UPCOMING EVENTS:

EDUCATION WEEK
19TH – 23RD MAY
OPEN CLASSROOMS ON THURSDAY & FRIDAY
ALL WELCOME

STEINER PARENT INFO. NIGHT THURSDAY 22ND MAY
7pm – 8pm

WINTER FESTIVAL FRIDAY 20TH JUNE

Principal's Report

Education Week
This week we have a variety of activities for the children to enjoy. There are excursions to the farm, a library excursion to see a scientist in action as well as invitations to family members to attend classrooms for a session. A timetable was sent home last week, however, please ring the school if you are unsure when your child's class is open. One of the activities that two of our lucky children attended was the Junior Master Chef competition at Mornington Secondary College. Emma and Rochelle unfortunately didn't win the cup cake competition, however, they did represent the school admirably.

Thank you girls!

Mornington Secondary College band entertained us on Tuesday. Their interactive drum performance was thoroughly enjoyed by all of the students.

NAPLAN
Our students completed NAPLAN tests last week. We made sure the testing was as pleasant as possible. Prior to the tests, all of our children had a delicious breakfast prepared by the wonderful Heather and Russell. They devoured banana pancakes, juice, cereal, eggs and cheese toast. Each child was also given a bottle of water and a cup of celery and carrot sticks to munch on while completing the tests. We are very proud of how our children approached this work.

Here's what some of the Year 3 children had to say

'This week the year 3's had Naplan. Before we started I felt nervous and embarrassed. When we started we got a book to read, a book of questions, a bottle of water, a sharpener, a rubber and a pencil. I liked it because it was easy. Afterwards I felt glad that it was over. My favourite one was reading.' By Alison.

'This week the Year 3's had Naplan. Before we started I felt nervous because I haven't done it before. My favourite one was the reading. Afterwards I felt glad that I got it done.' By Callum.

'This week the year 3’s had Naplan. Before we started I felt confident, however, I felt scared. Then afterwards I felt relieved because it was over. My favourite one was maths because it was easy.' By Sienna

Primary Principal of the Year Awards
I would just like to thank everybody for their kind words of support wishing me well with this award. Had I been successful I would have used the opportunity to thank the fabulous staff who work tirelessly to make this school one of the best there is. The volunteers and parents who contribute in many ways, I sincerely thank you too. We couldn't make this a great school without you.
**Policies**

This year we will be going through a review process in order to make a strategic plan to guide us through the next four years. We really do value your support, therefore in future we will be adding our draft policies to the website for you to have input. We encourage you to send your written feedback to the school via your child’s classroom. We do have copies available at the office should you not have access to the internet.

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**OFFICE HOURS:** 8.30 AM—4.30PM  Jeanette Budge

**PROCEDURE FOR LATE ARRIVALS:** Students that are late must be signed in at the office by a parent or guardian. Students collect a Late Pass to take to the class teacher.

**ABSENCES:** Parents and guardians are required by the Department of Education to ensure their child attends school and to provide an explanation for their child’s absence from school. Please phone the school on 59 75 4011 if your child is unable to attend.

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A big thank you to our Mothers’ Day helpers:

Anita, Jay, Jazzy, Rochelle, Tungi and Kaimi.

Your help is much appreciated and made our Mothers’ Day stall a great success.

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**MORNINGTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHAPLAINCY DINNER BARN DANCE**

SATURDAY 24TH MAY 6.30PM—10.30PM

At Peninsula Community Theatre
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Jim 0419 031 390

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For more information contact: Rachel 0401 026 687
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WEDNESDAY HOT LUNCHES $2.00
Next Wednesday 28th May, 2014 we will be serving:
MEAT OR VEGETABLE LASAGNE
Dear Parents and carers,

In my time as Minister for Education, I have met many dedicated volunteers giving up their time and using their expertise to provide students and school communities with the very best learning and development opportunities.

As Australia celebrates the 25th National Volunteer Week from May 12-18, it’s an opportune time to recognize and celebrate the valuable work volunteers do in our school communities.

On behalf of the Victorian Government, I would like to sincerely thank all of you who donate your time and expertise to your school. It wouldn’t be the same place without your important contribution.

Yours sincerely, The Hon. Martin Dixon, MP Minister for Education