Dear Parents,

School Improvement Surveys

Help Shape the Future of Our School

It’s that time of year again when we call on our families to provide input about what they think is going well and maybe not so well at the school. We’d like to hear your opinion so that we can plan for better ways of doing things.

To do this, we are asking for a little of your time to complete a short survey. What we learn from your feedback is very important to us and helps us make the school the best we possibly can.

All staff and Year 4-6 students will also complete the surveys.

The school has been allocated 50 parent surveys to be completed; there are 40 online or 10 in hard copy. Each survey has an individual online code, and hard copies have a return envelope for confidentiality.

Key questions around completing the survey:

* The survey should take about 30 minutes to complete
* There are no wrong answers, your first answer is usually the most accurate answer
* Complete the survey individually, without discussing your answers with others
* Your answers are confidential and will not be identifiable on any school reports
* If you are completing an online report, using the ID and password, you can leave a partially completed one and return to it later.

The surveys can be completed at school—both online and on paper—or you can take it home and fill it in in the comfort of your own home. We would love to get all 50 responses as in recent years we have not met those targets.

You can collect your survey form from the school office. Closing date for the surveys is Friday 16th September. Your participation is voluntary but we urge you to participate.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Enrolments offers have been made to the 2017 Prep students in recent days. We are now considering offering positions to families interested in enrolling in Grades 1-6. Any families who know they will not be returning to STM in 2017 should notify the school office by Friday 16th September.

Staff Retreat

Every second year, all staff spend two days together in staff spirituality sessions. The retreat this year will focus on inter-faith understandings and dialogue.

The staff retreat will be held on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st October. The school will be closed for students on those two days.

School Hats

The time has come when we think about wearing our hats again. In our SunSmart policy hats will be worn from September 1st when the UV Alert is 3 or higher. In fourth term hats are compulsory. Sunscreen is also available in the classrooms to be used before going outside. Please ensure your child has his/her hat at school for the rest of this term.

End of Term

Term 3 finishes for students next Friday 16th September at 1pm.
Term 4 commences on Monday 3rd October at 9am.

Have a happy week ahead.
Mrs. Pat McConvill
Principal

Calendar

**September**
7th—Indigenous Literacy Book Swap
9th—Sofie Laguna visit with students
10th—Working Bee
13th—PEB Meeting, 7.30pm
14th & 15th—Year 6 School Production
16th—School finishes at 1pm.

**October**
3rd—Start Term 4
Working Bee - Saturday 10th September starting at 9am

All is in readiness for our Term 3 working bee. We have a few mini projects and some maintenance jobs around the school.

Some jobs include:
- Relocating the goal posts at the school end of the oval.
- Re fixing the posts at the bay end.
- We may attempt to paint the posts as well.
- There are a few holes on the oval which need topping up.
- Create a cover for the long jump pit.

PRODUCTION NEWS

ONE WEEK TO GO … until our very exciting night time performances of JURASSIC LARK … at the Peninsula Community Theatre, Wilsons Road Mornington. Come along and enjoy the prehistoric fun! Tickets are available on line through trybooking (flyer emailed out on Monday) and at the theatre door. All tickets $10.

Where are the dinosaurs?

Indigenous Book Swap Day

Thank you for supporting our ‘Great Australian Book Swap Day.

Here are some writing pieces from our 1/2’s

* Today is Book Swap Day and we need to bring a book and money to school.
* We are helping the indigenous people to learn to read.

Written by Ben House 1/2G

* Today we raised money for the children who can't read.
* We gave a gold coin for them.

Written by Eliza Storen 1/2L

The Best Sport Ever – by Coco Dwyer 5/6K

People go on and on about how soccer is the best sport and that netball is the greatest sport to play. But in the running for the best sport in the world, there is clearly one winner. Tennis! It's plain to see - here's why.

Tennis is not hard to learn and in fact, my two brothers and my sister and I all picked up the rules of tennis in no time and I know others that started too. After all, it is a very simple game. Tennis encourages many ages to play. From four years of age to eighty years of age and more, most can play no matter their body type. It's basic rules and you play in A team of two or one on one.

Another great point about tennis is that it is very salubrious. Unlike a jockey, who can't eat much and must stay a certain weight, tennis lets you have a life changing work out and have fun along the way. You will become fit and healthy.

One of the greatest things about tennis is that it is non-gendered. Both men and women can play and still become very good at it. There is no sexism evolved. Unlike the Japanese sport sumo wrestling where the women cannot compete against the men or participate. It's just not the same as tennis.

To play tennis you only need a racket and a ball really. And if that doesn't float your boat, nearly every town has at least one tennis court. This proves that it is very popular among most.

