PRINCIPAL’S REPORT  2nd May 2014

Welcome back, I hope everyone had a great holiday and are ready for another busy term.

Term two commences with the much anticipated start of our weekly Basketball Competition at Frankston Stadium on Friday.

Staffing This term we welcome Jodie Hoskings to our staff. Jodie will be working with Jane and Julie in Room 3.

During the holidays one of our senior staff members Anna Byrne decided to take the big leap and retire from teaching.

Farewell Anna

We would like to take this opportunity to thank and farewell Anna Byrne who is retiring from teaching.

Anna trained and worked as a Primary School teacher for many years before coming to work in special education at Mornington SDS in 1993. Special Education became Anna’s passion and during her time at Mornington SDS, she made significant contributions to the educational program at the school. She was full of creative ideas but was also conscious of the practicalities of the idea. Anna was always mindful of the relevance and age appropriateness of the knowledge and skills she was asking the students to learn.

Anna spent many years teaching in the senior school and was well known for her organisation and coordination of the senior school education program. Anna was a great believer in students helping to organise and run whole school activities and was instrumental in coordinating the school canteen program, the annual mother’s day stall and special events, such as footy hot dog day.

Anna also took extra time and energy to organise interesting educational camps for the senior students. The senior camps were always very well organised and very popular with the student group. The camps included: Melbourne Urban Camp with tickets to the Lion King performance, 2 camps to Sovereign Hill, a camp to the Bellarine Peninsula, a camp to Licola and a camp to Willow Lodge Horse Ranch.

Anna we send you a big thank you from all of us for your service to our school and we wish you well in your retirement. Time to enjoy and relax!

Education Week 19th-23rd May 2014

Once again we will be having an open morning, this will take place on Wednesday 21st May. The theme this year will be around “Scientists do amazing things”

See the attached flyer

Robyn Simmonds
PRINCIPAL

Dates to Remember

Tuesday 22nd April—
Start of term 2

28th April—Seniors Dental programme
5th May—Juniors Dental Programme
8th May—EEP’s Dental Programme
11th May—Mothers Day

21st May—Education Week, Science Expo, Open Morning
Guest of Honour
The Mayor of Mornington Antonella Celi

MOTHERS DAY STALL
Starting next week
Gifts ranging from $.50c to $5.00

April—Jemma
Juliette
Cameron

Happy Birthday
Introducing the students from the Early Education Program for 2014. All of the students have settled in really well and are achieving new and exciting things every day!
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.
Mornington SDS will be having a Dental Hygienist from Hastings Dental Clinic visit our school.

This program is offered **FREE of CHARGE** to all students at Mornington SDS.

The Junior groups will learn through interactive play, storytelling and songs, how to take care of their teeth and also what to expect when visiting the Dentist, in a friendly environment.

All students will have the opportunity of sitting in the Dentists chair.

This programme is educational only, and there will be no dental work done on any students.

As a follow up to this programme the Dental Van will be visiting our school later in the term.

Parents are welcome to attend.

**MONDAY 5TH MAY**
**JUNIORS—ROOMS 1 & 2— 11.30**

**THURSDAY 8TH MAY**
**EEP'S ROOM 5— 9.30**

Seniors at their dental visit
Dear Parents/Carers,

Our **MOTHERS DAY STALL** will be operating from Monday 5th of May through to Friday the 9\(^{th}\) of May. All gifts will be beautifully wrapped with a small gift tag attached. Gifts for purchase will be available from 50 cents up to $5.

If you would like your child to make a purchase from the stall – please enclose money in an envelope with your child’s name clearly marked on the front.

Two Beautifully hand crocheted blankets have been made and donated to our School by Cheryl Broadhurst and Beryl Henderson, for our Mothers Day stall.

**Secret Bidding**

If you would like to own one of these blankets, please write your bid with either blanket A or B on a piece of paper and place in an envelope with your name on the front, and send to school with your child.

All bids in by 3.00pm Thursday the 8th May.

Blankets will be on display in the school office foyer

**BLANKET A**

Size 1.2 X 1.2 Meters

**BLANKET B**

Size 1 X 1 Meter
There was great excitement at Mornington SDS last week with the arrival of the Earn and Learn reward items. Students had a great time opening and unpacking the boxes to reveal what was inside.

A special Thank you to James & Joel F/S for counting up all of the tokens.

Mornington SDS would like to Thank everyone who collected the tokens and supported our school.

Basketball starts this Friday

Team 1
CHRIS’S ALL STARS
JORDAN
ALEX
JOEL
JACKSON
JAROD
DANIEL
DYLAN
THERRESSA

Team 2
SUSANS SHOOTING STARS
ERIC
VICKY
TOMMY
BILLY
BEN H
CAMERON
ZAC

Team 3
SHARON’S STEELERS
FRANK
ANDREW
WILL
BAILEY
JACK
JACINTA
KEELY
CHRIS
INVITATION

A special Invitation to our Open Day
WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY 2014

Mornington Special Developmental School
Will celebrate Education Week 2014 with a

Open Morning - Science Exhibition
Followed by a Morning tea

Come and join us in the fun of a Science exhibition!
See things that Erupt! Feel things that are slimy! Hear things that are strange!

SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOUR
THE MAYOR OF MORNINGTON: MS ANTONELLA CELI
Who will be judging the “Egg Drop” Competition

The Exhibition will be followed by a morning tea.
Visitors can tour the school and visit classrooms to view students work and achievements.

WHAT: OPEN MORNING - SCIENCE EXHIBITION
WHEN: 9.30 – 10.30 Science Expo Room 10
10.30 Morning tea
WHERE: MORNINGTON SDS

Please come and join us, to celebrate our students.

ALL WELCOME!
RSVP by 16th May
For further information contact:
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Winter 2014 styles have arrived at Seams Away!

Visit Seams Away for the Soft 2014 Winter collection. It's hassle-free dressing for 'sensitive' kids with hoodies, cardigans, chinos, jumpers, 'jeans', leggings and more, now available in sizes 3 - 12. Also available - seamless socks and seamless underwear.

Soft clothing, available at www.seamsaway.com.au in Australia is the first and only range of clothing designed for children with sensory sensitivities (a common symptom of Autism, Asperger’s and Sensory Processing Disorder). Soft clothing is tagless, flat seamed and is made with soft brushed and bio-washed cotton.

Want a cool deal? Spend $50 or more, enter the code WINTER at the checkout and delivery is FREE. This offer is unlimited, so please tell your school community!

If you’d like to know more about Seams Away or would like promotional flyers, please contact Kate Whelen on mob) 0438 195876.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM
NEXT THURSDAY
8TH MAY
5PM—5.30PM

ALL PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:
[ IT IS A SCHOOL REQUIREMENT THAT IF YOUR CHILD IS AWAY FOR ANY REASON THAT AN ABSENCE NOTE BE SENT TO THEIR TEACHER. ESPECIALLY IF THEY ARE GOING ON HOLIDAY OR HAVE BEEN ILL FOR SOME TIME. IF YOU WISH TO HAVE BLANK ABSENCE NOTES ON HAND AT HOME TO FILL IN, PLEASE ASK AT THE OFFICE. ]