UPCOMING EVENTS:
FREE DRESS DAY
TUESDAY 1ST APRIL

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
EARLY DISMISSAL
FRIDAY 4TH APRIL
2.30PM

SCHOOL RESUMES
TUESDAY
22ND APRIL

ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY
FRIDAY 25TH APRIL

PUPIL FREE DAY
TUESDAY
24TH JUNE

Principal’s Report

Busy Term
It has been a wonderful first term and with all the activities and special events that have taken place it has gone so fast. We are continually giving our students opportunities to shine, be responsible, supportive and represent our school.

Harmony Day celebrations were an example of this positive behavior. Children all had loads of fun making kites together and then flying them around the school. Thank you to Val and Trish for organizing the day and special thanks to our senior students, especially Simone H for her help and patience with the younger children.

Many children in Years 3-6 took part in either cricket or basketball for the Lightning Premiership last week. We were so proud of the effort and the sportsmanship of all the children. Some teams competed extremely well, however everyone really enjoyed the day and gave their personal best. Well done teams and thank you to the staff for your enthusiasm. Special thanks to Jodie Hollands for the organization.

Responsible Student
Thank you to Alison L in Year 3/4 M for alerting the office that nobody was manning the school crossing one morning. Your initiative helped us to rectify the situation by allocating our staff to the job. Potentially this could have saved lives!

We want our students to tell us what they think?
Our school is conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School survey is an annual survey for Years 5 to 12 students offered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students’ perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child’s experience at school.

Students in Year 5 and 6 will participate in this year’s survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period Monday 22 April to Friday 10 May. The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child’s class time.

Tracking absences
Next term if your child has not arrived at school and you have not notified us, we will send you a text message. I encourage everybody to let us know if your child will be absent for safety reasons and also it helps us to be able to support you to get your child to school if we can.

Thank you for your support this term. Have a wonderful break from the usual routine. We look forward to seeing you next term on the 22nd April

Child Safety
It is vitally important to us that the environment is as safe as possible for all children. Thank you to parents and students who support us by highlighting areas that need attention. Your vigilance recently has alerted us to arrange additional playground inspections and action works to lessen risks.

Bev Dadds
Chaplain’s Chat

Hey there everyone,

Hope you are all having a great week. What a wonderful day last Wednesday was as we celebrated Harmony Day. The students had so much fun flying their kites and getting into the spirit of the day. A huge shout out to Val, Russell and some of our gorgeous students who helped set up and taught the other children how to make kites. Also, massive thanks to Paula and Dave who taught the children a beautiful song.

Here are some more parenting tips—hope they are helping.

· **Keep promises.** Stick to agreements. When you follow through on your promises, good or bad, your child learns to trust and respect you. So when you promise to go for a walk after she picks up her toys, make sure you have your walking shoes handy. When you say you will leave the library if she doesn’t stop running around, be prepared to leave straight away. No need to make a fuss about it – the more matter of fact, the better. This helps your child feel more secure, because it creates a consistent and predictable environment.

· **Reduce temptation.** Your glasses look like so much fun to play with or anything else that is “out of bounds” – it’s hard for children to remember not to touch. Reduce the chance for innocent but costly exploration by keeping that stuff out of sight.

· **Choose your battles.** Before you get involved in anything your child is doing – especially to say ‘no’ or ‘stop’ – ask yourself if it really matters. By keeping instructions, requests and negative feedback to a minimum, you create less opportunity for conflict and bad feelings. **Rules** are important, but use them only when it’s really important.

Hope you all have a safe term break and I’ll catch up with you next term,

Trish

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**SUNSMART SCHOOLS PROGRAM**

Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world, so sun protection is an important issue for everyone, especially children and teenagers. Research shows that too much sun exposure in childhood increases the risk of developing skin cancer later in life.

The Minister for Health and the Minister for Education have written to every primary and secondary school in Victoria to invite school councils to talk about how to improve sun protection measures. Mornington Park Primary School will be discussing this at the next school council meeting and is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for children to learn, play and develop.

