VISION: Through a sense of connectedness to peers, teachers and the community, Mornington Park Primary School provides a safe and harmonious learning environment which nurtures the whole child for success in a changing world.

VALUES: Honesty, Perseverance, Cooperation, Kindness, Responsibility.

Principal's Report
Last day of school on 24th June, 2016    Early Dismissal 2.30pm
Assembly 1.30pm

Congratulations
Some of our senior students have been working with Val and Kath to make a short film about healthy ageing, volunteers and the contribution they make to our school. The students have been filming, editing, interviewing and on Monday 20th June, they got to present their production at the Frank Fest short film festival at Frankston. They were very excited to win and received a $200 voucher for their efforts. Well done!

Audit
Congratulations to Jeanette! A couple of weeks ago we had an unexpected visit from the auditors. They were originally due to come at the end of June. While other schools sent them away, Jeanette welcomed them and as you can imagine, everything was in order and they were able to complete the audit under the time allocated. The auditors reported to me that they were most impressed with Jeanette’s organisation and capacity to produce any documents they requested. Well done Jeanette!

New Staff member
Once again we have had an action packed term to reflect on. We had two very special author visits recently. Firstly our resident parent, Patrick Guest, enthralled us with his interactive portrayal of his new book 'The Ricker Racker Club'. To become a member of the club you need to be brave and kind! Rochelle and Luki took up the challenge; Rochelle drank milk and tomato sauce mixed together and Luki ate a brussel sprout! All of the children wanted to be a member to which Patrick replied ‘Everyone at Mornington Park is a member!’ It is a truly beautiful book and a great one to have on home bookshelves.

Our other author this week was Alison Lester. Alison has been an author and illustrator for many years and has written over 25 children’s books. ‘Are we there yet?’ is one of her all time popular books. Fortunately for us, Alison is the sister in law of one of our volunteers so it was a special treat to have Alison visit when she is so busy with deadlines and other commitments. Alison shared with the children her processes and thinking when she writes books. She was marvellous at engaging the children and motivating them to have a go at writing and illustrating.

After school on Tuesday, 21st June, students from 5/6M invited their parents/carers/teachers/guests to watch the Claymation Smokescreen videos they had created. They also put together a powerpoint presentation complete with photographs and then treated everyone, including guests from Mornington Shire Council to a delicious afternoon tea.

Wednesday evening was the Winter Festival Lantern Walk. There was an open fire, a fire ceremony and at the end some yummy homemade soup and bread. The whole school was invited to this event.

To celebrate the musical achievements of all our students, we have had 2 concerts this last week. It was an absolute delight to see the children playing and singing confidently. Very talented students and brilliant instrumental teachers! A huge thank you to Paul, Peter and Sean for your dedication to our children!

Jasmine’s class went to Mock Red Hill, a Bio Dynamic orchard, as part of their studies. Bio-dynamics is an advanced organic farming method based on the research and teachings of Rudolf Steiner. They were able to learn about the process of making apple and pear drinks and how they freeze-dry food to ensure it retains all of its fibre and up to 95% of its nutrients.

We have applied to become a member of the Steiner Education of Australia. This will give us access to all of their ideas and curriculum information which has been audited against the Australian curriculum. Our timing could not have been any better as the CEO Tracey was in Melbourne so she made a visit to our school. Tracey was so impressed with the stream and the school as a whole. Being a member of SEA will actually put our school on the map.

Recently I attended the Mt Martha Rotary Club dinner where I was presented with a cheque for $1000 for our breakfast program. At the same meeting I was approached by members to see if we would like any small projects completed around the school. They are going to repaint decks and build some steps from the Science area to the bat tennis courts.

Earlier in the year, I spoke at a Foundation 59 dinner where I sang the praises of the Musica Viva program they provided for our children last year. Fortunately, they are providing this again for us in Terms 3 and 4. Simon is the professional musician allocated to us. You might remember him playing at our end of year Christmas Concert, where classes sang songs they had composed.

We were successful with our application for a ‘Place Making’ grant. The Shire will be giving us $4000 to provide some renovations to the cricket nets, the long jump pit and for purchasing new goal posts and padding.

The Association of Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Societies (ADFAS) is a group of 35 Societies that offer their members a series of monthly informative and entertaining illustrated lectures plus some workshops covering a broad range of subjects relating to art. Each year they provide some funds to support the ‘Arts.’ I attended their last lecture where I was presented with $850 to purchase a mixer for the music room.