Dear Parents/ Carers

School Concert rehearsals are in full swing with all classes practicing and getting costumes ready. Our school concert is at Woodleigh School this year please see attached flyer.

Stepping Stones Triple P Project

The Stepping Stones Triple P Project is a research project being developed by Monash University plus the Universities of Sydney and Queensland. The aim is to adapt the Triple P-Positive Parenting Program tailored to meet the needs of families of children with a disability, in order to reduce the number of children with a disability who develop serious behavioural and emotional problems.

Attached to this newsletter is a flier which requests assistance from parents/carers of children with a disability aged 2-10 years. If you are interested please visit the ‘My Say’ website mentioned in the flyer.

Robyn Simmonds
PRINCIPAL

Students Birthdays

August — Jamiee
Sophie W
Jacob
Lachlan

Our School concert is approaching fast and we are calling for volunteers to help canvas for our Raffle. If you can help please contact the office.
Room 2

Room 2 is a great room and has some amazing students in it, these are Deegan, Jacob, Mavrick, Keely, Skyla and Sajjad. We have all enjoyed numeracy, literacy and now science week. We are very busy with our classroom activities like Maths, Writing, English and Reading, we also go horse riding, do the spa program, gardening Club and we really enjoy cooking! It’s one of our favourite activities.

For Numeracy Day we decided to have a snail race. We learned a lot of new concepts and constructed a race track with our buddies in room 8. Snails don’t race in a straight line though and they leave a silvery trail. We learned how to tell how old a snail is, what they eat, where we might find them and that they don’t race very fast unless you pick the one that Skyla did. He was like Black Caviar!

For Literacy Day we chose the book called The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson.

When Literacy Day arrived, we had already drawn a picture of what we thought a Gruffalo might look like. Because we had listened to the song and saw pictures of attributes that a Gruffalo has. These include purple prickles on his back and a poisonous wart at the end of his nose – he’s got orange eyes too!

Oh and did I mention cooking? – Jelly Bean biscuits are our signature dish. Our classroom Kitchen Rules! It’s a shame this recipe only needs one egg because we all love cracking the egg, so we make a few batches at a time! The students from Balcombe College loved our biscuits as they had afternoon tea with us after the Science Expo.

Jacob’s cat Rocket has made another visit, so we have now made two books about her – The Rocket Diaries. The original Rocket book and the sequel! Each student in our room is in the book and everyone is able to read the captions so we are hoping that Sid (Jacobs Dad) might bring her in again, so we can complete the trilogy!

Skyla has a new bird named “Jewel” but she’s a bit feisty and bit Skyla’s finger.

Skyla has been watching quietly in the playground to see a new visitor to our edible garden. Skyla loves horse riding and rides Silver – Silver is a tall horse but Skyla is very confident and has charmed Silver.

Deegan’s very favourite subject is bike education. He is an excellent bike rider and chooses to ride most lunchtimes as well as formal lessons. He also loves each Tuesday afternoon when he goes in the Spa with Room 1.

Keely excelled again at her favourite subject ‘music’ at the music festival. Keely is practising very hard for her next performance at the concert!

“Jasper” and what a team they make!
Sajjad loves reading and loved Literacy Week. He also enjoys spelling on the interactive whiteboard. Sajjad enjoys Lego and enjoyed a visit from Bailey on Friday where he showed Sajjad how to make a Jet out of Lego.

Mavrick just like Keely, Jacob and Skyla are very keen on horse riding he is pictured here with his favourite mount Edwina.

Mavrick also made a great Gruffalo and was a singer in the music festival.
Mornington SDS celebrates Science Week 15th to 23rd August

Science week began at Mornington SDS with each teacher placing a tub containing a science experiment for each group to try. There were some fantastic experiments, with all sorts of ideas from magic milk, to overflowing volcanos proving what fun we have had learning about science!

Room 2 has especially loved learning about what happens when you mix bicarb soda with white vinegar.

We each created an erupting volcano and made a balloon blow up without using our mouths or a pump. We learnt how to create a shape that could float and experimented with objects that were light and floated or heavy and sank.

