Welcome Back
What a smooth start we have had to what will be an action packed term. It was lovely to see all of our children back at school, happy, relaxed and ready for the busy time ahead.

Staffing
We have had to make some changes for the rest of the year as Jackie Annable has taken up her position as Principal and settled into Rye Primary School. Kath Lord is now our Acting Assistant Principal, supported by Paula Tuck. Paula is working on a Monday in the office and on Tuesday takes Music for the whole school. Kath is working on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Kath was sharing a class with Jodie Hollands; however, Jodie is now the 3/4 class teacher on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Jaki Phillips releases Jodie on a Wednesday to teach Physical Education. We are very lucky that the transition has been remarkably smooth due to the close teaching teams and shared concern for all children by all teachers.

We are very lucky to have our volunteer, John back for this term. John is around the school, cleaning up the grounds and helping to maintain the school.

Camp
Year 5/6 Mainstream and Steiner students are heading off to Sovereign Hill on Thursday 24th and returning on Saturday 26th July. The return train ride up to Ballarat will be an exciting experience I’m sure. Children have been learning about the Gold Rush Era so this camp with consolidate and extend their learning in this area.

Musical Production
There is a buzz around at the moment as dance sessions, auditions and rehearsals are taking place preparing for the production at the end of term.

MPPS is very excited to be staging a whole school production this term. Rehearsals are well underway and everything is on track for the production, which will be held at the Mornington Secondary College auditorium on Tuesday, September 16.

The Symphony is an original play written by local playwright and musician Paul Dillon. There’s a great storyline, singing, dancing and positive messages throughout. All students are busily learning their songs and dance routines and are sounding and looking fantastic!

More news on ticketing and other updates over the next few weeks.

We have been so lucky obtaining funding from outside sources to pay for the production rights and even luckier that Balnarring Primary School are loaning us their backdrops and costumes. Mornington secondary College are providing the venue for the night so I would like to thank both schools very much for their kindness.

Thank you for your support with the token payment for dance lessons. We have been able to hire a trained teacher and although we are using school funds from the physical Education budget, we are short approximately $10 per student to cover costs. We suggested that payments of $1 per week for the term would be make it easier on families, however, if you would like to pay in full, please do so.

The production and dance lessons are important components of the Physical Education and Creative Arts programs. A chance for all children to learn many new skills and enjoy new experiences!
Staff

Each fortnight we are going to have a spotlight on a staff member. This newsletter it is me!!

I am Bev Dadds and I have been Principal of Mornington Park Primary School for 4 years. I absolutely love my job. I love watching the children engaged in their learning and enjoying all the exciting programs and sessions we offer. The staff are sociable and talented. They make working at Mornington Park a pleasure. Parents are so incredibly supportive and friendly.

I am married with 2 sons. My husband was the Principal of Carrum Downs Primary school before retiring a few years ago. He now works in the disability area and loves it very much. One son has Cerebral Palsy and he is 26 this year. He goes to Blairlogie in Somerville each day to a centre that provides activities to meet his needs. My other son is 24 and just decided he would like to be a teacher, after spending the last 4 years with Thiess, where he was trainee of the year! (I’m bragging). We have a beagle dog called Ruby and she is very mischievous. I claim that she does everything I tell her to do; it’s just that I don’t tell her to do anything! If I do, I say ‘Sit….if you want to!’ and that way she never fails to please.

I love walking, pilates and bootcamp. I also love eating too much. My weakness is coke and hot chips. Maybe that’s why I need to exercise so much? I also love shopping for clothes and quite often find great things at the Op Shop. My husband says that I spend more than I earn. Oh well, at least I’m happy!

Bev

Chaplain’s Chat

Welcome back to Term 3 everyone! Hope you all had a good break with your children and feel ready to tackle the term and all that it will bring (hope only good things!!) You never know what is just around the corner and what is in store for us. In light of the tragedy that unfolded with the Malaysian airline last week, and the innocent lives lost to family and friends, reality hit home, and that I needed to be reminded to be grateful for my family and friends and not to take anyone or anything for granted. I don’t know about you, but when things like this happen, it makes me re-evaluate everything and helps me prioritise my life.

In times like this, I find myself saying “What if?” (and, having just been on a plane, I found myself saying it all the time), but we can’t stay in this place, we have to move on and live for the present, not dwell on the past. The “present” is a gift and we should embrace it, with all it’s ups and downs, it’s joys and sadness, whilst having strategies on how to deal with situations when they arise.

Life can be beautiful, if we dare look for the beauty and goodness around us…the warmth of the sun(??!!), the sound of falling rain, the brightness of a child’s laughter or a loving hug from a friend. We can help ourselves, as our thoughts cause our feelings. So if we choose how we want to think, then we’re the boss of how we feel and what we do.

Have a great week everyone and remember, I am always up for a chat, if you are!!

Trish

It’s an exciting term with our new Dance Program and Athletics coming up. The children were very impressed with Kayla in our dance sessions and it is going to be exciting to see the improvement in both their co ordination and skills throughout the term. I look forward to seeing them on the stage in weeks to come.

