From the Principal’s Desk

All the students and staff settled into the New Year. We have started our out of school programs: Swimming program, Riding for the Disabled and Sailability. Again, a big thanks to Iain Hogg who repaired our bus – no bus, no out of school programs, so thanks Iain. As we are a small school all of the students have quickly made friends in their new classes. It is great to have them back.

Assembly

We had our first assembly during which I presented badges to our School Leaders – Ben, Therressa and Brendan. We also appointed the Student Voice representatives. They were: Jemma, Harley, Taleah, Jacob, Billy, Zac, Keely and Jackson. Congratulations to all. I am sure you will make fine school leaders and representatives.

St Kilda Football club visit

On Tuesday 23rd our PE / Art teacher Brendan organised a visit to the school from the St Kilda football club. Unfortunately I was at a meeting all day but I am told it was a great success. I am so impressed that a big city football club will take the time out to visit our small school down here on the peninsula. Thank you to all the players who attended, to the staff who helped, to the kids who had all the fun and big thanks to Brendan who organised the day.

Central Peninsula Schools Principal Network

I recently attended my first meeting of the Central Peninsula Schools Principal Network. It was chaired by Dennis Pratt who is the network’s Senior Education Improvement Leader. It was a good meeting a great chance for me to meet my colleagues in local schools.

David Newport
Acting Principal
Early Education Program  Room 5

Hello from the Early Education Program! This year we welcomed back Noah, Aleaha, Logan G, Taj, Sianna and Aryana. We are also very pleased to welcome Logan S and Troy who are new to our classroom.

There are also new staff in EEPs with myself Suzanne and Gale. It has been a magical start to our year with all of us settling into the program well.

The first few weeks we have been getting to know each other and developing a routine. We have begun with a number of different activities each aimed at developing, practicing and extending a wide variety of skills in a fun way! An example of one of these activities is “what’s in your bag?” an activity designed to encourage students to look in their bag, label the items and locate a picture symbol which represents each item. Then paste it on to the representation of the student’s bag. Students are required to use their fine motor skill, to transfer their knowledge, to look and label items, just to name a few of the skills practiced in this activity. We look forward to a great term ending in Easter Activities which our class is organizing – get your Easter hats ready! Regards Suzanne and Gale.
On Tuesday we were lucky enough to have a visit from The St Kilda Football Club. FIVE players turned up— including the Captain, Nick Reiwoldt and Vice-Captain Leigh Montagna. Also coming in to speak with the students and have a play with the footy were Shane Savage, Dylan Robertson and Sebastian Ross. The students (and staff) were really excited to have the players visit and enjoyed the chance to have a kick with the players. It is great to be involved in activities such as this and we look forward to further visits in the future.
Mornington SDS

Independence Through Learning
Easter Raffle

Its Easter raffle time again!

Money raised will go towards our new “Relaxation/Chill out area”

Great Prizes to be won, including a $50.00 voucher from Coles, Family pass to Moonlit Sanctuary, Family pass to Jurassic Creatures valued at $105.00, Easter eggs, soft toys and more.

Tickets are $1.00 each (tickets sent out with this newsletter

Drawn on Thursday 24th March

Easter Hat Parade

Join in the fun of our Easter hat parade, great prizes for the best hat

and everyone that participates gets a small prize.

Parade on Thursday 24th March (last day of term)

Come along and join in the fun, all welcome!

Back to School asthma spike

Every year there is a well-documented rise in asthma flare-ups and hospitalisations when students return to school after the Christmas break. Asthma Australia has information for parents of students with asthma to help them prepare for school. Asthma Australia’s website and social media provide the latest information, including a checklist of what to do to help your child and a survey to complete to determine the impacts for parents/carers.

Asthma Australia recommends that you talk to school staff about your child’s asthma and the school’s medication policy, provide an Asthma Plan from the doctor and supply a spare reliever puffer and spacer for your child’s use at school.

For primary aged students:

Asthma Kids Looking for a way to help your child understand more about their asthma or about a friend with asthma? Asthma Kids is an online, interactive tool to help primary school aged children understand what it’s like to have asthma and what they can do to help. Watch one of the introductory videos then take Chester’s Asthma Trail. There are prizes to win too! www.asthmakids.org.au

For secondary aged students:

Young People and Asthma Asthma Australia is working with key organisations supporting young people’s health to help improve asthma health outcomes for 12-25 year olds. A Facebook page, Young
School Holiday Program

Easter School Holidays
Moonlit Sanctuary Junior Ranger Program

Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care. Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food prep, animal enrichment activities, fun and games for ages 7-14 years.

Easter school holiday dates:
• Week 1: Tuesday 29th March to Friday 1st April 10am – 4pm
• Week 2: Monday 4th to Friday 8th April 10am – 4pm

Cost: $65.00 per day, or $175 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days).
Maximum 16 children per day.

Bookings essential as spaces are limited
Dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

Moonlit Sanctuary
550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale
Phone 5978 7935
Open daily between 10am and 5pm

Don’t forget to check out our website for more news and information
www.morningtonsds.vic.gov.au
Dear Parents,

We are delighted to advise you that Bakers Delight Carnegie, situated at 102 Koornang Rd, Carnegie, and proudly owned by Graeme Grieve and his wife Pam, have committed to work closely with Mornington Special Development School to assist in our fund raising efforts.

Normally you would buy a 6 pack of Hot Cross buns for the RRP of $7.00 and Pam & Graeme would donate $2.00 back to our school.

However... as Pam & Graeme are good friends of Iain Hogg’s and would like to support Billy’s school they have offered to donate 50 packs to our school so we retain the full $7.00. This is a significant gesture by Graeme and Pam and we urge all families and friends to take advantage of this offer and at the same time, greatly assist in fundraising for our school.

The other benefit of course is that you will be enjoying the most delightful and freshest Hot Cross Buns you can possibly buy. The Hot Cross Buns, packed with real fruit and spices, the delicious Chocolate Hot Cross Buns and we also have “Mocha” available for your family to enjoy. They are all baked fresh daily from raw ingredients and offer superb quality at a very reasonable price.

So please help us to raise some additional funds by making a Hot Cross Bun purchase this year through our school. An order form is attached for your completion and we would be grateful if you could ensure this is returned, together with the appropriate payment by 11th March at the latest. We will advise details regarding collection of your Hot Cross Buns from the school closer to Easter.

We thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

The Fundraising Committee

Don’t forget Labour Day 14th March
public holiday—long weekend
HOT CROSS BUN ORDER FORM

Bakers Delight Carnegie would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase delicious Hot Cross Buns and help us to raise much needed funds. The more buns you buy the more we raise.

Simply fill in the details below and select which Hot Cross Buns you would like to order, bring your order form together with full payment back to school by 11th March and your buns will be ready 18th March

Remember to ask family and friends if they would like to order some too.

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