



Mernda Park PS Newsletter

ISSUE #10

Principal's Message

Parent Opinion Survey

The Parent Opinion Survey is completed annually by the Department of Education and Training and is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at every school in Victoria. This year, about 30 percent of our MPPS parents will be invited to participate. All responses to the survey are anonymous. **The survey list of parents is randomly generated by our Department CASES computer program and you will be notified via email if you are required to participate.** Your completion of the survey is vital for us, especially as a new school, to gain an understanding of how you view our school climate, student engagement and relationships. Our school will use the results, along with the Grade 4-6 Attitudes to School and Staff Opinion Survey to inform school planning and improvement strategies. The survey will be completed online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd and only takes 15 minutes to complete. It can be accessed from Monday 7th August to Sunday 27th August. The survey is available in English, Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha) and Hindu. If you receive a survey it would be greatly appreciated if it is completed.

Illnesses

Over the first week of this term numerous students have been unwell with colds, throat/chest infections, the flu, gastro and other issues. It is important that children who are unwell remain at home to prevent the spread of illness. Children who are unwell cannot function effectively at school and should remain at home until they are well enough to return to school. Special thanks to the parents who notify the school via Compass to inform us of reasons for absences.

Late Arrivals

Parents please ensure students arrive at school between 8.30am and 8:40am every day so that learning time can begin promptly at 8.45am. It is imperative students arrive on time to ensure they optimise learning time and so that late arrivals do not create disruptions to Learning Community programs and the learning of other students. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Staffing

Welcome to Christine Antoniou who has been appointed as our new Visual Arts and Physical Education teacher. Due to our increasing enrolments in the 1 / 2 Simon learning Community Amanda Thom has now joined Rhece Hopkins as one of the Simon LC teachers.

Camp Manyung Day Camp

We have a whole school excursion planned for Tuesday 12th of September. Students and staff will travel by bus to Mt Eliza and then spend the day taking part in a range of age appropriate camp activities including: Tree Rolling, Camp Games, Bush cooking, Flying Fox, Tree Climbing and Low Ropes Course. Located just under an hour from Melbourne's CBD on the Mornington Peninsula, historical Camp Manyung overlooks the beautiful Port Phillip Bay and has long been one of Victoria's finest camp destinations. Camp Manyung has amazing facilities and an environment that encourages everyone to experience personal growth, gain a greater appreciation of the unique natural surroundings and develop a stronger sense of team.

Students are required to bring recess food and snacks. Lunch and fruit for afternoon tea will be provided by Camp Manyung and is included in the excursion price. This excursion is a compulsory and very important extension of our school curriculum and all students are expected to attend. Payment and permission must be completed on Compass by Monday 4th September.

Bus Departs School at 7.30 am

Bus Returns to school at 5.00 pm

******PLEASE NOTE THE EARLY DEPARTURE TIME AND LATE RETURN TIME******

Important Dates

Term 3

Monday 17th July

Term 3 commences

Monday 31st July

School Council Meeting
2:15pm

Friday 18th August

Fundraising Committee
Meeting 8:30am

Thursday 31st August

Fathers' Day Stall

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 — Achievement

Term 3 week 1 & 2



Yan Yean LC

Madison V

Simon LC / 1-2

Armani T

Plenty LC / Preps

Rocco C

Ashleigh V

Visual Arts

Liam S

Physical Education

Cooper C

Environmental Award

Grace J

Assistant Principal's Award

Kiahna M

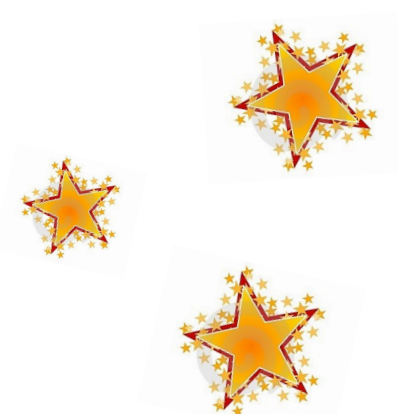
Principal's Award

Xavier T



Performing Arts

Lucas G



Woolworths Earn & Learn

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all

we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths. From Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and once it is completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies.



We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we would like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Fathers' Day

Students will have an opportunity to purchase gifts at our Fathers' Day stall coming up in the next few weeks. We are also running a Fathers' Day raffle and would appreciate the support of any local businesses and our families who would be happy to donate a prize. Any support would be greatly appreciated and will be acknowledged in our newsletter and on our website.





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Northern Dental Design

During term 3 Dr Mohamad & Dr Zina from Northern Dental Design in Epping are kindly donating Smiggle vouchers valued at \$20 for students who bring healthy nude food lunches to school. Each week a student will be selected, awarded their voucher at assembly and featured on our website.



From the Office

FREE TICKETS COLLINGWOOD Vs ADELAIDE



Tickets are now available to collect from the office for the Collingwood Vs Adelaide game at the MCG on Sunday the 30th July at 3.20pm. A limited number of tickets are still available if you are interested, contact the office to collect by Friday 28th July.

Canteen

The canteen is **no longer** 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. Visit our website at <http://www.merndaparkps.vic.edu.au/> and RSVP to confirm your attendance.

Facebook



As our school can now be contacted via telephone and our school email, the Facebook messages feature will soon be disabled. The school office is open from 8:30am—4pm weekdays. Please do not hesitate to contact us by phone 8776 9700 or email

mernda.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

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.

