From The Principal

STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2014

I believe every child has the potential to be a leader. Building capacity in children to be able to demonstrate their resilience, confidence and knowledge enables our young people to take the lead when they are ready or willing. Some will lead up front and visibly while many will test their strengths in the background, leading and collaborating in various ways that suit them.

Selecting our Student Leaders is a complex process. I congratulate this year’s leadership team announced at Monday’s assembly and acknowledge these children’s potential to demonstrate and model our school’s high expectations, values and care as community representatives to their peers. I also look forward to working with this team closely this year and finding out about how they believe they will best contribute to the school community.

Our thanks to our former School Captains of 2013, Brodie and Matt, for returning to handover and present the new leadership team for 2014. Thanks also to our School Council President, Mr Ross McCaulay and Mr Murray Thompson, MLA Sandringham, for attending our Monday assembly to formally acknowledge the new leadership team.

**SRC grade representatives will be announced and receive their badge next Monday at the 9.00am assembly.**
WELLBEING- RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRACTISE (RJP) AND RELATIONAL CIRCLES

Our Restorative wellbeing model at MPS means that students will be involved in solving issues or conflict. Building the relationships between and across students and teachers using the restorative dialogue, will be an essential component of our students getting used to a new way.

The skills we will build in the children will help them to steer clear of the blame game, take responsibility for their own actions and help them to empathise with the feelings of others who are involved in conflict.

We move forward from the purely punitive model that disciplines through fear of punishment, to the restorative model that promotes student voice, responsibility, involvement and action to solve, not ignore, issues.

In the coming weeks I will be inviting you to join us at school, and learn a little more about the approach and participate in some stress free circle activities with Marg Armstrong. Stay tuned.
SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

I’d like to take this opportunity to encourage you to read the notice accompanying the newsletter regarding the imminent school council elections. If you have an interest in working with us as a collaborative team focussed on whole school improvement, you may like to nominate yourself to council.

If you would like to find out more about the role you could play on council, please feel free to come and have a chat or alternatively you can have a chat with any of our current council members who I am sure would be happy to share their experience with you.

AIR! It is really pleasing to see air-conditioning units installed in our upper floor classrooms this week. These rooms were a priority and ‘Yes,’ we do have more classrooms that heat up in extreme weather and they are on our wish list.

We are not funded by the department for air-conditioning so we are unable to install air conditioners everywhere all at once. It’s thanks to the Parent Club and the school community that we have been able to begin by installing these three and further air-conditioning units will be installed in line with future funds availability and other various facility upgrade priorities.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL My thanks for the positive Transition day 2013 and the start to the new school year 2014 feedback that I’ve received in conversation with many parents in the playground.

If you have some feedback for me regarding what you thought of the process that informed students of their new class structure and who their teacher would be before the end of the school year, (as opposed to shortly before they began the new school year in 2014,) can I ask you to please take a little time and either write me a note or send an email to school, attention to the Principal with your feedback.

I will be evaluating the process for next year and need your feedback to do this authentically. Thank you in anticipation.

Have a terrific week,

Marcelle van Maanen
**EMA**

**Are you eligible for Education Maintenance Allowance?**

If you hold a Health Care/Centrelink card valid on the first day of school you will need to collect an EMA form from the stand in the school foyer, complete the details and present your card for photocopying. The closing date to lodge your form is FEBRUARY 28th. We are unable to accept LATE APPLICATIONS. Please contact the office for further information.

**Children’s BOOK PACK feedback.**

To help us analyse the effectiveness of the purchase & distribution of your child(ren)’s Book List items this year, I ask you to email your feedback to me. All comments with regard to any aspect of the process will be valuable in our efforts to continually improve the process. I will take a summary of your feedback to our next meeting with Office Max. If you did not choose to purchase the Book Pack through Office Max, let me know your reasons for this. Email your comments to: mentone.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

**WORKING BEE THIS SATURDAY.**

Our next working bee will be this Saturday February 15th (9.00 – 11.00am). The focus is post-holiday tidying-up – weeding, sweeping & generally clearing the yard.

**Wanted**

A volunteer to manage the uniform shop ASAP. Please contact uniform shop or parent club for more information.

Uniform shop

Extended hours for Feb.

Friday 14th 8.45am - 9.15am
Tuesday 18th 8.45 - 9.15am (Extra day for Feb only)
Friday 21st 8.45am - 9.15am
Tuesday 25th 8.45am – 9.15am (Extra day for Feb only)
Friday 28th 8.45am – 9.15am

Normal trading hours from March.
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<td>Staff Room. Come along to the first meeting of the year and learn about how you can be involved and make a valuable contribution to the school.</td>
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**Miss Denton is getting married!**

I am getting married on March 8th and I am becoming Mrs Goodwin. If any families would like to come along to watch the Wedding Ceremony please come and see me for the details. The wedding is in Gembrook, so you might like to make a day of it! I would love to see any of my students there!
Congratulations to our 2014 School Leaders

School Captains
Eva & Jakob

School Leadership Team
Eric, Lachlan & Ben
Ella, Hannah, Claire, Caroline & Abi

Sustainability Leaders:
Hannah, Emily, Lauren & Georgia
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<td>Matthew &amp; Hinda</td>
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District Swimming Carnival
Do you enjoy swimming and would like to represent our school at the District level?
The District Swimming Carnival will be held on:

Wednesday 26th February, 9:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the
Noble Park Aquatic Centre on Heatherton Road, Noble Park

If you are interested, then complete the form below, return it to Mrs Stone or the school office and you may be eligible to compete for our school. Please return by Tuesday 18th February (no late entries will be accepted). You must be a minimum age of nine years old in 2014 (born 2005). Students race against other students that are the same gender and age group. If you have more than one student in your family wanting to enter, please complete two forms. Cost: To be confirmed. A school bus will be booked and the cost shared evenly between competitors.