Winter is well and truly here and it seems harder to get out and exercise. I have been going for quick walks around the block to keep myself moving and it’s amazing how good it feels. Have a go and see if you can encourage your children to go with you once a day.

I am more than happy to chat with you about other ideas to get fit and keep active. My door is always open.

Happy walking!!

Jodie Hollands

POPCORN

We will be serving popcorn during recess every Thursday

50 cents or $1.00
tiqbiz

Have you signed up for tiqbiz???? This is a free app. Once you have joined you will be able to access relevant information for your class, forms, notices, alerts, calendar and events.

www.tiqbiz.com

WEDNESDAY HOT LUNCHES

$2.00 EACH WEEK OR $20.00 FOR THE WHOLE TERM

Next Wednesday 30th JULY, 2014 we will be serving:

HOT POT PIE

Promotion for Schools
Located at the exit of Masters Home Improvement, Mornington Store is a decorated bin for Mornington Park Primary School. When customers leave the store they can choose a school bin to place their receipt of purchase into.
Masters staff will collect all receipts and total the amount spent in their store for every school bin. According to student enrolments per school Masters will donate goods that will benefit each school.
Look out for our School Bin next time you visit Masters Home Improvements.

COMMUNITY DAY

Sunday 3 August, 10am – 4pm, $10 community day pass

Experience a fun filled day with your family and pampered pooch!
- Meet Dame Lynley Dodd, author and illustrator of Hairy Maclary
- Get dressed up with your pet and enter our Dog Show and Pet Parade – great prizes for all who enter!
- Enjoy a pantomime performance by The Flying Bookworm theatre company
- Other activities include an exhibition treasure hunt, face painting, children’s creative art workshops, story time and petting zoo
- Coffee, food and dog biscuits

Visit our website for book signing with Dame Lynley and pantomime session times www.mprg.mornpen.vic.gov.au
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Exciting happenings at Mornington Park Primary School this term!

Starting 28th July for 7 weeks

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons this term from 3.30pm to 4.30pm we will be running the Active After-school Communities (AASC) program. This Australian Government program is run by the Australian Sports Commission and provides opportunities for primary school children to participate in free sport and other structured physical activity, after school.

This term a diverse and dynamic AASC program has been put together for children to enjoy including Netball, Hockey and Tennis. The activities focus on increasing physical activity and improving skills in a fun, safe and inclusive environment.

To ensure children can take advantage of this excellent opportunity, we encourage parents to allow them to participate for the full hour and to pick them up after the program concludes.

Friday 15 August, 2014
The Educational Skills Testing morning will be held at Padua College, Mornington Campus from 8:30 am until 12:45 pm.

Thursday 27 November, 2014
Year 7 2015 Parent Information Night, will be held at Padua College, Mornington Campus at 7:30pm in the Ursula Frayne Centre.

Tuesday 9 December, 2014
Year 7 2015 Orientation Day will be held at Padua College, Mornington Campus from 8:45 am until 1:40 pm. Students will not be attending Primary School on this day.

All new enrolments to Padua will be informed of these dates shortly. It would be appreciated if these dates could be noted in your school calendar for future reference.

Second Hand Uniform
We have had a number of new families join us recently who may not be aware that, at Mornington Park Primary School, we are very grateful to families who send school uniform to the office that their children no longer need. We have a limited stock of freshly laundered second hand uniforms that we are happy to distribute to families at no cost. Talk to either Val or Jeanette.

Lost Property
Please make sure that you label your child’s uniform so that when they lose it, we can return it. We currently have a black, puffer vest, size 7 in the office that was found outside. It has been washed, but can’t be returned because there isn’t a name on it.

Valerie Coles, Social Worker
WORKING BEE
Mornington Park Needs YOU! to help at a Saturday ‘Working Bee’

The environment our children play in, is in need of a clean and polish!
Please come along for a short (or a longer) time
THIS SATURDAY 26th July from 9.00am.
Please report to the office prior to commencing any works.
Lunch will be provided.

The not-for-profit Mornington Peninsula Athletic Club is hosting the 40th annual Devilbend Fun Run on Sunday 17 August. A variety of events will be held including 5km, 10km and 21km. We’ll even have some sack races for the littlies to make it a great family day.
All profits from the event go toward the development of local athletes.
If we are able to place an ad in your school newsletter, please let me know what file type and size suits best and I’ll arrange it.
Thanks for your support.
Regards
Richard Does
Ph: 0414 341 387

ATTENDANCE
105 STUDENTS ATTENDED
100%
SCHOOL AVERAGE 90.14%
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:

- $200 for prep students (instalment one $140, instalment two $60).
- $150 for students in years 1 – 6 (instalment one $105, instalment two $45).
- $300 for year 7 students (instalment one $210, instalment two $90).
- $250 for students in year 8 – until age 16* (instalment one $175, instalment two $75).

* A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form.

Closing Date: You need to obtain an EMA application form* from the school office and return by 1 August 2014.

* Parents who received the first instalment EMA payment through this school don’t need to lodge another EMA application form to receive the second instalment payment.