**The time of their lives**

Graduation night draws near

This year's Grade Six graduation will be held on December 12 at the Mornington Golf Club. We've been working hard on our graduation song, which this year is *Time of Your Life* by Greenday. There will be presentations in a whole range of categories to students and it will be a great way for the Year six students to say goodbye to Mornington Park Primary. We'll be having fish and chips together at the end of the presentations and there'll be a disco as well so we can all get down and boogie. Caleb and Levi are working hard on a slideshow with lots of photos of the Year sixes.

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**Getting into the swim of things**

By Brandan Redmond

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**Gus is flying high**

By India Cowling

Gus Broersen from 3/4S is a truly inspiring skier. He started skiing at the age of four. Since then he has learned a lot of new tricks and has also learned to face plant into a pile of snow!

Every winter Gus and his family live up at Mt Hotham, his parents run a ski lodge up there and Gus and his brother Max spend the season skiing. This winter Gus skied for a total of 70 days, usually waking up at 7.30am when the lifts start and skiing until 4.30pm, stopping only once a day for his favourite meal of chips and gravy!

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**Twilight Fair is best ever**

By Felix Hosken

The Twilight Fair was held on Friday November 15 and was amazing! It had been raining all week, until it got to Friday when it suddenly stopped. It was great to see how many stalls were there, 43 in total, ranging from food, craft, plants and produce stalls, a children's tent, kids activities origami and even whack a nail. All the stalls were fantastic but the lemon sorbet was my personal favourite.

Nikki Devis the co-ordinator for the Fair commented, "One of the things I loved about the fair, was that we were all together. "In the past it has frustrated me when everyone was spread out and some stalls had no one nearby."

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**Gus skiing up at Mt Hotham earlier this year.**

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Making your own Roman shield

What you need to make your Roman shield:
- copper, paint
- your 4 nails and then hammer into your circle and your wooden handle.
- a drill and drill a hole into your half circle 7 times then drill your holes and bang it in until you get a hole.
- red and leave it to dry for 24 hours.

Step 1: Get your copper and plywood, make your Roman shield.
Step 2: Get your gold paint and paint your shield.
Step 3: Trace it onto your shield. and trace and leave for 24 hours.
Step 4: Red paint, gold paint, thin plywood, paint you're looking for something to do over the holidays!

We've been making our own Roman shields to tie in with what we've been learning in class. It was a fun activity and while I'm really happy that our student newspaper has the content and the interest to grow to eight pages in only its second edition, I'm also a little bit sad that this will be the end. It has been a pleasure working with you guys this year and I wish you all the best at your new schools!

Speaking of 2014, there are a lot of exciting changes to come! A new radio and TV station is looking to open in town and while I'm not sure what it will be like, I'm looking forward to being a part of it! Cheers.
Golden times at school camp

As we dragged our bags out of the class room, the sun was shining. As we heard the wheels of the bus, we all jumped of excitement. It was the 20th of November, the day of camp, we were going to Golden Valley Lodge. Our first stop was Pelican Park. After we’d had morning tea, Jo asked a fisherman if he had any spare fish he could throw out. He did, and when the fish had been thrown out, the pelicans would flap around until one of them got it. We had lunch at one more place before camp. When we finally arrived at camp, we were so excited as we drove down the gravelly drive way. We could see the main building. When we had all dragged our bags down to the main building, we were split into three groups. We would be in these groups for all of the activities. The first activity my group did was the flying fox. It travelled across a small valley for 120m. That night we did Team Building. We were given a mystery box game. The way we played is, we opened a box and there was random stuff in it, and you had to make a costume. Georgia and Silas won the cleanest cabin, so we got second and the teachers came in and told us that whichever cabin all went to sleep last, would have to do all the duty groups.

