Welcome back to another busy term for the year. I hope everybody had a very relaxing holiday break and didn’t eat too many chocolates!

At our final assembly we were very proud to have presented Student Representative Council (SRC) badges to one child from each class. Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to represent their peers in various ways throughout the year. Mahalia D - Prep M, Ignatius S - Prep Steiner, Olive K - 1/2 M, Millie O - 1S, Ochre D - S 2S, Emily K – 3/4M, Talia A - 3/4S, Emma C - 5/6 M and Harry W - 5/6 S. I know they will represent their classes extremely well under the guidance of teacher Lizzy Gardner.

I mentioned in the last newsletter about the Lightning Premierships, in particular, the amazing effort and sportsmanship for which our students have become renowned. In addition, we had several very talented children who were invited to try out for the District teams. Myrah F., Leon C., William R., Marnie H., Xavier A., Ethan R., Chloe C. and Nick W. tried out for sporting teams including, netball, football and soccer. Once again, they all did themselves proud, trying very hard against all the other schools. Jemiah D.S., Chloe C., Marnie H., Xavier A., Nick W. and Leon C. have been selected for the District teams.

In the last week of school, thanks to the kind generosity of Jacobs & Lowe all of our students had a fabulous session of sport from ‘The Coach Approach’ team. Very high level sporting coaches came to teach the children athletic and teamwork skills in readiness for our next District Athletics in Term 3.

The new rugby jumpers are of a high quality and look very stylish indeed. All of our year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students, who participate in interschool sport, were given a jumper at no cost so we can appear as a united team at events. We do have a number of jumpers available at the low introductory price of $38.50 so please let the office know if you would like one. When they appear on the uniform list, they will be in excess of $55. Of course the jumpers may be worn any day at school but must be worn at sporting events if they have been provided.

The Education Department has a focus on continuous improvement, ensuring that high standards of education are maintained, across the education system. School performance is measured and monitored through a review that draws on the expertise of professionals throughout our system to support each school to reflect on their performance. We have been nominated to have a peer review as opposed to a priority review, which means two local Principals and a DEECD approved external reviewer, will help our school community to go through this process resulting in a new four year strategic plan. In the near future, I will outline an agreed implementation strategy, seeking as much feedback from the whole school community as possible.

Just prior to finishing for the term I was contacted by the Department to say that I had been nominated and then shortlisted for Primary Principal of the Year. I feel honoured by this recommendation, although the children, staff and parents are what make this school a great place. If I can use the limelight to highlight this wonderful school, particularly the diversity, the commitment to the children and the exceptional standard of teaching, I will be happy. The result will be announced at a function on the 16th May at Crown Palladium. Let’s hope we can put the school on the map!!

Bev Dadds
Chaplain’s Chat

Hi Everyone and Welcome to Term 2!!!!
Hope you all had a great break with your families. I’m really excited for what this term will bring us, all the fun, learning and growth in the children is always a pleasure for me to see.

On Friday 25th April, we as Australians, pause to remember and honour ANZAC DAY – we gather to remember the sacrifices of men and women who have served and died in many and various conflicts and to remember the ANZAC landings in Gallipoli – which has become a symbol of courage.
Even through the horrors of war, there are many stories of courage, mateship, bravery and determination to get through the hardest situations – a resolve to bring peace into a war zone.
I am encouraged and so thankful for the sacrifice, honour and mateship that many men and women fought for, so that we could enjoy and celebrate freedom in a democratic country.
I hope that we can all bring some of the ANZAC spirit into our homes, schools and workplaces and resolve to bring peace wherever possible.

Have a great week everyone,  Trish

ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY
FRIDAY 25TH APRIL 2014
Please note students are not required to attend school on this day.

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL
THURSDAY 8TH MAY & FRIDAY 9TH MAY
Gifts for Mother’s Day will be available for the students to purchase from our Mother’s Day stall.
Items will range in price from $1.00 to $5.00.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL,

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING
9.00 am Monday 5th May, 2014
Please come along for a cuppa and chat to help organise our Mother’s Day fundraising activities.
Meeting will be held in the Conference room.

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BEV DADDS - SHORT-LISTED FOR EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARD

Mrs Bev Dadds, Principal, Mornington Park Primary School has been shortlisted as a finalist in the 2014 Victorian Education Excellence Awards category of Principal of the Year. The Victorian Education Excellence Awards is the most prestigious award and recognition program for teachers, principals, business managers and support staff in Victorian government schools. Being nominated for one of these awards is an incredible honour and a positive reflection on a teacher’s contribution to school learning. Bev came to Mornington Park Primary School as Principal in 2010 although she had previously worked at the school as a Literacy Coach. In her years at the school vast amounts of positive change has happened. The buildings and facilities are greatly improved and even more important, the culture of the school as a respectful learning community has grown and developed. Bev’s enthusiasm and passion cannot fail to touch everyone connected with the school whether they are students, parents, staff or the wider community. We are very proud that Bev has been shortlisted for this award and firmly believe that she should win!

Award winners will be announced the evening of Friday 16 May, 2014. All of us have the opportunity to send a public message of support and thanks to Bev. This could be a written note, a picture or even a video and will be published onto the Department of Education and Early Childhood’s website. Tributes can be submitted to the Thank a Teacher Tribute page by Tuesday May 6 2014. http://www.cvent.com/d/c4qwc8/3B If you do not have access to the internet, tributes can be hand written and given to Jackie Annable who will submit them on your behalf.

From all of us, good luck Bev!

NUDE FOOD DAY EVERY WEDNESDAY

The Environment Captains Gina & Rosie have been working on a plan to implement Nude Food Days at our school. Nude Food Day is an opportunity for students to combine healthy eating with being environmentally aware. We would appreciate parents and guardians support to help students make healthy lunch choices and prepare their food without the use of wrappers (plastic & paper).

Food with no packaging: banana, kiwi fruit, orange, boiled egg, carrot, beans, snow peas, apples.

Food in small reusable containers: yogurt, fruit salad, cheese cubes, vegetable sticks with dip, sandwiches or salads, wholegrain crackers with cheese slices, pikelets, muffins, pasta or rice dishes.
## Classes with the highest attendance

- **1S** 92.78%
- **5/6S** 92.53%
- **00M** 91.55%

### Attendance Data

#### Week Ending 28/03/2014

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**School Average:** 88.48%

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**School Average:** 87.83%

107 attended 100%

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