**Term 2**

- **Mothers Day Raffle**
  - Drawn Friday 10th May
  - 6th May Mothers Day Stall all week
  - Wednesday 22nd May
  - Education week Open
  - Morning & Special Assembly

**STUDENT BIRTHDAYS**

- April – Jemma Kai
- May – Brendan

**Education Week**

19–25 May 2013

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**Mothers Day Raffle**

- $2.00 a ticket
  - 1st Prize - A Beautiful Handcrafted Quilt, Pillow, Chocolates & Wine
  - 2nd Prize - Hamper of goodies
  - 3rd Prize - Chocolates & Champagne

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

26th April 2013

We have had a great start to our second Term and it was good to see so many smiling faces walking through the doors on Monday.

This Term we will be focusing on ‘Art in the Garden’ and students will undertake a variety of activities to turn our kitchen garden into a vibrant and productive part of the school. Chris Brown will take on the ‘heavy’ work with the senior boys, repaving and landscaping the BBQ area, Angela will steer the ‘art’ projects and Stephanie will organize the class timetables for re-mulching and replanting our garden beds.

Last term saw us harvesting our HUGE crop of tomatoes, herbs and capsicum, cooking up batches of yummy pasta sauce and enjoying a school Pasta lunch on the verandah.

We also have some Basil Pesto frozen in sachets in our freezer for students to use as a pizza sauce base OR just tossed in pasta with parmesan cheese. If anyone has some tried and true pumpkin recipes please send them to your child’s class teacher as we have 5! fairly substantial pumpkins to eat!

Congratulations to our two new School Leaders for 2013: Haydn Jobling and Jake Watson. Our two school leaders will be supported by our Student Voice group, who have been elected by each class to represent all students. The student Voice group consists of: Mavrick, Hayden R, Chris, Daniel, Dylan, Vicky, Therressa, Alex and Zac.

We will be presenting school badges to our new leaders at our Special Education Week Assembly on **Wednesday, 22nd May**. Please put this date in your diaries. We hope to see lots of Mums and Dads at our school on the 22nd to view the hard work of our students and to join with the staff in a special morning tea.

We would like to welcome Jacinta to our school. Jacinta was attending Peninsula Specialist College but has recently moved into the Mornington area to live. Jacinta will join Sharon’s class and is already feeling at home as she catches up with old friends from her previous school.

Welcome Jacinta to our school.

Individual Learning Plans were finalized and sent home this week. Please feel free to make an appointment with your child’s class teacher if you would like to discuss further your child’s ILP.

Robyn will be returning from her overseas trip on the 13th May and we expect to see a very fit Principal back in the Leadership seat. Robyn has been exploring some of the European countryside via bicycle and I hear she has been riding up to 60 kms per day!! Good on you Robyn.

Regards from

Sue Page
Assistant Principal
Woolworths Earn & Learn 2013

Are back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for our school.

It’s simple to participate: From the 8th April, when parents, friends and family shop at Woolworths they can collect Earn & Learn Points from the checkout operator and place them on sticker cards. There’ll be one sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, you can place your sticker cards in the collection box, either at Mornington Special Developmental School or at your local Woolworths.

The Woolworths Earn & Learn Points program will close on the 9th June.

There’s no limit to the number of points we can collect, so your sticker card will really make a difference. The more points we earn, the more resources we can order! If you happen to run out of sticker cards please let the school know or ask our lovely receptionists at the front desk. We would be more than happy to give you another card or send another card home with your child.

URGENT! SROP PRESS DESPERETLY SEEKING

Hi Everyone,

Room 8 students are going to build Billy Carts for our school! We need donations of wheels, timber, rope, seats, hammers, nails, bolts, screws and anything else that may be any use to help us complete our big project.

Also needed wool and buttons for our garden art project.

Thank you, from
Tom, Daniel, Vicky, Lucy, Haydn, Jordan, Dylan, Ben, Chris & Angela
Easter Bonnet Parade

The Easter Bonnet Parade was a great success again this year; the students had a wonderful time parading in their Easter hats. Tommy one of our senior students, did a great job of judging the event.

While all this was going on the Easter Bunny made a visit and left some yummy eggs !!!!
**Student voice**

A representative from each class has been selected to represent students from across the whole school, these students will meet every fortnight with two teachers and discuss any concerns in the school that fellow students have brought to their attention and how to resolve their concerns and implement changes.

