

PRINCIPALS NEWS...



Our Collaborative Culture

Thanks to student, teacher and parent feedback via the survey on developing a safe and collaborative school, we have identified areas we are doing well and areas we need to further develop. We found many areas to celebrate including our teachers having high expectations and a perception that students are safe. What emerged in the parent survey is the need to share with parents how our teachers are working together. Over the next few weeks, we will focus on providing more

information on this in the newsletter.

Our teachers provide the same writing assessment across grade levels. Teachers consistently discuss progress of students. As seen in the picture, our teachers moderate writing assessments by sharing student work and providing one another feedback. This week our teachers have also participated in a “planning day” where they have reviewed student progress and developed plans to address learning needs next term.

MPS is fortunate to have *teachers so committed to working together* to improve student outcomes across the school. A huge “call out of gratitude” to our teachers.

Student Led Conferences

Wednesday 20th Sept and Thursday 21st Sept 3:20pm – 5:30p.m.

Student-led conferences are important to provide student ownership of their learning. The process requires each student to thoughtfully reflect on, and present their learning to others. The format for the Student-led conferences is as follows:

1. Students lead parents through their learning. (10-12 minutes) - arrive 10 minutes prior to appointment booking time.
2. Teacher facilitates a discussion of achievements, efforts and possible next steps. (5-8 minutes)

**Parents will be able to complete online bookings via the Parent Portal on Sentral mid next week. Teachers will notify parents early next week when portal is open.*

On a final note, thank you to Mrs Millington for organizing Enviro Week next week. Take a look below for the activities planned for each day

**ENJOY!
ROBBIE!**



ADMIN MATTERS...

Next week is EnviroWeek...

On **Monday**, we want you to experience the outdoors. Ask your teacher if you can go outside for a game or a walk/run along our walking trail, have a math lesson outside in our green courtyard, visit the creative play space and look for signs of spring, sit inside our tepee and see how many shapes you can see, look up at our birdhouses to check for winged visitors, spend playtime at the Bug Hotel...the options are endless.

On **Tuesday**, we want everyone to wear green or earthy coloured clothing, including hair ribbons, ties and clips. If you bring a gold coin donation, we will buy some native plants to attract birds and insects.

On **Wednesday**, we are going to have a Nude Food day to reduce litter at our school. In term 4, we intend to make every Wednesday a wrapper free day, so this is a good time to practice! Use re-usable bamboo or plastic containers to store your food, not cling wrap or pre-wrapped packaging. And say no to straws – straws are the 6th most common waste item found in the ocean.

On **Thursday**, we are all going to plant or sample something in our garden beds. Maybe it's a radish, some parsley, lettuce or chives.

On **Friday**, we are going to celebrate using our drink bottles rather than bottled water. Plastic bottles are the number 1 waste item found in the ocean. It takes 3-7 litres of water and 1 litre of oil to produce 1 litre of bottled water. It takes 8 years to recoup the cost of a bottle of water by refilling the bottle with water.

WHAT'S ON...

SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY 8

Prep Fun Farm
Winter Raffle Drawn
Second Hand Books Due

TUESDAY 12

Division Athletics

WEDNESDAY 13

Prep Orientation Session #1

FRIDAY 15

Moolap's Got Talent (assembly)

MONDAY 18

School Council

WEDNESDAY 20

Student Led Conference

THURSDAY 21

Student Led Conference

FRIDAY 22

Sausage Sizzle Lunch
Music Assembly @ 1.45 p.m.
Last day term 3 – 2.30 dismissal

SATURDAY 30

Coles Fundraising BBQ

OCTOBER

MONDAY 9

First Day Term 4

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

THANK YOU WOMBAT GULLY

A great big THANK YOU to Wombat Gully for donating plants and fruit trees for preps to plant on 'Farm Day'. Thank you for your generosity, from Prep A and B!

PRELOVED BOOK SALE

Last call for children's book donations, any last minute donations can be left at the office on Monday 11 September. All proceeds to MS Australia, a great foundation supporting research into Multiple Sclerosis. Book sale will be held in the BER.

2018 YEAR 6 COMMEMORATIVE GARMENTS

Once again, we are offering 2018 Year 6's commemorative Bomber Jackets and Polo's. Students voted this week on designs available, items are now available to purchase. All purchasing is through FCW (Fashion Clubwear) on line. Using the link below, click on **Leavers Online Stores** and select Moolap Primary School to place your order. Sample sizes are available in the school office for those wishing to check sizing. 2018 Year 6's will be presented with their items at Celebration Night at the end of Term 4, 2017.

