



# Moolap Primary School

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## PRINCIPALS NEWS...

The BIG news at MPS today is we are dancing tonight at our first School Disco. Thanks to Claire Darcy who has led this initiative for our students. We also thank all the parents in advance who are helping tonight. Let's Dance!

### Developing our School (We need your feedback)

Two areas of focus at Moolap PS are Developing Safe and Collaborative Cultures and Developing Consistent Effective Teaching. Over the course of this semester we ask parents to complete a short (5-7 minute) survey that will provide the School Improvement Team important insights into areas of strength and areas to be developed. Students and teachers will also be completing similar surveys. The **first survey** will be emailed to you **today**. We really value your feedback!

### Working Together to Improve Student Outcomes

One of the strengths of Moolap Primary is our staff's commitment to being lifelong learners. We believe that through collaboration and learning together.

After school, every Tuesday and Wednesday, our teachers work collaboratively in Professional Learning Teams to:

- participate in workshops
- learn about new educational initiatives
- develop the school's curriculum
- address areas of need.

During the week, grade level teachers formally meet to develop units of work, assessments and lessons. They are also constantly checking in with one another to refine the program to better meet our student's needs. This week for example, we completed a workshop on developing "Mindfulness in the Classroom" and using a Math Assessment to better meet the needs of all students.

### Curriculum Day (Pupil Free Day)

A reminder that our teachers will be participating in a Mathematics Workshop on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July**. There is no school for students on this day.

### THRASS Information Session

On **Tuesday 01 August** from 5pm to 6pm, Melissa Parsons and Janine Elias will be holding another THRASS Parent Information Session. Come along and learn about this new school initiative that "makes reading and spelling acquisitions much simpler, faster and more sustainable." ([www.thrass.com.au](http://www.thrass.com.au))

**ENJOY!**

ROBBIE!

## ADMIN MATTERS...

### 2018 PLANNING

Student enrolment has a significant effect on decisions we make around staffing and resources. To successfully plan for 2018, it is extremely important for the school to ascertain accurate enrolment for next year. If your child is **not** returning to Moolap next year, we would greatly appreciate you informing the office.

### EARLY NOTIFICATION

Please mark your diary as the year three and four students are planning an excursion to Sovereign Hill in Week 8 of this term on Monday 04 September. Costs have not yet been finalised but it will be approximately \$30 including travel, entry and activities. Further information will be provided.

Grade 1/2 students will be going on an excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August. Parents should have received a permission letter this week. Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you have not received this letter.

## WHAT'S ON...

### FRIDAY 28 JULY

- Moolap Disco
- Div girls AFL (TBC)

### MONDAY 31 JULY

- **CURRICULUM DAY**
- THRASS Parent Info (5-6p.m.)

### WEDNESDAY 02 AUGUST

- Yr Prep & 1 Dental Check

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

## **EXTEND OSHC**

We are back into the swing of things with 2 weeks down. This week there was a variety of craft, science, engineering and decorating of our room with our lovely Cupcake Birthday Chart. The Shaving Cream Paper Marbling was both messy & a lot of fun.

Many of our activity ideas come from the children and I am always keen to custom design activities. Please feel free to put your ideas in our ideas box.

See you next week !!

*Emily Drakos, Team Leader*

## **Extend Superstar is:**

Marli Vardy... for always bringing positive energy to After School Care.

## **What's on next time?**

**Monday** 24 July: Starry night sky resists

**Tuesday** 25 July: Create the Solar System

**Wednesday** 26 July: Balloon/Cd rockets

**Thursday** 27 July: Build your own rocket

**Friday** 28 July: Crystle stars

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

## **MOOLAP TENNIS CLUB – Wills Crescent**

Interested in giving tennis a try? Beginner players welcome, professional coaching available.

“Hot Shots” tennis program available for first step to tennis.

Free Junior Memberships for new members (first year only, ball fees & insurance fees apply).

Practice nights every Wednesday & Friday (coaching too).

Call in or phone Fran (Mob: 0409 366 545) or Phil (Ph: 5251 3002).

Website: [www.moolaptc.org.au](http://www.moolaptc.org.au)

## **TATE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNTRY & WESTERN TRIVIA NIGHT**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2017 – 6.30pm. **ADULTS ONLY EVENT.** \$10 pp – tables of 10. BYO drinks & nibbles.

For more information phone school on Ph: 5221 2780.

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