UPCOMING EVENTS:

TENNIS TRIALS
TUESDAY 18TH MARCH

HARMONY DAY
WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH

SUMMER LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIPS
THURSDAY 20TH MARCH

AUTUMN FESTIVAL
FRIDAY 21ST MARCH

EXCURSION TO MELBOURNE
WEDNESDAY 26TH MARCH

REGIONAL SWIMMING
THURSDAY 27TH MARCH

PUPIL FREE DAY
TUESDAY 24TH JUNE

13th March, 2014

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Principal's Report

GOOD NEWS STORIES

Our school often features in local newspapers and this week is no exception. On the front page of the Leader two of our students are given praise for their honesty, sportsmanship and integrity. Fantastic Kyron and Jai. We are so very proud of you! In the Mornington News there is a feature about our radio program with comments made by Minister Dixon, so have a look for that too.

ANAPHYLAXIS / ASTHMA

Help us to keep your child safe by completing an anaphylaxis or asthma plan if you know your child suffers from any of these conditions. An anaphylaxis or asthma plan needs to be signed by a doctor.

In order to minimise the risk of children having an anaphylactic shock we encourage you to only send food in lunch boxes that is nut free. This is relatively easy if you just check the labels carefully or ask a shop attendant if you are unsure. Somebody with anaphylaxis is able to have a severe reaction or even death, by simply ingesting a small amount of peanut material that was left on a table and not directly eaten. Even the smallest amount can cause death so please help us to keep the school safe.

We will also support safe eating by monitoring eating times so that your child does not share their food with anybody else.

ATTENDANCE

Did you know that Attendance matters for achievement, and every day counts? If your child misses 3 weeks in a year that equates to 6 months of school by the end of year 6. More importantly, absences can cause disconnection from school and peers. For the child, trying to catch up on missed work can seem so incredibly hard that at times it can cause additional anxiety, stress and sickness which results in further absences. Please make sure that your child attends school every day, except if they are really sick.

If there are any concerns at all with regard to your child’s schooling, please come and talk to the teachers or to Jackie and myself.

STUDENT MANAGEMENT

We have a very effective system in place at school so that parents are always made aware of any concerns regarding unacceptable behaviour. We strive to make the school attractive, supportive and safe for all students. All students are made aware of correct behaviours and are supported to do the right thing at all times, however children being children, there are examples where the management is taken to the next level and a reflection is given out. Usually one reflection is enough to make a child aware that there are consequences for choosing to do the wrong thing. We will send a note home for you to sign and we would appreciate this being returned to the school the following day. We will ring you to remind you because we know what it is like to be busy.

Bev Dadds

Next Assembly : 2.35pm Monday 17th March, 2014
Chaplain’s Chat

Hey everyone,
Hope you are encouraged and being helped by the “Encouragement tips” that I’ve been putting in this space.
This week I’m breaking from these tips as I wanted to share with you a bit about Harmony Day. The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. Harmony Day, 21st March is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the Traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.
There are many ways we can celebrate Harmony Day – through sport, dance, art, film, music, storytelling, cooking and sharing cultural meals. By participating in Harmony Day activities we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and make it a better place.
Harmony Day is an Australian Government programme and coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and has been widely celebrated since 1999. Mornington Park Primary School has celebrated this day over the years and children have loved the activities.
As a school, we will be celebrating on Wednesday 19th March, with some lunchtime activities for the children under cover area / Art room. These activities will include paper chain making and kite making. Parents are welcome to come and help if you have any spare time between 1pm -2pm. Have a great week everyone and….HAPPY HARMONY DAY!!!!
This is not a free dress day! Children are required to wear their school uniform, but may add a splash of orange, for example—orange socks, orange ribbon, orange bracelet etc.
Trish

Miss Kennedy’s Technology Tip! - Online Bullying

What to do if somebody is being mean to you online:
The internet lets us watch videos, play all kinds of games and find out interesting stuff. But sometimes people can be mean on the internet, just like some people are mean in real life.

If someone is being mean to you while you are on the internet or on a mobile phone:
1. Tell one of these people: your mum or dad, your teacher, an aunty, an uncle, a grandparent, your brother, your sister or a friend. Keep telling them until they help.
2. Don't answer any of their mean comments. Save them and show them to a parent or teacher.
3. Get a parent or teacher to help you block them so they can't contact you any more.
4. Report them to the game/video host so they get blocked.
5. Remember it isn't your fault if someone is mean online. Nobody should be bullied.

www.cybersmart.gov.au

Attention Parents/Carers/Guardians,
As we are implementing a new system throughout the school we ask that all permission slips, forms, notices and monies be given to the class teacher.
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

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development – Victoria

For all primary schools

S066-2014 National guidelines for the safe restraint of children travelling in motor vehicles

Main Points

The National Guidelines for the Safe Restraint of Children Travelling in Motor Vehicles have been developed by Neuroscience Research Australia (NeURa) and Kidsafe – The Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia.

Children of different sizes and ages need different types of restraints. The guidelines recommend that children use a booster seat until they are too tall for the booster seat or can achieve good seatbelt fit as assessed by the 5 Step Test.

