



Mill Park Primary School

Newsletter

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Our vision is to be a dynamic school, promoting integrity, life long learning and the attainment of excellence

**Excursion Payments - PLEASE NOTE
NO PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED
AFTER THE DUE DATE.**

**Year 5 & 6 Selected Students Only for Interschool Summer
Sports \$28 due 31st Jan**

ENROL FOR 2019 NOW

Coming Events

- Feb 2 Year 5 & 6 Interschool Summer Sport
- Feb 5 2018 Preps begin school @ 9.00am
- Feb 9 Year 5 & 6 Interschool Summer Sport
- Feb 16 Year 5 & 6 Interschool Summer Sport
- Feb 21 District Swimming Carnival
- Feb 23 Year 5 & 6 Interschool Summer Sport
- Feb 23 Family Picnic
- Mar 2 Year 5 & 6 Interschool Summer Sport
- Mar 5 Whole School Photos
- Mar 7 2017 Graduates Afternoon Tea @ 4.00pm
- Mar 9 Year 5 & 6 Interschool Summer Sport
- Mar 12 Labour Day Public Holiday
- Mar 15 Middle Years Athletics Carnival
- Mar 19-23 Cultural Diversity Week
- Mar 23 Year 5 & 6 Interschool Summer Sport
- Mar 30 Year 5 & 6 Interschool Summer Sport
- Mar 29 End of Term 1

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

The first day back at school is always a big one in the school calendar. For some children it is their first day at our school, and what a momentous occasion that is. We have several children transferring into the school at various year levels and to these children and families a special welcome also. We feel honoured to have you with us.

To the parents and staff – it is great to see you all again. I trust that together we can continue building what is a wonderful school where we aim to provide the best education possible for each child.

After many weeks of holidays, it is important for families to establish good routines to enable children to be at school on time and to undertake their learning and homework tasks. Good routines certainly help reduce stressful and upsetting situations.



PREP STUDENTS

Our Prep students attended school by appointment this week to take part in the School Entry assessment program. Each student was tested by his/her class teacher to determine their levels in literacy and numeracy. We look forward to officially welcoming our Prep students next Monday, 5th February 2018.

School Council Meetings in 2018

20th February, 20th March*, 24th April, 22nd May, 19th June, 31st July, 21st August, 18th September, 23rd October, 20th November, 11th December (if required)

*AGM @ 6.30pm

Finance & Fundraising; Buildings & Grounds; Education & Policy; Community Building & Relations Committee
Meetings - 13th February 2018

OSHC - 2018

STAFFING NEWS

We welcome the following teachers to our school:

- ◆ Ms Evie Cacoyiannis – Year 2 teacher
- ◆ Ms Adele Steriadis – Year 4 teacher
- ◆ Mr Luke Baldassini – Year 5 teacher

A 2018 staff list is included in the newsletter for your information.

BABY NEWS



Congratulations to Mrs Jacqui Gosling and her husband Dave on the safe arrival of their little girl Macy Jay.



Macy was born on 23rd January at 8.21pm; she is very lucky to have two older brothers who will look out for her.

Congratulations to Mrs Saras Ramasamy on becoming a grandmother. Maaya Mani Arasu was born on 11th January 2018 and is Saras' first grandchild.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Our first school assembly will be held tomorrow, Friday, 2nd February 2018 at 2.40pm either on the basketball court or in the multipurpose room depending on weather conditions. Parents are most welcome to attend. Our assemblies give us the opportunity to come together as a whole school each week and to celebrate our students' achievements, to gather reports and to share information.

Please support the school's SunSmart policy by wearing a hat to outdoor assemblies.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

We take great pride in our school's newsletter which is written and published weekly to keep our school community well informed about programs and current events. At the moment, only a few families at the school receive a hard copy of the newsletter, most receive it in electronic form (email) and it is also uploaded onto the school's website weekly. The cost of photocopying, as well as the volume of paper used, is of concern to the school. We encourage parents to consider receiving the newsletter by e-mail weekly. Your computer will need Adobe Reader to open the newsletter which will be saved as a PDF file.