So come on. Get up and play some tennis. We all can do it. Even an old granny. Even a toddler. So rise and be the player you know you can be. What's stopping you? That's right, nothing.

Tennis is really the best sport but don't take my word for it, try it yourself.
FATHER’S DAY STALL
Thanks Caroline Storen for organising the Father’s Day stall and your great choice of gifts. Seeing the smiles on the children's faces was priceless. We hope all our wonderful Dad’s had a very special weekend.

Thanks also to Danielle Sayers, Jodie Hodder, Cathy Denvir, Meaghan Richards Leamon, Jade Lawrence and Kirsten McCarthy for your help on the stall.

Thank you to Fleur Crawford, Bianca Goonan, Laura Snow, Kelly Parrish, Jenny Faulkner, Antoinette Dungey and Emily Husband for wrapping the presents.

A special Thank you to Anne Marie Collins and Ally St Clair for donating the wonderful gifts for the stall. They were extremely popular. (Ally is Grandmother to Madison in Prep D and Max in Prep T)

The PA do so much work for our school (voluntary) and in supporting your kids with things like Mothers Day and Fathers Day. We cannot do it without your support and help. Please don’t leave all the work to the PA executive, it’s a team effort at this school and we all need to help each other.

FATHER’S DAY LITURGY AND PIE NIGHT
Thank you Christina Day, Angela Aldag, Niamh Hislop and Jodie Hodder for giving up your night to prepare the pies for the Dads and kids.

Massoni Wine Orders will be available for pick up next week. Please note this wine is always available to STM families. Please contact me if you would like to place an order.

WORKING BEE THIS SATURDAY
Don’t forget that the working bee is on this Saturday 10th September. We don’t have a Working Bee Catering Coordinator so would really appreciate some help and someone to run the catering on Saturday. This involves setting up food and drinks, serving of morning tea and lunch and clean up with a team of helpers.

1/2 families it is your turn to supply morning tea, please drop off a plate at the office at pick up on Friday or deliver to the undercroft Saturday morning.
Thank you 1/2 parents.

STM DAD’S GOLF DAY
Sunday 16th Oct Eagle Ridge Golf Club
11.55 am tee off App cost $75 including golf and carts
Please text Damien Barr on 0417373884
Or email damienbarr@bigpond.com
ASAP as numbers are limited
if available and more details to follow when numbers are confirmed

STM DATES FOR THE DIARY
10th September - Working Bee - 1/2 to supply morning tea
4th October - PA Meeting 7.30pm in the staffroom
16th October - Dad’s Golf Day

Sincerely
Leonie Zammit
President
Parents Association
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#fightforbella Movie Event
Please join us for some holiday fun at the #fightforbella Movie Event these holidays.
Wednesday 28th September 10.30am Karingal Cinemas
SECRET LIFE OF PETS
Tickets $27 (includes movie ticket, drink and popcorn)
Prizes to be won for best dressed!!!
Please contact Michaela Webster 0413 160 916 if interested.
Many thanks to the families have already purchased tickets for this great cause.
MORNINGTON RACECOURSE MARKET
CAR PARK DUTY
Please advise Daniel Ferlin on 0410 184 494 with your confirmed attendance via text (incl your name) ASAP.

Please find the car parking rosters for the coming markets here. Together, this small contribution of our time is raising approximately $14,000 annually for the continual improvement of our school and the programs provided to our children. All families will be rostered on an approximate 16 month cycle. If you are unavailable for your rostered month, please organise another family to take your place at least a week in advance of the market, and advise Daniel of the change asap.

All Markets:
- Arrive at 7:45am (all weather event); exception for Twilight market 1:45pm
- You will be told by the Market Leader when you can leave. This is typically around 12:30pm (6:30pm Twilight) but can alter depending on how busy the market is.
- Enter via the main gates of Racecourse on Racecourse Road, Mornington.
- Park in the designated area (Market Staff will be at the gate to assist you)
- Sign in with the Team Leader (for record keeping and Work Cover). Team Leaders must collect a black folder from the school office the Friday prior to attending the market, and return it the following Monday.
- Receive your safety vest.
- Market Staff will take you to your location in the car park where you will direct cars accordingly and finish at approximately noon. (On slower days Market Staff will advise if you can leave earlier).

Daniel Ferlin
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** Please Confirm Attendance ASAP
^^ Re-rostered due to prior non-attendance

Looking for activities for your children during the school holidays or term periods. Please feel free to check out our community notice board on the admin deck outside the school office as we advertise for various groups in regards to activities for the kids.