

Mernda Park PS Newsletter

ISSUE #6

Principal's Message

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Mernda Park Primary School is excited to be participating. The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by the 8th of September 2017.

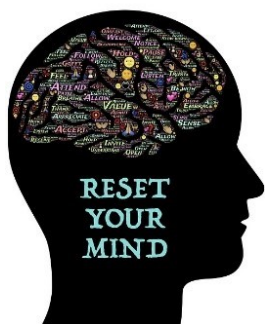
Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books. All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child's name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the form that will be handed out by teachers and return it to your school.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Danielle Green our local state member will be visiting MPPS on Tuesday 23rd May to help promote a love of reading to students and to encourage students to participate in the challenge.

Education Week



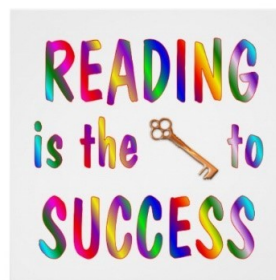
A quality education is one of the greatest gifts we can give future generations. The theme of this year's Education Week is "Healthy Mind, Healthy Body!" As we pride ourselves on being a *kind and mindful school where creativity meets technology* this theme resonates beautifully with our school culture. Education Week is an opportunity for all primary and secondary schools and early childhood services to showcase the work they are doing for students to help ensure healthy minds and bodies. The week beginning May 22nd aims to profile and celebrate everything from sport, dance, mentoring, yoga,

meditation, reading, and art, to camps, excursions, breakfast clubs, healthy canteen menus, stress management and resilience; and more.

OPEN MORNING AT MERNDA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Wednesday 24th May Mernda Park Primary School invites our school community to attend an Open Morning from 9.45am – 10.45am and then to enjoy a delicious morning tea with our staff. Families will have the opportunity to explore our school and appreciate the great teaching and learning as you see our Learning Communities in action.

Another highlight of Education Week will be our Sporting Schools Soccer Program run by Melbourne City Soccer Club which all of our students will have the opportunity to participate in.



Important Dates

Term 2

Education Week

21st-27th May

Wednesday 24th May

- Melbourne City Soccer Clinic
- **Open Morning 9:45am**
- Morning Tea 10:45am

Monday 5th June

Whole School excursion to CERES

Tuesday 20th June

School Tour 5pm

Friday 30th June

Last day of Term 2

Term 3

Monday 17th July

Term 3 commences

Friday 22nd Sept

Last day of Term 3

Term 4

Monday 9th October

Term 4 commences

Friday 22nd Dec

Last day of Term 4





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Uniform

Thank you to all our families who are ensuring students are appropriately dressed in the correct MPPS uniform every day. The MPPS uniform is compulsory and must be worn according to our school council approved uniform list. As the cold weather continues it is important for all of our students to stay warm. Rather than adding leggings or stockings to the summer dress girls need to be dressed in the approved school long pants and long sleeve polo. The winning design of our new winter tunic as voted for by our community is on show in the office area. The tunic will be available later this term and can be worn with navy tights and the long sleeved school polo top. The addition of the tunic will provide another option for students but the current popular choice of pants and the long sleeve polo top is still a great option.

Carome Homestead Art Project

We are still collecting bottle tops for our Carome Homestead Art Project.

Responsible Pet Ownership

Students enjoyed a lovely morning meeting Pepper the Border Collie and taking part in the Responsible Pet Ownership Program.



Student of the Week

Focus — Collaboration

Term 2 week 3 & 4

Yan Yean LC

Nickola J

Fateme J

Simon LC / 1-2

Sibella F

Plenty LC / Preps

Claudia J

Ruby C

Siena S

Chloe H

Visual Arts

Liam S

Physical Education

Brayden V

Bailey F

Performing Arts

Brock F

Environmental Award

Oscar A

Helena H

Assistant Principal's Award

Stella J

Jaxon B

Principal's Award

Hong Y

Jackson P



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From the Office

Material Charges

Material charges are now overdue, payment can be made on Compass, at the office or by phone. We accept Eftpos, Visa, and MasterCard. If you are having difficulty with payment please contact Finoula in the office to arrange a payment plan.

School Banking

Bendigo Bank School banking will be collected every Thursday from your child's Learning Community. Account opening forms are available on our website.

Bendigo Bank Colouring Competition

Congratulations to Courtney B, Paul M and Clare T on winning the Bendigo Bank Colouring Competition.

School Excursions

Payment and consent for the CERES Excursion are due by Thursday June 1st. Payments and consent are completed through Compass. Please come and see us if you are having any difficulty in using Compass. Families who are eligible for CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursion Funds), only need to submit their approval on Compass the payment will be deducted from their child's CSEF.

CSEF/State School Relief Package

Health Care Card holders are now able to apply for CSEF, this will give their student \$125 to use towards Camps/Sports and Excursions. Families of prep students eligible for CSEF can also access the State School Relief Package which includes uniform items for prep students.

2018 Enrolments

Enrolments are now open for 2018. Please contact our office staff for enrolment forms.

PFA News

Mothers' Day

The Mother's Day Stall and Raffle were a great success. Together we raised a total of \$483.15 for our Resource Room. Congratulations to the winners of the Mothers' Day Raffle and a big thank-you to the local businesses who donated prizes.



Incandescent Candles
Danielle Murdoch

Soultide
Fiona Volz

Cleantha Pereira

Milisa Walkley

Riverdale General Store

Janice Gibbs

Alica Frigo

PFA Meeting

The next PFA Meeting will be held on Friday 19th May at 8.45am in the conference room, everyone is welcome, your input and ideas would be valued and appreciated.