Although we will continue to publish the newsletter weekly, we will only provide a hard copy for families who do not have internet access. Parents will be asked to nominate an email address to receive the newsletter, or alternately to visit www.millparkps.vic.edu.au

SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS

All staff at our school take duty of care very seriously and ensure students are well supervised when in classrooms and in the schoolyard. Parents are reminded that Mrs Vidmar and I are on yard duty from 8.45am, and that students who arrive at school prior to this time are not supervised.

STUDENT LEADERS

The following students hold leadership positions at the school in 2018:

School Captains: Elora & Harrison

House Captains:

Banksia House: Tharinie & Sarah

Blue Gum House: Nicholas & Tayaab

Grevillea House: Sonia & Teresa

Wattle House: Lisa & Sarah

Our School and House Captains will be presented with their badges at next week's assembly to enable our Prep students to be part of the presentation.

I leave you with a quote from author Creig Crippen, 'You will see in the world what you carry in your heart.'

Lu Alessi

Principal

NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



"The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals" – Melody Beattie

Welcome back to all of our students and parents for 2018! The start of the New Year is not only an exciting time, but also a great opportunity to think about all the things we would like to achieve throughout the year.

So as we enter the first week of the school year, I encourage all families to sit down and share what their goals and aspirations are for 2018- this could be something you want to learn at school, something you want to do with your family or even a healthy change to your lifestyle!

New Year represents new beginnings- so make sure you take the time to be the best version of you!

5 Simple Tips to get back into Routine!

Getting back into routine after the summer break can be challenging! Here are some simple tips to help settle back into the school year and ensure your child is prepared to maximize their learning potential;

1. Set a good bed routine and stick to it!
2. Have a balanced and healthy diet to increase energy throughout the day
3. Hydration is key- especially in these warmer months! Make sure your child is drinking plenty of water throughout the day
4. Have your child pack their school bag the night before- this simple act of organisation helps reduce the stress of the morning rush!
5. Have fun! With daylight savings still in place, do something fun outdoors with your kids before bed!

2018 promises to be a great year for our school and I truly feel honored to be the Assistant Principal at Mill Park Primary School. I look forward to continuing my work with Mrs Alessi, as well as the rest of our wonderful staff, in our efforts to do whatever it takes to improve the achievement standards of all of our students.

Have a great week and enjoy!



Carol Vidmar
Assistant Principal

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome back and welcome to our new families and students.

OFFICE HOURS

The school office is open from 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday – Friday

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

All payments must be in a school payment envelope together with money and signed permission notice. Our preferred method of payment is by Qkr. Payments will be accepted by eftpois, credit card, cheque or cash.

ESSENTIAL RESOURCES

We have quite a few families who have not yet paid for their child's Essential Resources. Book packs may be collected upon payment.

CSEF

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.

There are two criteria that must be met:

On the first day of term one (29 January 2018) or the first day of term two (18 April 2018), a parent or legal guardian of a student must:

be an eligible beneficiary of one of these cards:

Veterans Affairs Gold Card

Centrelink Health Care Card

Pensioner Concession Card

OR they must be a temporary foster parent

AND the parent or legal guardian must submit an application by the due date.

Parents who receive a carer allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.

Eligibility will be determined when the parent's concession card successfully validates with Centrelink on either the first day of term one or term two.

If the eligible card is in the name of the student, the fund is only granted to that student, not their siblings.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years.

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, TAFE or who are home schooled.

Payments are:

\$125 per year for eligible primary school students.

Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. Most payments start from March onwards.

Applications can be received over term one and two. Payments are for the application year and cannot be claimed for previous years.

The CSEF payment cannot be used towards voluntary school charges, books, stationery, school uniforms, before/after school care, music lessons, or formals/graduations.

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2017, you do not need to complete an application form in 2018 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. Your child's school will apply for the CSEF on your behalf.