<http://fcw.com.au/online-shops/>

MOOLAP COMMUNITY GROUP

WINTER RAFFLE

Raffle has been drawn this morning. Winners will be notified and names published at the office.

Thank you for your support. Special thanks to the following who kindly donated prizes –

Hopkins River Big 4 Warrnambool, Parkgate Big 4 Resort Halls Gap, Rollerway Newtown, Bellarine

Adventure Golf, Faggs Mitre 10 Geelong, Puffing Billy, Sovereign Hill Ballarat,

Chocolaterie Anglesea, Riccardi Meat, Seaford Ferries, Aloha Candles, Hogs Breath Geelong, Mule Shed North Geelong, Adventure

Park Wallington and Promoshack.

URGENT HELP NEEDED!

Moolap has the opportunity to hold a fundraising sausage sizzle on **Saturday 30th September** at Coles Drysdale. **We still require 3 volunteers from 10a.m – 12.30p.m.** or we will need to cancel. Please contact the Office if you would be willing to volunteer or see Bron Jennings if available.

EXTEND

Let's start off with a huge thank you to Yigit's Mum Helen. She came in on Monday to give the children a talk about Turkey. We have spent our week looking at the food, clothes, flag and culture of Turkey and understanding the similarities and difference. If any parents have ideas or suggestions about what activities we run please have a chat with me any afternoon.

See you next week!

Emily Dakos, Team Leader

Extend Superstar is: Indiana R and Mia F, for choosing to clean up the school yard after the wind made a mess.

What's on next week?

Monday 11 September: Elastics

Tuesday 12 September: Stocking Balls

Wednesday 13 September: Marbles

Thursday 14 September: Kites

Friday 15 September: Friendship bracelets

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

FREE CYBER SAFETY SESSIONS

The City of Greater Geelong Youth Development Unit are running free cyber safety information sessions for parents and young people across the Geelong region in 2017 and 2018. **Please be aware that the March, May and June dates are for 2018.** The November date is for 2017.

Tuesday 7 November 2017 – Lara Library

Wednesday 7 March 2018 – Newcomb Library

Tuesday 8 May 2018 – Geelong Library

Wednesday 6 June 2018 – Waurn Ponds Library

For further information, contact Mardi on 5227 4694



Gardening Gurus: Congratulations to Semester 2's Gardening Gurus on their selection. What a great team!



Visual Arts: A great art incursion last week, with illustrator Marc McBride coming to teach our students about his style of art. We appreciate the support of the Children's Charity Network and the Commonwealth Bank in giving our students this wonderful opportunity.



We are becoming **Resource Smart**

This term, we have completed our first module of learning with *Resource Smart*.

This has resulted in a *series of initiatives* around the school:

- Establishing a working veggie garden
- Using classroom compost bins
- Establishing a Bakashi central composting system (located in Art Room)
- Placing thermometers in classrooms
- Creating Gardening Gurus who are working hard to keep our school healthy & beautiful
- Including environment modules in our curriculum plans across all grades
- Planting trees, native irises & vertical garden to 'green' up our school
- Creating bird seed balls for native birds (thank you, 3/4B)
- Moving to co-mingled recycling (plastic, aluminium, glass & paper can now go in our recycling bins)
- Purchasing of green cleaning products by school cleaners
- Buying Carbon-Neutral paper only
- Recycling furniture (classroom tables re-dressed to become outdoor tables, logs for stools, grade 5/6 pallet woodworking lessons)
- Creating a Bug Hotel
- Art Room use of Urban Upcycle
- Monitoring of all our energy usage (12 months of data entered for all electricity, gas, water, waste, recyclables, paper usage)

What can you do to help?

