

Mernda Park PS Newsletter

ISSUE #3

Principal's Message

Solving Conflicts

One of the great assets at Mernda Park PS is our dedication to a safe and orderly environment based on caring for each other. Staff are more than happy to discuss any concerns parents may have and we are keen to promote health and wellbeing in students and, in particular, to enable them to act resiliently when faced with challenges and adversity. Whilst we are always happy to give advice it is also important that parents remind students that incidents that happen on weekends between students need to be dealt with away from school so MPPS can continue to be a place of learning for all. Our behaviour management at MPPS is based on the work of Dr Ramon Lewis –

Rights and Responsibilities

Classroom Rights

Students and teachers have the right to do as much work as possible
Students and teachers have the right to feel comfortable and safe in the classroom

Yard Rights

Students and teachers have the right to feel comfortable and safe in the yard

Two Kinds of Responsibility

Personal responsibility (I do the right thing)

Communal responsibility (I encourage others to do the right thing)

These rights and responsibilities coupled with our **CARE** values will help students continue to be kind and responsible members of the school and wider community.

Punctuality

How does being late for school impact on your child's learning?

5 minutes per day is

25 minutes per week

17 hours per year

221 hours per school life!

Doesn't sound much but then there are the other impacts. Good punctuality is essential for all children if they are to achieve their full potential academically and develop employment and life skills.

Lateness has a negative impact on the child, his or her classmates and teachers. Children arriving late to class often miss important learning opportunities as well as messages and information.

Students who arrive late are likely to miss the teacher's introduction when the aims of the lesson and learning objectives are explained and task instructions given. This hinders the child's understanding of the lesson and affects progress. In all cases, a child arriving late interrupts the lesson, disrupting teaching and learning for all. At MPPS each morning at 8.42am music plays over the loudspeakers. This is everyone's cue to make their way to their Learning Community. When the music is finished at 8.45am students should be inside and ready for learning time not walking through the school gate. Children's class time at school is precious, so I urge you all to support our efforts to maintain punctuality at our school and to make learning the focus of all that we do at MPPS.

Important Dates

Term 1

Tuesday 28th March
Special Lunch day

Friday 31st March

Final assembly, Easter Raffle draw.

Last day of Term 1.

Students dismissed at 2:15pm.

Term 2

Tuesday 18th April

Term 2 commences.

Wednesday 19th April

School Tour 2018 Enrolments at 5:30pm.

Tuesday 25th April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday.

Monday 1st May

School Photos

Friday 30th June

Last day of Term 2.



FRIDAY 31ST MARCH LAST DAY TERM 1 2:15PM DISMISSAL

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Student of the Week

Focus — Kindness

Term 1 week 7 & 8

Yan Yean LC / 3-6

Jade Z

Ida R

Simon LC / 1-2

Nathan J

Mahad M

Plenty LC / Preps

Jaidyn D

Hasana S

Hannah T

Hunter T

Visual Arts

Chevelle K

Physical Education

Claire T

Louie S

Performing Arts

Stephanie R

Livinia R

Environmental Award

Luka S

Gabriel P

Assistant Principal's Award

Inara V

Matilda S

Principal's Award

Zoneeta H

Zarah B



From the Office

The school office will be open from 8.30am—4.00 pm, please don't hesitate to call in if you have any questions. The phone number is 8776 9700.

Parents & Friends Association

If you are interested in joining the Parents & Friends Association there will be an informal gathering on Tuesday 28th March from 8:45am in the Resource Room.

Easter Raffle

A big thank you to Penny and Judy for arranging our Easter Raffle. All proceeds will go towards our Resource Room.

Donations and raffle tickets can be taken to the office or Learning Communities. The raffle will be drawn at a special assembly on Friday 31st March at 2pm.

School Photos

School photos will be on Monday 1st May. Full school uniform, as always, is required.



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School Banking

The Back to School Colouring Competition closes on Friday 24th March. Students can hand their completed colouring sheets to their teachers or to the office.

School banking will be offered to students from term 2 through Bendigo Bank in Doreen. Application forms are available to download from our website.

CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund)

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. Application forms are available from the school website www.merndaparkps.vic.edu.au

Material Charges

Material charges are due by the end of term 1. Payment can be made either in person at the front office or by phone or alternatively on Compass, we accept Eftpos, Visa, and MasterCard. If you are having difficulty with payment please contact Finoula in the office.

Canteen News

Special Lunch Day Tuesday 28th March

A reminder on Tuesday 28th March MPPS is having a Special Lunch Day where families can place orders from a special lunch menu. All orders on this day will go into a draw for two lucky families to win a \$10 online canteen voucher kindly provided by Our Online Canteen. Students will also have the chance to win a prize on the day. To place an order follow the link to Our Online Canteen www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au and log in or register to select from the Special Lunch Day menu by 10am Monday 27th March. **Regular menu not available on this day.**

Pack 1

Hot Dog

Fruit Juice

Chocolate egg **\$6.00**



Pack 3

Veggie Burger (with lettuce & mayo)

Fruit Juice

Chocolate egg **\$6.00**



Pack 2

Chicken Burger (with lettuce & mayo)

Fruit Juice

Chocolate egg **\$6.00**



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What's been happening...

Soccer Report

On a beautiful Friday morning Mernda Central Park played soccer at the Marymeade home ground. Our team has been struggling all season and have been unable to win a game. In the first half Marymeade scored four quick goals, then our defence picked up and they were only able to score 1 more goal for the rest of the game. The final score was 5-0.

Although our results this year have been disappointing we have really enjoyed being welcomed as part of the Mernda Central team and we are still hopeful we can have our first win in the last match of the season this Friday.



Cricket Report



Last Friday we had a really good game, we played cricket against Marymeade. Before the game started Marymeade gave a speech welcoming us to their school, and that they hoped we would all have fun playing. We thanked them for their speech and then the game began. Marymeade played an amazing game of cricket and beat Mernda Central Park convincingly. The final scores were 123 to 50. We were a little disappointed as we had a chance to make finals if we won that game. However we did our best on the day and we definitely had fun playing. Next week is our last game and we are looking forward to it.

Net Set Go! Report

This week in NetSetGO students have been learning passing skills.

I like Net Set Go because it is always fun to play. Net Set Go is fun because it's not how you win it's how you have fun. There are seven positions in Netball. GK,GA,GS,GD,WA,WD,C
By Pritika and Grace



Net Set Go is about having fun.
By Ashton

I like Net Set Go because
you learn while you play.
By Ida



Net Set Go was fun because I liked learning the shoulder pass and how to shoot into the net with the ball. I liked netball because I defend my teams goal and I was GK and stopped about 4 goals.
By Manjir

My favourite thing about netball was the game because it was a fun game. I liked that we learnt how to play netball properly. I loved learning how to shoot the ball in the hoop. Net Set Go had been really good I hope we do it again. Thank you Briony I had lots and lots of fun playing netball.
By Sean Reid