Opportunity Shop
I had the pleasure of addressing the volunteers at St Peter’s Place Opportunity shop. The volunteers had donated to the school and were interested in learning more about us. It was a great ‘opportunity’ (sorry) to spread the word about our school being part of the Mornington community and the great things our students are doing. Thanks to Helen and Sue for hosting the event and to The Reverend Helen for inviting me.

New Buildings
I have participated in a site visit with a representative from Fleetwood, who will be installing the portables and Craig from BHS who represents the department. The three portables will hopefully be in by Christmas holidays (here’s hoping…) Also, I have been in conversation with Bev Dadds, the Principal of Mornington Park Primary about making a joint application to the department for a playground and running track. This would mean the two schools would share more facilities, enhancing the inclusive nature of both schools.

Buses
Norm Minton from Mornington Lions Club has been working closely with the school to raise money for a new school bus. We are working towards raising money for a bus with our School Concert and Golf day. Any support you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

School Concert
In partnership with Woodleigh School our annual school concert is being held on the 14th of September. This year’s theme is “Let’s go to the Movies!” We are looking forward to a really exciting night and need as many people as possible to attend. If you would like to purchase tickets or help out in any way please contact Karen at the school.

Thanks to parents and carers
Thanks to all the parents and carers who have kept and are keeping their children at home if their child has a cold or flu. Unfortunately, it is the season for such illnesses. Spring is now officially here so perhaps students and staff will start to shake off their winter colds soon.

Musica Viva
Musica Viva presented ‘Fiddle Sticks’ to the whole school on Wednesday the 31st. It was a great success. The students all loved the performance and being part of the performance was even better. Thanks to Jason, a valued member of our school community for organising the concert. We are very fortunate to have Jason at our school, leading our students in their music education. Musica Viva is Australia’s oldest independent professional performing arts organisation – a truly national company, and the world’s largest presenter of chamber music.

Reports.
I have consulted with the teachers and School Council about changing the end of year reporting requirements for our school aged students. It was decided by the Curriculum Committee that the comments regarding each goal was not required but the end of report summary / general comments would remain. We will trial this change for this year. I would be very interested in your feedback about the changes. More information will sent home shortly.

David Newport
Principal
Fire Brigade Visit

Mornington Fire Brigade paid us a visit last week. Our students were able to see inside a fire truck, hear the siren, use the hose, while also learning about fire safety. Our students loved this visit, and the whole school community would like to thank the busy firemen from Mornington Fire Brigade for taking the time to visit us.
Room 6 has been a little different in term 3. Sharon has unfortunately been absent and Brendan has stepped in to teach the group with Julie. The students have handled the change extremely well and have been working really hard. The focus this term has been Science— in particular the weather. Every day students have been cutting and pasting the weather forecast into their books with a small sentence about the day. It has been very interesting to watch the changes from day to day!

Aside from this, the students in Room 6 have been lucky enough, with students from other rooms, each Wednesday to have a visit from Jason Mathers from Cricket Victoria. This has been an extremely enjoyable and valuable activity for all involved! As a result of being part of this program, MSDS has been given a cricket kit full of resources so that we can continue to enjoy playing cricket and many other games after Cricket Victoria’s program has finished.

We have also been doing a little bit of cooking using ingredients fresh from our garden. With the help of Bianca and a recipe from the Stephanie Alexander Program, students cooked basil and garlic pizzas. This was great fun and the pizzas were very tasty!
Mornington Special Developmental School
and
Woodleigh School
Would like to present their Annual 2016
School Concert

Let’s Go To The Movies

Date 14th September 2016
Show starts at 7.00pm
Woodleigh Senior Campus
485 Golf Links Road
Langwarrin South3911

SCHOOL CONCERT REMINDER

The Students have been rehearsing very hard and are so excited about the upcoming event.

All Students are required to be there by 6.45pm

Curtains will be opening at 7.00pm sharp.

Family Ticket $20.00 (2 Adults & 2 Children)  Single $10.00

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE
My name is Dominique and I am the new Occupational therapist here at Mornington SDS. I am currently working one day a week, on a Thursday and am enthusiastic about my new position. I have always wanted to work with children, helping them reach their full potential. I believe every child is unique and so they require a unique approach to their learning and therapy.

As the occupational therapist here I aim to give the children skills that promote participation and engagement within their school and home environment. I will work closely with teachers to target areas of self-care, productivity and leisure, giving them aids and strategies to help to develop targeted skills within the class room. I will provide therapy, teaching activities and techniques as a whole class, in small groups or with specific individuals on fine and gross motor skills, social skills and sensory preferences.

I’m very excited to get to know Mornington SDS and everyone that makes up this community!

Thanks
Dominique

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**SICK DAY OR SCHOOL DAY?**

Should they stay or should they go? Check this cold guide to help you make the sick day judgement call.

**RED LIGHT**

Keep kids at home and consider seeing your GP
- Fever of 38.5°C or higher
- Wheezing or shortness of breath
- Disruptive cough
- Constant runny nose with a yellow/green tint
- Excessive fatigue

**ORANGE LIGHT**

Kids can resume most regular activities
- Fever – free for 24 hours
- Sporadic cough
- Minimal green/yellow runny nose

**GREEN LIGHT**

OK to send kids to school
- Mild, infrequent cough
- Clear runny nose
- Active, playful and rested
Dear Parents, I have recently received a newsletter from the Office of the Children’s e Safety Commissioner ‘Cyberzine’. Searching through this newsletter I discovered ‘iParent’ which has a wealth of information including short videos, resources and legal advice in reference to a range of issues associated with cyber safety. The information provided addresses all ages and the link is as follows: www.esafety.gov.au when you are this page click on eSafety information and scroll down to information for parents and families where you will find iParent. Click on this icon and happy surfing!! Cheers Angela Holland, e Smart coordinator.

RAFFLE
Tickets $2.00 each

Raffle tickets are now on sale for our raffle that is drawn on the night of the concert.

We have some fabulous prizes to raffle this year, Moonah Links Resort has donated a nights accommodation with breakfast as well as a Hot Springs Spa Voucher, the Enchanted Maze Garden have donated a family Pass, Baxter Tavern a Meal s voucher and much more. Please see below for some of the wonderful business ‘s that have donated so far to our raffle. Tickets are $2.00 each Raffle drawn on the night of the concert.