REMINDER in Term 1
children are asked to bring a **named** hat and sunscreen for outside play and PE

**Term 1**
Monday 11th February – School Assembly
Followed by
Welcome morning tea
Monday 11th March – Labour Day
Thursday 28th March Last Day of Term

**STUDENT BIRTHDAYS**
January – Sajjad Jordan
Ben W
February – Maddy Jack
Zac

**Reminder**
EMA Forms are available from the office.
Please see Chris or Karen

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**Welcome back everyone**
I hope all families have had an enjoyable and relaxing break. It was great to see so many happy faces and to hear about the different activities the students took part in during their holidays.

**School Uniform**
It is pleasing to see so many of our students returning to school this year wearing the school uniform. The uniform helps the students develop a sense of belonging to the Mornington SDS school community. We encourage all students to wear school uniform - information about purchasing our school uniform can be obtained from Karen in the office.

**Relatives or friends picking up students**
Please let the office know if someone other than yourself is picking up your son or daughter on a particular day either via the communication book or a phone call to the office.

**Our first Assembly and Morning Tea**
Our first assembly will be Monday 11th February commencing at 9.10am. This will be followed by a welcome back morning tea for parents.

**School Council Elections**
Information will come home next week about the School Council elections for 2013. There will be 3 parent positions vacant this year. If you are interested in being part of our School Council fill in the nomination forms and return them to the school

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**TERM DATES 2013**
Term 1 - 29 January to 28 March
Term 2 - 15 April to 28 June
Term 3 - 15 July to 20 September
Term 4 - 7 October to 20 December
Emergency Management – Transport

The possibility of bushfires across the Peninsula is increasing, with this in mind we have been reviewing our Emergency Management Plans with particular reference to the impact a bushfire may have on our Contract Bus runs.

If there are bushfires on the Peninsula we may be directed by DEECD Emergency Management not to pick up students from home or drop the students off. If this occurs the following procedures will be followed.

Morning pick up of students
The decision as to whether a bus service will be cancelled or a change of route will be necessary will be made in conjunction with the DEECD Regional Director and the Regional Emergency Management Team who will liaison with the Police and CFA.
If the location of the fires prevent the pickup of your child in the morning you will be notified as soon as possible by staff from Mornington Special Developmental School the previous day. In some cases it may be earlier if a code red day is imminent.

Afternoon drop off students
If the location of the fires prevent the contract buses accessing returning students home in the afternoon your child will remain at school under the care of Mornington SDS staff until it is safe for them to travel home or other arrangements can be made to pick them up. Mornington Special Developmental School staff will notify you as early as possible if this is going to happen.

Please ensure that the Student Information documentation that was sent home last is returned to school as soon as possible so we can updated all student contact details to ensure we have the correct contact details in an emergency.

Medication
If your child takes medication outside of school hours please list all the details of this so that in an emergency situation we are aware that your child may need medication and act accordingly.

Contact with the school during a bush fire emergency.
At all times we will keep up to date with what is happening and keep you informed.
Rest assured that the staff will look after the students and will ring parents with details of any emergency plan. Westernport Bus Company have their own bushfire emergency guidelines that will also ensure the safety of the students if an emergency situation occurs whilst students are on route to and from school.

Cancellations of Community Access, and Excursions
On Code red days and extreme weather days all community access programs and other excursions may be cancelled. Staff will notify parents of any such changes to programs.

If you have any concerns or questions please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Robyn Simmonds
Principal
Bush Fire Update Contacts:
ABC Radio 774 AM (the radio station will interrupt their normal programs with messages for areas under threat of bush fires.)
Victorian Bush Fire Information line 1800 240 667
www.cfa.vic.gov.au
www.dse.vic.gov.au (for more information)

PARENTS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO RING THE SCHOOL
THE SCHOOL WILL CONTACT YOU IMMEDIATELY IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.
PARENTS SHOULD LISTEN TO ABC RADIO 774 AM FOR UPDATES

Robyn Simmonds
Principal

Reminder
Swimming and RDA payment and forms due back.
If your child is involved in the swimming or RDA programs, forms and payment are requested by Wednesday 13th February, Thank you

PROTECT YOURSELF IN FIVE WAYS FROM SKIN CANCER
Welcome to Mornington SDS 2013

Our EEP’s for 2013

Jaimee
Kai
Leah
Lizzy
Jacob
Aiden
Cohen
Grace
Sophie W
Madison

Sophie B has enrolled in the Junior area
Therressa has joined our Seniors

Welcome to all our new and existing students.