**Open Morning 22nd May 2013**

Yesterday’s open morning was a wonderful showcase of the terrific learning that happens in our school. The morning commenced with a Special Presentation Assembly. Neale Burgess the State Member for Hastings presented badges to our school leaders, Student Voice Class representatives and presented certificates to some of our volunteers who have helped out in the school with a variety of programs. We thank Neale for giving his time to coming along to make the presentations and meeting with students, staff and parents.

Our School Leaders who received badges for 2013 are: **Haydn J and Jake W**

Student Voice Representatives for 2013 are:
- Hayden R, Mavrick H/B, Eric L, Chris W, Zac W, Alex T, Therressa E, Vicky T, Daniel L, and Dylan L,

Volunteers for 2013:
- John O’Brien, Jeanette Kurzeman, Belinda Triptree, Jacqui Jobling, Lesley Anne Hutchinson, Trish Avery and Isobel Flannery-Serle

Parents and friends also enjoyed a Devonshire morning tea with staff. Following morning tea many parents joined our students in the Jump Rope For Heart Activities’ and skipped off the jam and cream! Thank you to all parents, grandparents and friends who came to our Education Week Celebration and helped it make for a very successful morning.

**Sick Students**

It is the season for colds, flu, gastric ailments and all kinds of nasty infections. The damp, cool air allows bugs to survive longer on surfaces making it easier for them to pass from one person to another via a door handle, wash tap or toy. We ask parents to keep sick children at home so that we limit the spread of infections throughout the school.

**Thank you**

I would like to thank Sue Page for very capably taking on the role of Acting Principal while I was on my recent Long Service leave. Despite having very cold weather my husband and I had a wonderful trip to Europe. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing many of the famous tourist attractions found in London, Paris and Amsterdam. One of the many highlights of the trip was driving our car through the countryside of France and Spain, although, this added a few extra grey hairs as we were driving on the right side of the road!!!
Mr Neale Burgess MP, State Member for Hastings presented our school leaders with their leadership & Student voice class representatives, badges at our Special Assembly.

The Assembly was followed by a morning tea and visitors could take a tour of the school.
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As the population of students who began their education at Albert Street and then Kankama began to reach the 16 years of age, parents realized there were no facilities for their children to attend. The Mental Health authority offered them the opportunity to continue their student's vocational training at Kankama which resulted in the school aged population having to transfer to the education Department.

In 1984 the school aged population became the responsibility of the Education Department without a school. Two mod 4’s as they were known were moved into Kankama’s car park which housed two classes and the Principal Mrs. Nancy Robertson with Helen Miller being the Office Assistant. The remainder of the school aged students had four more classrooms in Kankama itself. The ‘mod 4’ consisted of two classrooms and an office but had no running water or hygiene facilities. Students and staff had to walk back to the main building so senior students were catered for out in these portable buildings.

Negotiations for our new school were sketchy with a site in Parwin Crescent (not far from our present location) a promised option. However as time passed it was evident that a new school designed specifically for the needs of our students would not be an option. With Kankama keen to expand and cater for adults, Mornington SDS’s presence within their build was becoming less tenable.

Ron Chalmers offered Mornington SDS a life line and the opportunity to have our very own site whilst the real SDS was constructed. At that point in time Ron was the Principal of Tanti Primary School and if we accepted his kind offer of placing some temporary buildings on his school’s site, with the offer of integration and the use of Tanti’s facilities such as the playground and library, both schools would be of benefit. So it was in December of 1987 that the first of our temporary buildings were placed, consisting of four classrooms and an office module. What is now Robyn’s office was the staff room and Chris office was the then Principal’s office……our story continues in the June newsletter!

From our intrepid researcher and long serving (25Years) staff member of Mornington SDS - Suzanne Smith
ROOM 8
We can’t believe it is half way through Term 2 already!!! The senior students have taken on many school maintenance programs as well as the usual Cooking, Travel Training, Basketball, Buddies with Room 2, Sailability, Maths and Literacy groups with Room 7 and of course a big favourite ICT (including E Smart) The students now have their own personal space and passwords and are also remembering to back up their work on their USBs. Last week the students worked with John and Chris preparing an area possibly for the barbeque. They dug a big hole and filled it with crushed rock a great team effort! Lots of wheelbarrow activity as well as the “occasional” well-earned rest! (A big thanks to John for your time and hard work)

We hope you enjoy our photos.
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.

**Room 7**

A Big Thank You to all the families who have sent in boxes, no more are needed at present. We now have **enough to build our own "Eureka Tower" or a new school! What a great idea!!**

**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.

**Jump Rope for Heart Reminder**

If there are any sponsorships forms or money still to be returned, can we have them back at school as soon as possible.
Dear Parents and Carers

17th May 2013 - 19th July

The School Council has once again agreed to participate in the Australian Scouts ‘Our School Raffle’. Participation in this raffle will provide the school community with a greater opportunity to raise more funds for our school whilst also having the chance to win more than 100 prizes, including a first prize Toyota Camry Hybrid car.

The school will earn $1.50 for every $2 ticket sold.

Each family has been allocated one or two books of 10 tickets to sell. We ask you to try and sell as many of these tickets as you can. Once you have sold the tickets please returned the money and the ticket stubs to Karen or Chris in the office. If you would like more tickets please contact the office and we will arrange for another booklet to be sent home.

All tickets stubs, money and unsold tickets must be returned to school by 19th July 2013

Robyn Simmonds Principal