

Mernda Park PS Newsletter

ISSUE #9

Principal's Message

New School Council Fundraising Subcommittee

Firstly a huge thank you to all Parents and Friends Association (PFA) members for the great work you have all done so far this year especially the Mothers' Day raffle and stall. As school council continues to work on our draft standing orders it has been decided that the current PFA will now become a fundraising subcommittee of school council following the guidelines set by the department -

Subcommittees must consist of -

- at least 1 member of the school council
- 3 members overall
- meet as directed by the school council
- report in writing to school council.

This means for the remainder of 2017 Finoula will chair the meetings and she will ask for assistance as required, eg. minute-taking. Our school council member Kaushalya Arnott, will then be responsible for reporting back to school council. Wednesday's crazy hair day was a huge success so hopefully as the year continues our planned Fathers' Day stall, footy dress up day (**Go Pies**) and Scholastic Bookclub will provide fun for our all at MPPS and some great fundraising opportunities. It was wonderful to see so many parents at our last fundraising meeting, including three new members, where the following fundraising ideas for the future were suggested -

- Art Exhibition Night
- Bunnings/Woolworths Sausage Sizzles
- Free Dress Days with a gold coin donation
- Trivia Night, a night for parents to come along and meet each other, have some fun and raise some money for the school
- Book Swaps, families send in unwanted books and children can buy someone else's unwanted book.

Doreen Scouts

Malcom and Sharon from Doreen 1st Scouts visited during assembly on Monday to share all the exciting things children can do and achieve in scouting. If you would like more information or are interested in joining contact Malcom via <https://www.facebook.com/DoreenScoutGroup/>



Staff Changes

As the enrolment numbers in Simon Learning Community continue to grow staffing changes have become necessary. Amanda Thom will now join Rhece Hopkins as a regular SLC teacher. We have advertised for a new teacher to take over the specialist roles at MPPS with the aim of interviewing over the holidays and employing a new teacher to start in term 3. In term 3 we will also be implementing a dance program called Footsteps, Educating Through Movement and hopefully an AFL footy program for all students across the school. The YMCA health and fitness program for some YYLC students will also continue throughout term 3.

Happy Holidays

On behalf of the MPPS staff I would like to wish all families a safe, relaxing and fun school holidays. We look forward to seeing you all at the start of term 3 on Monday 17th July. As learning time starts at 8.45am please make sure all students are at school by 8.40am.

Important Dates

Term 2

Friday 30th June

Last day of Term 2
Students dismissed at 2:15pm

Term 3

Monday 17th July

Term 3 commences

Friday 21st July

Fundraising Committee meeting 8.45am

Monday 31st July

School Council Meeting 2:15pm

Tuesday 12th Sept

YMCA Whole School Day Camp to Mt Eliza

Friday 22nd Sept

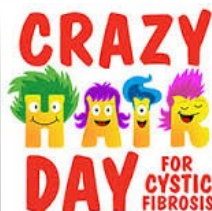
Last day of Term 3

Term 4

Monday 9th October

Term 4 commences

Friday 22nd Dec



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Student of the Week

Focus — Collaboration

Term 2 week 9 & 10

Yan Yean LC

Kyle M

Simon LC / 1-2

Bethany Y

Plenty LC / Preps

Taylah S

Inara V

Visual Arts

Bethany Y

Physical Education

Nicolas C

Environmental Award

Chase L

Assistant Principal's Award

Ben L

Principal's Award

Samanvita S

John J

Amelia S

Hugo A

Myla E

Helena H

Joel A

Maisen B

Jessica C

Manjir K



Inter-School Sports Report

It was the last game of the football season and we were playing St Joseph's. We had lost against them the last time we had played them. In the first half we were winning, it was a great start. I got a touch of the ball during the first quarter, I was very happy. There will be no interschool sports during term 3 but there will be a Hooptime competition for grades 3 – 6.
By Clare Tuttleby

At the end of the third quarter both teams were tied, it was a nail biter of a game. Then during the fourth quarter as they attempted to kick a goal I intercepted the ball and kicked it away. Then the siren went and they had a free kick at their goal end. My teammate Adrian got on my shoulders and then slapped the ball as it went by and they only scored a point. We ran off the field screaming because we had just beaten an undefeated side. The score was 34 to 28. We have had a great season of football.

By Kyle Mann

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 an 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. Please see Rachel in the office for assistance if required.





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From the Office

FREE TICKETS COLLINGWOOD Vs ADELAIDE

Mernda Park Primary School has been given 40 free tickets to the Collingwood Vs Adelaide game at the MCG on Sunday the 30th July at 3.20pm. To be eligible for tickets email

mernda.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au. First in Best Dressed.



Canteen

Special Lunch Day

Congratulations to the following students who won prizes in the Special Lunch Day Draw.

PLC	Roy Y
SLC	Matilda S
YLC	Madison V
Y56	Kyle M

and the
WINNERS ARE...



From term 3 the canteen **will not** be open on Wednesdays for lunch orders or over the counter sales.

Follow the link here for the updated canteen menu http://www.merndaparkps.vic.edu.au/uploads/9/6/6/5/96659684/canteen_-_menu.pdf

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.

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.

School Tour

Our next School tour will be held on Thursday 10th August at 4pm for families interested in enrolling for 2018. RSVP to confirm your attendance to mernda.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Crazy Hair Day

On Wednesday 28th June students came to school with crazy hair for a great cause. Together we raised \$110.00 for Cystic Fibrosis Victoria.

