Dear Parents/ Carers

Student Voice

At the start of 2013, Vicky and Alex were nominated to be Student Voice Representatives at our school. As part of their role, they have been meeting once a fortnight with other student reps along with Sue Page and Karen Avery to discuss the organisation of the school from a student perspective. The student voice group has made a number of suggestions for organisational improvements in the school and have successfully implemented two major changes this Term: The use of personal ICT devices during lunch play and the changing of the pre-bell music.

On Friday 23rd August, there was a special Student Voice Conference for Principals and their leadership teams in Melbourne which Vicky and Alex attended along with myself, Sue Page and Karen Avery. Sue, Karen and I presented at the conference along with teachers and students from Mornington Secondary College and Malvern Central School. Vicky and Alex assisted with our presentation.

To prepare for the presentation at the Windsor Hotel, Vicky and Alex attended a special meeting for students from Mornington Secondary College and Malvern Central College at Mornington Secondary College on Tuesday 20th August. Sue and Karen, myself and Angela Holland also attended this preparation meeting.

At this training session the students worked in mixed school groups of four. Each group prepared questions to present to the Principals and their leadership teams at the conference in Melbourne. The students were also prepared to speak about Student Voice at their respective schools, and to ask questions of the people at their tables. The purpose of the day was to highlight Students Voices in the schools and how important it is for the students in their learning and personal development.

I was extremely proud of how Vicky and Alex participated in both days. Both students grew in confidence and worked hard to overcome their nerves. I would like to thank Sue Page and Karen Avery for their work in preparing Vicky and Alex for the Conference. I would also like to thank Angela Holland who accompanied both students along with Karen on the train to and from Melbourne. It was a long day for everyone but a very successful day for everyone involved. One of the days highlights after the presentation and workshops was having lunch in the Grand Ballroom of the Windsor Hotel!
My Time and Premmies on the Peninsula

I draw your attention to two programs running out of Biala in Mornington, My Time for parents/carers of children with a disability aged between 0-16 and the Premmies on the Peninsula.

Both are very good programs for parents and carers to drop in for a chat and share experiences. If you would like to know more about each program Contact Biala on 59751820

Concert Raffle

Tickets have been sent home with this newsletter. This year we are raising funds to purchase a defibrillator for our first Aid Room. If you require more tickets please contact Karen in the office.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our concert on the 17th September. The raffles will be drawn on the night of the concert.

Robyn Simmonds
Principal

To celebrate ES month, all of the ES staff at Mornington SDS where given a special afternoon tea to celebrate. In recognition for all their hard work. The teaching staff organised flowers and games to say Thank you to our ES Angels.
ROOM 8
GOLFING RANGE TRIP

Students were well prepared for a trip to the Seaford Golfing Range having a practice run on how to hold and swing a golf club (under the guidance of Chris!)

Considering most of the students had never attempted to play golf before their skill and style was overall VERY IMPRESSIVE!!!! Just take a look at these great snap shots

YES ITS TRUE

STUDENT COMMENTS:
CAN WE GO AGAIN?
I GOT REALLY CLOSE TO THE FLAG (TOM)
PEOPLE THERE TAKE GOLF SERIOUSLY
I LOVED IT BECAUSE I LEARNT ABOUT GOLF

A Special School of Excellence
Mornington SDS
In partnership with
Woodleigh School
Presents
Everyone Has Talent
Tuesday 17th September
7.00pm
@ Woodleigh School,
485 Golf Links Rd, Langwarrin
Tickets now on Sale
Family Ticket—$20.00 (2 Adults 2 Children)
Single Ticket—$10.00
Melway Ref: 107, E3
RAFFLE

A book of raffle tickets are attached with this newsletter, $2.00 each. Raffle will be drawn on the night of the concert.

We have some terrific prizes that have been kindly donated from local businesses, so send in your money asap. If you need more tickets contact the office and we will send more home. Raffle tickets will also be available at the door on the night.

Mornington Special Developmental School

Concert Ticket Order Form

I would like to purchase tickets for the 2013 concert

Name of Student..........................................................................................................................

Single Tickets are $10.00...........................................................................................................

Family Tickets are $20.00..........................................................................................................  
(Two Adults & Two Children)

FULL PAYMENT MUST BE ENCLOSED WITH YOUR ORDER

Tickets are also available on the night from the box office or from the school office
“MY Time” Mornington

Supporting parents of children with disability

Acceptance of difference, celebration of diversity

.....Are you caring for a child with a disability aged between 0-16?
.....Are you caring for a child with a chronic medical condition?
.....Are you interested in meeting other people who experience similar challenges?
.....Would you like to know what support is available to you and your family?

THEN........

‘My Time’ is the place to go

Children play with activities and are supported by Play helper – Christine
Parents chat and gain information and support from the Facilitator - Cathy

PLEASE DROP IN OR STAY A WHILE
NO COST INVOLVED
*WE LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING, GROWING AND ABOVE ALL HAVING FUN TOGETHER*

FORTNIGHTLY ON WEDNESDAYS: 12noon-2.30pm – with one extra session per term (*first session of each term 12-3.30pm*)

BIALA PENINSULA
Elizabeth St, Mornington 3931
Melways reference: 104 F12
Parking: in the adjacent carpark - free

For further details please call Biala Peninsula on 5975 1820

Term 2 dates: Remaining
19th June (12 – 2.30pm )
26th June (12 – 2.30pm )

Term 3 dates:
17th July (12 – 3.30pm )
24th July (12 – 2.30pm )
7th Aug (12 – 2.30pm )
21st Aug (12 – 2.30pm )
4th Sept (12 – 2.30pm )
18th Sept (12 – 2.30pm )

Term 4 dates:
16th Oct (12- 3.30pm )
30th Oct (12 – 2.30pm )
13th Nov (12 – 2.30pm )
27th Nov (12 – 2.30pm )
11th Dec (12 – 2.30pm )
18th Dec (12 – 2.30pm )

*Auspiced by Biala Peninsula & co-ordinated by Parent’s Research Centre & PlayGroup Victoria*
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Premmies on the Peninsula (POP) is a parent & child play group and information program run by Biala Peninsula once a month for families on the Peninsula.
The group will support families and children (up to 2 years of age) who have been born prematurely.
The program is open to any children born prior to 36 weeks and under 2 years of age and their parents. Siblings welcome.

The program is staffed by two early childhood educators & has a different guest each month, presenting on a topic of interest.
Topics covered include: diet, feeding, post natal depression, developmental milestones, baby massage, premmie press publication, music and young children, resources for play, library service for families, childcare & kindergarten options.
The visiting guests will include:

- July 16th
- August 20th
- September 17th
- October 15th
- November 19th
- December 17th

Jane Unwin - Physiotherapist
Cindy Young - Mather Goose Program
Fleur - Uplift, wellbeing
Pamper day, dealing with anxiety
Carol Newman - Premmie Press - Simone Mossop - Ready Set Go
Pro-active pathways for prems
Christmas songs and activities - Mary Rainey music therapist

When: 3rd Tuesday in the month
(2013: No January, Feb 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, Aug 20, Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 19)

Time: 9.30am – 11.00am

Where: New Location: BIALA PENINSULA – 1 Elizabeth Street, St Mornington 3931
(behind the Information Centre)

To register your interest or for further information, please contact Biala Peninsula on 5975 1820

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Prizes will be drawn on Tuesday 17th September at Woodleigh School