

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.



REMOTE CONTACT 2021

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Mother's Day

I do hope our Mothers, Step Mothers, Grandmothers and special persons had a very Happy Mothers' Day last Sunday. The Mothers' Day stall held at Mornington Friday 7th May was a huge success. The students enjoyed purchasing their gifts and making special tributes for Mothers' Day.

Well done to our Fundraising team and grade 6 students for running a very successful Mothers' Day stall. We raised over \$1000 for the school.

It was my first Mother's Day as a Grandmother which was very special.



Educational News

Congratulations to one of our talented Year 6 students, Emily M, who received notification that her writing piece titled *The Lake That Whispers* will feature in their published anthology of children's stories. We are so proud of you Emily.

The Lake That Whispers

“Stomp.”

The sound of my feet hitting the dusty dirt path that leads to the lake from my back door. Walking past the forest beside the bumpy path, my loyal dog named Sam beside me.

Now in front of me was the mysterious lake, I sat down taking my shoes and socks off. I dipped my feet into the lake slowly. Suddenly my dog Sam started to bark aggressively, someone was around us. I shrugged it off as it being an animal. Just then I started hearing faint whispers, I looked at the water... the whispers got louder.

“RAE DINNER'S READY!” yelled my mum from the back door. *“Coming!”* I replied. I quickly put my socks back on my feet, still wet. I ran back.

Hi my name is Racheal but my friends and family call me Rae, I'm ten years old in 5th grade. I have a dog named Sam.

“Ring.”

The sound of my alarm going off, the sun was peeking through my curtains. I went down stairs, the smell of my mum's beautiful cooking dancing through the air. I sit down at the table and start to eat my food. I pack my lunch box in my bag as I say bye to my mum, waiting for my dad so he can drive me to school.

At school...

When I got to school I told my teacher about what happened yesterday, she said that it must be my imagination because fish don't talk. I got to sit next to my friend named Mia. At the end of the day I wait out of my classroom for my mum to come pick me up.

When I get home. I open the back door, it creaks open.

I start walking down the dirt path again. When I'm standing in front of the lake I start to hear the whispers.

I always wanted to see talking fish so I decide to check out where the noise was coming from. When I was getting in the water Sam started barking. I swim deeper the noise of trees in the wind now fades as I hear the noise of water flowing in my ears. I'm not very good at swimming. I'm really good at holding my breath though.

Something pulls me deeper until I was face to face with a mermaid thing but it was different than the one in the Disney movie *'The Little Mermaid'*. This one looked evil like the ones in Harry Potter. And it had scales on its cheek bones and gills on its neck like a shark. Then I remember a YouTube video I watched on *'Sirens'*.

I start to choke on water.

I hear the whispers again. I open my eyes but they hurt from the salt water. I see the outline of an audience of sirens looking at me. I couldn't hold my breath any longer...

NAPLAN

Naplan is over for another year. I am always impressed with the way the children approach all the tests. No matter what the results, we know they all did their very best on the day. As usual, the bottle of water and crunchy snacks to munch.



Rights, Resilience and Respectful Relationships Term 2

This term all students will be continuing with the topics of **Positive Coping** and **Stress Management** and also move onto the topic of **Problem Solving**. Students will be learning a variety of problem-solving skills through engaging in individual and group learning activities that will support them in being able to cope with changes in the future.

Problems can occur from minor to major, where students may find themselves in conflicting situations that may make them feel uncomfortable or unsafe. As problems can vary so will the resolutions used to solve it. This topic will allow for students to try a variety of resolutions to see what may work best in certain situations, while also developing their cooperation and communication skills.

Cross Country

Inclement weather conditions on Tuesday didn't hamper the children's enthusiasm to run, but it did stop the Prep—2 children running at all. Fitzzy will be choosing some children to go to the next level with announcements made very soon.



Employment Opportunity

Employment Opportunities – Join our School Cleaning Teams

At Spotless, we know that our people are key to our success, and we're passionate about finding better ways of doing things for our customers and for you.

We are currently on the lookout for people with to join our Team in part time and casual roles delivering cleaning services across 30 schools throughout the Mornington Peninsula.

About you:

Prior experience preferred but not essential, full training provided.

An eagerness to learn, attention to detail and a positive attitude

Strong verbal communication and customer service skills

Hold a valid Employee Working with Children Check or a willingness to apply for one

Hold a valid AFP National Police History Certificate or a willingness to apply for one

Proof of rights to work in Australia (Australian or New Zealand Passport/ Birth Certificate/ Valid Visa)

Be consistently available Monday to Friday for allocated shifts during school Terms (some School Holiday periodical cleaning shifts available)

Does this role sound perfect for you? Are you a Mum, a Dad, a Carer, a Grandparent or an ex-student looking for a great opportunity to make a difference? Or is this for someone you know? We'd love to hear from you.

Please send expressions of interest to VICDETcleaning@spotless.com.au or via phone 0428 848 755.

Spotless is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages Indigenous Australians to apply.





Calling all students, parents and staff
We want to hear your voice to help us shape the future.

What do you want life to look like on the Mornington Peninsula in 2040?

What do you love about living on the Mornington Peninsula?

What would you like to see change?

What opportunities would you like for your children growing up on the Peninsula?

Help shape the future ... we are listening.

Please head to www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/2040 or scan the QR code to complete the survey.



May 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Biggest Morning Tea	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Finance 5.30 School Council 6pm Cyber Safety 5/6	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Sovereign Hill Ex-cursion 5/6	27 District Cross Country at Penbank	28	29	

June 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 Divisional Cross Country at Hastings	2 Hot Springs excursion 6S	3	4	5	6
7	8 World Oceans Day Fancy Dress blue	9 'I Sea I Care' Peer Teaching Workshop 9-2.30	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Regional Cross Country	17 Winter Lightning Premiership	18	19	20
21 School Photos	22	23 Finance 5.30 School Council 6pm	24	25 Last Day of Term 2 2.30 Dismissal	26	27
28	29	30				