It is such a busy time of the year as we try to accomplish all that needs to be achieved this year whilst at the same time preparing for next year. Therefore, if you know anybody who is thinking of attending Mornington Park next year could you please ask them to contact us as soon as possible so that class structures and staffing can be finalised.

Our transition program has begun in earnest. It is so good to meet all the new Preps for next year and their lovely families. Each week parents are able to have coffee and a chat with me about how the school operates including the programs we offer and the polices we have. Already so many are offering assistance in many areas which is going to be fabulous for staff and children.

Last week we had some artificial turf put down, mainly at the front of the school, in areas where natural grass won’t grow. It really improves the environment and is going to be a very useful space for outside supervised play. It would be really appreciated if parents and carers could walk up to the classrooms using the path so that our existing grass has the best chance of surviving and looking its best.

Don’t forget to utilise our After School Program which runs each night of the week. Children are provided afternoon tea and fun activities in our new Art room. Please ring the school to find out how affordable it is. For many families it is free and a great way to fill the afternoon in a safe, friendly environment.

I would like to remind you of a few important events coming up in the next month for you to put in your diary:

- 12th Dec-Year 6 Graduation
- 13th Dec-Pupil Free Day
- 17th Dec- Steiner Celebration of Learning
- 19th Dec Christmas Concert

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Hey Everyone,

As we approach Remembrance Day next Monday, I am reminded of the freedom that, we as Australians, hold so dear, it is a time for us to pause in our ever busy schedules remembering and pay honour to those who lost their lives serving our country. The meaning behind the poppy, its vibrant red colour symbolizing the horrors of war and yet, bringing hope of new life as the poppies bloomed and flowered is fantastic- what a great symbol!!!

**What is Remembrance Day?**

Remembrance Day is a memorial day, which takes place every year so that countries in the Commonwealth can remember members of the armed forces who have lost their lives serving their country.

**When is Remembrance Day?**

Remembrance Day is always 11th November. It was on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month that combat in World War I came to an end in 1918. On the 11th hour, it is traditional to pause for a minutes silence and remember the fallen soldiers who bravely fought for our freedom. Remembrance Day has been observed since 1919.

**Why do we have Remembrance Day?**

Remembrance Day is an opportunity to give respect and honour to those who lost their lives serving their country. It also gives the public a chance to remember family and friends who lost their lives fighting in wars. Finally, it gives people a chance to consider the cost of war.

**Why do we wear poppies on Remembrance Day?**

The poppy was one of the first flowers to bloom on the battlefields of Flanders during the World War I. Their bright red colour symbolized the blood shed during the horrific conflict, but also the hope of new life, and the poppy became the symbol of Remembrance Day. The Remembrance poppy has been used as a symbol since 1920. Today, poppies are worn on clothing in the days leading up to Remembrance Day, and poppy wreaths are placed on war memorials. This is why Remembrance Day is often known as Poppy Day.

Have a great week everyone, till next time,

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**PHOTOS**

Photos are available for School Captains, Schools Leaders, and House Captains, at a cost of $16.00 each. If you would like to order a photo please call at the office.

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**Tip Vouchers**

The school is in need of tip vouchers. If you have vouchers that you will not be using please drop them into the office as they would be very much appreciated.

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**Volunteers Needed**

We are seeking volunteers to help in the Library to cover our new books. If you have any spare time we would love you to contact the office and arrange a time suitable for you.
Welcome Spring

In the Steiner Prep classroom we are welcoming spring with colour and joy. The children have planted fairy gardens and our classroom is alive with spring colours and flowers, fairies and birds adorn our walls and windows. We all enjoyed a wonderful excursion to Mock Orchards in Red Hill to see the blossom on the trees and the bees in the air. The children enjoyed running through the apple orchard, a picnic lunch and singing on the bus. The Prep children have completed their stitching and pom poms and as their fingers and hands work happily together we will begin our finger knitting. The prep children were very excited to be participating in the Spring Festival. It was wonderful to see so many parents there, watching the Preps dance around the Maypole and welcoming Spring with all the children and families from the Steiner Stream. All the children listened politely and participated with courtesy and good manners, watching their classmates and friends perform their pieces. The children are very excited about our Twilight Fair and look forward to all the activities there as well. This term we look forward to our Transition program beginning for the 2014 Preps and we will join them for a Teddy Bears Picnic later in the term. As the year draws quickly to a close we reflect on the little ones who started with us at the beginning of the year and we wonder at how the time flew.

Blessings Lizzy and Johanna

Twilight Fair

15th November 2013
3.30—6.00pm
Bring the whole family along to our school Twilight Fair it will be a wonderful afternoon of music, food and fun.
Come along and enjoy homemade lemon sorbet, popcorn, BBQ, cakes and chai, homemade lemonade, sherbet and more.
Have fun at the Treasure Hunt, Face painting, Games and Craft activities.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION
At Mornington Golf Club
Thursday 12th December, 2013
5.45pm. Cost $20.00

LETS GO CRUISING CAR CLUB
TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER, 2013
FREE EN TERTAINMENT
CALL CHERYL HUDSON
0439 456 653
Hot Lunch orders are due by **Monday** for catering purposes.  
**Next hot lunch will be:** Baked Potato with a variety of toppings.

**HATS**

Many students are coming to school without a hat. Please check at home in school bags etc. for missing hats. Students will be asked to play under cover during recess and lunch if they do not have a hat. As we are a Sun Smart School hats are compulsory for this term.

**SWIMMING LESSONS FOR GRADES 3-6  THURSDAY**

Please ensure children come prepared for their lesson with bathers, towel, snack, water bottle and hat.

**Attendance**

![Attendance Chart]

Week ending 25/10/2013  Week ending  1/11/2013