



PRINCIPALS NEWS...



Working Bee Saturday 21st APRIL 2018 – 8a.m. – 12 noon

Working bees have operated successfully over a number of years because of the time and expertise generously donated by volunteers like you!

Working Bees involve families coming together to complete projects that enhance the environment in which our children can learn, play and grow, and which otherwise would have to be outsourced at great cost.

In addition to improvement projects, Working Bees also include regular tasks to keep the school tidy, such as weeding, sweeping, trimming our plants and mulching our garden beds. It's a great opportunity for families and children to meet in a different social setting, as well as contributing to improvements and care of the school. Each Working Bee finishes with a BBQ, to thank our lovely volunteers!

So, pack your gloves, garden tools and wheelbarrow and volunteer to help at our Working Bee! Whether it's just one hour or more, Moolap Primary School needs your help. Every bit counts!

Our next working bee will be held on SATURDAY 21st APRIL 2018 – 8a.m. – 12 noon. Children are very welcome to come along and join in!

MPS – Focused on Reading for 2018

As a school we are focused on improving reading. Our teachers are working with their coaches and with their teams to help every student make significant growth in reading. As part of our goal, we are also extremely keen to improve our student's disposition towards reading. Our teachers are presenting and reading more literature across the school day.

WINNERS!

Our school has also won a CASS grant which will help us provide the following opportunities to our students: Levelled Reading Intervention for Grade 1 and 2 students, incursions with authors and illustrators, visits to the Geelong and Newcomb library, and a small amount for teachers to purchase great storybooks to use in their teaching.

WE NEED YOUR HELP: It is essential for our students to practice reading and have reading modelled to them at home if we are going to be able to help all our students to make a year's growth. **At home, we ask that you ensure your child is reading at least four times a week for 15-30 minutes (depending of class level).** We also **strongly encourage parents to read to their students throughout primary.** Older students love reading with their parents. You may be surprised by the in-depth conversations that result from doing this once a week. Lastly, help us know how much support you are providing at home by making sure the reading log is filled out and signed.

Harmony Day

The smell of bacon and eggs upon walking into MPS on the 21st March is now a school tradition. Our students had a great day learning about different cultures and celebrating inclusiveness. A huge thankyou to all the parents and teachers who worked so hard to make this a day special. I massive thank you to Ms Lodding and the SRC who organized this day. Also thank you to Mrs Millington for organizing the fabulous Wala Incursion – they were sensational!



Figure 1 Staff participating in the Wala Incursion this week.

Event Quick View

FRI 23RD MARCH
ASSEMBLY

TUE 27TH MARCH
EXCURSION - DISTRICT SOCCER

WED 28TH MARCH
EXCURSION - FOOTBALL SUPER CLINIC (Gr
1-8)

THU 29TH MARCH
LAST DAY TERM 1

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EASTER HAT PARADE

FRI 30TH MARCH TO SUN 15TH APRIL
TERM 1 HOLIDAYS

MON 16TH APRIL
FIRST DAY TERM 2

Please check the [Event Calendar](#) on the school's web page to keep up to date with what's happening.

Premiers' Reading Challenge

As explained in last week's newsletter, Moolap Primary School has registered to participate in the Premiers' Reading Challenge. We have chosen to take part this year because we are committed to improving reading ability for all our students.

The challenge for P-2 students is to read 30 books and the 3-6 students to read 15 books by the end of August. They need to choose some of these books from the lists provided (on the website). We have many of these books in our school library and our Librarian, Michelle Taylor, has a copy of the list to help your child find these books.

When your child is registered they will be given a logon so that you and your child can record the books they have read. Once the challenge is completed your child will be eligible for a certificate from the Victorian Premier. If you would like your child to register for this challenge, please return the permission slip ([click here](#)), to school before the end of term (ONE FORM PER FAMILY).

Special Announcement

Mr Martin will be taking leave to the end of Term 2. We are extremely excited to announce that Mrs Bayly will continue teaching Grade 1/2 during this time.

Schoolwide Positive Behaviours (SWPBS)

This term we concentrated on developing strong routines and processes around **positive behaviours**. We are acknowledging more positive behaviours and being very consistent in how we teach and reinforce appropriate behaviours. An important part of SWPBS, is for the school to collect data on perceptions our students and parents have on our school climate. Today all of our students were surveyed on our school climate. Our student leaders will survey parents waiting to pick up their child(ren). The next step will be to analyse this data and with the students develop areas for development in Term 2. I am looking forward to sharing our goals from this data early in Term 2.

