

# Moolap Primary School

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## Moolap News - Issue 1, 2017

Welcome to a new year at Moolap Primary. What a delight for all of us to see our students again and welcome the new Grade Preps. The transition into the first week of school has been very smooth. The students have been working on many activities getting to know one another, and establishing routines and expectations. We have already handed out many "Gotchas" which is when we catch students demonstrating our school values.

This year we are keen to further improve communication at the school. Our goal is to regularly push through articles in the school app and the school's closed Facebook page. Each Friday we will publish these articles in the school newsletter. Please be patient as we learn how to best use these mediums to communicate what is happening in the school. Constructive feedback is always welcomed.

Have a great weekend!

Robbie

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## WHATS ON THIS WEEK



As part of our developing Phys Ed program the grade 6's in Mr Seach's class have been given an opportunity to be involved in the LOOK (Lifestyle of our Kids) national research study.

Its purpose is to test the effectiveness of a system that facilitates school sport and physical education, and child engagement in sport and PE. This is a one year trial and students will be involved in various assessments (physical activity, fitness, body composition, attitudes to PE and sport. The study aims to prove that increasing physical activity in schools will have an unrealised potential to increase health, wellbeing and academic progress.

There will be a note sent home shortly outlining what the program involves for our students and a permission note which needs to be returned to school ASAP. If parents have any further questions please come and see me. All information collected in the study will be confidential and student data/results will be identified by code. Thanks in advance! Mr Clarke (P.E. Teacher)

### Scholastic Book Club

MPS participates in the Scholastic Bookclub giving families the opportunity of purchasing items throughout the year. Orders and payment are to be returned to the office by the date indicated on the brochure. Parents also have the option of purchasing and paying on line via the *Bookclub Loop for Parents*. Return date for **Issue 1** is **Monday 13th February**.



### Student Details

Please ensure that all details for your child are correct, especially parent and emergency contacts, medical details. Ensure the office is notified of any details that may have changed. Please ensure that Birth Certificates and Immunisation Records for your child have been provided to the office.

### Student Banking

Student banking is available to all students who have an account with the Commonwealth Bank (i.e. Dollarmite Account). Student banking is each **Friday**, please bring along bank book and savings and give them to your class teacher. Information packs are available from the office.

### Assemblies

Our student run assemblies start back next **Friday 10 Feb at 2.50 p.m.** in the Pavilion. Parents are invited to attend from 2.50p.m. onwards.

### Canteen

Canteen resumes for students **next Thursday** (orders in) for **Friday delivery**. Orders are to be placed on the front of a brown paper lunch bag including your child's name, class and order.

Please ensure that correct money is placed in the bag. Your child is to give the order to their class

teacher. **Orders are to be handed in on a Thursday morning for a Friday delivery.**

Price list is available be [clicking here](#).

If you are available to assist on either a Thursday or Friday morning, please leave your details at the office.

### 2017 School Council Elections

Nominations open for five parent vacancies on our school council. If you are an enthusiastic parent interested in getting more involved and having a say in what our school is doing, or know someone who is, we would love to hear from you. We are looking for people who are committed to improving the educational outcomes for all our students.

Effective councils have a broad range of experience, skills and expertise. Face-to-face and online training is also available to help councillors develop the skills and knowledge for the job. Parents find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Nominations open **Monday 13th February** and close **Monday 20th February 2017 at 4.00 p.m.** Nomination forms are available from school reception.

For more information on what's involved, see: [Parent Participation at School](#)

### Student Accident Insurance

Parents or guardians are advised that students who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs. Parents or guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers. The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

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## COMMUNICATION



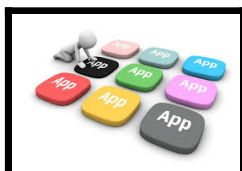
Our weekly newsletter 'Moolap News' is one of the main forms of communication and is emailed to families each week. However, there are also a number of other options available. The school now has a 'school app' for families, and will be used to notify parents of upcoming events, notifications etc, please ensure you register for this if you haven't already done so.

We also have a public and a closed **Facebook page**. For current families we invite you to join the 'closed' group by searching **Moolap Community Group** and requesting to join. Members include current families and staff, and is a great tool for quick answers relating to the school and school activities! Class teachers are also implementing '**Class Dojo's**' as a way of communicating with parents. Please see your child's class teacher for further information relating to this.

Last but not least, we are only a phone call away - please do not hesitate to give us a call on **5248 2284**. Please note that throughout the year, events at Moolap will be available via the school's webpage.

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## UP-DATED APP NOW AVAILABLE!



We're very pleased to inform you our school now has available a phone app called Updat-ed that will make connecting with you so much more convenient.

To download the app just visit the App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Android's. Search for Updat-ed and from the menu select our school. We'll receive your registration request and will need to approve you before your app is up and running.

So what will the app do?

The app's great for sending out alerts and reminders with one of its best features being the ability to save events directly into your phone's calendar.

If you are experiencing difficulty with your app please take a look at our [Trouble Shooting Guide](#). This guide can be found on the sponsor-ed website: [www.sponsor-ed.com.au](http://www.sponsor-ed.com.au) under **SUPPORT**. Any further queries should be directed to: [helpdesk@sponsor-ed.com.au](mailto:helpdesk@sponsor-ed.com.au)

Please state the following in your email to helpdesk:

- Your school
  - Name and email address
  - Model phone/tablet
  - Software version
- We hope you enjoy being Updat-ed.

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## 2017 CAMPS SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)



[The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\)](#) commenced in 2015 for four years and will provide payments for eligible students to attend



camps, sports and excursions.  
CSEF applications open again from term one 2017.  
Parents or legal guardians are required to submit a new CSEF application form each year. Victorian Government Year 7 and Prep students (in 2017) who are CSEF recipients are also automatically eligible for a uniform support.

For more information regarding this initiative please see [State Schools' Relief](#).

Application Forms will be available on Book Collection Days (24-25 Jan 2017, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.) or [click here](#).

Parent Applications for 2017 CSEF (Camps Sports & Excursion Fund) close Friday 23 June 2017. Please ensure all completed application forms are returned to the office prior to this date.

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## EXTEND AFTER SCHOOL CARE



EXTEND After School Care operates daily, Monday to Friday, at Moolap Primary School from 3.20 p.m.

If you are interested in registering please click on the link below.

Using the *Parent Portal* complete your details.

[Extend After School Care](#)

Please see important information below to ensure you are ready and organised to use Extend's service.

### NEW FAMILIES – ENROL TODAY

Enrolling is simple and can be done online via our Parent Portal. The annual enrolment fee will not be charged until you use the service, so it's a great way to ensure you can have emergency access if the need arises. See information on operating hours, fees, and how to enrol & book at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au).

### HAVE YOU SECURED YOUR 2017 BOOKINGS?

If you have used our services before, we look forward to seeing you again throughout Term 1. Please ensure you have made your 2017 bookings on the Parent Portal in advance.

### QUESTIONS?

Check out the FAQs on our website which contains useful information for new parents.

PARENT PORTAL: [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)

[Click here to go to our Events Calendar](#)