Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy time we have had lately!

The official opening of the Birds Nest Swing donated by the Variety club. It was great to see all the children thoroughly enjoying using the swing. Thank you once again to John Mackie his wife Catherine from Mornington Car and Tyre Service, Lisa Riley from Mark and Lisa Riley Racing Stables and John Crossin from Harba Oyster Bar and Grill who helped raise the funds for the swing through their association with the Variety club. We were also very pleased to have Pauline Graafmans the Variety Club Grant Coordinator come along to cut the ribbon and officially open our swing.

Monday saw the wonderful Amanaska musical performance and Tuesday was the fabulous trip to the Zoo with students thoroughly enjoying both activities.

This really is a good start to our end of year celebrations. In amongst all this, the teachers are very busy writing the end of year reports.

EMA Discontinued in 2015

As you are probably already aware the Educational Maintenance Allowance is being discontinued in 2015 however there are some other options available to eligible families such as the Schoolkids Bonus this is $422 for Primary aged students and $842 for Secondary aged students. Centerlink automatically pays this amount to families in two instalments, January and July. Details of eligibility are attached to this newsletter.

For families who receive Centrelink payments they can access Centrepay Deductions which is a free direct bill paying service. Through Centrepay you can choose to pay school fees by having a regular amount deducted from your payments and transferred electronically to Mornington SDS. If you would like more details about this please contact Chris Wade the school’s Business Manager.

Robyn Simmonds
Principal

Dates to Remember

5th December—Family Christmas BBQ
13th December—Bunnings BBQ
16th December—Senior Graduation
19th December—Last Day term 4
Early Dismissal 1.30 pm

Early Dismissal
Last day of Term 4
19th December
Please take note school finishes at 1.30 pm on this day

Website News
Don’t forget to check out our website Mornington.sds.vic.gov.au

November - Joel
Daniel

Happy Birthday
MORNINGTON S.D.S FAMILY CHRISTMAS BBQ
Please join us for our Family Christmas BBQ which is a wonderful way to finish the school year and share in the Christmas cheer.

A Christmas Hamper will be raffled on the night; tickets will be $1.00 you can purchase them from the office and on the night.

Christmas cards Will be on sale, featuring your Childs art work, always a big hit.

PERFORMING ON THE NIGHT
THE MORNINGTON S.D.S CHOIR
Lead by Jason Day & Karen Goodwin

When: Friday 5th December from 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Where: MORNINGTON S.D.S – Robertson Drive, Mornington

GOLD COIN DONATION
PER PERSON
Your donation will contribute to the school BBQ providing
Sausages in bread, Salads, Cordial, Fruit and Ice-creams
That will be provided on the night
This year we will not be sharing plates of food, due to food intolerances
BYO
Chairs, Tables or Picnic Rugs
THIS IS AN ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

VALERIE BECKETT
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ROBYN SIMMONDS
PRINCIPAL

RSVP by MONDAY 1/12/14

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Student/Family name:___________________________________ Room________________

Yes we will be attending

No we will not be attending

Family members attending

Adults_______  Children________

GOLD COIN DONATION ON ARRIVAL, THIS WILL GO TOWARDS THE COSTS OF THE EVENING

Independence Through Learning
Mornington SDS had a special assembly and celebration for the official opening of our new swing.

We would like to thank our special visitors for coming for the ceremony.
Last Tuesday Mornington SDS student's went to the Melbourne Zoo, on a whole school excursion. Everyone got to experience and explore our wonderful Melbourne Zoo.
Thank you to those families who have finalised their family accounts for 2014. A positive response has been received from some families choosing to make instalments directly debiting funds into the school account—thank you to those families choosing this option.

Final reminders have now been sent out requesting that any overdue accounts be settled by Friday 14th December.

This will assist the office in the end of year financial procedures.

Thank you

Chris Wade
Business Manager
Hi from Room 1

Room 1 is a fabulous class with Skyla, Mackayla, Jemma, Sophie, and Jacob.

We have so much to tell you about. We have had two birthdays at Planet Kids – Big fun!

Jacob celebrated his 6th Birthday there and Mackayla loved it so much she celebrated her 8th Birthday at Planet kids too.

Skyla and Jemma had a special cup day at RDA and wore jockey silks, they went on a trail ride down the road and into the bush and played games on horseback.

Room 1 has also been on a wide variety of Community Access visits from the library to McDonalds.

We have borrowed books, fed the ducks, selected and requested items from McDonalds using Pro lac-quo2go on the Ipad, tried out new swings, climbing things and had lots of fun transferring the skills we have learned in the classroom out in the community.
Cooking has also been exciting, we have tried many different tastes including scrambled eggs, pizza, monster biscuits, toasted sandwiches, jelly, soups and sausage rolls to name a few of our lunches. It’s fun to harvest the vegetables from our garden to include in our meals - we are making beetroot dip this week!

Room 1’s veggie plot is pretty good too, getting our gloves on is the hardest part. Mackayla is trying to get some worm juice out of the worm farm.

Our focus has also been on everyday tasks of creating our visual timetables using PECS, writing, cutting, word match, counting, reading and a wide range of academic skills.

Room 1 is very excited about the Christmas festivities – just wait until you hear our Christmas songs at the family BBQ - See you there!!

From Room 1