Principal’s Report

**Interim and Attendance Reports**
All children will receive their Interim and Attendance Report tomorrow. Parents are reminded that they may arrange an appointment for an interview with teachers by contacting the office should they wish.

Interim Reports are now based on Australian Standards (AusVELS) and there is a table of expected levels on the report.

**Junior School Council Visit To Parliament House**
Our Junior School Councillors attended Parliament House today to get a firsthand insight into Parliamentary processes and more broadly how publically elected people represent their communities – a lot to take in for Primary aged students!!!!! It was however a great opportunity to get a small taste of how representation might work.

**Sunsmart Term 4**
As a sunsmart school we require children to be wearing approved school hats during terms one and four. Often in term four it can be cloudy and raining, however to be a sunsmart registered school we still require children to be wearing hats whilst outside. Please search for your child’s hat so that they are ready to go at the start of next term.

New hats are available at the office for $11.00.

**School Music Evening**
A reminder that this year rather than having our traditional Kernot Hall Concert we will be trying something different.

On Monday November 18 we will be holding an outdoor evening whereby children will have an opportunity to perform a song in grade levels with a professional musician, Leigh Thomas. Following children’s songs Leigh with his band Supersonic will perform.

The evening will commence around 6.00pm and will conclude prior to the sun going down. There will be no entry costs. Our Parent’s Association are currently considering food and drink stalls. More details will follow closer to the event.

**1pm Dismissal**
A reminder that children will be dismissed at 1pm tomorrow as it is the end of term 3. Term 4 will commence on Monday October 7. I wish all children a safe and happy break.

*Chris Joustra, Principal.*
STUDENT AWARDS THIS WEEK

STUDEINTS OF THE WEEK

PREP D  Jessica D
PREP J  Jessie B
PREP M  Harley F H
1/2 B  Lachlan R
1/2 E  Melanie B
1/2 G  Joshua W
1/2 H  Reannon V
1/2 M  Owen E & Imogen D
1/2 V  Acacia H
3/4 D  Nyoka A
3/4 H  Mashin M
3/4 L  Lachlan B
3/4 W  James G
5 F  Ruot P K
5 S  Makaylah R
6 A  Chloe R & Seth B
6 B  Jemma K

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD
Brodie J, 3/4D

AWARD — Confidence
Alyssa H, 1/2M

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

You can do it thinking!
- If you want to you can.
- Find out what motivates and inspires others.
- Aim for excellence, not perfection.
- THINK BIG.
- Do you wait for valuable opportunities to come your way or do you make them happen?
- Don’t be a quitter of hard work.
- School success doesn’t just happen – it takes a lot of confidence, persistence and hard work.

TIPS FOR BUSY STUDENTS

TIPS FOR BUSY PARENTS
- Never use love as a weapon.
- The more your children feel your respect and have a sense of importance, the less they will feel the need to fight for attention or recognition.
- Never blame your child for how you feel.
- Keep your prejudices of others to yourself – your children don’t need to know them.
- Next time your children show signs of parent-deafness, try whispering “Anyone for ice-cream?” and you will find their hearing improves dramatically.

HATS reminder
Morwell Park ‘Sun Smart’ hats are compulsory in Term 4.
Hats are available at the office for $11.00. Thank you.

2014 Prep Enrolments are now well under way. If you have a child who will be attending Morwell Park next year please contact the office to arrange an appointment to complete the necessary paperwork. Thank you.
The Value of the Fortnight is: FORGIVENESS

LOST PROPERTY
There are a number of items in lost property.
If anyone has misplaced any items, Lost Property is located outside Mr Joustra's office. Items of clothing not picked up by the end of term will be added to our second hand clothing for re-sale.

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL CLOTHING IS LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME SO IT CAN BE RETURNED TO ITS OWNER.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Friday 18th October 2013
Envelopes with payment (no change given) must be handed to the photographer on photo day. (Envelopes can be returned to school prior to this and will be held at the office until photo day).
Each child must have his/her own envelope if ordering.
Late envelopes will not be accepted after photo day.
All children are photographed. Students who do not return a pre-paid envelope will receive a ‘second chance’ order form when the photos are delivered.
Family Photos: Envelopes are available at the office.
Thank you.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW
Dress in your favourite sports uniform for a gold coin donation.
All money raised goes to State Schools Relief.
Thank you.

CARERS SUPPORT GROUP
Do you care for a loved one with a disability, chronic illness, mental illness, or aged frailty? If so, you are not alone!! So, why not join others like you, for a cuppa and a chat?
DATES: 25th September, 23rd October & 27th November.
TIME: 10.00am-12.00pm
WHERE: Gippsland Disability Advocacy, Inc, 8 Hopetoun Avenue, Morwell.
More information is available from the office or call Dot Kitwood on 0402 457241.

‘Travel to School’ Survey
To calculate our ‘carbon footprint’ we are currently gathering data from the eldest member of every family regarding your mode of transport and distance travelled to and from school.

Thank you to everyone who has already returned these forms.

Eldest Child ____________________________ GR_____
Usual mode of transport to/from school. ________________
Distance from school (one way) ________________ km

Please complete these details and return to your class teacher by the end of term.

Signed _________________________________ Date.________

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REGION ATHLETICS
Last Friday seven of our children attended the Region Athletics at Joe Carmody Athletics track.
Well done to Zoe C, Lachlan T, Ruot P, and Mashin M all competing in individual events and Ruot P, Ben L, Anyieth A and Kulang K for their efforts in the relays.
It is a fantastic effort to reach this level where the children are competing against the best children in all of Gippsland.

MORWELL PARK PS CHAMPIONS
Last Saturday Morwell Park students tasted success at the Gippsland Soccer League Grand Final Day. June, Josef, Damian, Seth and Zoran were members of the all-conquering Morwell Falcons 2000 under 12 soccer team. They went through the season undefeated to be crowned League Champions and Grand Final winners. Matthew and ex-student Abraham also contributed to the effort throughout the season. The students represented themselves, their club and the school admirably and deserve our congratulations. Well done guys!

125 Years of Learning @ Glengarry Primary School
Saturday 19th October.
10.00 am – late.
Full program on website: www.gps.vic.edu.au

Walk with us in Traralgon to shine hope and fund research into better treatments and cures for blood cancer patients.

Location: Victory Park, Princes Hwy (opposite McDonalds)
Date: Wednesday 25 September
Schedule of Events:
5:00pm – Event Starts/Lantern Collection
8:00pm – Lantern Lighting, Light the Night Walk
8:30pm – Official Close
Parking: Parking is available along Princes Hwy and off Whittakers Rd.

Local entertainment will be provided throughout the evening as well as a sausage sizzle. Whilst we all love our pets, Light the Night is a pet free event.

Student 2 Student Reading Program
The s2s or ‘student to student’ reading program has been running for the past 18 weeks and has involved 5 Morwell Park PS students from Grade 3 /4 reading over the phone to a buddy 2-3 times a week for half an hour. The buddy was a Year 7 student from Kurnai College who had also volunteered to be part of the program.

This program was offered by The Smith Family with the aim to improve student reading level and student confidence in other aspects of their learning.

Some students were given a mobile phone to use purposefully for these conversations.

We congratulate the following students for their participation and success in this program. We would also like to thank their parents for their ongoing support.


Collect-a-Can Fundraiser
Don't forget to donate to this worthy cause if you are able to.
All donations will be delivered to the Salvation Army early next term for distribution to needy families.