## Important Dates

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<td>Wednesday 11.11.15</td>
<td>Remembrance Day JSC visit to RSL.</td>
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<td>Wed-Sun 18-22.11.15</td>
<td>HPV team competing in Maryborough.</td>
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<td>Tuesday 24.11.15</td>
<td>Music Festival.</td>
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<td>Thursday 26.11.15</td>
<td>School Council meeting in staffroom at 5.00pm.</td>
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<td>Monday 30.11.15</td>
<td>Prep one day Swimming Program.</td>
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<td>Friday 04.12.15</td>
<td>Last day of canteen orders for 2015.</td>
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<td>Monday 07.12.15</td>
<td>2016 Prep Information Evening.</td>
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<td>Tuesday 08.12.15</td>
<td>2016 Orientation Day for Prep &amp; Year 7.</td>
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<td>Friday 11.12.15</td>
<td>Grade 6 Graduation Lunch at the Italian Australian Club.</td>
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<td>Friday 18.12.15</td>
<td>Last day of Term 4 children dismissed at 1pm.</td>
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## Principal’s Report

**Speech Program for 2016**

Our school employs speech therapy through a private company in order to support the growing number of children with receptive (the way we hear speech) and expressive (the way we speak) speech challenges.

Speech is like all other skills, the more you use it the better you get. Some children may have medical reasons for poor speech such as hearing difficulties or cleft disorders, most however simply struggle from lack of experience.

Young children who come to school with speech challenges face hurdles from the very start. It is hard to navigate your way through education if you have difficulty understanding what is being said and/or difficulty speaking to others. The way we speak and hear words is extremely important.

Speech challenges can be overcome but require a lot of effort and sadly some children will be forced to play ‘catch up’ throughout their schooling. One of the best remedies is for children is to be spoken to and listened to extensively – we get better with practice. Please model good speech to your children and importantly please listen to them.

I often get asked about homework. The best homework for a child should have taken place before they even came to school, but can certainly continue through school and that is taking the time to speak clearly and listen attentively to your child.

**Hazelwood Mine Fire – Schools Study**

Thankyou to those parents who have responded to the survey and agreed to their children taking part in the collection of information. Those children whose parents have agreed will be taking part in a survey next Friday here at school. Project officers form Monash University will visit our school to conduct the 45 minute survey.

**Grade Prep Zoo Excursion**

Well done to all of our Preps on a terrific day last Friday at the Melbourne Zoo, and many thanks to our parent helpers and staff who assisted. It was a very busy day at the zoo which continues to undergo redevelopment and is a great place to visit.

**Dates To Remember**

Coming toward the end of the school year there are many activities and important dates to remember. Please check these dates with each newsletter.

Equally importantly try to ensure that newsletters make their way home each Thursday.

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**2016**

To help with our grade planning for next year, if you know that your family will not be continuing at MP in 2016 (other than exiting gr 6’s) please notify the office. Thank you.

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Chris Joustra,
Principal.
STUDENT AWARDS THIS WEEK

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

PD
PG
PW
1C   Layne E
1E   Malakai G
1M   Jack S & Calleigh G
2/3A  Victoria C
2/3D  Elise W
2/3J  Tyrell D H
2/3L  Indie K
2/3M  Harley F H
4A   Alyssa H & Verionica E
4G   Scott P & Maddison S
5/6H  Jacob G
5/6S  Montana S
5/6V  Lachlan B

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD
Zahra I, 2/3L

AWARD — Organisation
Tyler W, 1M

IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Student Brodie J, 5/6H
Receives $5.00 Canteen Lunch Voucher.

CLASS   PD

YOU CAN DO IT!

TIPS FOR BUSY STUDENTS

Making and keeping friends.
- Tap into your friends’ talents. Learn what you can from their skills and knowledge. You couldn’t find an easier, more enjoyable way to learn something.
- Sometimes the chemistry between friends evaporates. When that happens it’s okay to let go.
- If your friend does something that upsets you, tell them. Don’t waste time being moody or being silent. Your friend has a right to know you’re upset.
- The only way to have a friend is to be one.

