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## Principal’s Report

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**Family Sausage Sizzle / Meet the Teacher**

Thankyou to all those families who attended the sausage sizzle last Thursday. 1,000 sausages were cooked which was an impressive effort by our sausage chefs.

Teachers were pleased to have met so many parents and our students appeared to enjoy themselves.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Children will be dismissed at 12 noon on Wednesday March 4 to enable Parent and Teacher interviews.

Interview times are allocated on a first come first served basis so please return the interview request forms as soon as possible.

These interviews enable the sharing of information between teachers and parents with the aim of ensuring that children are able to make the most of the educational opportunities at Morwell Park. Please return the form to make a time for an interview.

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**Chris Joustra,**

Principal.
STUDENT AWARDS THIS WEEK

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD
Victoria C, 2/3M

YOU CAN DO IT!

ARD — Organisation
Narelle P, 4A

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Student N/A
Receives $5.00 Canteen Lunch Voucher.

CLASS PG & 1C

TIPS FOR BUSY STUDENTS

Making and keeping friends.
- The more often you practise saying no to peer group pressure, the easier it will become.
- One of the most important things to have at school is good friends.
- Only nerds gossip, spread rumours or are critical of others.
- If you are always bored when you hang out with your friends then it’s time you made some new ones.
- Keep your friends’ secrets. Remember that it’s not a secret if you tell someone.

TIPS FOR BUSY PARENTS

- To use power effectively, make sure that your family sees you using it fairly and reasonably.
- Limit your use of threats and punishments.
- Set limits for your younger children and allow your older children an increase in freedom and decision making.
- Give your children the freedom to express their feelings and thoughts by listening without offering advice.
- Before your child will change, you must change.

WANTED

Any unwanted fishing gear to support our Interactive Learning and Hazelwood Estate Fishing Program.
Thank you for the donations we have already received. Please see Mr Bailey for more info.
The Value of the Fortnight is: GETTING ALONG

FORTUNA 60’
SOCcer CUBl

We are looking for boys &
girls to come and join our club
in the 2015 season across all
our junior teams.

DATE: Training commences Thursday
19th February 5.00pm.

WHEN: Tuesday & Thursday 5.00-6.00

AGES: 5-10 year, and under 12’s, 14’s,
16’s and 18’s.

WHERE: Fortuna 60 Soccer Club,
Crinigan Road Morwell.

For more information please contact Dion Tanti
on 0418 389857 or Allan Roberts on 0417 276767.

OTTO FORD
SWIMMING
CARnival

The Otto Ford Swim
Carnival was held yesterday
at Morwell Leisure Centre.

We had 14 children
competing in this event.

Morwell Park finished the day in 2nd place. Well
done to all students on their fantastic efforts and
behaviour. Results for the day are as follows:

Talia C 3rd Freestyle, 3rd Backstroke,
Jai B 1st Freestyle, 3rd Backstroke,
Jorja K 3rd Freestyle, 3rd Backstroke,
3rd Breaststroke
Samantha S 2nd Freestyle, 1st Backstroke,
3rd Breaststroke.
Hayden M 2nd Backstroke
Anthony C 2nd Backstroke
Alexander B 3rd Freestyle

Relays Boys 10 years 2nd, Girls 11 years
2nd, Boys 12 Years 2nd & Girls 12 Years 2nd.

Other students who also competed were: Isaiah H,
Caleb J, Brodie M, Niamh R, Bohdan M, Abigail B
and Alice M.

FOODcents - It Pays to Eat Smart

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

As part of our Healthy Eating activities at school we are
offering a program that involves parents in an “Eating
Smart” initiative.

The program will be held in the Art room for three
sessions, Wednesday 11th March, 18th March and 25th
March, for approx. 2 hours commencing at 8.45am.

HOW IT WORKS

1st Session
Parents would participate in a supermarket tour which
will show healthy choices are not expensive, and how to
get value for money on your food bill.

2nd Session
A Nutrition & Budgeting workshop on how to save
money on your grocery shopping while purchasing
healthy food.

3rd Session
We will be preparing a few simple dishes that are quick
and easy to make and provide good nutrition which are
inexpensive.

The program will be a very informal gathering and we
hope parents will gain some great ideas on ways to
increase fruit and vegies into your child’s day to day
eating and save money at the same time.

At the end of the program we have vouchers from
Mannys Market for the participants.

We only have seven places available so we need you to
register your interest as soon as possible.

Any questions about the program please contact Raylene
Palmer at School.

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

PARENTS NAME:.................................

CHILD’S NAME:.................................
CANTEEN LUNCH ORDERS

At this stage we hope the canteen will be open for lunch orders Monday & Friday commencing 2nd March.

To do this we need more volunteers to help Deb Minster. If you are available for any of these days please indicate on the form below and send back to school as soon as possible.

8.45 – 10.30 to write up and collate orders
10.30 – 1.30 to prepare lunches for delivery to the classroom.

Please indicate your preferred day/time, remembering that your offer to volunteer on the roster would be a regular commitment.

- O Monday
- O Friday
- O 8.45 – 10.30
- O 10.30 – 1.30
- O Weekly
- O Fortnightly
- O Monthly

Name ________________________________
Phone______________________________
Eldest Child _______________________ Grade ______

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OSHCare 4 KIDS offer a transport service from Morwell PS Monday to Friday. The bus collects the children from the front of the school entrance at 3.00pm.

There your child is transported to Tobruk Street PS, where they will enjoy a fun and exciting program.

If you wish to utilise this fantastic service please call or email our Head Office to obtain an enrolment pack or for more information.

It can cost you as little as $ 12.00 per child (with Gov. benefits)
Call: (03) 9758 6744
Email: enrolment@oshcare4kids.com.au

Are you looking to join a fun team sport?
Yes! Netball is the game for you!

Morwell Netball Association welcomes all new teams and players aged 8 to 17 to the 2015 Winter Season.

Games are played on Saturday mornings with the season commencing on Saturday 21st March.

REGISTRATION AFTERNOON

When: Thursday 5th March, 2015
3.30pm – 5.30pm

Where: Morwell Netball Assoc. Clubrooms,
Vary Street, Morwell

Cost: $85 per player (VNA $47, MNA $38)

For further Information contact Katrina 0423 127911,
Sandra 0407 822401 or Leeanne 0417 435144
What is a school council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?
For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category - more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category - members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category - members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?
The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination. Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.
Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of
Morwell Park PS

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on
23…/…………./2015 (insert date and year).

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on
2……/3…………./2015 (insert date and year).

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Chris Joustra
Principal