

# 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 2022

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### Covid Restrictions Ease

In case you missed my message via Sentral, next term, we will be welcoming a rostered parent helper in classrooms, provided we witness proof of vaccination status. It has been lovely welcoming parents back onto the school grounds to see their children off for the day. Let's hope that restrictions keep easing as the year goes on. Unfortunately, we are still unable to have any parents onsite other than drop off and pick ups.

### School Council

On Wednesday, we had our School Council Annual General Meeting. We said farewell to our outgoing members and welcomed the new. Congratulations to Ben Grayson and James Halliwell to the team. In addition to Ben and James, our School Council members are Colleen Whittaker, Danielle Nelson, Estelle Kefford, Melanie Bouette, Cherie De Clerck, Kath Lord, Deanne Thompson, Jeanette Budge, Frankie Curtis and myself.

Well done to our Office Bearers for 2022; Ben Grayson (President), James Halliwell (Vice President), Colleen Whittaker (Treasurer) and Frankie Curtis (Secretary)

The school is in good hands!

Of course, if you want to contribute to the school at any time, please join one of our sub committees. We have Marketing and Fund-raising and Facilities. The sub committees are not onerous and we need you! Fun activities and events for the children cannot go ahead without the support of parents.

### Camp

We wish all the students who are heading to the urban camp on Monday, a fabulous time. The weather is looking promising and the activities are jam packed. Expect very tired children returning on Wednesday. I'm sure there will be photos and stories in the next edition of the newsletter.

Bev



Reminder to please  
Support our Easter Raffle

Donate an Egg  
“Free Dress Day”  
Friday 25th March.

Raffle drawn last day of  
school—Friday 8th April

Need Tickets??  
Available in the office.

## Swimming Carnival



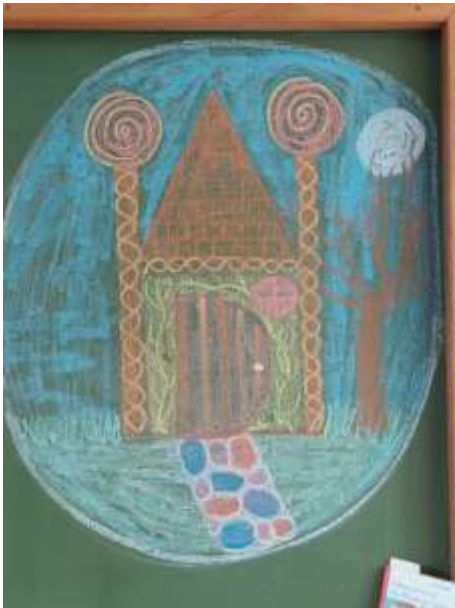
The district swimming carnival was a fantastic success! There was a real sense of community and having students from neighbouring schools encouraging each other was simply terrific.

The sun shone on our small but enthusiastic team with Coda placing 4<sup>th</sup> in her two events. Lola challenged herself by stepping up and competing in the A-Grade race which will surely lead her in good stead for next year. Isaac, also swam gallantly as we look forward to fielding a larger team in 2023. Awesome effort, swim team!!!

## *What some of the classrooms have been learning—*

### **Learning letters in 1S**

The children in Class 1S have been learning letters in their most recent Main Lesson through traditional fairytales. They have enjoyed seeing how an M emerges from the image of a Mountain, a V can be seen in a Valley between two mountain ranges, and a H can be seen in the frame of a House. They have deeply immersed themselves in the character of each letter, based on an image from the fairytale, by; making the letter with their bodies, drawing it in the air, making it out of wax or items from the classroom, writing it with chalk on chalkboards and finally, writing it with crayon on paper. It is a whole-body experience! We also loved making Rapunzel's plait with the Class 6 buddies!



## *What some of the classrooms have been learning—*

### **Learning letters in 4S**

The children in Class 4S have been very busy making pinch pots and music bags. We also have our first double base added to our wonderful orchestra!



## *Vision from our Reconciliation Action Plan*

### **Acknowledging Country and its Caretakers**

At Mornington Park Primary School, we value diversity, honour difference and seek connectedness.

We acknowledge and respect the Bunurong / Boon Wurrung people, the Traditional Custodians of the Land on which our school stands, and understand the importance for all children to learn about the histories, stories, languages and wisdoms of Australia's First Peoples.

Our vision is to respectfully embed reconciliation into everyday practice, supported by our 5 school values: kindness, responsibility, honesty, perseverance and cooperation. This ensures that all visitors and members of our school community feel culturally safe and respected.

We are committed to actively seeking authentic, respectful and ongoing relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. By learning in partnership, listening to stories and walking on Country, we will respectfully incorporate language, beliefs, perspectives and knowledge into our curriculum, our school practices and our wider community.

Our aim is to send children into the world who will influence and advocate for ongoing reconciliation, ensuring the world's oldest continuing, living cultures are valued and embraced every day.



## *I Sea, I Care—excursion*

On Tuesday 15th March, we went on a snorkeling excursion run by the I Sea, I Care program. We went out into the deep water on the Moonraker. As we slid into the water for the first time we saw the south channel marker, a platform covered by seals. We looked down and saw a massive sting ray gliding underneath us. We were freezing when we got out but soon we were at our next destination—Pope's Eye. Plunging into the freezing water we weren't sure what we were looking for, we could just see the dark cloudy water. Suddenly, we saw a coral reef but no life, then hundreds of colourful little fish surrounded us chasing and playing with each other. It was amazing. We will remember that day for the rest of our lives. Phoenix, Tully, Jaylen & Jordy.





# Moonlit Sanctuary

*the best way to see Aussie animals*

## KEEPER CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM GO WILD THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

**If you have some junior wildlife lovers looking for fun over the holidays, check out our Keeper Club holiday program.**

In a day full of fun hands-on activities, they will get up close to many animals including dingoes and pythons and learn how their keepers work to keep them happy and healthy.

Places are limited so book early and make your junior keeper's day!

For ages 7-14 | Cost \$99



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Mornington Park Primary will be supporting the Mornington RSL Anzac Day Appeal by selling Anzac Day Badges. More details to come!!

# March 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 District Swimming	10	11	12	13
14 Labour Day	15 Division Swimming I Sea I Care excursion	16	17	18	19	20
21 5/6 Urban camp	22 5/6 Urban Camp	23 5/6 Urban camp	24	25 Wear Free Dress And Bring an Easter Egg	26	27
28 Year 1 and 2 Swimming	29 Year 1 and 2 Swimming	30 Year 1 and 2 Swimming	31 Year 1 and 2 Swimming			

# April

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 Year 1 and 2 Swimming	2	3
4 Autumn Festival Steiner Ste- ram	5	6 Lightning Prm Years 5 and 6	7	8 End of Term 1 2.30 dismissal	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Term 2  School Resumes	27	28	29	30	