



# Mernda Park PS Newsletter

ISSUE #13

## Principal's Message

### School Council Update

I would like to introduce you all to Victoria Judd who is a member of our school council and a member of our fundraising committee.

"One of the draw cards for our family to move into this area 7 years ago was the proposed inclusion of a school. After a few years of waiting patiently; like many fellow parents, we were excited to see some changes in the landscape in preparation for construction. Our regular walks to the 'swing park' or 'mum's coffee place' gave us the opportunity to see the progress and with each stage we were all becoming more inquisitive and eager (especially two little girls!) to find out more details about this new school. From our first contact with Mary, Caroline and Finoula initially in the early stages of enrolment to information nights and orientation were always a very positive, organised and welcoming experience.

Fast forward to now and I must say that we are so happy with our decision to be a part of the Mernda Park Primary School community. We are fortunate to have approachable, genuine and passionate teachers in the school allowing our children to grow, build resilience and pursue chosen interests in a safe environment.

I have enjoyed the opportunity recently to be a parent representative on the MPPS council, working closely with staff and parents collectively and I look forward to continuing this journey as the school grows.

We all want the best for our children so let's continue where it all started with the strong positive community feel and work together. Should you have any ideas or matters that you would like discussed at school council please feel free to contact me and I would be more than happy to communicate this for you."

*Victoria Judd*



### Important Dates Term 3

**Tuesday 12th Sept**

YMCA Whole School Day Camp to Mt Eliza

**Monday 18th Sept**

School Council Meeting 2.30pm

**Friday 22nd Sept**

- Footy Day/Special Lunch

- Last day of Term 3

### Term 4

**Monday 9th October**

Term 4 commences

**Wednesday 11th Oct**

Footsteps Presentation & Disco

**Tuesday 17th Oct**

Prep information evening

**18th Oct to 6th Dec**

Kingswim Swimming Lessons

**Friday 22nd Dec**

Last day of Term 4

### Education Support (ES) Week

During ES Week, a special presentation was made to our ES staff followed by a morning tea in their honour. Finoula, Rachel, Karen and Corinne do an amazing job supporting our students, staff and parents and we thank them for being our super stars who often work behind the scenes to help the school run smoothly!



### Whole School Book Parade

Students, staff and even some MPPS families got into the spirit of Literacy and Numeracy Week by dressing up as their favourite book character. Photos of another fantastic first ever MPPS event can be viewed on our [Website](#) or [Facebook](#) page.

### Father's Day Breakfast

Our Father's Day breakfast was a wonderful success with many students sharing the morning with their dad/grandad. A big thank you to our Fundraising committee and parent and staff helpers who volunteered their time and worked tirelessly to make our Father's Day celebrations at MPPS a memorable event. Thank you also to MADRA who kindly rented the BBQ to us for the morning. Together our Raffle and Father's Day Stall raised \$504.88 which will be used towards purchasing more great materials for our Resource Room. This was a fantastic MPPS team effort which helped to engage our community with our great school.





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## Camp Manyung

On **Tuesday 12th September** our whole school will attend Camp Manyung located in Mt Eliza. All **students must be at school by 7:15am** for a 7.30am departure, and are expected to return to school by 5:00pm. **Students will be required to wear warm casual clothes** eg. jeans or track suit pants and a windcheater. Please ensure all students bring a wet weather jacket and appropriate footwear eg: runners or hiking boots. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

**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\*\*\*\***

## P.I.E. Productions Presents KADUL with Ryka Ali

On **Thursday 14th September** students from P-6 and the YMCA ELC will be treated to an indigenous performance by Ryka Ali in KADUL. A winner in the Young, Black and Deadly Talent Quest (2003) he is a very proud ambassador for Australia's Indigenous youth. Ryka's performance reveals the richness of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands cultures. A presentation in two parts, reflecting both sides of his heritage, the show is entertaining and educational.



