

# 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: 9th February, 2024**

## Welcome

It was so lovely to see so many bright and happy students returning to us on 31<sup>st</sup> January. To all the new families that joined us, we welcome you and look forward to sharing with you, your child's learning experience. The excitement was even more electric on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February when our amazing little prep children began their school journey. Although there were a few tears (students and parents), the children have settled in well and we are so proud of the way they are coming to school each day eager to learn. Bev Dadds is on leave this term and I am taking the Principal role in her absence. Stacie McCullough has stepped up to be Assistant Principal during this time. Thank you to all those parents and family members that are supporting us to support the children.

## Education

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January, the staff returned to school to complete professional learning and get their classrooms ready for the school year, the rooms looked wonderfully inviting! Teachers also completed training over the school holidays, and I thank them for being so invested in the students at our school. This year, staff will be continuing to focus on mathematics, how we can make this engaging and effective for all students. Look out in future newsletters for a maths challenge for the whole family.



# FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL CONTINUED

## **Building works**

As you are aware we have lots of work going on at school that has continued from last year. The junior playground is nearly ready, just a few small things to be finalized. Fingers crossed it will be open in the next couple of weeks. The toilets are still a fair way off being complete. The children are doing an amazing job at navigating fences to get to the portable toilets or using the toilets in the BER building. I will keep you updated with the progress.

## **Parking**

Every school has less parking available than they need. The carpark on Robertson drive is for MPPS staff and MSDS staff and families to drop off. These spaces are not to be used by our families unless special access is needed, please see office staff if this is the case.

The car park off Hardy St is the best area to park if you wish to walk your child into school and stay awhile. Please only park in designated spaces as inspectors have been around looking at cars not parked correctly. If parking on the streets around the school, please make yourself aware of signs as we don't want anyone getting a fine!

If your child is ready to come independently into school, perhaps try a kiss and go to free up spaces for others.

## **Attendance**

We love seeing your child at school every day and so do their friends. Children benefit from rhythm and routine which is why being at school every day develops not only their academic ability but most importantly their school skills. Of course, if they are unwell keep them at home and don't forget to let us know either on sentral or school phone each day they are away.

## **School Council**

Our school has a committed school council made up of parents and staff. Being part of school council allows you to see the big picture and have input into what is going on at the school. We are now looking for new school council representatives. If you are interested please fill in a nomination form and drop it in the box in the office.

If you don't want to be on School Council but still want to be involved, we have sub committees that meet to make decisions that are then taken to School Council for approval. This year we have finance, fundraising and facilities meetings. Please let us know via the office if you are interested in joining one of our committees, the more the merrier!

See you all around the school.

Kath



# SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS INFORMATION

## Fact sheet 1: school council elections – information for parents

### What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

### Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected parent member category** – members of this category generally comprise more than one third of the council's total membership. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.
- **A mandated elected school employee member category** – members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional community member category** – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.

### Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

### Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge.

It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

# SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS INFORMATION

## FORM 2: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

(Formerly **Schedule 4:** Notice of Election and Call for Nomination)

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of Mornington Park Primary School

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on:

23/02/2024

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on:

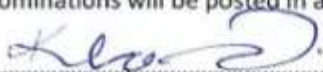
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Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of poll in 2024	4
School employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of poll in 2024	3

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.



Acting Principal signature  
Kath Lord



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



## CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

### Parent/carer details

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

-    -    -  **OR**

☐ Foster parent under a temporary care order\* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)\*\*

\*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

\*\*Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Is this an application for special consideration (no CRN needed)? Yes ☐ No ☐

### Student details

Student's surname	Student's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DFFH will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



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THIS IS AN  
ALCOHOL  
& DOG  
FREE  
EVENT

**SATURDAY 2ND MARCH 10AM - 5PM**

ENTRY BY DONATION • COMMUNITY FESTIVAL • FAMILY FRIENDLY  
HONOURING AND CELEBRATING FIRST PEOPLES CULTURES

**EMU PLAINS RESERVE, COOLART ROAD BALNARRING**

ENTERTAINMENT • FOOD STALLS • CRAFT STALLS • CULTURAL WORKSHOPS  
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES • CARING FOR COUNTRY • LOCAL GATHERING PLACES

