



# Mernda Park PS Newsletter

ISSUE #8

## Principal's Message

### Reporting at MPPS

Teachers are currently preparing student reports to provide feedback to families about their child's learning during semester one. We are planning to have these reports available on COMPASS from Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of June. Our three way conferences are then planned to take place on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of June. COMPASS alerts will be sent out to remind parents of these dates. To formulate our reports we are utilising the Victorian Curriculum F-10, which is structured as a learning continuum that enables our teachers and students to set goals and report on outcomes achieved. At Mernda Park PS we work in Learning Communities where the responsibilities of learning are shared between all students and staff.

#### Achievement

Your child's academic progress in each learning area is being assessed against the expected Victorian Curriculum level. This includes a yellow band to indicate the expected level at this time of year. Some prep students may not be on the continuum yet. Not all students will be expected to achieve the same level of attainment in all curriculum areas. Student's levels of achievement can also vary within curriculum areas, especially in the early stages of learning. For example, some students progress more quickly in learning oral language than print language in English. The idea of the three way conference is to further explain this and further explain each child's level of achievement. P – 6 students will receive a report on English, Mathematics, Personal and Social Capabilities, Physical Education and the Arts with 3 – 6 students also receiving a report on Science and Ethical Capability.

#### Work Habits

Your child's attitude and behaviour in each learning area will be assessed against the school's attributes and values of **CARE** -

- C**ollaboration - Working together
- A**chievement - Doing our absolute best
- R**esponsibility - Choosing right, doing right
- E**mpathy - Being kind, considerate and helpful.

### Excursions

Mernda Park Primary in partnership with CERES is becoming an environmentally sustainable school. Our whole school excursion to CERES was full of fantastic and engaging activity with students and staff having a wonderful day out together. The students had the opportunity to make recycled paper, meander along Merri Creek to observe the effects of pollution, sort rubbish and learn about the role of worms in making compost. Our next excursion is a day camp on, the 12<sup>th</sup> of September, at the YMCA Manyung Recreation Camp in Mt Eliza. This will be a whole school, long day excursion that students from all Learning Communities will attend. This day camp is aimed at providing fun adventure activities with a taste of camp life as well as consolidating our culture of caring about each other and continuing to build a strong MPPS community.

### School Council

At our last school council meeting our draft standing orders were presented. The council is still working through the draft but the process for agenda items was agreed. All agenda items must be emailed to the school by 10am on the Friday preceding our Monday meeting. This means if parents would like an item included on the agenda you need to contact a representative on council with enough time to ensure the councillor can have the item emailed to the school for possible inclusion. If the item is a school council matter it will be put on the agenda but if school council is not the appropriate forum for discussion the parent wanting the item discussed will then be contacted and redirected to the appropriate forum to discuss the item. As presented through last fortnight's newsletter our school council is made up of Victoria Judd (PLC and SLC), Kaushalya Arnott (PLC and YYLC) and Kathy Duffield (PLC) as parent members, Geny Davis General Manager of Children's Services YMCA as our community member and Caroline Van Oorschot and I as Department members. Contact details for each member is available from the office. Our next school council meeting will be held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> of July at 2.15pm.

## Important Dates

### Term 2

**Friday 16th June**

PFA Meeting 8:45am

**Tuesday 20th June**

School Tour 5pm

**Wednesday 28th June**

Crazy Hair &

Special Lunch Day

**Friday 30th June**

Last day of Term 2

### Term 3

**Monday 17th July**

Term 3 commences

**Monday 31st July**

School Council Meeting  
2:15pm

**Tuesday 12th Sept**

YMCA Whole School  
Day Camp to Mt Eliza

**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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## Student of the Week

### Focus — Collaboration

Term 2 week 7 & 8

#### Yan Yean LC

Nicholas C

Manjir K

#### Simon LC / 1-2

Amelie A

Joshua B

#### Plenty LC / Preps

Ruhaniat K

Eliana G

Oscar A

Ruby C

#### Visual Arts

Mahad M

#### Physical Education

Xavier T

Nickola J

#### Performing Arts

Manjir K

#### Environmental Award

Ethan B

Christos P

#### Assistant Principal's Award

Chase L D

Jaidyn D

#### Principal's Award

Amanda M

Kyle M

## Inter-School Sports Report

On a rainy Friday morning we played our second last game of football for the season. We played against Harvest Home Primary, they are a new school just like us. During the fourth quarter, I marked my first ball playing football, I felt amazed with myself. I was going to try to kick a goal but everyone was pressuring me and I chose to kick to one of our players instead. Then we got a goal. It was a great result.