TIPS FOR BUSY PARENTS

- Children will frequently interpret your criticism as rejection.
- Speak to your children in the same tone of voice as you would want from them.
- Most parents are as happy about their children as they make up their minds to be.
- Today our children are being educated to respect the environment; learn from them what we took for granted.
- Encourage friendships which benefit your child’s learning.
- Don’t make mountains out of molehills.

Technology Institute of Victoria

A couple of weeks ago an information sheet was sent out with the newsletter regarding opportunities to enrol in a fully funded Certificate 111 in Business course.

This has been extended to Friday 13th November, if required more information is at the office.
The Value of the Fortnight is:

**ENTHUSIASM**

**What is it?**
Enthusiasm is doing things with zest and excitement. It is really looking forward to something. Enthusiasm comes from having a positive attitude about the things you do.

You can be enthusiastic about making your bed, going on a holiday or feeding the dog. It is being cheerful and giving your best to whatever you do. Enthusiasm makes boring things fun.

**Why practise it?**
People love to be around enthusiastic people. They are cheerful and passionate. Enthusiastic people find the most boring tasks go quickly because they are putting everything into it. If you lack enthusiasm, everything becomes boring to you and you may find friends don’t want to be with you as much.

**How to practise it?**
Enthusiasm is an attitude. You can become enthusiastic by letting yourself become excited about what you are doing and thinking of ways to make it more fun to do. Visualise the results of what you before they happen. You can show your enthusiasm toward other people simply by smiling with enthusiasm, or telling others that their work is great. It gives others encouragement.

**Role play and discussion**
- A friend did well in a sports game.
- Your sister and brother cooked a great meal.
- You have been asked to tidy your bedroom.
- You have an assignment due for school.

**Signs of success**
- You think of creative ways to do a boring job.
- You give one hundred per cent to whatever you do.
- You visualise how something will look when it is completed and get excited about it.

**Start activities**
- Design an ‘Enthusiasm Badge’.
- Explain to somebody else how you could use enthusiasm to make a boring job more fun, for example, taking the garbage out.
REMEMBRANCE DAY
NOVEMBER 11TH

Junior School Council members will be calling to each grade after lunch to sell wristbands and lapel pins for the RSL.

Wristbands $3.00 each
Lapel Pins .50c each
Lapel Pins $2.00 each

Thank you for supporting the RSL.

Junior School Council members will be laying a wreath on behalf of our school at the Morwell RSL Remembrance Day Service on Wednesday 11th November.

MORWELL FIRE BRIGADE OPEN DAY
Sunday 8th November
10.00-2.00

Free sausage sizzle, demonstrations. Visit by Captain Koala, kids activities, displays.

Home fire and bush/grass fire safety information.

MORWELL PARK P S
MUSIC FESTIVAL
Tuesday 24th November

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help our Parent Association with preparation and on the night. If you can assist, please contact Jan Street on 0409 345 908 or email janicecstreet@gmail.com

Canteen Roster

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<td>8.30-10.30</td>
<td>Kerri Kingston</td>
<td>Naomi Brittain</td>
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<td>10.30-1.30</td>
<td>Keith &amp; Kylie Kerstjens</td>
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If you are unavailable for any reason please ring the school (5134 1793) to let Deb Minster know. Thank you.
I was amazed by the seal. It was jumping around.
By Jaimee-Lee

When I went to the Butterfly House two butterflies landed on my fingers and it tickled.
By Abbygale M.

The monkey was breaking his toy.
By Logan
Latrobe Valley Health and Wellbeing Expo

CENTURY INN
TRARALGON
15th November 2015
10am – 4pm

Special guest speakers, Leah Mether, Kathy Ashton, Tegan Steele
Exhibitors in the health and wellness industry, Massages, Live music,
Jumping castle/bungie run, Face and henna painting, Koko the Clown,
Fundraisers, Free giveaways and lots more

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