You will only need to submit an application form in 2018 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- ❑ new student enrolments: your child has started or changed schools in 2018 or you did not apply at the same school in 2017 or
- ❑ changed family circumstances: such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2018.

Schools are able to accept and process applications up until the end of term two each year.

CSEF payments are made to schools from March onwards each year.

CANTEEN REUSABLE LUNCH BAGS

Reusable canteen lunch bags are available for purchase at the office from \$10.50 - \$12.50. Please see attached sheet for more information.

Angela Falso

Business Manager

STUDENT BANKING

Student Banking will resume on Tuesday, 20th February 2018.

Alison Wylie

Student Banking Coordinator

READING MATTERS

Wow! Doesn't time fly when you're having fun? I hope your holidays were filled with family, fun and relaxation and you are ready to begin the New Year with enthusiasm and a will to succeed.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is part of our Literacy Program and therefore compulsory for each child to enter. The Challenge is a great way for your child to increase their reading skills, their vocabulary and to widen their choice of authors. Every student in our school has completed the Challenge for the last six years so I know that you will want to continue that success in 2018. I am available before and after school to answer any questions you may have. You will find me in the Library office near H1 and H2. The booklist for the challenge has yet to be updated but books from last year's list will count. **Home Reading books are not on the list so borrow from your class libraries.** The website for the Premier's Reading Challenge Book list is www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Overdue Books

If you have any books that were due back before the holidays please return them to my office ASAP.

Thinking of the Premier's Reading Challenge I am reminded of the Chinese proverb "A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step".

Happy Reading

Sharon Turner

Librarian

BOOK CLUB

Hello fellow readers!

Book Club Issue 1 pamphlets went home yesterday. Please peruse them at your leisure and all orders must be either ordered and paid for on line or returned with cash in a school envelope by **Friday 9th February at 4pm**. No orders will be accepted after this date, so get in early to avoid disappointment.

Stephanie Papaevangelou

Book Club Coordinator

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Parents and Friends Association meet on the second Tuesday of each month in the Community Room.

These meetings are open to all parents and guardians, grandparents and interested members of the School Community.

Our next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 13th February 2018** in the Community Room. We hope to see you there!

Christine Gale

PFA Secretary



For all 3 year old and 4 year old enrolment enquires

Please contact: 9404 2623



MILL PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL



2018 STAFF

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| Lu Alessi | Principal |
| Carol Vidmar | Assistant Principal |
| Kelly Spurr | Welfare Officer |
| Prep Team | |
| Vanessa Fasulo | W1 |
| Kaylee Andrew | W2 |
| Stephanie Lackovic | W3 |
| Tracey Cooke | W4 |
| Year 1 Team | |
| John Piraina | W5 |
| Stephanie Dehghani | W6 |
| Joanne Wharton | W7 |
| Emma Carlon | W8 |
| Year 2 Team | |
| Maria Valente | W9 |
| Evie Cacoyiannis | W10 |
| Susan Wilson | E1 |
| Year 3 Team | |
| Daniel Leahy | H1 |
| Krystal Hide | H2 |
| Eman Nayef | H3 |
| Year 4 Team | |
| Adele Steriadis | H4 |
| Dean Castle | H5 |
| Steven Edwards | H6 |
| Year 5 Team | |
| Adam Tavella | E2 |
| Kathy Acciarito | E3 |
| Sonia Tancevska | E3 |
| Luke Baldassini | E4 |
| Year 6 Team | |
| Cihan Ozbilgin | E5 |
| Renee Talintyre | E6 |
| Bill Boicovitis | E7 |