By Nickola

I got the football and I booted it towards our goal end, then one of my teammates kicked a goal. We are very proud of Luka from MPPS who kicked a goal. During the fourth quarter Harvest Home still had zero points and Mernda Park Central were 65. At the very last minute we helped Harvest Home get a goal because we wanted them to get on the scoreboard. It was a great game and we felt happy we won.

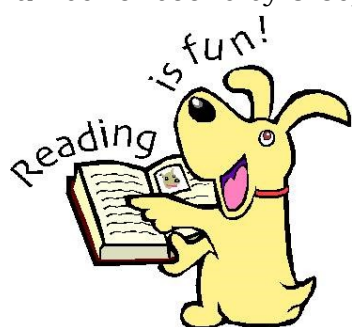
By Xavier



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## 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 8 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.

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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc) Please see Rachel in the office for assistance if required.



## Canteen

### Special Lunch Day

On Wednesday 28th June MPPS is having another Special Lunch Day where families can place orders from a special lunch menu. All students who place an order will 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](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au) and log in or register to select from the Special Lunch Day menu by Monday 26th June.

**Regular menu not available on this day.**

### Menu changes

Please be advised that Icy Poles, Ice Cream and Frozen Fruit Cups will not be sold for the remainder of term 2 and term 3. These items will be sold only in Terms 1 and 4. Also, Quench drinks are no longer available to purchase from the menu. The canteen continues to offer a choice of water, fruit juice or flavoured milk. Fruit kebabs and carrot & cucumber sticks are now available from the canteen. Follow the link here for the updated canteen menu [http://www.merndaparkps.vic.edu.au/uploads/9/6/6/5/96659684/canteen\\_-\\_menu.pdf](http://www.merndaparkps.vic.edu.au/uploads/9/6/6/5/96659684/canteen_-_menu.pdf)

<u>Pack 1</u>	\$6.00	<u>Pack 3</u>	\$6.00
Sweet Chilli wrap (chicken strip w lettuce & mayo)		Chicken Noodles	
Fruit Drink		Fruit Drink	
Mini Muffin		Mini Muffin	

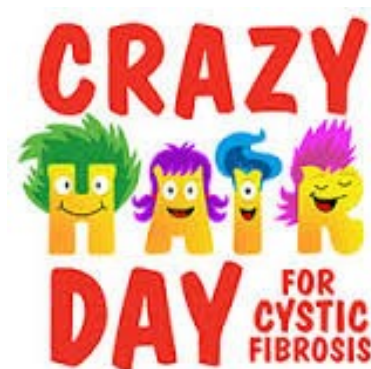
<u>Pack 2</u>	\$6.00
Beef Burger Pack (Beef pattie w lettuce & sauce)	
Fruit Drink	
Mini Muffin	



## Crazy Hair Day

On Wednesday 28th June students will also be able to come to school with crazy hair for a gold coin donation.

Get creative with coloured hair spray, gel, or groovy hairstyles. All money raised will be donated to Cystic Fibrosis.







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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.

### Student Pick up

A number of students have been collected late from school recently. Please note that our teachers are only yard duty after school until 3:30pm. Students can become distressed if their parents are not here in time for school pick up. Please inform the office if you are running late. If your child is unable to be collected before 3:30pm you can book them into after school care in the YMCA Children's Program.

### YMCA Children's Programs

Out of School Hours Care is available to Mernda Park PS families through YMCA Children's Programs. Information on how to register is available on our website at <http://www.merndaparkps.vic.edu.au/out-of-school-hours-care.html>



### 2018 Enrolments

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

### Woolworths

A big thank you to Woolworths Mernda Village for their ongoing support in our local community.



### School Tour—Full

Our School Tour on Tuesday 20th June is now **FULL**. A new date will be advised soon for term 3.

### Compass Photos

Compass photos are currently at print stage. We are awaiting confirmation on the expected delivery of photo orders.

## Students having fun at Ceres