Footy Super Clinic – Wednesday 28th March

Years One – Six have been invited to attend a football clinic as part of the Physical Education Program. This will be held at Newcomb Football Club, Grinter Reserve, 09.30a.m. – 12.00 noon. School uniform required however students may wear their favourite footy jumper over the top. Hats required. Students will be provided a sausage in bread for snack. Cost is \$3 per child, permission slips and payment to be returned to the class teacher prior to them attending.

Easter Hat Parade – Thursday 29th March

Our annual Easter Hat Parade will be held next Thursday morning. We look forward to seeing all the handmade creations for this fun activity. Parents are welcome to attend. Parade starts approximately 9.00 a.m. lasting approximately 45 minutes. Look forward to seeing you all there!

Progress Reports (Sent home on Thursday 29th March)

Student Progress Reports will go home next Thursday 29th with students via their class teacher.

Last Day of Term 1 – Thursday 29th March

Students will be dismissed from school at 2:30pm on Thursday 29th March 2018. (There will be a short assembly held 1.10 p.m.). Students will start Term 2 on **Monday 16th April 2018**

Term 2 - Mark Your Diary!

Friday 20th April – Moolap Cross Country

Tuesday 24th April – ANZAC Service

Wednesday 25th April – ANZAC Day Holiday

Thursday 26th April – School Photos (Creative Exposure - 5255 5042)

Monday 30th April – District Cross Country

ENJOY!

ROBBIE!

SCHOOL NEWS

Premier's Active April - It's time to get involved and get our bodies moving. The Premier's Active April is part of the Victorian Government's commitment to promote healthy and active lifestyles and get Victorians to join in the fun of increased physical activity. You can register and join our Moolapians team by clicking the following link. <https://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au>

There are plenty of great reasons to join our team, not only the health benefits but great prizes for our school and for yourself.

Team ID is **Moolapians**

MCG Meeting

MCG will meet **Thursday 19th April at 9.00 a.m.** at school. All welcome. Keep those Easter Donations coming! Raffle tickets to be returned Wednesday 28 March, winners announced Thursday 29 March at the Easter Parade.



Techrevive – Exclusive School Offer!



Techrevive is a phone and tablet repair business based and operating in Geelong. They currently have a promotional offer for schools and offer a donation to the school for repairs to phone screens, iPad, tablet, laptop screens. Families will shortly receive a brochure, coded to Moolap Primary School, they are able to use if needed. Techrevive is located at 78A Garden Street, East Geelong.

Entertainment Books Are Coming

2018 / 2019 Entertainment Books will be coming home with students Week 3, Term 2. If you wish to purchase the book, simply return payment of \$60 to the school. If you do not wish to purchase the book return to the office. Please notify the office if you do not want to receive the book. A sample of the book is available in the office foyer or you are able to check it out online here - what's inside [click here](#). Take a look at the [Digital Membership](#) option! Payment can be made at the office or on line using the following link - <http://www.entbook.com.au/113162u>



End of Term Reading Challenge Reward – Free icy pole (last week of term) from Dr B! Keep that reading going!

2A modelling our items from last years' Woolworths Earn & Learn which arrived this week! Headphones, books, charts & more!

PARENTING CHILDREN WHO WORRY TOO MUCH
FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGED 2–10 YEARS

FREE Parenting Seminar on Thursday 17TH May 7-9pm

And optional 4 week Group 24th May to 14th June 7-9pm

Venue: Holy Family School, 143-147 Separation Street, Bell Park, Geelong

Please book on 9663 6733

This seminar is **FREE** but **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**

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3 week junior clinic

dodgeball
Tuesday 13th, 20th and 27th March
4:30 - 5:30

indoor soccer
Wednesday 14th, 21st and 28th March
4:30 - 5:30

beach volleyball
Wednesday 14th, 21st and 28th March
4:30 - 5:30

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Maybe you should give Beach Volleyball, Dodgeball or Indoor Soccer a try!

- \$30 for 3 x 1 hr clinics.
- Certificate and ball presented to all participants at completion.
- Safe, friendly environment
- Supportive & encouraging coaches

1a Crown Street South Geelong
call 52224400 or email info@geelongvicbeach.com.au to register

NEWCOMB SECONDARY COLLEGE

Parents & students are invited to the 2018 **INFORMATION NIGHT**
MONDAY 26TH MARCH 2018, 6.30PM

The evening commences at 6.30pm with an information session followed by a guided tour of the College. Guided tours depart from the Learning Resource Centre at 7pm. Light refreshments will be served and families will be provided the opportunity to meet and chat with staff and students. We look forward to welcoming you to Newcomb Secondary College.

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