**Student Voice Representatives:**

Hayden R
Mavrick
Chris
Zac
Therressa
Alex
Daniel
Vicky
Dylan

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**MORNINGTON PENINSULA ENVIRONMENT WEEK**

**Connecting Our Children to their Environment and Creating a Sustainable Future**

In March Students from Mornington SDS visited The Briars for the Environment week

The Expo Paddock engaged children in many hands on activities, from planting trees, looking at specimens, or touching a SNAKE!
Snapshots of Room 1

This year in Room 1 we have Hayden R, Sophie, Jemma and Lachlan. In room 1 we are focusing on communication where the students are learning to use the Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) as well as their hands, bodies and voices to communicate. The children are also learning to use technology to communicate in the form of the Proloquo program on the ipad.

The children are also enjoying a range of other activities including art, cooking, swimming, gardening, music and using the discovery room.
Invites you to celebrate Mothers’ Day at Windmill Hill Farm SOMERVILLE

Sunday 12th May 2013 from 12.00pm
73 Bungower Road, Somerville
Melways 149: B4

Ticket includes
Spit Roast lunch and scones cooked in woodfired stove
(soft drinks for sale vegetarians catered for)

Pre-booked tickets by Sun 5th May
No ticket sales on the day
Entry by donation
Adults - $20, kids under 15 - $12
Family (2 adults, 3 kids) - $60

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Georgie 9774 7883 / 0403 023 949
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Visit our website - www.kkcf.org
We grew, collected, weighed, measured, cooked and finally ate the produce from our garden.

At a whole school Pasta Day!
Everyone joined in and tasted the lovely school grown vegetables, harvested & cooked by our students.
Fantastic Effort everyone.
OUR GARDEN
A huge thank you to James from Plantopia who donated a whole tray of vegetable seedlings to our school for our winter planting - we have carrots, peas, silver beet, lettuce and lots more. You can find James in Main Street Mornington at the Wednesday market - thank you James!

A big cleanup of the vegetable garden has taken place with the whole school getting involved.
25 Years ago Mornington Special Developmental school moved to our site here. We are celebrating a quarter of century of education here at Robertson Drive but our school’s history started many years ago!

In the very, very beginning the school, that would become Mornington SDS, began as a small concern in a house in Albert Street Mornington. Back then the school consisted of less than 15 students. Classes were conducted in the two front rooms of this old house and it was run by the Mental Health Department, a government body. The year was 1974 and the school was run by Ms Jill Carpenter, the equivalent of a Principal these days but back then was called a ‘supervisor’

The school was called Kankama and consisted of four groups, two kinder classes; a junior high needs class and a junior class. The students arrived at school by taxis until 1977 when the school bus was assigned. During this time teachers chaperoned on the bus morning and afternoons. The school remained at Albert Street until 1978 when the committee of hard working parents, and Rotarians in conjunction with the Mental Health Authority raised the money to build an Architect designed school to house the increasing population of young students. So from these humble beginnings the school moved into new buildings in Racecourse road and continued to be called ‘Kankama’ an aboriginal name meaning ‘a place of love.’

So how did Mornington SDS come to be and why are we in Robertson Drive?? - more next month...............................From our intrepid researcher and long serving (25Years) staff member of Mornington SDS - Suzanne Smith
MORNINGTON S.D.S.

Mothers Day Raffle

Mothers Day is on the 12th May, our Raffle will be drawn on Friday the 10th May

1st Prize - Beautiful Handcrafted Quilt, Pillow, Chocolates & Wine

2nd Prize - Hamper of Goodies - some lovely things to spoil Mum

3rd Prize - Chocolates and Wine

Tickets are $2.00 each, all students have been sent home with a book and there are more available from the office

Mothers Day Stall

Our Mothers Day stall will start on the 6th of May and run all week in room 8. There will be an assortment of gifts to choose from starting at $1.00, the students love to go shopping and choose something special for Mum. Thank you to the dedicated Mums who have been working very hard to organize the stall

REMINDER ABOUT DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES
Morning drop off from 8.45 am
Afternoon pick up from 2.50 pm

We have received requests for students to be dropped off earlier or picked up later than the designated school times. Unfortunately we are not able to provide the required supervision for students prior to or after these times as staff are involved in class preparation, meetings and professional development.