



PRINCIPALS NEWS...

Dancing Up a Storm

DJ Mitch had Moolap PS rocking last Friday night. It was marvellous to see so many of our children having a great time. Thanks to all the parents who helped make this such a success. We also send out a massive thank you to DJ Mitch, who provided his services for free. We also acknowledge the following businesses for their assistance:

- Splashdown – Swimming Vouchers;
- Picnic Time Drysdale – Milkshake Vouchers;
- Cold Rock – Ice Cream Vouchers;

Can't wait for our next disco!

Planning Thursdays

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, every Thursday is planning day for our Instructional Aids and teachers. The playground is open and supervised from 8:45am to 8:55am. Students will go into class at 8:55am.

Thanks for your Feedback

We have close to a third of our families provide feedback on the Developing Safe and Collaborative Cultures survey. All students and teachers will have completed a similar survey by early next week. The School Improvement Committee will then analyse the surveys and being the process of using our strengths to build on areas for development in this area.

Learning at our School

On Monday, teachers completed a very informative workshop around the teaching of Mathematics. The in-depth discussions and insights were an excellent way to begin our 18-month learning journey to improve student outcomes in Math.

On Tuesday night, we had parents attend the second THRASS workshop. Thanks to our speech pathologist, Janine Elias, and to Mel Parsons who explained the THRASS program, the progress students are making, and what parents can do to support their child's learning.



THRASS - Making a Difference

At the end of last term and over the last two weeks, we have reviewed our students progress in phonological skills and spelling. After a little over a term and a half of using THRASS, we have seen a significant improvement in these areas across the grades using it. Our teachers have also noticed significant improvement in student spelling in writing. We see students making better approximations (close to correct spelling) or correct spelling in their weekly writing pieces. This semester, we will look to consolidate the use of THRASS in reading, writing, spelling and handwriting. Well done to all the teachers taking on this new initiative.

ENJOY!
ROBBIE!

WHAT'S ON...

MONDAY 07 AUG – SUN 27 AUG

- Parent Opinion Survey

FRIDAY 18 AUGUST

- Yr 1 & 2 Melbourne Aquarium Excursion

MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

- Yr 3 & 4 Sovereign Hill Excursion

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

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 18th August. Parents should have received a permission letter this week. Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you have not received this letter.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY 2017

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at each school.

It is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of parents' perception of school climate, student engagement and relationships with our parent community. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey can be accessed via desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile at any convenient time within the fieldwork period from **Monday 7th August to Sunday 27th August.**

Over 30% of our parents will receive and email inviting them to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

The survey results will be reported back to our school at the end of September. The results of these will be reported to School Council and in the School's Annual Report.

For further information, please speak to you child's teacher or visit:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyparent.aspx>

BARWON HEADS ROAD & BELLARINE LINK PLANNING STUDIES – Community Information Session

VicRoads is undertaking planning studies on the possible future upgrade of Barwon Heads Road and connections from the Geelong Ring Road to the Bellarine Peninsula (Bellarine Link).

They are developing draft designs for both projects, and would like to know what you think. Please come and talk to them about their proposals and the planning studies. Ask questions and give them feedback to help them plan for the future of Barwon Heads Road and the Bellarine Link.

When: Saturday 12th August, 2017
10am – 2pm (drop in any time)

Where: Moolap Primary School
30 Wills Crescent, Moolap

If you are unable to attend session you can still contribute to the discussion through VicRoads engagement website:
engage.vicroads.vic.gov.au/bellarinelink or engage.vicroads.vic.gov.au/barwonheadsroad

For more information: Call: 03 5225 2596
Email: BarwonHeadsRoad@roads.vic.gov.au
Visit: vicroads.vic.gov.au

GRADE PREP, 1 & 2 NETBALL

We have some students & a coach interested in forming a netball team for the Summer Season. Anyone interested in joining this team please leave your name & contact details at the office.

EXTEND OSHC

All things space occurred this week and what a talented bunch of children we have. They created not only a 2D poster about the Solar System but also a 3D diorama as well.

I think that our cardboard creation was my favourite part of the week. We have definitely learnt how to use our imaginations and put them to good use.

See you next week! Emily Drakos, Team Leader

Extend Superstar is:

Chelsea for creating wonderful books and drawings

What's on next time?

Monday 7 August: All about Nemo

Tuesday 8 August: Recycled sea creatures

Wednesday 9 August: Barrier Reef prints

Thursday 10 August: Ocean dioramas

Friday 11 August: Group window underwater scene

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

GEELONG FOOD RELIEF CENTRE – Annual Toucan Appeal

.....Think outside the can !!

The Geelong Food Relief Centre has been providing free food to those in need for 27 years. Working together with welfare agencies, this year they will see 36,000 individuals referred to GFRC for support.

Our school is one of the 90 schools in Geelong and surrounding region, who every year assist in making this possible. Each individual donation makes its way onto a family's table. This could be a family in your street.

These items form some of the basic food items most families choose.

We are inviting you to be a part of this generous donation to provide if possible the following items:

- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Pasta
- ◆ Toothbrushes
- ◆ Milo
- ◆ Sugar
- ◆ Feminine hygiene goods
- ◆ Cake Mix
- ◆ Tea/Coffee
- ◆ Shampoo/Conditioner
- ◆ Vegemite
- ◆ Cling Wrap/Foil
- ◆ Shaving Cream.

All donations whether cans, boxes or packets are always gratefully appreciated.

Geelong Food Relief Centre thanks you for ongoing support and assures you it will really make a difference to someone within our community.

The Geelong Food Relief Centre Inc is a not-for-profit organisation with DGR status.

SPLASH PARK

Waterslide re-opened in August.

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

TATE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNTRY & WESTERN TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 19th 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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