Principal’s Report

Science Expo
Well done to our grade 2/3 classes who put on a science expo in our school gym on Wednesday. It was terrific to see the hands on displays and activities which really promoted scientific enquiry. The rocket launch proved a real hit.

Excursions
Over the coming weeks we have a number of excursions which form a valuable part of the school experience for our students. Through excursions children have the opportunity to visit places with their fellow classmates and teachers which stimulates learning and discussion and provokes query. The classroom is not always the best place in which to learn.

Use of School Crossings
I ask for the parents of all children who walk to school via the school crossings to remind their child of the importance of crossing safely. My ire is raised particularly when I see students crossing opposite the Vary St Milk Bar. The crossings are supervised for a purpose, please use them.

Homework
It has been interesting to note the recent media attention related to a Parliamentary Inquiry into homework and the findings which basically suggest that at Primary School it is a waste of time and possibly destructive.

These findings support research which Morwell Park has utilised to influence our school’s approach which basically suggests that parents can support their child’s learning by reading with their child at home as long as the reading process is enjoyable. In other words, having nightly battles negates any possible gain, by all means spend time reading with your children but keep it positive.

The same is true for mathematics and other general project work. If it’s a battle and is causing grief there is no gain. It’s similar to learning sporting or musical skills, if the process isn’t positive there will be no gain and often it can only be detrimental.

Chris Joustra, Principal
STUDENT AWARDS THIS WEEK

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD
Alex M, 2/3L

AWARD — Organisation
Stephanie T, 6B

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

PREPS
Junior G, Tanisha M & Emmy R

1E
Tayla H B

1G
Mackenzie H

1M
Mackenzie C & Jessie B

2/3D
Emily S

2/3L
Izabelle M

2/3M
Wyatt H

2/3V
Bridget M

2/3W
Will C

4/5F
Tylah M

4/5L
Jasiah W

4/5 S
Aniyeth A

6 A
Israa R

6 B
Makaylah R & Amity L

IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

Student Jayden L, 4/5L
Receives $5.00 Canteen Lunch Voucher.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

CLASS 1E

TIPS FOR BUSY STUDENTS

Parents and Teachers.

• Your parents spend heaps of time taking care of you – when was the last time you told them how much you appreciate it?
• Teachers are human too and will sometimes make mistakes.
• Don’t judge your parents by their mistakes.
• What is it about you that your parents admire the most?
• Don’t be afraid to hug your parents once in a while.

TIPS FOR BUSY PARENTS

• A sense of family togetherness can be built by planning family activities and celebrating family traditions.
• As a general rule, the size of the reward should match the difficulty of the task.
• Do you lecture your children in front of others?
• Be patient. Don’t expect instant success when trying to change your child’s behaviour. In most cases it worsens before it improves. Don’t give up.

Morwell Park PS Parents Social Club

‘WE NEED YOU, OUR NUMBERS ARE VERY LOW’
At this stage our next ‘Get Together’ is planned for next Tuesday 26th August, at 2pm in the Staff Room.
All Parents/Carers and small children are most welcome.

If you would like to become involved but the day/time doesn’t suit let us know. We are open to suggestions to encourage more people to become involved. Our Principal Chris Joustra attends to discuss upcoming school events and answers any questions or concerns. It’s a fun, social get together to determine the best ways to raise money for the benefit of our school and students.
Dear Parents,

Issue 6 of Book Club went out last Friday and is due back by Friday 22nd August.

Please make cheques payable to Morwell Park P.S NOT Scholastic.

Each order helps the school earn bonus points that we can order free books for the school library and Lexile program. Thanks, Mrs Maruzza.

R.S.P.C.A CUPCAKE DAY

Thank you to everyone who supported our R.S.P.C.A Cupcake Day stall last Friday.
We raised $430.00.

ONESIGHT VISION SCREENING

OneSight is visiting our school on Wednesday 17th September to provide a free vision screening. At this screening, your child’s distance and near vision will be tested to ensure they can see the blackboard and read a book, and their colour/ vision and depth perception will also be tested.

Should your child require a full eye examination, you will be issued with a OneSight Vision Voucher, which entitles your child to a free pair of glasses from a select range, should they be required. The voucher is only valid at OPSM stores.

Forms were sent out last Monday, if you would like your child to have a free vision screening please send forms back as soon as possible. Thank you.

SPECIAL LUNCH DAY

HPV FUNDRAISER

A ‘special lunch order’ day on Wednesday 17th September has been organised to help fundraise money for the RACV Energy Breakthrough event in November.

Lunch order forms have been sent home with this newsletter, please return orders and money by Wednesday 12th September, NO LATE ORDERS). Spare forms are available at the office.

We hope everyone will support our fundraising event.

DAFFODIL DAY

Thank you to everyone who supported Daffodil Day and came dressed in yellow.
We raised $278.00.

Canteen Roster

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If you are unavailable for any reason please ring the school (5134 1793) to let Deb Minster know.
Thank you.
DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Morwell Park students had a successful day at the District Athletics last Wednesday.

In total we had 45 children from our school attend. All children were keen and eager to perform well.

Our results and achievements on the day are as follows. Congratulations and well done to all our placegetters. All children and relay teams who placed 1st & 2nd will now progress to the Division Athletics on Tuesday 9th September.

Also thank you to Kerri Kingston & Chris Radford for their assistance with the recording of results on the day.

Girls 10 Years
Rachel C 1st 1500m, 3rd 100m, 3rd 800m
Talia C 1st Shot Put, 3rd 80m Hurdles
Brodie McG 3rd Shot Put
Nyoka A 1st Discus
Olivia M 3rd 1500m

Boys 10 Years
Brodie L 2nd 800m, 3rd 1500m, 2nd Long Jump
Harrison L W 2nd Discus, 3rd Shot Put
Eamon D 2nd Long Jump

Girls 11 Years
Sharlene D 1st Shot Put
Chelsea F 3rd Shot Put

Boys 11 Years
Ruot P 1st 80m Hurdle, 1st 200m, 1st 800m, 1st High Jump
Anyieth 2nd 80m Hurdle, 2nd 200m, 2nd High Jump
Zach S S 3rd 1500m

Girls 12/13 Years
Laura M 3rd Shot Put
Stephanie T 3rd Discus
Adior D 3rd High Jump

Boys 12/13 Years
Zoran W 1st Discus, 2nd Shot Put, 1st High Jump
Travis J 3rd Discus
Dylan S 2nd 80m Hurdles, 1st Long Jump

Relay Team Placings:
Boys 10 Years 2nd, Boys 11 Year 2nd, Girls 10 Years 2nd, Girls 12/13 Year 1st

‘Dynamic Designs’ at the Latrobe Regional Art Gallery

Who would have thought that some everyday students from Morwell Park Primary School would have their own exhibition at the Latrobe Regional Gallery?

Selected students from grade 4/5/6 took part in a five week program throughout Term 2 to create their own masterpieces that are now being shown to the public.

Yesterday after school we went down to the gallery and got to have a look at our brand new exhibition called ‘Dynamic Designs’. While at the gallery we also got to see a new exhibition being held in another area of the gallery.

The program was very different but in a good way. Each week we looked at different exhibitions in the gallery to provide us with inspiration for our very own art designs. It was a great opportunity to learn about different styles of art and create some different types of art such as clay sculptures, bark boats, aboriginal paintings and pattern work.

Our exhibition will be up until the end of September so feel free to visit the art gallery and see some of the great work we created. There are also lots of other good exhibitions that might interest you. By Chloe P and Amy 6B