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| Specialist Team | |
| Jessica Piraina | LOTE |
| Adam Horne | Art |
| Jason Gray | Physical Education |
| Simon Ferwerda | Music |
| Learning Support Team | |
| Vicki Griffiths | EAL |
| Saras Ramasamy | Bright Futures/Support |
| Education Support Team | |
| Angela Falso | Business Manager |
| Vivian Gulia | Admin Assistant |
| Jenny Panettieri | Admin Assistant |
| Alison Wylie | Admin Assistant |
| Sharon Turner | Language Support |
| Diane Susic | Language Support |
| Claudette Dib | Language Support |
| Rowan Olsson | IT Support |
| Erin Daniele | First Aid/Integration Aide |
| Lyn Dawson | Integration Aide |
| Melissa Tarevski | Integration Aide |
| Daniel Peluso | Integration Aide |
| Maria Burn | Integration Aide |
| Erin Scicluna | Integration Aide |
| Stephanie Papaevangelou | Integration Aide |
| Marita Kaplan | Integration Aide |

YOUR
ATTITUDE
DETERMINES YOUR
DIRECTION





PARENT INFORMATION SHEET RE-USABLE CANTEEN LUNCH BAGS



Until now, bags for school lunch orders at the canteen have consisted of a paper bag that is used once and thrown away; contributing a substantial amount of paper waste into the environment. Paper bags have no provision for money, are unstable when standing and are prone to tearing when wet.

These clever bags have been designed to replace brown paper bags for lunch orders. They are more hygienic to use because of the zippered pocket that separates money from contact with food and easily wipe clean with a damp cloth after use. These bags are available in both insulated and non-insulated styles, and are made from non-woven polypropylene. These compact and funky bags help reduce unwanted paper waste generated from paper bags.

Product features include:

- Holds a substantial amount of more food inside than brown paper bags.
- Collapsible sides and a Velcro tab that secures the bag in a closed position.
- Sturdy flat base make them easy to pack and stack.
- Stylish design which folds conveniently to fit in every child's school bag.
- Clear pocket to display name & class.
- The all-rounder has an insulated PEVA lining which keeps food/drinks warm or cold.



STUDENT ORDER FORM

Please provide students name & group below:

Students Name: _____ Group: _____

Don't forget to ask family, friends & neighbours
if they would like to order as well!

| Product | Price | Quantity | Total Amount |
|-------------------------------------|---------|----------|-----------------|
| Lunch Wallet – Black/Red | \$10.50 | | \$ |
| Lunch Wallet – Black/Green | \$10.50 | | \$ |
| Lunch Wallet – Black/Pink | \$10.50 | | \$ |
| Lunch Wallet – Black/Yellow | \$10.50 | | \$ |
| Insulated All Rounder – Black/Grey | \$12.50 | | \$ |
| Insulated All Rounder – Black/Green | \$12.50 | | \$ |
| Insulated All Rounder- Black/Red | \$12.50 | | \$ |
| | | | Total \$ |

Please return this Order Form along with your payment in an envelope clearly marked 'Stickybeaks Order'

For more information visit www.stickybeaks.com.au where you can also print out free name/class labels & lunch order labels.

Payment (Please circle) CASH CREDIT CARD CHEQUE

Please make cheques payable to: Mill Park Primary School





we make kids smile

GREAT FUN

- ★ Outdoor games and sports
- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Playing with friends
- ★ Great Educators
- ★ Food and Cooking
- ★ Indoor Activities



Registering With Camp Australia

We hope you and your family had a fantastic school holidays! The new school year has arrived and with it plenty of adventures in OSHC.

Have you registered with Camp Australia yet? Even if you do not plan on using the OSHC program at your school there are many benefits for your family.

What Are The Benefits Of Registering?

Some of the benefits to registering with Camp Australia are:

- ✓ A stress-free back up plan for "just in case"
- ✓ Flexible access to our programs
- ✓ Will ensure we have all the information for your kids to ensure they have the best time possible

How Do I Register?

Registration is simple and hassle free! To register visit www.campastralia.com.au.

How Do I Find Out More About The OSHC Service At My School?

To find out more about our program as well as view and fees, please visit www.campastralia.com.au and search for your school on the homepage.

Otherwise, feel free to come visit the program and see what it is all about.

We look forward to seeing you and your family in soon.

The Camp Australia Team.

visit www.campastralia.com.au

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