEARS  
Mornington Police 59 704 900

Sign up to the Blue light Website  
[www.bluelight.org.au](http://www.bluelight.org.au)
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