

Mernda Park PS Newsletter

ISSUE #12

Principal's Message

School Council Update

I would like to introduce you all to Kaushalya (Kash) Arnott who is a member of our school council and our school council representative on our fundraising committee.

"When I was given the opportunity to join the school Council I immediately said yes. It was the perfect time to get involved with my children's school after a long career, as I had officially become a stay at home mum of three and soon to be four at the end of this year. It has been an absolute privilege being part of this amazing new school right from its birth and to see it come to life. We have been residents in the area for 6 years and in that time have seen positive changes happen and developed beautiful relationships within the community. I look forward to continued involvement in the MPPS Council alongside the beautiful caring staff and teachers who always have the student's best interests at heart in all that they do. I would like to encourage our school community to continue to spread the positivity and please do approach me (I am very friendly) to discuss anything with relation to the school and if there is anything you would like brought up at the council please ask Rachel in the office for my email address."



Kaushalya (Kash) Arnott

NAPLAN 2017

NAPLAN results arrived last week and staff and the leadership team have commenced analysing the results. NAPLAN results at a school, system and national levels are used to identify the strengths and areas for improvement of education programs and to help set goals for moving forward. In the classroom NAPLAN results show teachers how each student's achievement compares to a wider group of students across Victoria and Australia.

Individual student reports can be used to inform discussion between parents and teachers about each child's achievements and progress. It is important to remember that the results reflect each student's performance at a single point in time only. Teachers at our school assess their students' learning in literacy and numeracy on an ongoing basis using a variety of assessment tasks. NAPLAN testing complements this but does not replace the valuable information that teachers gather.

Book Week and Literacy & Numeracy Week



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

Scholastic Book Fair

We have been busy with lots of little book worms looking for all the latest books at our Scholastic Book Fair. It's only day 2 and our school community has already earned \$300 worth of books for our Resource Room. Any books or stationary not available on the shelf can be ordered and paid for at the book fair and will be delivered to school within 1-2 business days.

A big thank you to Danielle Ferro, Kylie Butterworth, Vimy, Kelly Goh, Iana Mihajlovic, Fiona Volz and Victoria Judd for offering their time to help out this week.

The Book Fair will continue to open each day for our school community to purchase books and stationary **before school from 8.20-8.45am and after school 3.15-4.00pm** in the resource room.

Important Dates

Term 3

23rd to 25th August

Scholastic Book Fair

Thursday 31st August

- Whole School Book Parade
- Fathers' Day Stall

Friday 1st September

Fathers' Day Breakfast

8th September

Fundraising Committee Meeting

Tuesday 12th Sept

YMCA Whole School

Day Camp to Mt Eliza

Friday 22nd Sept

- Footy Day/Special Lunch
- Last day of Term 3

Term 4

Monday 9th October

Term 4 commences

18th Oct to 6th Dec

Kingswim Swimming

Lessons

Friday 22nd Dec

Last day of Term 4





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Story Telling

Thanks to Mark Hart from Mernda PS for entertaining all of us at MPPS and the YMCA kindergarten children who visited us today. Mark is an amazing story teller and his enthusiasm has stayed with us all day!

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 Stall

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**, tickets were given to the oldest child in your family on Friday they are \$1 per ticket. Please return tickets and money by Wednesday the 30th of August. The raffle will be drawn at our Father's Day Breakfast.

Father's Day Breakfast

Our MPPS Dads/Grandads are invited to attend our **Father's Day Breakfast from 8am on Friday 1st September**. We will be cooking a BBQ Breakfast, vegetarian options will be available. Please RSVP through Compass or via the school office for catering purposes.

We will also have a photo booth for the students to have some fun with their dads/grandads. The raffle will also be drawn at the breakfast and the photos printed and given out to the children for their dads/grandads.

R.S.V.P. by Friday 25th August To confirm your attendance complete the Insights Cycle on Compass or contact the office on 8776 9700. Email: mernda.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Swimming Program Term 4

Letter were handed out on Monday regarding our swimming program, please return these to your child's teacher by Wednesday August 30th. Further information on our swimming programme will be sent out via compass including dates and the cost involved.



Woolworths Earn & Learn

It's week four and our Woolworths Earn and Learn sticker count is up to 3,742. What an amazing effort by our school community! 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 continues to fill 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 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



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Student of the Week Focus — Achievement

Yan Yean LC

Pritika Saraan

Simon LC / 1-2

Brayden Volz

Plenty LC / Preps

Eliana Goburdhun

Elyse Clouting

Visual Arts

Joshua Bordignon

Physical Education

Madison Volz

Environmental Award

Liam Schuster

Assistant Principal's Award

Ethan Barclay

Principal's Award

Grace Jankovski



Performing Arts

Sean Reid



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 **Stella** and **Nickola** for always bringing a healthy nude food lunch box to school!



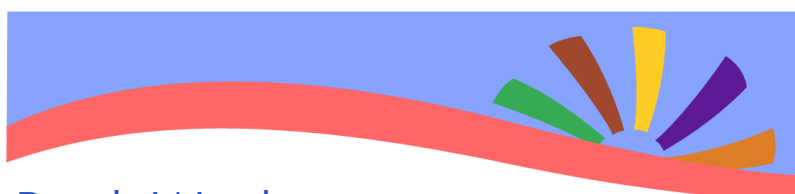
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Prep Enrolments For 2018

First round enrolments close on the last day of this term, Friday 22nd September so please **enrol now!** 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 27th of October 2017. 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



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 9.00 to 10.00am.



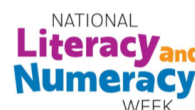
Literacy & Numeracy Week

30th August to 6th September

Whole School Book Parade

Thursday 31st August 9.00 to 9.30am

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



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