

# Mernda Park PS Newsletter

ISSUE #10

## Principal's Message

### Year 7 Student Placement 2018

Parents of our Year 6 students should have received a letter confirming their Year 7 secondary school placement offers for 2018. Secondary school offers are based on the information that parents provided on their child's enrolment forms. Please read this letter carefully and keep it for further reference. The secondary school you are offered for your child may contact you after this date. Please contact me at the school if you have any further questions or queries.

### School Council Update

For your interest our last school council meeting was held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> of July and the following main items were discussed and approved –

- School Council Standing Orders
- Sponsorship, donations and advertising
- Staff Leave Policy
- Safe Cash Handling Policy
- Budget updates and changes
- Upcoming school events - sports dress up day (gold coin donation), fathers' day raffle, stall and breakfast, Footsteps Dance presentation and student disco (\$5 per family)
- Student free days Monday November 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Over the next few weeks we would like to put a photo of and information about our school council representatives in the newsletter, so it is easier for parents to put a name to each face. This week I would like to introduce you to Kathy Duffield. Kathy has two sons Jaidyn who is currently in Plenty LC and Logan who is in kindergarten. Kathy is our school council president and she has lived in Mernda for many years.

"I have elected to be part of school council as being a part of the community and living in the area for 9 years I have a strong sense of responsibility and understanding of the area.

As Mernda Park Primary school is a new school I feel privileged and honoured to working and being part of an outstanding school where I can contribute to the school council with fairness and equality and provide suggestions/feedback and ideas to help further enhance the schools position, and hope to have an uplifting and longstanding relationship with the school. I would like to continue to help other members of our learning communities with anything that I can and help the school achieve its goals and help all our children learn and develop at the best of their ability. The reasons why I like Mernda Park Primary school is the diversity and the inclusiveness of this school. The professionalism and care that the all staff show are outstanding and all staff are approachable at all levels.

The care and approach towards our children is always at the highest level and the interaction and updates on Facebook and compass are very pleasing to see. I feel very much part of the Mernda Park Community which is a testament to all staff and parents. I see Mernda Park Primary working not as individuals but as a team and that makes a huge difference to the ambience and feel of the school."

*Kathy Duffield*

## Important Dates

### Term 3

**Friday 18th August**  
Fundraising Committee Meeting 8:30am

**Monday 21st August**  
School Council 2:15pm

**23rd to 25th August**  
Scholastic Book Fair

**Thursday 24th August**  
Story Telling Open Morning

**Thursday 31st August**

- Whole School Book Parade

- Fathers' Day Stall

**Friday 1st September**  
Fathers' Day Breakfast

**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 3 & 4

#### Yan Yean LC

Levi-Carter S

#### Simon LC / 1-2

Alveera S

#### Plenty LC / Preps

Dilsher K

Hasana S

#### Visual Arts

Sarah W

Manjir K

Nishita W

Zachary L

Hannah T

#### Performing Arts

Amelia S

Anishreet K

#### Physical Education

Nathan J

#### Environmental Award

Ruby M

#### Assistant Principal's Award

Roy Y

#### Principal's Award

Joel A

Paul M

Jacob K

Gabriel P

## 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 through a raffle ballot, awarded their voucher at assembly and featured on our website.

Congratulations to Isaac and Hugo for always bringing a healthy nude food lunch box to school!

## National Tree Day Drawing Competition

Bridget Salvo who works with the Mernda Rail Extension Project, along with Danielle Green our local state member, presented our students with drawing competition prizes. Congratulations to Hugo (PLC), Amelie (SLC) and Hannah (YYLC) who have each won two tickets for close up encounters with animals at the Melbourne Zoo. Well done to all!

## Officemax Colouring Competition

Congratulations to our Plenty LC student Siena for winning the Office Max colouring in competition. Siena was one of four winners statewide. Thanks to Office Max for Siena's prize and also for the fantastic prize for the school.



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## Book Week and Literacy & Numeracy Week



There will be lots of exciting things happening at MPPS during Book Week and Literacy & Numeracy Week.

### Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair will run from **Wednesday 23rd to Friday 25th August**. The Book Fair will be open each day for our school community to purchase books before school from 8.20-8.45am and after school 3.15-4.00pm in the resource room.

