PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
30th May 2014

School Car Park and Traffic Flow
Over the last few weeks we have installed some new traffic signs and had new markings in the car park. This has been done to ensure the safety of students from both Mornington SDS and Mornington Park PS.

We now have 3 designated Disabled car parking spaces for families who have a “Disabled car parking Tag”.

There are 3 car parking bays (marked with yellow lines) designated for Mornington SDS and Mornington Park Primary School Administration staff as well as a parking bay designated for the school bus.

Under the covered way is a Bus only drop off point between the hours on 8.30am-9.30 am and in the afternoon between 2.30pm-3.30pm. Please do not park in this area during these times.

There is also a No Standing Zone area that runs parallel to the bus parking.

We anticipate that these changes will improve the safety of the area. Thank you for your cooperation.

Robyn Simmonds
PRINCIPAL

CURRICULM DAY
Tuesday 10th June
No students required at School on this day

MOTHERS DAY STALL
Thanking all of the wonderful helpers who contributed and organized

May—Brendan
Chris
Jacinta
Lucy
Therressa
Dylan

Dates to Remember
2nd June—Immunisations
9th June—Queens Birthday Public Holiday
10th June—Curriculum Day
27th June—End of Term 2 Early Dismissal 2.30
14th July—Start Term 3
6th August—Music Festival
10 September—Concert

Independence Through Learning
On Wednesday the 21st of May our school held an open morning. We were privileged to have two VIP guests. Mr Neale Burgess MP & Mayor Antonella Celi who officiated over our egg drop challenge and presented awards and ribbons to our students. Mayor Celi quickly put on a lab coat and joined in the fun. Our students all wore lab coats and safety glasses for their experiments, just in case we didn’t have an egg survivor in the egg.

Our mission was to make a construction/parachute/ capsule for a raw egg!

The egg had to survive a fall from our platform to the hard ground below, without breaking.

Students researched the egg drop challenge on the internet then designed their own elaborate constructions.

Daniel one of our School Leaders, conducted his official duties of retrieving the egg from the floor, unwrapping it from its packaging (which wasn’t always easy) to see if the egg had been broken or survived it’s plummet to earth. Mayor Antonella Celi and Daniel then inspected the egg to see if it had splattered or survived.

Alex was selected to provide a drum roll prior to every egg drop. He did an outstanding job and was chosen for his drumming expertise. Well done Alex!

Whilst Alex was doing his egg drop Jacob and Tyson had a turn on the drums to keep the excitement going.
Lesley- Ann a volunteer here at Mornington SDS came to see our expo. Her son Ben dropped his egg from a really great height – did his egg survive? He used some balloons to cushion the fall for his egg. Great Idea Ben!

Skyla thought of using a long bread roll to put around the egg to stop it breaking! Very clever Skyla………. and it worked!!

Jemma and Cayden’s Mother saw Cayden use polystyrene cups and lots of sticky tape to make a protective shell for his egg, and Jemma is making a milk rainbow with lots of colours and some dishwashing liquid!
I would like to especially thank Laura Towey for her kind donation of 20 disposable lab coats – they were fantastic.

Marc Heron from Balcombe College also lent us 20 lab coats for the day. The college is going to do a science display later in the year for us.

Thanks also to John Pincott who cut the wood and drilled holes into it for students to hammer and make the herb boxes that were given to the Mayor and Neale Burgess. Who says girls can’t hammer!

Hayden’s mum came to help Room 2 with their experiments.

Jarrod’s Dad came to see him drop his egg and visited Room 7 where they had a wide range of experiments including invisible writing and make Stone out of bread!
ROOM 8
Next week is Education week and our theme is SCIENCE:
Room 8 have been preparing for this event for some time now. The students have been
“surfing the net” looking for really cool experiments they could prepare and use to share
with their class and the rest of the school.
We don’t want to give away too much so you will have to guess for now $0000 “what do
you think is going to
happen next”?

Many great discoveries and more to come. WELL DONE ROOM 8!
In term 2 our class lessons involved visits to the local wetland known as Brim Brim Wetlands which is situated behind the school.

Students are recreating the wetlands on the interactive white board and then making a real life ‘Wetland’ habitat.

The children are learning about the environment and how to recognise the common features of animals, as well as learning about animal habitats. In class the student’s labelled pictures where they identified the features of animals such as ants and echidna’s, and the children even made their own ant habitat complete with live ants to study.

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AWARDS

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD: Adriana for always listening and trying to do her best

MUSIC AWARD: Chris excellent listening in class and a fantastic ability to copy rhythms! Well Done Chris

PE AWARD: Cameron for playing fairly and being a good sport during P.E. fantastic sportsman Cameron

EEP’S AWARD: Diezel for putting his picture on the board in Morning circle. Well Done!

ROOM 1 AWARD: Jemma for sitting in the chair and opening her mouth for the dentist to look at her teeth—Well done

ROOM 2 AWARD: Jacob for performing great dance movements for classroom visitors
Mornington SDS had a Dental Hygienist from Hastings Dental Clinic visit our school. The program was offered **FREE** of CHARGE to all students at Mornington SDS. The Junior groups learnt through interactive play, storytelling and songs, how to take care of their teeth and also what to expect when visiting the Dentist, in a friendly environment.

As a follow up to this programme the Dental Van will be visiting our school later in the term.

**Juniors at their dental**
Mothers Day stall

The Mothers Day stall was a great success, students got to shop and choose a gift for their Mothers and gift wrap it ready for Sunday.

A Big Thank you to all the Wonderful Parents who helped organize and contributed to the stall, money raised from the stall will help purchase new Basketball uniforms.

Basketball this Friday

Team 1
CHRIS’S ALL STARS
JORDAN
ALEX
JOEL
JACKSON
JAROD
DANIEL
DYLAN
THERRESSA

Team 2
SUSANS SHOOTING STARS
ERIC
VICKY
TOMMY
BILLY
BEN H
CAMERON
ZAC

Team 3
SHARON’S STEELERS
FRANK
ANDREW
WILL
BAILEY
JACK
JACINTA
KEELY
CHRISS

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FREE PARENTING SUPPORT GROUPS

Are you the parent or caregiver of a child with a disability?

Get free parenting help

Parents of children with a developmental delay or a disability, aged 2 to 12 years, are eligible for free parenting support as part of the Stepping Stones Triple P Project.

Monash University is running free parenting groups in the Stepping Stones Triple P – Positive Parenting Program for parents or caregivers of children with a developmental delay or disability.

Parents will learn skills and strategies to promote child development, teaching new skills, and managing difficult behaviours.

If you are interested in participating in this project and receiving free parenting support, please contact the research team:

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Web: www.triplep-steppingstones.net

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Home of the
STEELERS
ALL ABILITIES
Basketball Program

COME & HAVE FUN!!!

WHEN:
Every Thursday night
4.30pm to 6.00pm

WHERE:
Somerville Recreation Centre
14 Edward Street, Somerville

COST:
$45 Annual Registration/Insurance Fee
$7 per game per week

This is a great opportunity to come and play in a great basketball competition for players of all abilities. Western Port also has a representative arm of its All Abilities Program. So come and participate and have fun!!

Questions?
Simply contact General Manager, Marc Pirrotta on 5977 7533 or gm@wpba.com.au

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To dear Jenny and Everyone at horse

riding, we want to thank you for teaching

us how to ride. We all love

horse riding and would never have the

opportunity if it was not for each of you. Thank you sincerely Mornington SDS.

Maui
I thought it was so lovely that some of the students got the opportunity to choose their own acts.

Loved the new venue.