PRINCIPAL’S NEWS
WELCOME
Welcome to a new school year at Moolap Primary. All of our students seem to be doing a great job settling into their new classes. As a school, we have much to look forward to this year. We are continuing to develop our Writing program and refine our math program across the school. As a school we will also be focusing on developing positive behaviours as part of our Kidsmatter program.

Over the holidays we have been hard at work with the installation of a fitness track and equipment, the repositioning of the footy goals to allow a larger area for students to play other sports, and the first steps in the development of our sensory garden with the installation of two cubby houses at the front of the school. All of these developments have been funded by a variety of companies in our region. The department have also provided funds for the school to fix student toilets and a part of the Pavilion roof sometime this semester. The creative play space and the plants along the fence are looking healthy thanks to the families that helped water them over the holidays. A huge thank you to those families.

Most importantly, our staff are looking forward to working closely with students and parents in fulfilling the school’s vision “to build a caring community engaged in learning and committed to its values.”

SAFETY IN THE CARPARK
As a community we need to work together to ensure our students are safe in our carpark. Please use the following guidelines to keep our students safe.

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.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE
Please note the school schedule. We strongly encourage students to be dropped off for school from 8:45am onwards as their is no supervision before this time.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2016
Our School Council has an important role in the governance of our school. We are encouraging parents to consider taking on this important role in our community. Due to the end of several two year appointments, we have four parent vacancies and two department (staff) vacancies this year. Nominations for School Council will open Monday 8 February and close 4 p.m. Monday 15 February. School council meets eight times per year (at school) on a Monday at 5.30p.m. The election timeline is detailed below. Information for those considering nominating is provided at the end of this newsletter.

Election Timeline:
Nomination forms may be collected from the General Office in the week commencing Monday 8 February 2016. Please note nominations close at 4p.m. Monday 15 February 2016.

- Ballot papers (if required) will be distributed on or before Monday 22 February 2016
- Close of ballot Tuesday 1 March 2016
- Vote count and declaration Wednesday 2 March 2016 at 4.30p.m.
- New School Council will meet Monday 21 March 2016 at 5.30p.m.

Enjoy!

Robbie

SCHOOL NEWS
ADMIN MATTERS
Thank you to those families who have updated their child’s 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 were emailed at the end of last year and will be re-emailed shortly. Please ensure all contact details are kept up to date.

PREPS 2016
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 15 March 2016.

MOOLAP NEWS
Our Moolap News is the main means of communication to our school families and is published each Tuesday. This week’s newsletter will be printed and a copy provided to the eldest in each family. From next week onwards, the newsletter will be delivered electronically to families, 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/479639818774906 in addition there is a ‘private’ facegroup page for current school families; search Moolap Community Group and request to join group. The rules are simple and easy to follow……..

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

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.

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 this Friday. Parents are invited to attend from 3.00p.m. onwards.

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 OSHC at Moolap Primary School
Welcome back! We hope you have had a fantastic summer holiday and are looking forward to the exciting opportunities that 2016 will bring.
We are looking forward to seeing lots of familiar faces at After School Care and to welcoming lots of new faces as well.
Existing Families
Don’t forget to manage your 2016 bookings.
Last year’s bookkings do not roll over so log on to the parent portal NOW to secure your bookings for 2016. You can book for the entire term or year or even book specific dates.
New Families
Enrol online – allow 24 hours
Enrolling is quick and easy! Simply set up your own account online via the Parent Portal. Please note it is government regulation that all children must be enrolled BEFORE attending an Extend service. For information on operating hours and fees for your school, visit your After School Care venue or school website.
Enrol now, pay later
The annual enrolment fee per family of $20 is NOT payable until you first use the service. So why not enrol now so you can access the service later? It doesn’t matter if you don’t end up using the service, because you won’t be charged.
Watch this space throughout the term for regular updates from our Extend team!
PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

