Welcome: We warmly welcome the new families who have joined us at Mornington Park Primary School this term especially our new students, Heath, Santiago and Lara and Emma. I know the students are all keen to get to know you and make you feel part of the family.

We also welcome back Heather Christie who has been off on Long Service leave for the first 3 weeks of term. She will be back at school next week.

Before and After School Care: We have received our permit from the Department of Education to run our before and after school care programs and are just waiting for the company who will be running the programs to let us know when they are ready to start. Keep an eye out for a notice and enrolment form hopefully very soon. If you have any questions about these programs please speak to Jeanette in the office.

RAP program: We are excited to inform you that Mornington Park Primary School has received funding as part of the Bully Stoppers grant program. We are one of only four schools on the Mornington Peninsula to receive this support. As part of this funding, we will be implementing The Respect Ambassador Program (RAP) across Years 4, 5, and 6 Mainstream classes, starting on 1st August. The Respect Ambassador Program is designed to educate young people on how to behave respectfully and compassionately towards others. It focuses on equipping each child with active positive behaviour, peer education, and with the skills and language needed for building a safe and respectful school community.

An Important date for your Diary: All parents of students participating in the RAP program will be invited to a Parent Night on 4th September where the students will showcase what they have learned. We hope you will be able to attend that night to support your children and share in their learning.

Prep Enrolments: I know you have read this before but prep enrolments in both mainstream and Steiner are really building up for 2014. If you have a child you wish to enrol for 2014 please see Jeanette for a tour and an enrolment pack.

Working Bee: A big thank you to all the families who supported our working bee last Saturday. A range of tasks both inside and out were completed making our school shine even brighter than before.

Please be alert: We have received reports of a man hanging around schools on the Mornington Peninsula. All staff at Mornington Park Primary School have been made aware of these reports and are being extra vigilant to ensure safety of all students.

Students are supervised from 8.45am to 3.35pm. Please ensure your child is not left unsupervised at school outside these times. Breakfast club runs from 8am until first bell at 8.50am on a Tuesday, Wednesday and a Thursday.

Jackie Annable
Acting Principal

The next School Assembly will be held 2:35 pm Monday 5 August
Education Maintenance Allowance

Applications are open for EMA Instalment 2

Eligibility:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and

- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent.

* i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as 15 July 2013 (Instalment Two).

If you have applied for Instalment 1 at the start of the year, you are not required to complete another application

Contact: School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application. The closing date for EMA application forms to be submitted to the school is 2nd August 2013.

That’s ‘TOMORROW’

Just some food for thought…I have found this blurb on our attitudes to be really helpful when I struggle with my attitude on certain things…Hope it’s a help for you too…

‘ATTITUDE’

The longer I live, the more I realise the impact of attitude on life.

Attitude is more important than facts. It is more important than past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, gifted ability, or skill.

The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace from that day. We cannot change our past, we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing that we can do is play on the one string that we have and this string is, ATTITUDE. I am convinced that life is ten percent what happens to me and ninety percent how I react to it.

And so it is with you…

We are in charge of our Attitudes.

Charles Swindoll

Just a reminder that I have now changed my days that I’m at school…Wednesdays and Fridays.

Have a great week everyone, till next time

Trish 😊

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT
Winter Poetry

Wet leaves, muddy on the ground.
Ice crunching under my feet.
Next to the pitch black moon under the night sky.
Tree with a snowy grave.
Eating ice next to the tall tree.
Rice mice go away, back to your old homes.
by Hayden R

Within the icy glass lies freezing icy water.
In the high dark trees lie clean white snow.
Nice chai with honey heating on the stove.
The moonlight shines onto the water, reflecting back towards the stars.
Every step you take you will hear the cracking ice.
Roaring fire shines up into the sky.
by Daisi O

Whirling snowflakes crumbling under foot.
Ice crackling, breaking away.
Nice hot chocolate, warm and sweet.
Tender wind whistling through the trees.
Eating popcorn, the smell drifting through the house.
Rosy cheeks warmed by the fire light.
by Rosie

Finding the Main Ideas in the Text

**Circe the Sorceress by Jamie B**
The next island Odysseus found was the home of the Wind God and his name was Aeolus. Aeolus gave Odysseus a bag filled with magical wind. The sailors opened it when they shouldn’t have. The air gushed out and drowned all of the boats. Only Odysseus’ boat remained. They found an island where they found a palace. Inside the palace was a powerful sorceress called Circe. The sailors ate some of her food and she waved her wand and they turned into pigs. Circe could not turn Odysseus into a pig. She kneeled and surrendered.

**Circe by Harvey R**
The sailors opened the wind bag while Odysseus was asleep. The winds blew them to Circe’s island. Circe let them in and gave them food but as soon as they ate Circe waved her wand and the men turned into pigs. But Odysseus still had some men that were not in the search party. So Odysseus came and saved the men from Circe.

