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UPCOMING EVENTS

FUNDRAISING
MEETING
MONDAY
3RD MARCH
3.30PM

Principal's Report

Minister's Visit
What a day we had yesterday, full of fun, pomp and ceremony. Welcomed at the front of the school by our leadership students and people on stilts, the Minister said “I have never been welcomed like this before!” Before the ceremony I whisked the Minister off for a tour of the school. We looked into every incredible classroom. The Hon Minister Martin Dixon officially opened our refurbishment in front of a large contingent of our parents and community members. We heard nothing but praise from all, for our beautiful buildings, grounds and the friendly atmosphere felt around our school. The Minister was interviewed in our radio station and at the end of the official opening, enjoyed some afternoon tea with our guests and School Captains.
I was so happy to see the children taking pride in our school, sweeping, picking up rubbish and generally tidying before the big event. Lunch time was amazing as 190 people were served a hot roast dinner all cooked in our kitchen and served at beautifully decorated tables with white cloths and napkins, foliage and individually decorated place mats.
It was so flash, looked like a wedding!! At the ceremony, the band played and the children recited the National Anthem and the School Pledge before singing a welcoming song. We were all so very proud of the way the children conducted themselves the whole day.
To all of the parents who attended the working bee, to the staff for all their support and to the children for helping us to showcase our school at its best THANK YOU.

STUDENT LEADERS
I take great pleasure in introducing our school leaders for 2014. We take the role of student leadership very seriously as feedback, direction and support from the students, leads to a more engaged and connected community.
This year our leaders are:

School Captains
Chelsea C and Jamie B

School Vice-Captains
Maddy G and Rhys D

Sport Leaders
Esther W and Darcy C

Environmental Leaders
Rosie T and Gina G

Media Leaders

Music Leaders
Max B and Daisy O

Art leader
Marcus N and Leon C

Congratulations to all of the students!

Next Assembly : 2.35pm Monday 3rd March, 2014
Chaplain’s Chat

Hello Everyone,

Hope you’ve had a great week so far. It was so fantastic to see all our children behave so beautifully and taking pride in their school when MP The Hon. Martin Dixon came on Wednesday for a visit. Let’s keep encouraging our children to be the best they can be, giving them every opportunity to better themselves. Last fortnight, I started a series on Encouraging your children and in each newsletter, I will give you a couple of tips to help you in this.

CATCH YOUR CHILD BEING “GOOD”. This simply means that when your child is behaving in a way you like, you can give them some positive feedback. For example you could say, “Wow, you are playing so nicely. I really like the way you are keeping all the blocks on the table”. This works better than waiting for the blocks to come crashing down to the floor before you take notice and shout, “Hey stop that, you are driving me insane.” This positive feedback is sometimes called “descriptive praise”. Try to say six positive comments (praise and encouragement) for every negative comment (criticisms and reprimands). The 6:1 ratio keeps things in balance. Rememeter, that if children have a choice only between no attention or negative attention, they will seek out negative attention.

GET DOWN TO YOUR CHILD’S LEVEL. Kneeling or squatting down next to your child is a very important tool for communicating positively with them. Getting close allows you to tune in to what they may be feeling or thinking. It also helps them to focus on what you are saying or asking for. If you are close to your child and have his/her attention, there is no need to make him look at you.

A big thank you to the many helpers at the Working Bee.

The bee helpers were:
Special thanks to Kate and Mark for the pressure washing.
Damo for his timber work, K for his mega shed clear and organise and Jasmine and co for the tasty, timely, filling lunch.
All these wonderful helpers planted trees and tubs, cleaned the BER building and bat tennis courts, repaired irrigation, repaired serpentine wall, filled the trailer with over 6m³ of tree and veg, material, played on the billy carts, cleaned out store rooms, prepared the wheat field and mud brick area, oiled timber and lots and lots more.
Cheers Jhon
Highlights from our grand opening celebrations attended by The Hon. Martin Dixon, Minister for Education.
FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for parent volunteers that would like to be part of the fundraising committee to raise needed funds to cover the lease payments of our playground. This committee will run activities, such as Father’s Day, Mother’s Day, Easter Raffle, and Christmas Raffle etc. This is a great way to meet other parents and is a very rewarding contribution to our students and the community of Mornington Park Primary School. Our next meeting will be on Monday 3rd March, 2014 at 3.30pm in the conference room.

WEDNESDAY HOT LUNCHES

Next Wednesday 5th March we will be serving Corned Beef

STUDENT SUPERVISION— Students are supervised in the school grounds 15 minutes before and after school. Any students not picked up by 3.35pm will be escorted to the Out of School Hours Care (art room) to be cared for.

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):

Closing Date: You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by 28th February 2014.

HATS

As we are a Sun Smart School hats are compulsory for this term. Students will be asked to play under cover during recess and lunch if they do not have a hat.

CHILDREN AND HOT CARS, NO EXCEPTIONS, NO EXCUSES

On hot days, it is important to remember that children should never be left alone in a car.

The temperature inside a car on hot days begins to rise as soon as the door closes and within minutes the temperature inside can be double the temperature outside. Leaving children in hot cars—even for a moment—can result in injury or death. Young children’s smaller body size and underdeveloped nervous system places them at a much greater risk of life threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks. Victorian legislation makes leaving a child unattended in a car a criminal offence, with penalties ranging from fines of $2165 or three months in prison. If you are travelling with a child in a car and you need to get out, make sure you take your child with you. No exceptions, no excuses. For more information, see: Kidsafe Victoria.

Active After School Care

A.A.S.C. Commenced on Monday 10th February, 2014 and runs on Mondays— Hockey, Wednesdays—Golf & Thursdays—Karate

Please note there will be no A.A.S.C. on TUESDAYS.
PIANO TEACHER—Mary-Anne Peters
Fully Qualified (Dip. Music, Melba Conservatorium.)
Home visits only—local. Many years experience, fun, relaxed lessons, games etc.
AMEB Exams & theory speciality.
$30.00 for 40mins.
$25.00 for 40mins. In Mt. Eliza

### Weekly Attendance

#### Week ending 14.02.2014

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814.97% 110 students attended 100%