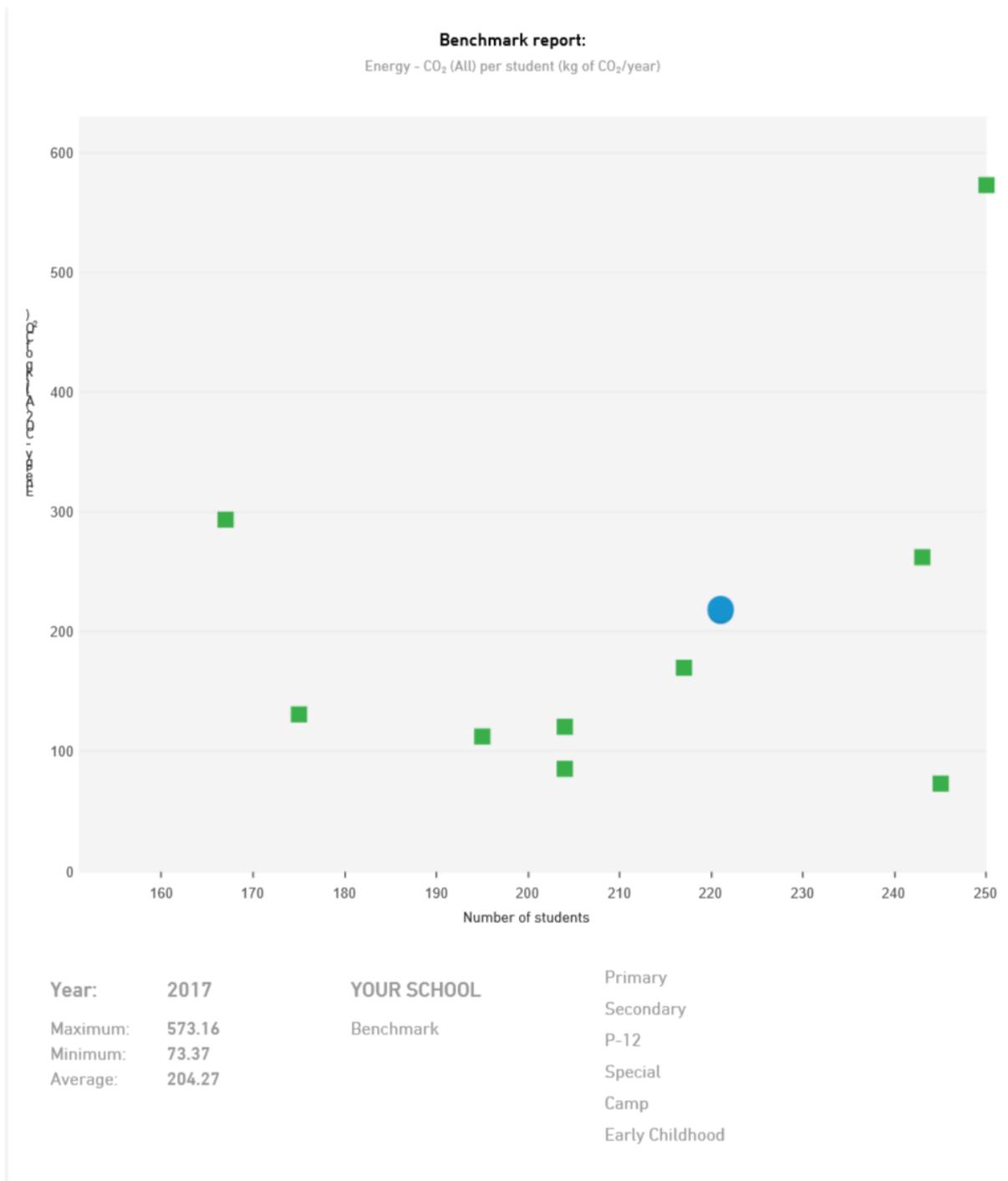
Talk to your children about *energy saving initiatives at home*: put on an extra jumper rather than the heater, turn off lights when you exit a room, shut the door to keep the warmth in, don't leave the tap running when doing your teeth, start a home compost.

Encourage them to *look after our plants & gardens* (especially at the front of the school during arrival & departure times).

HOW DO WE RATE?

Overall, our data shows that *we are a fairly energy efficient school*.

Our **main problem area has been water usage** which spiked during in January during the leak under the BER. Our **electricity usage is reasonable** but there's room to improve: staff & students will be monitoring heaters & lights closely for the remainder of the year. Our **paper use is good**, with key spikes occurring only at report writing time. Our **gas consumption is reasonable**. Please see the graphs below for further information.



Our next focus is **WASTE**. We will be doing waste audits to determine how much and what type of rubbish is being disposed of in our school. Our goal will be to reduce this significantly during term 4.

EnviroWeek in week 9 of this term will help our students learn about this.