**Romulus and Remus by Class 6**
Amulius wants to be king so he banishes Numitor and puts Rhea Sylvia in a temple. Mars, the God of War, falls in love with Rhea and they have twin boys. Amulius orders his soldiers to kill the babies. Instead, the babies are placed in a cradle and sent down the river. A she-wolf found them and fed them her milk. The she-wolf was sent by Mars to protect them. A woodpecker entertains. A shepherd found them and raised them. Their names were Romulus and Remus. Remus was caught stealing and taken to King Amulius. Romulus kills Amulius, frees Remus and frees his grandfather, Numitor. The twins want to build their own kingdom next to the river where they washed up. Remus saw six vultures first but Romulus counted twelve, therefore Romulus shall be king. As Romulus starts his ceremony to build the city, he digs a trench for the wall. Remus jumps over this wall and mocks Romulus. Romulus kills Remus and declares “Let he who attempts to cross my walls die!” And the Roman legacy begins……...
Chester the Worldly Pig character study:

Chester was not like other pigs. He was persistent, courageous and ingenious because he faced problems in life by trying to find ways around them.

ANIMAL KINGDOM NEWS

Luke reporting from Animal Kingdom News

Yesterday I interviewed Chester, a little pig from a country farm, who had big ideas.....

“Chester, what is it like to be a pig?” Luke asked.

“Horrible! You eat slop all day then get cooked and eaten,” replied Chester.

“And what about the circus?”

“Don’t start me there. I was forced to nose stand in a cage with five ferocious tigers. Then I fainted so they dressed me in baby clothes and put me in a pram. I was really embarrassed.”


“Anyway the rest is a long story. I was lucky to escape the train,” exclaimed Chester. “I jumped out of the train, hit a bear, ran for my life, found three tramps, got caught, tramps fought, ripped the bag, ran to a city, slept in a barrel, woke up, found a new farm, got sold to a whiskered man and found out I was the ‘Worldly Pig’.”

“Thank you for speaking with me.”

“You’re welcome,” oinked Chester.

Written by Silas, Year 4

THE HERALD FARM

Bob Sherman reporting.....

Yesterday Bob Sherman travelled to a carnival in Colorado to interview new world success, Chester the Worldly Pig.

Let’s take a look.....

“Chester, Chester how is it being a pig?” Bob asked.

“Well it’s probably worse than you think, trying to sleep whilst other people are ‘wowing’ at the other carnival attractions,” Chester groaned.

Next Bob asked, “What’s it like being a new world sensation?”

“Well it’s certainly better than my old life, getting fed slop out of a trough. Now I get paid and get taken out to lunch by the whiskered man!” replied Chester with excitement.

“What’s it like working with other people at the carnival?” Bob questioned Chester enthusiastically.

“You make lots of friends in the workplace, like my new best friend Frank the Islandly Horse. He’s like me but instead of the continents and countries on his hide he has islands. Frank and I talk frequently. So it’s good to work with different people,” Chester replied.

Bob asked, “Lastly sum up the life of a worldly pig in four words.”

Chester responded, “really incredible and fun!”

“Thank you Chester for allowing us to be able to do this interview. I’m sure all of our readers enjoyed it as much as me.”

Written by Caleb, Year 6

Interview-modelled writing

Noah, Caleb, Silas, Blake & LeeAnn working in teams to solve a language activity
Last Monday saw the 2013 Mornington Auskick season come to a close. With the support of the Rotary Club of Mornington, NAB – Mornington and of course my predecessor, Leeane McCullum, I managed to muddle through my first year as Centre Coordinator.

It was a wonderful experience to see the excitement on the children’s faces each week as they gain valuable team and sporting skills. Many thanks as well to all the parent helpers throughout the season.

With three sausage sizzles (start, middle and end) and fruit donated by Nab – Mornington every session, participants enjoyed excellent value while gaining new friends from other schools.

There were two highlights during the year with Reece playing an Auskick Rules Game in the centre of the MCG on 18 May while Alison played in a Grid Game on the perimeter. The other was at Etihad Friday 19 July where Rhys, Sienna and Callum played a Grid Game with others from the clinic.

Next season is shaping up to being even better, so if your child is thinking about it, give me a call and I’ll add your name to an email list to keep you informed on the start date and fixture.

Rob Verity – Mornington Auskick Coordinator 0418 337 365

Masters BBQ: We have a BBQ at Masters in Mornington on 17th August. Please put this date in your diary. Jeanette would love to hear from anyone who is prepared to offer us an hour or two of their time on this day.

Please fill in this helpers slip and return it to the office.

MASTERS HOME IMPROVEMENTS Sausage Sizzle 17th August.

Parent’s NAME: ________________________________

Will be able to help at the sausage sizzle at this timeslot: ________________________________

My Contact number is: ________________________________
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