Dear Parents/ Carers

Working Bee: The Working Bee was a great success with many families and friends coming along for the morning, we achieved much more than I expected and that is thanks to the many people who came, and as they say “many hands make light work”. Our gardens and grounds are looking wonderful and our aim was to improve the soundings for our students to enjoy. Thank you to all that attended.

Coffee Morning: Thank you to all the people that came along to our first Coffee Morning. Many classroom recourses were made and what a wonderful informal way to meet other parents. A special thank you to Linda and Val for the lovely morning tea. The staff are very appreciative of the work done and I pass on their Thanks. The next Coffee Morning’s will be held on Friday the 7th & 28th November. All welcome.

Assemblies: This term we have had to change our Assembly day to Wednesday, to accommodate the Musica Viva program. The assembly dates for the remainder of the year are: 5th, 19th November and 3rd and 17th December.

Special Assembly Wednesday 19th November: There will be a special assembly to celebrate and officially open our new swing. The Variety-The Children’s Charity who donated our wonderful new swing are coming along to cut the ribbon and we will get the chance to thank them. It would be wonderful to see lots of Parents/Carers come along and be part of the ceremony.

Curriculum Day Monday 3rd November: Please note that Monday the 3rd November is a curriculum day, and students are not required at school. Staff will be participating in a full day workshop training in Positive Behaviour Support.

Robyn Simmonds
Principal
What a Fantastic turn out we had for our recent Working Bee!
Many jobs where completed, and it was lovely to see so many families and friends of Mornington SDS turn up and roll up their sleeves.
The gardens and grounds look great.

Thank you to these families and friends for coming along on the day.
Becketts, Woods, Fuller, White, Carr-Sanderson, Rennalls, Finch, Smith, Quinton, Binks, Nash, Wade, Page, Simmonds
On Tuesday October 21st our 3 Basketball Teams and staff travelled by Charter bus to Dandenong Stadium to play in the *VicHealth SDS Tournament*. The students played in 3 different sections against teams from Monash, Diamond Valley, Katandra, Springvale Park and Mount Evelyn SDS’s. It was an exciting day with our teams playing at least 4 games each, sometimes back to back!

Luckily we were able to take our full teams and had ‘subs’ to interchange.

Team 1 were Grand Final winners in Section 1 while Teams 2 and 3 both came 3rd in their sections!

A fantastic effort from our players, coaches and parents supporters!

Our thanks to Tim Downes from Basketball Victoria who organized the whole tournament, the enthusiastic referees who did a fantastic job and Dandenong Stadium – a venue that inspired our players to do their very best!
In cooking this week we made Pea Pesto Pasta. We used a cup of fresh mint from my garden. We had to strip the leaves off and add freshly squeezed lemon juice, again from my garden. Then adding pepper, some olive oil, a handful of parmesan cheese and 2/3 of a cup of frozen peas (unthawed), the mixture was made into pesto using a stick blender. Meanwhile the penne pasta was being cooked. The students mixed the pesto and pasta together, while the pasta was still hot. They then added 1/3 of a cup of frozen peas (unthawed and not mashed) and another handful of parmesan cheese to the mix. The students were working around a hot plate with skill, using knives and squeezing juice. It was a pleasure to watch. The students enjoyed their hard work and a couple of students went back for more.

In art, the students constructed dinosaur inspired creatures. Brendan was enthusiastic at painting the cardboard boxes.

Well done room’s 3 and 4.

Sean Griffin (classroom teacher)