## Swimming Program Term 4

MPPS first swimming program will commence on the 18th of October. As part of our school's Physical Education and classroom curriculum on safety, your child will be attending 8 lessons on Swimming and Water Safety. These swimming lessons will be taught by qualified instructors at King Swim in Breadalbane Avenue, Mernda. This program is very important to your child's continuing education in water safety. We require that **all** children participate in the swimming program.



## Walk to School Day

Walk to School is back for 2017 and we can't wait to get walking, riding and scooting to and from school! Every October, Walk to School encourages Victorian primary school kids to walk, ride or scoot to and from school. It's a great way to help students learn healthy habits and achieve the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity, every day. It also encourages primary schools, local councils and communities to make active travel easy, safe and accessible. Along with the health benefits, walking to school has benefits for the whole community. It reduces traffic congestion, saves on parking, helps us connect with family and friends and even saves the environment! There are so many great reasons to participate in Walk to School this October. Walk to School creates positive health outcomes. It's based on extensive research and evidence indicating that increased physical activity in Victorian children can provide real health benefits.



## Disco Footsteps

Footsteps Dance Company has been running a dance program with our school in Term 3. On Wednesday October 11th they will be showcasing our students amazing dance moves in a Dance Presentation for parents to commence at 5.30pm. A Disco for MPPS students only will follow the presentation from 6.30-7.30. Students will need to be at the Community Hub at 5.15pm to prepare for the presentation. There will be a \$5 entry fee for the disco with a drink and snack provided. Footsteps will be running the disco and playing games with the younger children. Volunteers will be required to help selling snacks and glow sticks etc. Please let Rachel know if you would like to help.

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## Student of the Week Focus — Achievement

### Yan Yean LC

Bailey F

Anishreet K

Kyle M

### Simon LC / 1-2

Stella J

### Plenty LC / Preps

Holly B

Claudia J

Wyatt G

Aiva M

### Visual Arts

Joel A

### Performing Arts

Jacob K

Hannah T

### Physical Education

Ethan B

Hunter T

### Environmental Award

Nishita W

Brayden V

### Assistant Principal's Award

Anakin T

Pritika S

### Principal's Award

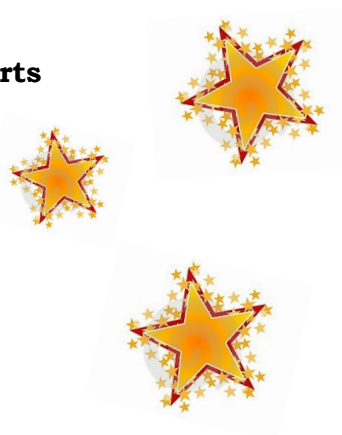
Maisen B

Hannah T

## Northern Dental Design



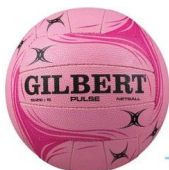
During term 3 Dr Mohamad & Dr Zina from Northern Dental Design in Epping are kindly donating Smiggle vouchers valued at \$20 for students who bring healthy nude food lunches to school. Each week a student will be selected through a raffle ballot, awarded their voucher at assembly and featured on our website. Congratulations to **Courtney B** and **Ruby M** for bringing your healthy nude food lunch boxes to school!



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## Canteen

On Friday 22nd September MPPS are having Footy Lunch Day. Families can place orders from a special lunch menu through Our Online Canteen. 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 Footy Lunch Day menu by 10am Wednesday 20th September. **Regular menu not available on this day.**



## **Pack 1      \$6.00      Pack 3      \$6.00**

Meat Pie

Veggie Pastie

Fruit Drink

Fruit Drink

Jam Doughnut

Jam Doughnut

## **Pack 2      \$6.00**

Hot Dog



Fruit Drink



Jam Doughnut

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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/>

## Woolworths Earn & Learn



Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion is ending on 19th September so be sure to drop your stickers in the collection box in time for the final count. Don't forget to ask your family and friends to collect stickers for you as well! If you have any questions, please ask at school.