

# Mernda Park PS Newsletter

ISSUE #15

## Principal's Message

### Student Free Day

Please note we have a Student Free Day on **Monday 6th November 2017** when staff will be focussing on report writing. Students are not required to attend school on this day. **MELBOURNE CUP DAY is the next day Tuesday 7th November.**

### Prep Info Night

On Tuesday night we had a very successful and informative prep information night. We currently have 54 prep students enrolled for 2018 and we look forward to meeting these students on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of October at our first transition session.

### School Hats

School hats are a compulsory part of the MPPS uniform. With the warmer weather upon us now, it is timely to remind everyone of the importance of wearing our hats. If your child has misplaced or lost his/her hat, you are able to purchase new ones from PSW. We now have two different styles of hats that you can choose from. It would be appreciated if parents could remind and encourage children to wear hats during lunchtimes, recesses and outdoor activities. Harmful UV rays can damage skin cells even on cloudy days. Students not wearing hats will be required to stay in a designated shaded area during break times.

### School Uniform

Although it is great that nearly all our students are able to wear their full uniform every day we are noticing some students are coming out of uniform at times. Please remind your children that a requirement of the MPPS uniform is that **white socks**

- Defining our school identity.
- Developing within our students a sense of belonging to our school community.
- Provides an opportunity to build and enhance 'school spirit' and build a strong sense of pride.
- Promotes a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity.
- Enhances the health and safety of students when involved in school activities and excursions.
- Complies with our obligations under Occupational Health and Safety Legislation e.g Sun Smart
- Promotes positive community perceptions of our school.
- Makes school clothing more affordable by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear current fashions and expensive clothes.

### School Captain Report

What a tournament at Mill Park Heights Primary School! Who would have thought that the day had arrived! Finoula picked up the YMCA bus and off we went with Rhece our coach! We participated in seven long games of 30 minutes each to be exact. Mirella and Briony our teachers from Yan Yean Learning Community had organised for us to train for this day with our coach Rhece from Simon Learning Community. He taught us chess strategies and moves but now it was up to us. Most of us felt slightly scared but at the same time excited.

Here are some highlights as reported by some of the students who attended...

Clare was so excited to win her first match in an official competition.

Nickola could not believe that he could actually win a game and he went on to win three games.

Luka won a medal for his outstanding performance for Mernda Park Primary School. He scored the greatest number of wins for our school.

Xavier felt amazed after winning two games and being involved in two draws. He won one of his games by blocking the king.

### Important Dates

**18th Oct to 6th Dec**  
Kingswim Swimming Lessons

**Monday 6th Nov**

Student Free Day

**Tuesday 7th Nov**

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

**2018 Prep Transition Sessions**

Friday 27th October

Friday 3rd November

Friday 10th November

**Wed 20th December**

Christmas Carols

**Thursday 21st Dec**

Last day of Term 4

1.15pm dismissal



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## Student of the Week Focus — Achievement

**Yan Yean LC**

Ridham A

**Simon LC / 1-2**

Joel A

**Plenty LC / Preps**

All students from PLC

**Visual Arts**

Amelia S

**Environmental Award**

Anishreet K

**Assistant Principal's Award**

Alyse C

**Principal's Award**

**MPPS Singing Group**

Hannah T

Anishreet K

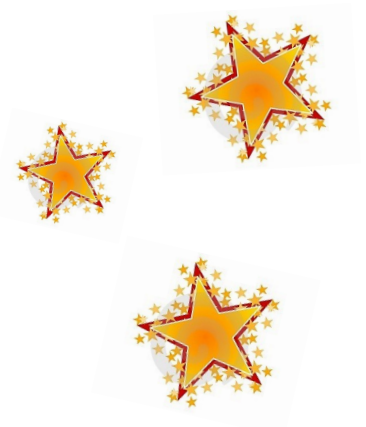
Ida R

Chantal K

Clare T

Olivia S

Stephanie R



## Mernda Rail Name our Crane Competition

A big congratulations to **Kiahna M** from our Simon Learning Community for winning the Mernda Rail 'Name Our Crane' competition!!

Kiahna and her family will be contacted and invited to attend a special visit to the crane where she will be presented with a trophy and have her winning name 'ROSIE' put up on the crane. She will also get to star on the Level Crossing Removal Authority facebook page.

Thank you to all of our MPPS students who entered the competition and congratulations Kiahna!!!





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## Footsteps

Thank you to all our families who attended our Footsteps dance presentation last week. As a staff we were very proud of the success of the night and of the amazing job our very talented students did. The performances were very much enjoyed by the audience and the many positive comments we received at the school were also appreciated. The disco was a fun finish to a great evening with lots of interesting and varied dance moves on show.



## Swimming Program Term 4

Swimming will continue to run every Wednesday at King Swim from 25th October to 8th December. Parents are welcome to attend to watch the lessons. We would love to have some parent helpers for P – 2 students. If you are available to assist and have a Working with Children Check please contact the office so that we can organise a roster of helpers.

### Session Times:

Prep	12.00pm-12.30pm
Grades 1 & 2	12.30pm-1.00pm
Grades 3-6	1.00pm-1.30pm

### What to bring:

Bathers and towel (goggles optional)  
Asthma medication if required  
Plastic bag for wet items  
Water bottle

***Students to attend in full school uniform.***

***Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled.***

## Walk to School in October

Walk to School has now started and it's great to see students 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

Icy poles are now available on the canteen menu for term 4. Follow the link to our website to see the updated [canteen menu](#).

## Prep Enrolments For 2018

First round enrolments have now **closed**. Please contact the office if you would like to enrol your child for 2018. Our Prep Transition program will commence on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October 2017.

### Prep Transition Sessions

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am-11am  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 9.30am-11am  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November Teddy Bears' Picnic 4pm-5pm

Students to come to school with their brain food (fruit/cheese/healthy snack) and their water bottle, a sun smart hat, applied sunscreen, comfortable clothes and closed shoes.

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/>

## Christmas Carols

Our Christmas Carols evening will be held for the whole school community on Wednesday 20th December from 5.30pm. More information will be available soon.