Principal Professional Learning.
On Monday the 8th of August I went to the Department’s Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership for Professional Development. The Bastow was originally the North Melbourne State School No 307. I was attending the first day of the new Principal’s induction program. The program is called: “Evolve: New Principals Program” and it is designed to ensure that all new principals are supported by a process of continuous improvement and structured mentoring. I found the program to be of excellent value and very supportive.

Students and staff
We have had a number of staff off sick this term with coughs and colds. Just as it is important that staff stay away from school so as not to spread their colds; it is important that parents keep children who have a cold at home. Also, please remember that if you are dropping your child off at school and need to speak to the teacher please keep the conversation short. Students settle very quickly once Mum or Dad have left the room. If you need to talk to the teacher for a longer period or have some important information for the teacher, please let myself or Karen at the front office know, & we will make an appointment with the teacher for you.

Bunnings
Wednesday 17th we had Jenny Mann from Bunnings come to the school for one of our Science Week activities. Jenny helped the students with planting vegetables and other plants for our Stephanie Alexander Garden. It was a great success. Thanks to Bunnings and Jenny for supplying the plants and the time for Jenny to come to our school. Bunnings does a lot to support our school and we really appreciate it.

Music Festival
The Music Festival took place on the 16th at Kingston City Hall. All the special schools from the Southern Region sent in teams of students to perform. We sent the students from Rooms 6 and 8. The theme was “Star Wars” and our students did a terrific job. Their dancing was spot on and the costumes were great. The Storm Troopers really looked the part as did R2D2, Chewbacca, C3 – PO and the inimitable Darth Vader! A big thanks to Susan Spruce for the choreography and organising, to Val and Michelle for many of the costumes and to all the staff and parents who helped out.

David Newport
Principal
Senior students from Mornington SDS recently performed a Star Wars item at the Music Festival at Moorabbin Town Hall.

Our students shone on the day, well done everyone!

This item will be performed at our school concert on the 14th September, mark that date on your calendar!
Hi everyone!

We have been working really hard in our speech pathology sessions over the term, learning and practicing lot of new skills.

Some of the skills we have been working on include: asking each other questions, following directions,

Responding to questions, making choices, asking for things that we want or need and many more!

We love having new games to play and finding fun ways to build on our communication skills!

Sarah Gracie—Speech Therapist
Mornington Special Developmental School

and

Woodleigh School

Would like to present their Annual 2016

School Concert

Let’s Go To The Movies

Woodleigh Senior Campus

485 Golf Links Road

Langwarrin South 3911

Date 14th September 2016

Rehearsals are in full swing for our annual school concert,

“Let’s Go To The Movies” and its not long to go now until show time!

Woodleigh school, Senior campus Langwarrin.

Our students are perfecting there items and excitement is growing for the upcoming event.
Our Students enjoying Cricket
Thank you to Cricket Australia and Milo
Dear Families, Just a reminder that our Fathers day stall will be held on Friday 2nd September.
We are asking Students/Parents to contribute a gift valued between $5.00 to $10.00 dollars.
Students who contributed a gift will then be able to purchase a special gift for the special price of $3.00 on the day of the stall.
There will be gifts available for all students to purchase
All presents will be gift wrapped by parent volunteers.

Please send in your gifts asap to the school office, and if you can help on the day of the stall please let the school office know.

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A big thank you to Jenny Mann from Bunnings for coming and helping our students with the vegetable garden.

Bunnings also donated vegetable seedlings, potting mix and pots so all of our students where able to take home something to plant in there own gardens.
Physiotherapy

All students have access to physiotherapy within the school program. In most cases an activity schedule is developed with classroom staff to enable physio goals to be met throughout the school day.

Focus has been generally on developing core strength, increasing endurance, improving posture’ following up with equipment applications and ensuring that each student can achieve maximum potential physically.

Some students have more specific individual goals developed after closer consultation with family and we hope that within the school we can progress these goals and assist with achieving these objectives.

Currently Physio is available 1 morning per week. As I will be retiring this year I wish all students and their families the very best and thankyou for the opportunity to work with your child during my time at MSDS.

Best wishes to all

Cheryl Taylor