

Mernda Park PS Newsletter

ISSUE #14

Principal's Message

Happy Holidays

Thank you to the school community for your terrific support throughout Term 3. It's been a productive, hardworking term for the staff and students and numerous special events have added much excitement and special memories. I would especially like to thank my staff who have been wonderful and have worked hard to deliver quality class programs. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday period and am looking forward to sharing the stories and experiences with students after the break. **Just a reminder, that students will be dismissed at 2.15pm tomorrow (Friday 22nd September) – last day of Term 3.** We are looking forward to having everyone back on Monday 9th October for the commencement of Term 4.

Head Lice

It's around about this time each year that schools seem to encounter an increase in the number reports of head lice. With the holidays approaching it's a good opportunity to establish a weekly routine of checking for head lice.

School Council

At our recent school council meeting last Monday, the following main points were discussed.

- Our NAPLAN results were presented and discussed.
- An outline of all the different curriculum and extra curriculum initiatives we are undertaking such as Matilda the Robot, Robogals, Footsteps Dance Program, Pet Therapy, Camp Manyung, Kadul with Ryka Ali indigenous incursion and our upcoming participation in a local Chess Tournament.
- The success of our Father's Day raffle, stall and breakfast with a total profit for our resource room of \$507.88.
- Book pack supplier selection and material charges for 2018.

School Captains

Last Monday MPPS appointed our first ever school captains, Clare and Hannah. A school leader from Mill Park Secondary College came to present the leadership badges and gave the audience at assembly an outline of her role as a leader and the importance of embracing the many opportunities school presents. Below is a report from Clare about our recent day camp.

Camp Manyung

On Tuesday 12th September, MPPS had a day camp at Camp Manyung. Some of the activities were the giant swing, bike riding and the flying fox. Everyone had a different course to go on, all of the students tried their best and pushed themselves out of their comfort zones, especially the Preps! Some of them were scared but they were happy when they got through it. It was a fun day and everyone enjoyed themselves, including the teachers. Some of the teachers almost fell asleep on the way back to school.

Prep Enrolments For 2018

First round enrolments close tomorrow, 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/>

Important Dates

Term 3

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



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Footsteps Presentation & Disco



Footsteps Dance Company has been running a dance program with our students during Term 3. On Wednesday October the 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.



Swimming Program Term 4



The information regarding our swimming program is now on compass for you. You will be able to find this on your profile page under events. **Please make sure you give approval and payment before October 10th.** If you have CSEF please call the office regarding payment as you will be able to use the remaining CSEF to go towards your swimming costs. Please contact the office if you require assistance. The swimming program will commence on the 18th of October. 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 starts on the first day of term 4 and we can't wait to get walking, riding and scooting 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. 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.



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 and log in or register to select from the Footy Lunch Day menu which has been extended to 10am Friday 22nd September. **Regular menu not available on this day.**

Students may come to school dressed in their team colours / favourite sportsperson for a gold coin donation. All proceeds go towards our Resource room.

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



Woolworths Earn & Learn

Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion has now ended. Thank you to our awesome MPPS community, together we have collected 14,197 stickers.



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Student of the Week Focus — Achievement



Yan Yean LC

Cooper C

Levi-Carter S

Simon LC / 1-2

Ekamnoor K

Plenty LC / Preps

Chloe H

Louie S

Ruhaniat K

Taylah S

Visual Arts

Performing Arts

Rocco C

Olivia S

Ruhaniat K

Physical Education

Armani T

Myla E

Environmental Award

John J

Bailey F

Assistant Principal's Award

Joshua B

Bethany Y

Principal's Award

Claudia J

Hunter 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 **Jessica C** and **Jade Z** for bringing your healthy nude food lunch boxes to school!