**WELCOME TO COUNTRY 12 NOON**

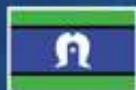
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BUMPY • CHARLIE NEEDS BRACES • ALF THE GREAT  
WORKSHOPS STARTING FROM 10AM • YIDAKI MEDITATION  
CREATE A DILLY BAG • WAYAPA • OCHRE PAINTING  
WEAVING • STORY TELLING • INDIGENOUS GAMES  
MAKING BUSH ANIMALS • GRASS AND STRING DOLLS • GUIDED WALKS

ONSITE PARKING \$5 AND ENTRY BY DONATION  
FESTIVAL WILL BE RUN IN LINE WITH PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS // ACCESSIBLE EVENT



Balnarring Preschool  
Learning & Living with Nature



Community Bank  
Balnarring & District  
Bendigo Bank



We acknowledge Boon Wurrung peoples as the traditional custodians of the land on which the festival is being held and recognise the continuous relationships they have with the land, waterways, sky, creatures and plants. We recognise the strength of First Peoples in maintaining their cultures over thousands of years.

We pay our respects to Elders: past and present. We welcome and acknowledge all First Peoples from across Australia.

Please contact us if you require any support to access the festival.

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT:

✉ [womindjeka.balnarring-ngargee@gmail.com](mailto:womindjeka.balnarring-ngargee@gmail.com)

📘 [facebook.com/8undjil2018](https://facebook.com/8undjil2018)

📷 [instagram.com/womindjekabalnarring](https://instagram.com/womindjekabalnarring)



## Class 7 Information Session Little Yarra Steiner School

TUESDAY, 5 MARCH 2024 9.15 AM



**This special event is an excellent opportunity for parents and guardians to explore the learning journey that awaits their children in Class 7 and beyond.**

- School Tour
- Q&A session with John Stewart, Principal, and Bernie Wagg, Assistant Principal.
- Learn about the Middle and Upper School Curriculum
- Discover the rich and varied tertiary pathways available to graduates of our Upper School
- Gain more understanding about the Transition to Class 7
- Explore our beautiful school campus and facilities in the Middle and Upper schools.

### Who Should Attend?

- Prospective Families Interested in Enrolling into Class 7




Scan QR to Register

**Booking:** take a photo of the QR code to book OR register via our website with the "book a tour" link, or phone 03 5967 1953.



**Little Yarra Steiner School**  
*Yarra Valley's Independent K-12 Steiner School*





**LAMP** Learning Assistance  
and Mentoring Program



**LIONS CLUB OF  
DROMANA**

# **FREE TUTORING!**

## **YEAR 2 TO YEAR 6**

*For **Year 2 to Year 6 children** who have fallen behind  
and whose families cannot afford private tutoring.*

All tutoring is performed by retired teachers or teacher aides

One or two sessions per week

One hour per session (or shorter where appropriate)

4:00–5:00pm or 5:00–6:00pm weekdays

Conducted at Dromana Community House or your local library

Literacy, numeracy, science and more

8 session blocks on a need basis, first come first served

All sessions supervised by a Lions Club member in addition to the tutor

*This free service is provided by the generous volunteer support of  
retired teachers and funded by The Lions Club of Dromana as part  
of our mission to build a stronger community. It is made possible by  
Dromana Community House where tutoring takes place.*



**CONTACT US NOW ON:  
0433 318 462**

# February

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1 Preps Start school today	2 Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony	3	4
5	6	7 No Preps today	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 No Preps today	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 No Preps today	22	23 YAWA Swim team try-outs	24	25
26	27	28 No Preps today	29			

# March

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
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 YAWA District Swimming	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	13	14 NAPLAN test period I Sea, I Care	15 NAPLAN test period	16	17
18 NAPLAN test period	19 NAPLAN test period	20 NAPLAN test period	21 NAPLAN test period	22 NAPLAN test period	23	24
25 Grade 5/6 Urban Camp	26 Grade 5/6 Urban Camp	27 Grade 5/6 Urban Camp	28 END OF TERM 2.30PM DISMISSAL	29	30	31