Principal’s Report
Welcome to the start of the 2016 school year, I look forward to another exciting and rewarding year ahead.

To our Prep students a big welcome to school. It’s a big stage in life finally starting school and very soon all those little anxieties will fade away (speaking to some this morning if there were any they’ve already gone) and very soon school will feel like a second home.

During February our Preps do not attend school on Wednesdays, however they are rostered for an individual appointment where they participate in academic tests to allow their teachers an indication of entry level.

I would also like to welcome the many new students, their families and our new staff to Morwell Park.

Inverloch Beach Excursion
One of the highlights of the school year last year for many children was the trip to Inverloch. We will once again be holding this trip on Friday February 12. The trip will be free however permission returns are essential. We also welcome parents to attend pending availability on buses.

Grades (Flexible Learning Teams)
Prep FLT, Rm 23, 24, Stephanie Wilson, Courtney Garth, Kaitlyn Duffus. One FLT, Rm 19,21,22, Anne Evans, Casey McMillan, Kristina Jennings. Two FLT, Rm 1, 2, 3. Nella Mangiafico, Julie Grummisch, Holly Maruzza. Three FLT Rm 6, 9. Maria Demetriou, Angie Lane (M-Th), Heather Cukier (F), Madeline Didjurgies. Four FLT Rm 16,17,18. Alan Johnson, Deb Jones (M-Th), Joy Fitzgerald (F), Melissa Graham, Five/Six FLT Rm 13, 14 15. Alan Stewart, Marlee Hillier, Lisa Van Rooy (M,T, Th, F), Cameron LePage, Paul Fawcett (M,F).

Family Sausage Sizzle
Next Thursday we will be having a family Sausage Sizzle from 5.00 – 6.00 where parents will be able to meet their child’s teacher and visit classrooms. We will be having a number of informal games around the school where children and parents will be able to join in. The evening will be very informal and is an opportunity for children to show their parents around our school. Sausages and drinks will be provided from the classrooms.

Traffic around the school:
As school has resumed we all need to be extra careful and responsible around our neighbourhood. Driving or walking to and from school should be done in a manner that models the care and responsibility adults have in this regard. Remind your children about the following:
• When riding bicycles and/or scooters to school wear the approved helmet and ride in an alert and responsible manner,
• When walking to school, stick to the paths, use school crossings and be alert to traffic and others,
• Bikes, skateboards, rollerblades and scooters are not to be ridden in the school grounds unless permission is granted by the duty teachers.

Asthma Care Plans:
I would encourage all families who have children with asthma to have their asthma care plans updated by their doctor and sent to school.

We all want the appropriate asthma treatment for your child should they experience an attack, but we need to have that information clear from you and your doctor.

Chris Joustra, Principal.