Learning to Learn.

Learning is a very natural process. All of us have the life-long capacity to learn new things if we have the determination and commitment to do so. Our current generation of children have access and many, many opportunities to learn anything they want, but in far too many cases, lack the desire because it may be hard, require several attempts, or doesn’t have a reward or prize at the end. Other things like digital games are easier and provide immediate feedback. As the experienced and wise adult voices in our children’s lives we need to step up and take the upper hand. We can guide and support them to take on the challenges of life and learning at full speed. “Toughen Up and Stick it out” was the motto of a school I visited today. The kids and parents, were powerful, and success was high on the agenda.

Learning is pushing yourself harder than yesterday. Being a little confused and working things out. Having a productive struggle. “NO PAIN NO GAIN” to build learning power in your child, TURN OFF the digital games and apps, play old fashioned board games, cards, charades, Family Feud, Twister, checkers and chess. Set them weekly personal challenges. Exercise all their skills. (we have just utilised an app in our home called “Family Time” that allows us ultimate control of when and how much device time our kids get….Brilliant! Google it)

Innovation...The path to new opportunities.

This week our values focus has been on INNOVATION. There are several examples of innovation included in this newsletter. If innovation is about trying a “New Way” and looking for positives then Akarsha’s letter to staff requesting we support the Leukaemia Foundations – World’s Greatest Shave by having a “Colour Your/Crazy Hair Day” is an excellent example of initiative combined with compassion for the needs of others. Akarsha (Year 7) wrote a well-constructed, detailed proposal to me, and all staff, highlighting the challenges of individuals and families touched by Leukaemia and how we could help in a fun and easy way. I encourage everyone to get behind this and GO WILD doing their child’s hair for Sports Day and donate whatever they can manage. Everything helps. Power to our young people a positive future.

Governing Council also displayed to me Commitment and Innovation this week, when they met on Tuesday, for over 3 ½ hours of their family time, to elect a new executive and consolidate their focus forward for 2016-2020. Some really BIG issues were addressed and a direction forward resolved. Keep a close eye on letters and communications to come out shortly. A positive future will require everyone on-board and supporting.

The current Governing Council are not waiting to see what happens in the local school environment, they have a goal and are grabbing it with both hands! Evidence and accuracy are some of the main themes, and GC will soon issue a letter to the school community addressing some of the gossip that is going around the wider community and even in our own after school Playground chatter. I wish the 2016 Governing Council every success on their journey and wish to encourage each and every current family to get behind their winning team, just like all the staff are.

Shane Misso
Principal
It’s less than two weeks until our Sports Day on Thursday 24th March. The captains and vice captains were announced at last week’s assembly and presented with their polo shirts. They have been busy organising chants and the health hustle and students R-7 have been practising their events. Paul from Little Athletics visited last week to assist year 3-7 students with their preparation for high jump.

The Sports Day program will be sent home with students a few days before the event. Please be reminded of the need for students to wear appropriate footwear and clothing (no tank tops), a hat and sunscreen for the duration of the day. Don’t forget drink bottles! Dismissal will be at 2:10pm.

A reminder that orders for Subway and house team coloured doughnuts close on Thursday 17th March. A sausage sizzle and drinks will be for sale on the day as well as a limited number of doughnuts. A coffee van will also be on site. Pre-ordered Subway, fruit and doughnuts will be delivered to classrooms. Parent Subway orders will be available outside the gym. Please remember to put “PARENT” for the class on Subway orders.

We wish all students the best of luck in striving to achieve their ‘personal best’. Look forward to seeing you there!

Sports Day Committee

Congratulations to the following students for being elected as Captains and Vice Captains for their Sports Day teams!

| Torrens  | C: Ryley M, Hayley J       |
| Silke    | C: Caleb D, Akarsha B      |
| Ind      | C: Abbey S, Kanwar S       |
| Mimosa   | C: Davis H, Jessica S      |

Go Hair Crazy or Colour Your Hair for Sports Day 24th March.

Bring a $2 (or more) donation

All money raised will be donated to the Leukaemia Foundation, World’s Greatest Shave

Put hair spray, lots of crazy colours, hair chalk, wear a wig or do up your hair with colourful clips, hair ties, headbands, be creative!

Student initiative

Akarsha B

The Norwood Morialta High School Open Night-Middle Campus

Tuesday 5 April 2016, 5.30pm until 7.30pm

- Tours, Demonstrations, Displays

The Norwood Morialta High School invites all prospective parents to join us on a tour of the middle campus on Morialta Road West, Rostrevor to learn more about the programs offered at our vibrant school. Please come directly to the central courtyard for the commencement of your tour.
Do you own a Centrelink Card? If so, you may be eligible for School Card. Please see the front office for an application form as all invoices have been distributed.

A friendly reminder to please be mindful when paying cash at the office, correct money is always appreciated as we are often limited on change.

Dear Parents/Caregivers

I write to let you know the very sad news that the father of one of our students Lynkon W passed away over the weekend. We understand this will be a very difficult time for Lynkon’s family and close friends.

The children in his class have been informed and have been offered support at the school. If you are concerned about how this news is affecting your child or family do not hesitate to contact myself or our CPSW Christine Ballantyne for support.

On behalf of our school community of students, staff, parents, we offer our sincere condolences to Lynkon’s family. Our thoughts are with them at this time.

Shane Misso
“Say Cheese”

MSP Photography
are on their way!!!

School Photo Day is:
Monday 21st March

Have your child’s school memories captured forever.

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP payment envelopes & remember these helpful points:

Don’t seal envelopes inside each other – You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day. Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.

Please enclose correct money as no change is given – cash, cheques and money orders only. Credit card payments can only be made online.

Students are expected to be in full summer uniform and could all girls please have their hair tied up.

Please feel free to visit our web site www.msp.com.au

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