Principal’s Report

Parent Helpers
Just a small thank you to the great numbers of parents we have helping in a variety of ways here at school. It is so rewarding to see dads and mums in classrooms across the school working with small groups, hearing reading or setting up a maths activity.

It is really the foundation of a good school community that sees all three partners in the education process, students, teachers and parents interacting in such ways. Keep up the good work, you are appreciated!!

Lost Items of Clothing
We continue to have a large number of items of clothing accumulating in our lost property area. Labelled clothing is so easy to return to the rightful owner so please try to label your child’s clothing and also pop in from time to time to lost property to claim clothing you suspect may be yours. The clothing supply can be found outside the Principal’s office.

Parent Opinion Survey Reminder
Thank you those who have already sent back their survey. A reminder to please return any completed surveys by Monday 11th Aug.

Mental Illness
Mental illness refers to a group of disorders that affects the way a person thinks, feels and acts. Mental illnesses include depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, anxiety and personality disorders. Some mental illnesses may involve the experience of psychosis (where a person loses touch with reality).

Mental illness is common, directly affecting one in five Australians at some stage in their lives, varying from mild or temporary to severe or prolonged. Mental illness can have a dramatic impact upon families and obviously the children within them. It is important to remove the stigma associated with mental illness. Just as our bodies may become ill, so to may our minds and just as we would seek a doctor if we are feeling ill, we may also seek health support when we feel mentally unwell.

Our school has 320 students, approximately 420 individual parents. At some stage statistically a proportion of our parents may be suffering from a mental illness. I would urge parents to consider the impact that an illness may have on children and encourage them to seek support.

Chris Joustra, Principal.
STUDENT AWARDS THIS WEEK

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD
Jacob McA, 2/3W

AWARD — Getting Along
Talia C, 4/5S

Student Thomas A PJ Receives $5.00 Canteen Lunch Voucher.

CLASS PJ

TIPS FOR BUSY STUDENTS
- Shock your parents occasionally and ask for their advice.
- When was the last time you told your parents how terrific they are?
- Remember teachers need your stimulation, interest and challenge to keep up their enthusiasm.
- Don’t rebel against your parents and teachers just for the sake of it.

TIPS FOR BUSY PARENTS
- Don’t pretend to know it all, be all powerful or always be right.
- Children sometimes lie because they get punished for telling the truth.
- Do you spend enough time with your children doing fun things together?
- Don’t be afraid to be ‘silly’ with your child.
- Resist preaching or nagging – whichever one you’re best at!

Morwell Park PS Parents Social Club

‘WE NEED YOU, OUR NUMBERS ARE VERY LOW’
At this stage our next ‘Get Together’ is planned for 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 and social get together to determine the best ways to raise money for the benefit of our school and the students.
The Value of the Fortnight is: PATIENCE

**DAFFODIL DAY**
**Friday 22nd August**

JSC members are selling the following items as a fundraiser for Daffodil Day.

- Wristbands $1.00
- Pens $1.00
- Footballs $2.00
- Assorted Bears $3.00

Junior School Council members will visit each grade daily after lunch starting Monday so children can purchase their items.

*We will also be having a ‘dress in yellow day’ on [Wednesday 20th Aug](#), for a gold coin donation.*

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**GIPPSLAND POWER FOOTBALL CLUB**

Will be holding Under 10, 12 and 14 Fitness and Skill acquisition days at the Gippsland Power Centre Of Excellence, Morwell Football Ground, Travers Street, Morwell.

**Features**
- Elite Coaching
- Skill Acquisition
- Fitness Testing
- Skill Testing
- Pathway Brief
- Training Session

**JUNIOR COACHING PROGRAM**

- Under 10 Monday 26th Sept 2016
- Under 12 Wednesday 1st Oct 2016
- Under 14 Friday 3rd Oct 2016

(Numbers will be capped)

**Time:** 10:00am to 3:00pm

**Cost:** $100-00 For registrations please contact the Gippsland Power Football Club office on 5134 8133

*Registrations close on Friday Sept 16th*

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**Cannette 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.*
Prep Enrolments for 2015 are now being taken.

If you have a child who will be enrolling for Prep next year please contact the office to arrange an appointment to complete the required paperwork.

Please be aware that proof of date of birth (eg Birth Certificate) and an Immunisation History Statement are required for enrolment.

The Immunisation History Statement is available:
- from any Medicare office,
- by ringing 1800 653 809, or
- online at www.medicareaustralia.com.au.

Please pass this information on to others who may not be aware that enrolments have commenced.

School tours available at any time by appointment.

JSC Leadership Day

Last Friday Junior School Council had a leadership day. All the JSC members came along. We learnt all about becoming good leaders. We enjoyed playing games like Guess Who, where we got to know more about the other JSC members.

But that’s not all we did. First Miss Grummisch explained all the activities we’d be doing during the day. We also did one activity about heroes in the playground. We learnt about the word HERO. H stands for ‘helper’, E stands for ‘encourager’, R stands for ‘Role Model’ and O for ‘Organiser’.

Another thing that stood out to us was to be a ‘Strawberry Leader’ not a ‘Watermelon Leader’, which means to be the same on the inside and out like a strawberry, not different on the inside and out like watermelon.

Overall we had a great day learning how we can become better leaders.

By Olivia M and Mackenzie D, 4/5L.