

Mornington Park Primary School

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VISION : Through a sense of connectedness to peers, teachers and the community, Mornington Park Primary School provides a safe and harmonious learning environment which nurtures the whole child for success in a changing world.

VALUES: Honesty, Perseverance, Cooperation, Kindness, Responsibility.



From the Acting Principal Date: 22nd March 2024

Education

The year 3 and 5 students have done an amazing job in completing 4 NAPLAN assessments over the last two weeks. They were set each session with a bottle of water, carrot & celery sticks and rice crackers. Lots of crunching and concentrating going on. Congratulations to everyone involved, you are superstars!



Three teachers attended a maths day on Thursday with Michael Ymer. The focus was setting the foundations of mathematics in the junior years. The staff look forward to implementing more mathematical thinking into their classrooms.

Drink Bottles

Please remind your child to bring a named drink bottle each day to school. We have filtered water in every classroom to refill their bottles. We encourage children to take these outside at play times which is why we asked that they be named. Some of us leave things behind when we are playing!

Messages from Kath continued

Staffing

There have been many illnesses amongst students and staff this term and we have had to have staff taking time off to recuperate. We try our very best to ensure classes have a replacement teacher that they know and is consistent, however, this can at times be quite difficult. Please know that even when our teaching and support staff are away, they are continually planning and sending through lessons for the students in their classes.

Changes to staffing in term 2:

- 2S will have Kelly Taverna Monday and Friday, Jodie Hollands on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- 3S will have Lizzy Gardner on Monday and Majella O'Brien Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- Kerstin Lindsay our German teacher will be leaving us for a full-time position at another school. We wish her well and thank her for this term. We have advertised for a new Language Other Than English (LOTE) teacher and we will let you know as soon as this process is finalised.

Awards

Last Friday at assembly, one student from each class received an award for showing **KINDNESS**. Congratulations – Leon, Bodhi, Raf, Fode, Avy, Logan, Harper and Olive. Keep up the great work of being kind!!!

Next assembly we will be giving out awards for **PERSEVERANCE**.

Playtime Clubs

Story time – 2pm on Monday in library
Chess – 2pm on Wednesday in Frankie's room
Lego building – 11:40am on Wednesday in library
Board game and cards – 11:40am on Thursday in library

Parent Help Needed

School Council are wanting to start a new sub committee around community connections. Days, times and agenda to be confirmed. Please email Kath on kathleen.lord@education.vic.gov.au if you are interested.

Jump Rope for Heart



What a great morning we had skipping. Money was raised for the Heart Foundation. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Messages from Kath continued

Outside of school achievements

Tom was 5 when he competed in his first skate competition in the under 10s in Frankston in front of a big crowd, there were 10-12 kids competing in his category and he did a great job.



Mornington Warriors

Our school basketball team is through to the Grand Final this weekend. Good luck Warriors! We are so proud of how far you have come, the perseverance and sportsmanship is amazing to watch.

Navigating Lunchboxes

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ENJOYMENT
Pack things you know your child enjoys. School can be overwhelming for some children and having familiar foods in the lunchbox can help the day a little bit easier. Get children involved, ask them what they would like to have in their lunchboxes and check that they can open any packets or containers.

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AIM FOR VARIETY
Eating a variety of core foods is more important for long-term health and preventing disease than not eating foods that may be considered less nutritious. Restricting certain foods in school lunchboxes (acknowledging common allergens) can actually make us want these foods more, increasing the risk of disordered eating behaviours. All foods can have a place in the lunchbox.

S

SPEAK TO THE SCHOOL
Learning about different flavours and textures of foods takes time and some children may only have a small number of accepted foods. Neurodivergent children especially can be very specific about brands, shapes, colours and textures and may also be on medication that can suppress or increase their appetite. A quick conversation with your child's teacher can ensure your child feels included and can eat without judgement.

Y

YOU ARE IMPORTANT
Food is complex. There are a huge variety of factors that influence what children, parents and carers will pop into a lunchbox. Family, social and cultural values, budget, time, appetite, taste and neurodevelopmental factors can all play a part in what goes into a lunchbox. Do what works and feels right for you, your family and your child.

Perinatal Health is a not-for-profit organisation that provides information and support to parents and carers of children with neurodevelopmental conditions. We are funded by the Victorian Government and the National Health and Medical Research Council. We are a member of the Australian Autism Spectrum Conditions Alliance. We are a member of the Australian Autism Spectrum Conditions Alliance. We are a member of the Australian Autism Spectrum Conditions Alliance.

 **Perinatal Health**

HEALTH PROMOTION

AROUND THE SCHOOL

Celebrating Excellence: Ava's Remarkable Achievement At the Division Swimming Carnival

We are delighted to shine a spotlight on one of our outstanding students, Ava, for her remarkable achievement in the recent Division Swimming Carnival.

Competing among fierce contenders, Ava displayed sheer determination and exceptional skill, securing second position in Backstroke. This achievement is nothing short of extraordinary and marks one of the greatest individual results in Mornington Park's history.

As we celebrate Ava's triumph, let us also recognize the importance of setting goals, pushing boundaries, and believing in oneself. Ava's journey reminds us that with passion, determination, and dedication, anything is possible.

Once again, congratulations to Ava on her outstanding accomplishment. We look forward to witnessing her continued success and are proud to have her as a shining example of excellence at Mornington Park Primary School.



ICYPOLE FRIDAYS

Icypoles can be purchased each Friday — \$2.00 each.