On day three we found out that the girls won, so we would be free for the day. After breakfast we had to clean our cabins. When our cabin was clean we could play. Nearly everyone went on the trampoline and loved it. The trampoline also loved ripping peoples pants. At morning tea we found out that the girls had the cleanest cabin, so we got second and third helpings of morning tea. After morning tea, Jo opened archery up, and Jacky opened low ropes course. The boys made a rugby volleyball game up with a football. So after the archery and low ropes course, a few girls came to play. We made subway-things for lunch and then kept free-playing. At 2.00pm the bus came to take us back to school. It was a quick trip and before we knew it we were back at school, waiting for our par-ties to start. Georgia, Harriet, Lila and Tilly.

The story of Queen Esther comes to life

By Georgia Walker

During the last week of term 3, Grade 3/4S celebrated the story of Esther with a day called Princess Day. We decorated the tables with cloths and silks. Parents bought food and dishes with carrots and other vegetables and dips. The Grade three girls dressed up as princesses and we got spoilt with hand and foot massages by the grade four girls. We took turns to soak our feet in a bowl of warm water with rose petals in it. Then they painted our nails. Some of the princesses stayed inside to chat during recess. Harriet’s mum Sarah did our makeup. The princesses for the day were Georgia, Harriet, Lila and Tilly. Heath was the king and we curtseyed to him. King Heath had his bodyguards Kyron, Alfie, Jai and Dane look after him.

Skate shoe collection continues to grow

My name is Caleb Harvey and I am proud to admit I have a skate shoe obsession. I started collecting them about two years ago on my birthday, when my friend gave me a pair of DC’s. I’ve collected over 30 pairs since then. I visit Op Shops almost every Friday and find skate shoes there - that’s why I’ve got so many pairs - I get them all for cheap.

I’ve got a massive variety of brands like DC, Globe, Vans, Adidas, Dekline, Emerica, Nike 6.0, Nike sb and so many more. There are only about four pairs of shoes I bought brand new from OCD Monkeys and Peninsula Surf, the rest I picked up for $15 or less. Brandan and I got all my shoes out recently and we counted 33 pairs!

By Jemiah Devis-Scott

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That's why I offered to co-ordinate the stalls and do the site map. My favourite thing was probably the music and the smiles on peoples faces as they watched. I spoke with Dave who along with Paula co-ordinated the live music. “Music’s a very powerful thing and it has the ability to bring people together. I really loved the way our concert seemed to do that - there was a great community atmosphere at the market and I think the music played a part in that. There’s also a great energy that exists when musicians and singers play and sing live together. You just don’t get that with karaoke!'’

I also asked Dave what he thought the students performing got out of it. “There’s an old music industry adage that says one gig is worth 20 rehearsals,” he said. “I saw all the musicians play the songs as well as they ever have, I felt the joy and confidence in the performances and I saw people who had never sung or performed on stage before conquer their nerves and achieve something wonderful. Everyone who performed now knows they can do it, which can be a big hurdle to jump. It’s one of the best feelings in the world to perform in front of a crowd, especially when they love it and once you get a taste of it, you want to do it again and again!”

Johanna who organised the Twilight Fair (with a number of volunteers) said she had two main goals; firstly to create a wonderful family event for the school community and secondly to raise money for the school. This year’s Twilight Fair definitively achieved both of those. Here are some of the experiences of the students who performed:

**Daisi:**
My palms are sweating, I feel the blood rush. All the faces looking at me. You’re in the spotlight. You take a minute to take everything in. I hear the strum, I know it’s time. I begin to take big breaths. I open my mouth and begin. I see people smile I know I must be doing something right. The sweet notes coming out of my mouth are making people happy. Seeing them gaze at me with such delight you get a warm feeling inside. I see my dad in the distance look at me with his eyes glowing and smiling with pride. And that is why I’m up here. To see that look on his face I’m delighted.

**Connor L:**
I was amazingly self-confident and liked performing because it got me super pumped. I was worried because it didn’t sound great but then I got into my zone and unleashed. I sang two songs the second one wasn’t great, but the first one was alright. Then when it was all over, I felt so great it was like flying away on my dragon into the sunset.

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