



PRINCIPALS NEWS...

Student Leadership is essential in building a caring school environment. All students are encouraged to demonstrate leadership in following our school values of "Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Safety". Our Grade 6 leaders will have many opportunities throughout the year.

Special congratulations to our School Leaders - **Grace J, Phoebe C and Axden M.**

Also to our House Leaders

Cheyenne W

Charli J

Larni G

Taylah W

Shylah M

Alanah W

Bella K

Jett P

Dannika C

Luke J

Dakota H

Aspen M



SCHOOL COUNCIL 2018

The 2018 School Council Election will open **Monday 05 February** and close 4.00 p.m.

Friday 09 February. If you wish to nominate yourself or another parent, please collect a nomination form from the Office. Vacancies this year are – 7 Parent & 1 DET. If you would like to discuss what is involved please don't hesitate to contact me.

Please see the end of this newsletter for further information regarding School Council.

Membership is for a 2 year term.

SAFETY IN THE CARPARK

The School Council have been working with City of Greater Geelong to improve traffic safety around the school. Please note that more speed signs of 40kmh have been installed. We are also hopeful other treatments will be implemented to ensure drivers know the speed limit. COGG Local Laws do patrol the area and those not abiding by the law will be prosecuted.

Please use the following guidelines to keep our students safe in and around the carpark.

1. Parents and students need to use assigned pathways to get to and from their vehicles. (There are two paths: one running alongside the school and the other clearly marked with yellow feet in the car park.)
2. Parents and visitors need to back their cars into car spaces. This makes it safer when you drive out.
3. Parents of younger students should walk their children into and pick them up from school grounds.
4. The school does not have a drop off area. You will need to park the car to drop off your children.



Please see information below regarding our parent group the MCG (Moolap Community Group). This is a vital part of our community who have, in the past, raised funds for air conditioning in all classrooms, shade sails and recently to provide the new front playground equipment. Please take the time to come along to their meeting on **Monday 5th Feb at 3.20 p.m.** in the Staff Room, all welcome!

BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER – SATURDAY 17TH FEB

The school has been very fortunate to get a date for a Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 17th Feb from 8.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. If you are available to assist during the day please let the office know. This is a major fundraiser for the school this year and we desperately need volunteers to help. The following are time slots for the day - 8-10.00 a.m. / 10.00 – 12 noon / 12 – 2.00 p.m. / 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

2018 School Times (Updated)

8:45am - School Opens (Outside Supervision provided)

8:50am - Students go into class

8:55am – 10.55 a.m. - Classes Start

10.55 – 11.30 a.m. – First break

11.30 – 12.30 p.m. - Classes

12:30 – 12.50 p.m. – Lunch

12.50 – 1.50 p.m. - Classes

1.50 – 2.20 p.m. – Break

2.20 – 3.20 p.m. - Classes

3:20pm - Dismissal

Event Quick View

FRI 2ND FEBRUARY
SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

MON 5TH FEBRUARY
SPROUTS KIDS CANTEEN - REGISTRATION
OPENS

MON 5TH FEBRUARY
MCG MEETING

MON 5TH FEBRUARY TO FRI 9TH
FEBRUARY
SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS OPEN

MON 5TH FEBRUARY
PREP / YEAR 1 DENTAL FORMS TO BE
RETURNED

WED 7TH FEBRUARY
PREP FREE

FRI 9TH FEBRUARY
CANTEEN SERVICE COMMENCES

MON 12TH FEBRUARY
BOOK CLUB ISSUE 1 - TO BE RETURNED

TUE 13TH FEBRUARY
PREPS FIRST FULL WEEK

WED 14TH FEBRUARY
PREP FREE

THU 15TH FEBRUARY
THRASS PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

WED 21ST FEBRUARY
PREP FREE

WED 28TH FEBRUARY
PREP FREE

FRI 2ND MARCH
MCG COLOUR RUN

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

Keeping in touch

Don't forget information is available from.....

- The school's website
- The school's Newsletter
- The school's App
- The school's private Facebook Group
- Or if all else just give us a call 5248 2284!

<http://www.moolapps.vic.edu.au/>

Register via the school website above

Register her <http://www.moolapps.vic.edu.au/articles/58>

MOOLAP COMMUNITY GROUP (Please request to join)

ENJOY!

ROBBIE!

SCHOOL NEWS

THRASS PARENT INFORMATION SESSION – THURSDAY 15 FEB 6.30 – 7.30 P.M.

Notes have gone home this week for the THRASS Information Session. This is the first of two information sessions, the second being held on Thursday 22 March (3.45-4.45 p.m.). Please return RSVP to the Office or Mrs Parsons 34A

STUDENT DETAILS

Please be aware that the office needs to be notified throughout the year of any change to your child's details as soon as possible, especially changes to contact numbers, emergency numbers, change in medical details etc. Details will be emailed to families. **Please ensure all contact details are kept up to date throughout the year.**

PREPS 2018

Our lovely preps will have each Wednesday as a 'rest day' for the first 6 weeks of this term. This means the first full week for Preps will be the week commencing **Tuesday 13 March 2018**. Prep testing will be held on the Wednesdays, parents will be notified of your date and time.