Expression of Interest for the District Swimming Carnival

Name: ___________________________ Teacher: ______________

Date of birth: _______________ Contact number: ______________

Please number your preferences 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc. below for the swimming style(s) of your choice. Please do not tick the boxes. If you cannot swim a particular stroke then do not include it in your preferences.

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Can your child dive? __________

Is your child a member of a swimming squad? __________________________

Does your child attend weekly swimming lessons? _______________________

Please complete the questions below if you are able to help at the carnival.

Can you please help supervise students by the pool? _______________________

Can you please help judge at the finish line? ___________________________

What is your Working with Children number? ___________________________

Trish Stone
P.E. Teacher
Attention Prep Families
There is a change of venue for the Prep Family Picnic.
It is now going to be held at our school oval at 5:30pm on Friday 28th February. Please BYO everything.
Also, a reminder that Prep children do not attend Friday assembly until 21st March.

Boxing 4 Fitness Women’s groups are now expanding to Mentone. Classes are fun and challenging and help you lose weight and stay fit!
Proposed location is the Multipurpose room.
Nights and times to be confirmed.
So get the girls together and register your interest by emailing Nadia at boxing4fitness@hotmail.com or for enquiries contact 0468 358 882.

4 cousins, Parkdale Plaza Nepean Highway Parkdale, are kindly donating fruit to the Preps for Free Fruit Friday for the year. Because of their generosity we hope that you can support their business. Thank you to Emma Tully for organising this.

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Your Class Rep's for this year are as follows-

Prep H  Anna Qiu, Ameliya Fernando and Natalia Arkhipova
Prep I  Lucy Lettini
Prep K  Matt Hallam
Prep L  Paivi Bertucci

1/2D  Liz Fairley
1/2E  Cheree Jowzy
1/2J  TBC
1/2P  Deb Granell
1/2Q  Louise Rae, Kirsten

3B  Michelle McLaren, Cindy Gregory
3C  Paula Halperin
3/4A  Charmaine Van Rooyen
4F  Sue Hirst
4G  Karyn Clancy

5/6R  Alwyn Lewis
5/6S  Jane Yan
5/6T  Sharon Weinert
5/6U  Michaela Patel

Thank you to all those who have volunteered their time. Your class rep will be in touch soon and will forward your class contact list.

If you haven't yet sent back your details form but would like to be included in the list please complete the "2014 Class Contact List Details" form and return ASAP. If you would like to receive information regarding class social events and school reminders/updates but do not wish to share your contact details please speak with your class rep.

As you can see, we are still looking for a Rep for 1/2J, if you are interested please contact me.

I am looking forward to another great year for our school community.

Karyn Clancy
Class Rep Co-ordinator
karynclancy@bigpond.com
Grade 4 girls – wanted to join a netball team!

We have vacancies for beginner players in Grade 4 in an u11C netball team at CCC Bolts Netball Club.

Training – Mentone Primary School on Tuesdays 3:45pm-4:45pm (coach can pick up and drop off from after-school care) Games – Dales Park, Warrigal Road on Saturdays approx. 9am

For more information go to www.chelt.com.au (CCC Bolts Netball Club) or call Arna at CCC on 9583 0095 or email manager@chelt.com.au
Would $500 assist you with education costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- TAFE, traineeship and apprenticeship costs
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Henry Frenkel, your local Saver Plus Worker
Tel: 03 8517 5670 or 0488 069 627
Email: saverplus@bsl.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in your local area. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

Voices 88
Singing Group For Adults

Are you feeling stressed and overwhelmed that the kids are back to school?

Do you love your kids to death, but would like a night off?

Come along to voices 88, its for anyone who wants to sing and have fun!

Voices 88 is a singing group for adults in the modern world. It’s for everyone who loves to sing, but has never had the opportunity to give it a real go! Enjoy the benefits of singing, invigorate your senses, shake off the stress and be a part of this fresh and exciting approach to group singing.

No audition is needed as anyone can come along. No judgement, it’s not a competition! Our weekly session has a real emphasis on having fun while learning popular hits songs, discovering singing techniques and meeting like-minded and passionate people – just like you!

www.entertainment88.com.au For more information, please contact Sharon: 0425 428893 or info@entertainment88.com.au
MORDIALLOC NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

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Some of our fun activities for adults include, ART, BELLY DANCING, TAI CHI, YOGA and FAMILY HISTORY.

For children, we have PLAYGROUPS, MUSIC FOR TINIES, OCCASIONAL CARE CHILD CARE AND A 3 YEAR OLD KINDER PROGRAM.

For further information and bookings, please phone our friendly office staff on: 9587 4534

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