Results of the 2011 National SunSmart Schools Program Survey highlighted some key successes in Victoria. For example, 99% of primary schools recommend SunSmart hats, significantly more than other states. But there is room to improve our sunscreen use, shade provision and protective uniforms. We can also start sun protection measures earlier in the year. These are some of the areas that our school council will explore.

We ask that parents contribute to the sun protection message at home. Parents can continue to reinforce good sun protective behaviours on the weekend and during school holidays between September to the end of April, when Victoria’s UV levels are typically at three and above (the level when sun protection is needed). Families can download the free SunSmart app [ww.sunsmart.com.au](http://ww.sunsmart.com.au) or check the weather section of your daily newspaper which indicates local sun protection times.

Thank you for your continued support. Together we can play a major role in helping to prevent skin cancer.
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FRIDAY 4TH APRIL AT 2.30PM

WEDNESDAY HOT LUNCHES
Next Wednesday 2nd April we will be serving Roast Beef and vegetables.

Active After School Care
Mondays—Hockey, Wednesdays—Golf & Thursdays—Karate
Please note there is no A.A.S.C. on TUESDAYS.
Forms are available from the office or Russell Ardley at the school.

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
iesha@wholisticvitality.com.au
## Attendance

**Week ending 14.03.2014**
- 102 students attended 100%
- School average 88.48%

**Week ending 21.03.2014**
- 107 students attended 100%
- School average 87.46%

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## Renewing a WWC Check online

As the Working with Children Check Unit continues to move its services online, a new online service for cardholders renewing their WWC Check will be introduced in early April 2014.

Renewing cardholders will no longer need to go to Australia Post with a paper form and their current card. Cardholders renewing an Employee Check will also be able to pay the non-refundable $102.70 fee online using a credit card.

Cardholders should note that a WWC Check is valid for five (5) years. It is important to remember that unless exempt, it is against the law for anyone to do child-related work without a valid WWC Check. Cardholders continuing child-related work should renew their WWC Check before it expires.

The new online renewal service will be available in early April at <www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au>
DO YOU WANT TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED AT SCHOOL?
CAN YOU SPARE A HOUR OR TWO A MONTH?
JOIN A SCHOOL COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE

Sub committees are advisory bodies to the school council and assist council with work that needs to be done. They meet as directed by the council and report, in writing, to the council. As sub committees are open to non-school council members, members of the school community have a chance to get involved in school planning and council matters.

Our Sub Committees
- Facilities and Environment
- Community Connections
- Steiner Education
- Mainstream Education

Meetings are held once a month prior to the School Council meeting. Please see the information attached for dates, times and venues. Contact the office to register your interest. 59 754011

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I______________________________ would like to join a sub committee at Mornington Park Primary School. Please circle the relevant sub committee.

- Facilities and Environment
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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.

Mornington Blue Light Disco
Friday, April 4th 2014
Cruz Club, Grand Hotel Main Street, Mornington

6.00pm—8.00pm

$5.00 entry includes 2 free drinks & entry into the prize draw.
This month it’s a Portable CD Boombox, a Remote Control model Helicopter & a prize for best girl & boy dancer in the
dance competition. No pass-outs.

The disco is supervised by members of Victoria Police with assistance from members of the Mornington C.F.A. & members of the Victoria Police Youth Corps from Mornington & Mount Eliza Secondary Colleges.

Please support us. All monies raised as a result of running the disco are returned to programs involving our local youth.

This is the only Blue Light Disco run by police in the Mornington area and we do not support any similar disco in the area who suggest we do.

Condition of Entry to events run by Victorian Blue Light
You consent to being photographed, filmed or recorded and consent to the use of any such image or recording at the discretion of Blue Light Victoria without compensation or notice. If you do not wish to be photographed, filmed or recorded please notify a police member or volunteer at the earliest convenience.