CANTEEN

Moolap uses the services of Sprouts Kids Canteen. This is an online service where parents set up an account, order on line, lunch orders are then delivered to the school. See the school website for information regarding this service including how to set up your account. **Lunch Orders will be held each Friday**. Service reopens – **Monday 05 February 2018** for registrations, first Lunch Order Delivery will be on Friday 09 February. Please see link below for further information.

<http://www.moolapps.vic.edu.au/articles/88>

LATE ARRIVAL / EARLY DEPARTURE

Children arriving late to school or leaving earlier than 3.20 p.m. are required to be signed in / sign out at the office and collect a slip to provide to the class teacher.

STUDENT ABSENCE

Please ensure that the school is notified when your child is absent on 5248 2284 (a message can be left). The new requirement for schools is to contact parents/guardians as soon as practicable on the day of a student's absence (formerly three days). Parents will be sent a text message confirming an 'unexplained' absence and requested to contact the school to provide a reason.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES / IMMUNISATION DETAILS

Please ensure if you have not provided a copy of these details to the office that you do so as soon as possible.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

Moolap has registered! Stay tuned for further information. Starts 7th February.

MOOLAP NEWS

Our Moolap News is the main means of communication to our school families and is delivered electronically to families each Friday, for those without access to the internet a small number of copies will be available from the school foyer.

To register for the Moolap News please go to our school's web page <http://www.moolapps.vic.edu.au/> on the right hand side of the front page click the orange link 'subscribe to Newsletter' complete your details and select 'Newsletter' as the group.

Please note we also have an 'Official' Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Moolap-Primary-School-Official/479638818774906> in addition there is a 'private' Facebook page for current school families; search **Moolap Community Group** and request to join group. The rules are simple and easy to follow.....

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.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club brochures are sent home with the eldest student from each family. If you wish to purchase items please return order and payment, in a named envelope, to the office. Delivery is approximately 2 weeks from closing date.

EXTEND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

After school care is offered at Moolap each week day. For further information please see Extend's Website - [click here](#)

To register please see details below-

From 2018 onward all Extend bookings will be managed externally by LookedAfter.

Our Customer Service team are available to assist any families with the transition or with any questions they may have. Call 1300 366 437

<https://www.lookedafter.com/>

CSEF – CAMPS SPORTS EXCURSION FUND

[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 2018. **Parents or legal guardians are no longer required to submit a new CSEF application form each year. New applicants will need to collect, complete and return form to the Office.**

Victorian Government Year 7 and Prep students 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 are available from the office or [click here](#). Parent Applications for 2018 CSEF (Camps Sports & Excursion Fund) close **29 June 2018**. Please ensure all completed application forms are returned to the office prior to this date.

MOOLAP COMMUNITY GROUP (MCG)

The school's parent group is known as the MCG and welcomes parental involvement in school programs and fundraising for the 'extras' around the school. The MCG meet regularly to discuss upcoming activities and fundraisers, the first meeting will be **Monday 5th February at 3.20 p.m. in the staff room**. The purpose of meeting 1 is to introduce members and welcome new faces and fresh ideas. Look forward to seeing you there!

We encourage all families to be involved and if available, come along to the meetings (small children welcome).

A reminder that - Moolap Volunteers are required to have a current 'volunteers' Working with Children Check. A copy must be provided to the Office prior to volunteering.

TERM 1 MUSIC BUS ENROLMENTS OPEN

The Music Bus are taking new student enrolments for Term 1. The program is open for all students from K to 6. Running weekdays at School. The Music Bus have limited availability in Singing, Keyboard, Guitar, Drum and Ukulele and so it is advised to enrol asap. The Music Bus is a wonderful music program that many of our students are already enjoying – a brilliant and cost-effective way for students to get fun and specialist music lessons without parents having to travel all over the area after school. Cost of lessons is only \$16 per week (Drums \$18).

If you're interested in your child having music lessons through The Music Bus, check out their website at www.themusicbus.com.au or call 1300 168 742



ANXIETY AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN YOUNG PEOPLE



Dr Michael Carr-Gregg exclusively represented by Sartori.

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia's highest profile adolescent and child psychologists in private practice. He is also the author of 12 books and is the resident parenting expert on several television and radio programs.

EVENT DETAILS

DATE	Monday 19 March 2018
TIME	7:00-8:30pm Light supper available from 6:30pm
LOCATION	Moolap & Barrabool Hills Baptist Church 4-32 Province Boulevard, Highton
RSPV	Please register at: https://michaelcarrgreggparentingforum.eventbrite.com.au
AGE	Designed for parents/carers of young people aged 10-16 years



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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.

School Council Elections 2018

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.

- A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

- An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.



The poster features a purple background with a yellow diagonal cross. In the top right corner is the Thomson Football Club Tigers logo, which includes a tiger's head and the text 'THOMSON FOOTBALL CLUB' and 'TIGERS'. The main text 'Junior Football Information Day' is written in a large, bold, yellow font. Below this, a white box contains the event details: 'Sunday 11 February - 12pm to 2pm', 'Location - Thomson Recreation Reserve - Godfrey St', 'Free Sausage sizzle and drinks for \$2 - Jumping castle for the kids', 'Come and meet the coaches and your teammates for the 2018 season. All age kids welcome from Auskick to Under 19's', and 'Any questions please contact Dean Hall on 0407 354 736'.