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NANDO'S LUNCH ORDER

Students have the opportunity of ordering a Nando's lunch order. Complete order form and return by Wednesday of each week. Lunches are delivered each Friday. Order forms can also be obtained from the office. If your child is away on a Friday, we suggest you ring the Nandos store in Mornington and see if they can hold your order for the next week.

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Nando's lunch Orders Every Friday

Students Name _____

CLASS _____

3 Grilled Tenderloins (Gluten free) plus Please circle Chips / 1 piece of corn	\$8.00
Chicken Wrap or Pita plus (with Mayo, Cos Lettuce, Tomato and Chicken) Please circle Chips / a piece of Corn	\$8.00
Veggie Patty Wrap or Pita plus Please Circle Chips / a piece of corn	\$8.00

Please send correct money in an envelope clearly marked with student's name and grade along with the order form.

Total \$ _____

Forms are due back on Wednesday's.

No late orders will be accepted

Getting started with parental controls in social media, games and apps



Many social media sites, games and apps now come with parental controls. The eSafety Guide has advice on safety features that can be useful for parents and carers, including how to use the settings to protect personal information and report online abuse.

Here are some examples of the parental control features included in popular social media, games and apps.

Roblox

Roblox is a game creation platform that allows users to design games, play together and chat. Using built-in parental controls, parents can manage the way their children use the game. These features include a 'restricted' mode that prevents access to chat and inappropriate games.

Find out more about Roblox safety settings in [The eSafety Guide](#) or Roblox [account restrictions](#).

TikTok

TikTok is a social media app for creating and sharing short videos. TikTok has a feature called Family Pairing that allows parents to link their Tik Tok account to their teen's account. Family pairing lets parents set controls like how much time their child spends on TikTok, the content they can see and their privacy settings.

Find out more about TikTok's safety settings in the [The eSafety Guide](#) or TikTok [for parents](#).

YouTube Kids

YouTube Kids is a filtered version of YouTube. Parents can create a separate profile for each child in their household. YouTube Kids uses a mix of automated filters, human review and parent feedback to limit the content that kids can see on the platform. Parents can also manually approve videos for their kids to watch, block videos and set screen time limits.

Find out more about YouTube Kids in the [The eSafety Guide](#) or [YouTube Kids](#).

Facebook Messenger for Kids

Messenger Kids is a free video calling and messaging app owned by Facebook. Parents can monitor their child's activity and control their contact list using a Parent Dashboard. Parents can sign up on behalf of their child, and it doesn't require the child to have Facebook account. Messenger Kids does not show advertising or offer in-app purchases.

Find out more about Facebook Messenger for Kids in [The eSafety guide](#) or [Messenger Kids](#).



spg Supported Playgroup

Mornington Park
Friday Mornings

FREE

Giving you the opportunity to build on your parenting confidence and support your child's wellbeing and development all while having fun!
For eligible families with children up to school age. To join a playgroup, scan the QR code and follow the link to our enrollment page.



For more information

- 📍 mornpen.vic.gov.au/supportedplaygroups
- ✉ playgroups@mornpen.vic.gov.au
- ☎ 5950 1099



Mornington Park Supported Playground

Mornington Peninsula Shire are providing Free Supported Playgroups in Mornington Park Term 2.

Friday Mornings. Sessions commence April 19th for 11 weeks. Come along and join the fun with your little ones 0 – to school age .

To register type this link in Google - [Supported Playgroups - Mornington Peninsula Shire \(mornpen.vic.gov.au\)](https://mornpen.vic.gov.au/supportedplaygroups) or call 59501099.

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HARMONY WEEK

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Celebrate Harmony Day in our Library with special storytimes, craft and our Harmony Day Bookmark competition.

Find us at Mornington Peninsula Shire's Multicultural Festival.
Saturday March 16, 11am-3pm at Mornington Park Pavilion.

LOTE4Kids is an App that provides thousands of picture books in over 60+ World Languages, to allow kids to enjoy books and learn language through the magic of storytelling.

ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au/LOTE

The  **LOTE 4Kids**
App

MORNINGTON PENINSULA LIBRARIES FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Under the Sea



ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au/schoolholidays

LinkedIn Learning

Learn a New Skill!

Use your Library Membership to upskill! Suitable for all ages. Access a tips, course and videos about a huge range of topics including: Essay Writing, IT skills, Parenting and Computer Coding.

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Intergenerational Art


Come along and be creative at our Intergenerational Art Program. Held at Rosebud, Mornington and Hastings Libraries. Suitable for ages 7-13.




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March

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Sat Sun

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4 Year 1/2 Main/ Steiner PARC swimming lessons	5 Year 1/2 Main/ Steiner PARC swimming lessons	6 No Preps today Year 1/2 Main/ Steiner PARC swimming Lessons	7 Year 1/2 Main/ Steiner PARC swimming lessons	8 Year 1/2 Main/ Steiner PARC swimming lessons	9	10
11 PUBLIC HOLIDAY LABOUR DAY	12 Division Swimming YR 5/6 Selected Students Jump rope for heart	13	14 NAPLAN test period I Sea, I Care	15 NAPLAN test period Free Dress Day— donate a choc. egg	16	17
18 NAPLAN test period	19 NAPLAN test period	20 NAPLAN test period Steiner Year 1-6	21 NAPLAN test period Prep Steiner	22 NAPLAN test period	23	24
25 Grade 5/6 Urban Camp Last Breakfast	26 Grade 5/6 Urban Camp	27 Grade 5/6 Urban Camp	28 END OF TERM 2.30PM DISMISSAL	29	30	31

April

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Sat Sun

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15 TERM 2 COMMENCES	16	17 District Summer Premiership	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 ANZAC DAY	26	27	28
29	30 Cross Country					