A good adult seatbelt fit is generally not achieved before children are approximately 145-150 cm tall or 10-12 years of age. The Child Restraint Guidelines also recommend that children under 12 years of age are safest in the rear seat.

The Guidelines include an easy 5 Step Test to assist parents to assess whether a child is ready to use an adult seatbelt. VicRoads recommends parents use the 5 Step Test to ensure their children’s safety at all times.

Can the child sit with their back against the vehicle seat back?

Do the child’s knees bend in front of the edge of the seat?

Does the sash belt sit across the middle of the shoulder?

Is the lap belt sitting low across the hips touching the thighs?

Can the child stay seated like this for the whole trip?

To access the Child Restraint Guidelines, see: www.kidsafe.com.au/crguidelines

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Term 2 Workshops (Mornington)
Qi Gong over 8 Thursdays
Starting May 1st 10am – 11:15am
Reiki 1 & 2 over 4 Mondays
Starting April 28th 10am – 2:30pm
Contact Iesha Delune for more info :-)
Ph: 5975 3413 / 0417 374 007
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP
‘Feelin Groovy’
~ Building Character ~
Emotional Management Skills for Children
Topic: Anger
$50 (1 child) $80 (for 2)

Wed. 16th April 2014
Ages: 5 – 13yrs

Bookings: 0415 813 211
Run by 2 Registered Holistic Counsellors
EASTER RAFFLE

We are now collecting donations for our forthcoming Easter Raffle. All donations of Easter Eggs would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the office. Tickets will be sent home shortly.

WEDNESDAY HOT LUNCHES

Next Wednesday 19th March we will be serving Chicken Risotto or Vegetable Risotto.

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.

VIOLINS FOR SALE

We have a number of pre-loved violins available for sale. Please enquire at the office if you are interested.

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.

HELP WANTED PLEASE

On Wednesdays we provide a healthy hot lunch for students. St Vincent de Paul is generous in their sponsorship - both financially and hands on, however, we desperately need some helpers for 2 hours once a fortnight.

If you can give 2 hours, either 10-12 or 12-2 on a Wednesday, we would appreciate your help.

Please contact either Heather Christie or Russell Ardley in the kitchen.

Thank you, Heather Christie

Active After School Care

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

You’re invited to bring your child to Padua College, Mornington Campus for a guided tour. Tours begin at 9:15am and conclude by 10:30am. Please book by telephoning (03) 5976 0100.

Mornington Campus School Tour Dates*
Tel: 5976 0100

TERM 1
Monday 24 February
Monday 3 March
Monday 17 March
Monday 24 March
Monday 31 March

TERM 2
Wednesday 23 April
Monday 5 May

Enrolments for Year 7 2016 (current Grade 5 students) will take place from Tuesday 11 March – Friday 16 May 2013
For more information, please see the ENROLMENT page on our website: http://www.padua.catholic.edu.au/enrolment.html

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For all schools and principals

S069-2014 Opening of the tenth annual 2014 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

Main Points

The tenth annual Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge (the Challenge) is now open.

The 2014 new look Challenge website is celebrating ten years of the Challenge which promotes the importance of reading among students in Victorian schools and early childhood settings.

In 2014 we once again welcome young children from birth to five years, as well all Victorian students in Years Prep to 10, to discover the magic of books. Families and parents are encouraged to be involved with their children’s reading both in and beyond school.

The 2014 Challenge booklists have been expanded and cater for all interests. Students may also read books in other languages.

This year the Challenge will soon have a dedicated Facebook page with resources for parents, and the Challenge website will be updated with weekly videos to encourage students to stay motivated and read more throughout the Challenge.

On Tuesday 11 March, a poster size countdown calendar will be inserted into the Herald Sun so parents and children can track their reading progress, count down the time left and stay motivated throughout the Challenge.
STUDENT TOTAL ACHIEVEMENT REWARD (Star)

Every year all of the children at Mornington Park are rewarded for achieving realistic and attainable goals that they set in conjunction with their classroom teacher. In order to qualify for the sports shoes from Sportspower, children need to have accomplished their goals which are set for Numeracy, Literacy, Social, Physical (Fitness), School attendance and involvement in a student led interview with the parents. We are so lucky to have this amazing generosity from a local benefactor to support our school. Please speak to your children or classroom teacher about their goals so you can assist at home.
I ❤️ MORNINGTON PARK

Community Celebration Festival
Saturday 23rd March
9am—3pm
Mornington Park Primary School
Robertson Drive, Mornington

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FREE!

BBQ, Face painting, Bike Repairs
Games and Competitions, Music
Want to be involved?
Call Cath 0413 443 534

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Pay It Forward

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LOST PROPERTY

Please name all items of clothing (hats in particular) school bags, drink bottles, lunch boxes etc. All lost property is placed in the wheelie bin in the BER building.

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BOOK CLUB ORDERS

We have a Book Club order without a name, if you have ordered a book and not received it please see Linda Browne or call at the office.
Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it’s important
We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing, and reading.

Getting in early
Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It’s vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do
The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and that they make up schoolwork.

Setting good sleep patterns, eating well, and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It’s vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

“Day off” – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:

• Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what your child needs to do to keep up.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child’s school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx

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