NETBALL NEWS
Moolap Tigers has a bye this week.
MCG (Moolap Community Group) News
Welcome back to returning, and new school families from our parent group the MCG. This group is involved in supporting student activities and teachers, fundraising and the operation of our parent-run canteen.
We require volunteers each Thursday (9-10.30a.m.) for collection and collating of student lunch orders and Friday 10.30 - 11.30a.m. to assist with the distribution of lunch orders and operating of the canteen selling icypoles, drinks and fruit etc.
Canteen will commence next week (Friday), with Menus being sent home this week. Students wishing to place an order will be required to return their order on a brown paper bag (money enclosed) on the Thursday for delivery on Friday.
If you are available on either of the days, and would like to be part of the Canteen Roster please contact the office to notify of your availability.

2016 Diary Dates

February
Mon 8 School Council Nominations Open
Wed 10 Emergency Drill
Fri 12 Scholastic Bookclub Due
Mon 15 School Council Nominations Close
Wed 17 Emergency Drill
Thurs 18 Dental Visit – Yr 1
Thurs 25 Dental Visit Prep
Mon 29 CSEF Closes

March
Mon 14 Labour Day Holiday
Wed 16 Moolap Cross Country TBC
Wed 23 Football Gala Day P-6 @ Newcomb Football Club
Thurs 24 Easter Hat Parade TBC

April
Mon 11 First Day Term 2

Community News
Lions Club - Computer Project:

Corio Norlance Lions Club Bike Project
Do you have children in need of a bicycle at home or a bike that is no longer used and you don't know what to do with it?

We will
• Collect
• Clean
• Repair
• Donate to needy children
• Contact us on coriolions@gmail.com or 0402409895

On behalf of the members of the Lions Club of Corio Norlane, we present this community computer project again this year.
We are currently undertaking this computer project that will provide a free computer system to the benefit of disadvantaged students and their families.
We offer these computer systems free to families that are in need of one, we test and upgrade any systems we receive, with, 2 gig RAM, Windows 8.1 or Windows 10, Office 2013, and install learning programs on them for children from ages 3 to 8.
Please contact me on 0402409895 or email richardw2058@gmail.com and let me of families that are wishing a computer.
As I am now working in Melbourne it is extremely difficult for me to drop off equipment during school hours, but please contact and we will arrange something.

An article from City of Greater Geelong - Picking up & Dropping Off Children around schools.
For the safety of students, parents are reminded to take care and obey parking signs and observe the Road Rules when picking up or dropping off student’s around schools. Council’s Parking & Information Officers monitor all supervised school crossings on a regular roster and issue infringements to drivers who stop in unsafe areas, such as ‘No Stopping’ zones, within 20 metres of a school crossing, parallel to a yellow edged line, or if double parked even for a moment to drop off or collect a student. Queuing to enter a pickup/drop off zone leads to traffic congestion and vehicles being stationary in prohibited areas.
Remember, as soon as you stop to let your student in or out of the car, you are deemed to be parked. You do not have to leave your car or turn the engine off to be fined, so please ensure you are parked in a legal parking area.
At children’s crossings, you must remain stationary at the stop line while any person (including an adult or the superviso) is on the crossing or the stop sign is displayed. Do not let your child alight from the vehicle at this time, and ensure that they wait until you are safely and legally parked.
If you breach a parking regulation or Road Rule the Parking & Information Officer assigned to monitor the crossing will usually record your registration number and details, and the Penalty Infringement Notice will be posted to you in due course.
School Council Elections 2016

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.
MOOLAP PRIMARY SCHOOL CAR PARK

Travel at WALKING PACE only

Reverse into car spaces provided

Walk your child/ren to the school gate using path indicated by orange line

DO NOT pull up and drop children from your car at the gate

DO NOT park where yellow lines are indicated – these are NO STOPPING zones

For ‘Drop Offs’ use High Street Crossing

Practice School Values when using the car park Respect Responsibility & Integrity

Local Laws do patrol the car park and parent will be fined if not using the car park correctly.