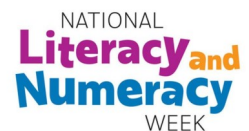


## Story Telling Open Morning

Parents are welcome to join us on **Thursday 24th August 9.00-10.00am** for our Story Telling Open Morning.

## Whole School Book Parade

Students are encouraged to get creative and come to school dressed up as his/her favourite book character on **Thursday 31st August**. Parents are welcome to attend from **9.00 to 9.30am** in the Community Hub.



## Fathers' Day

Our Fathers' Day stall will be held on **Thursday 31st August**. Students will have the opportunity to purchase up to two gifts each ranging from \$1-\$5.00 per gift. We are also running a Fathers' Day raffle and would appreciate the support of any local businesses and 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.



On **Friday 1st September** our MPPS Dads/Grandads are invited to attend a **Fathers' Day BBQ Breakfast** in the Central Plaza. An invitation and details will be sent soon via Compass.

## Woolworths Earn & Learn

MPPS has had a great start to the Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

We are well on our way to collecting lots of stickers to redeem some great resources for our Learning Communities as our school grows. A collection box is located here at school in the general office and is filling up fast with students eagerly dropping in their completed sticker sheets. There is also a collection box located at Woolworths in Mernda. Don't forget to ask your family and friends to collect these for you as well! If you have any questions, please ask at school.

If you'd like to know more visit [www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn)



## Camp Manyung

On **Tuesday 12th September** our whole school will attend Camp Manyung located in Mt Eliza. Students will spend the day taking part in a range of fun camp activities including: Tree Rolling, Camp Games, Bush Cooking, Flying Fox, Tree Climbing and Low Ropes Course. Students will travel by bus to and from the event and will be required to arrive at school by 7:15am for a 7.30am departure, and are expected to return to school by 5:00pm. Full details are available on Compass. Payment and consent is required to be completed via Compass by **Monday 4th September**. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

## Canteen

Our canteen menu has been updated to include some new menu items. Follow the link here for the updated 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)





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## Parent Opinion Survey

This week we sent emails home to 40 families who were randomly selected to complete the 2017 Parent Opinion Survey. The survey opened on Monday and we are really hoping all the families selected can take a few moments to complete the survey. If you have any problems, just call in at the office, ask for Caroline or I and we will be happy to help you. If you don't have access to a computer, we can arrange for you to complete the survey at school. The survey closes on 27 August. As a new school we are especially interested in parent feedback to help to guide our future direction.

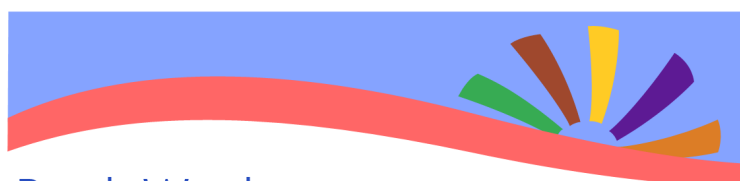
## Prep Enrolments For 2018

We continue to take enrolments for our 2018 year prep students. Please inform family, friends and neighbours that if they have a child starting school next year and would like them to come to our school to enrol them soon. It is important that children are enrolled by the end of Term 3 so that they can participate in our excellent transition program commencing on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October 2017. Our next school tour will be today at 4pm. Please stay tuned to our Facebook page and website for our future tour dates. Our Handbook for Families and Enrolment forms are available from the office or can be downloaded from our website at <http://www.merndaparkps.vic.edu.au/>

## Community group expression of interest.

Would you be interesting in a community run playgroup during school hours at MPPS?

Register your interest by email at [mernda.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:mernda.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)



## Book Week 18th to 25th August

### Scholastic Book Fair

When: Wednesday 23rd to Friday 25th August

Times: 8:20am to 8:45am & 3:15pm to 4:00pm

Where: MPPS Resource Room

Theme: **Go Wild For Books!**



**SCHOLASTIC**

Story Telling Open Morning

\* Parents invited to attend Thursday 24th August  
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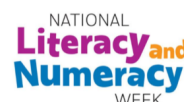
## Literacy & Numeracy Week

30th August to 6th September

### Whole School Book Parade

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Students to come to school dressed up as his/her favourite book character. Parents welcome.



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