

Class 6 Newsletter



Mornington Park Primary School

“Our highest endeavour must be to develop free human beings who are able of themselves to impart purpose and direction to their lives. The need for imagination, a sense of truth, and a feeling of responsibility—these three forces are the very nerve of education.”

Rudolf Steiner



Ancient India has captured the enthusiasm of the class as our first main lesson for the year. We have been listening to a range of traditional stories, which have been drawn on for many aspects of the literacy program. The Ancient India celebration was a brilliant day with mandalas, rangolis, wax sculptures and a delectable feast!

A highlight of the year so far was our excursion to the Shri Shiva Vishnu Temple, where the children witnessed the reverence in which the deities they have studied are held by the local Hindu community, followed by the exquisite food of a local Indian café.

The homework presentations on an aspect of Ancient India have been highly anticipated and are being presented this week in class. It is very encouraging to see the level of support offered to the children at home and their enthusiasm and engagement in this truly exceptional topic.

We will soon move to our next main lesson: Botany.

Attendance

There is no safe number of days for missing school. Every Day Counts.

Attending school every day sets a child up for life, as it teaches perseverance and responsibility. Children who attend each day are also more connected.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future. We know from research that attendance and outcomes correlate. We cannot teach children who are not at school, so please make sure they attend everyday unless ill.

Similarly, many children are late each day and this causes disruption to teachers and other children in the class. Being late increases anxiety levels and can cause major problems settling in for the day. We ask that your children are at school by 8.50am for **inside** instruction to begin promptly at 9.00am. The morning circle throughout the school is a critical component of the day; being late is very disrespectful to the class and the teacher. We will be monitoring lateness and contacting parents if necessary.

Many thanks for your support with this.

School Uniform

We would appreciate all families having a focus on sending children with correct school uniform please.

- Short and long-sleeved polo shirts should be maroon with a navy collar, gold trim and gold printed logo.
- Makeup and nail polish are not permitted at school. In cases where a student presents with makeup or nail polish, it will be washed off or removed.
- Hair must be of natural colour and kept neat and tidy at all times. *If hair is longer than shoulder length, it should be tied up for safety reasons.*
- Tracksuit pants and long-sleeved tops are not considered appropriate to be worn under summer dresses. Likewise, long sleeved tops are not considered appropriate to be worn under short sleeved polo tops or shirts.
- Leggings are not a substitute for tracksuit pants.

Should you require assistance with school uniform, please contact Val on 59754011. Our uniform shop is open from 2.45pm on a Monday afternoon. Val will follow up if your child is out of uniform.

Important Dates

Important Dates

March

6 th	India Presentation Due
9 th	I Sea, I Care Ambassadors to Sorrento
10 th	District Swimming
13 th	Labour Day
14 th	Curriculum Day
17 th	Stand Up To Bullying Day
20 th -22 nd	5/6 Anglesea Camp
31 st	Last Day of Term (2:15pm finish)

Camp / Excursions

Surf Camp

We are all eagerly anticipating our surf camp at the Anglesea Coastal Forest Lodge, from Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd March. By all accounts, previous surf camps have been a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by children and staff members alike. Highlights of the camp include surfing and kayaking lessons at the Anglesea foreshore, as well as a wide range of activities offered at the camp itself. Please ensure your child's permission and medical forms are returned promptly to enable us to complete cabin and activity groups.