On Friday 16th August, Senior students from Balcombe College came to demonstrate some spectacular experiments. These students were dressed in their lab coats and conducted a wide range of experiments from Mentos rockets to snow. Our whole school came to watch, touch and taste—what a fun afternoon we had. We had the opportunity to taste sherbet which we made and we touched slime that was dry when we put our hands in and wet if you rolled it in a ball.

But Science Week will have to last a month because we have done some experiments 3 times as they are so exciting.

The volcano and balloon blowing without using your mouth is our favourite so far, although there are many more experiments to try. Balcombe College students showed us how to make elephant’s tooth paste and we are keen to try that, mostly because it’s very messy. Can’t wait for that one!

As you can see we all had a great time with Balcombe College students— they are promising another visit soon.
Mornington SDS

Presents

Everyone Has Talent

Tuesday 17th September
7.00pm
@ Woodleigh School,
485 Golf Course Rd, Langwarrin

Tickets on Sale Soon
Family Ticket—$20.00 (2 Adults 2 Children)
Single Ticket-$10.00

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Past Student Wins First Prize, Congratulations Daniel Tandy

**Artists Awarded**

Congratulations to Daniel Tandy and Scott Boulton who received awards in the recent Statewide Autistic Services Inc (SASI) Annual Art Awards. Daniel Dandy (above) was awarded first prize for his work titled ‘The Puppets’ and Scott Bolton (below) awarded third prize for his collage ‘Morning Tea’.

Rachel Earea, Disability Support Worker at Konnections Arts Therapy said ‘It was wonderful to see Daniel and Scott recognised for their creativity’.

Daniel and Scott are photographed with Kath Ferry, CEO, SASI.
Sibz Camp @ Portsea

About the camp:
MOIRA in partnership with “Purple Soup” are offering siblings of individuals with a disability the opportunity to attend a fully catered sibling camp for siblings aged 7—17 years.

“Purple Soup” facilitates challenging and adventurous activities designed to rebuild confidence, trust, self-esteem and courage in a safe, fun and supportive environment.

**Venue:** The Portsea Camp—3704 Point Nepean Road, Portsea VIC
http://www.theportseacamp.com.au

**Date:** November 8th — 10th 2013

**Bookings open:** 19th August 2013
**Bookings close:** 4th October 2013

**Departure and pick up point 1:**
920 Nepean Hwy, Hampton East

**Departure and pick up point 2:**
Bunnings, Nepean Hwy, Frankston

**Departure time point 1:** 4:30pm
**Pickup time point 1:** 5:30pm

**Departure time point 2:** 5:00pm
**Pickup time point 2:** 5:00pm

**Cost:** $80.00 includes camp and “Incredible Race Day”

Incredible race day:
Prior to the camp participants will have the opportunity to meet their future camp buddies at the pre-camp “Incredible Race” fun day at Albert Park Lake. Come along and enjoy the activities, participate in the ‘Incredible Race’ and enjoy a BBQ lunch.

**Venue:** Swan Picnic Ground, Albert Park Lake VIC

**Date:** Saturday October 19th 2013

**Transport available from 920 Nepean Hwy, Hampton East**

**Departure:** 10:00am 19th October 2013
**Pickup:** 5:30pm 10th November 2013

To apply please visit our website:
www.moira.org.au

Contact:
phone 8552 2222 or visit
communitysupport@moira.org.au
Are you the parent or caregiver of a child with a disability?

Have your say!

Parenting a child with a disability comes with exceptional challenges. How do you know what’s best and what works? We can provide specially-tailored parenting support but we need your help.

This is your chance to tell us about your child’s experiences as well as your own. Let us know whether you’re getting enough parenting support and share with us the types of support you would like to receive.

We’ll use your views to deliver a parenting program in ways that suit families across Queensland, Victoria and New South Wales.

If you have a child with a disability, aged 2-10, go to the My Say website and help us improve parenting services for your family.

To have your say and to find out more about the program, visit www.mysay.org.au

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