



PRINCIPALS NEWS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In this edition of the newsletter we have provided a whole term calendar with a range of events and activities listed. The school website calendar is also regularly updated with activity details. This is designed to assist you in keeping informed about the many activities taking place throughout the term. As you can see, Moolap is such a busy place and there are many exciting events coming up that will engage our students and community. There are some activities listed that will require us to send you further information as they draw closer. Our recent parent and student surveys demonstrated an excellent sense of connectedness to the school for our community, with our students reporting a 93% result for having a 'sense of inclusion' at the school. A range of activities both in and out of the classroom provide our students with many opportunities to become involved. One example of this is our school camping program- next week our Year 3-4 students head off to Camp Sunnystones near Bacchus Marsh. Our fingers are crossed for some reasonable weather during their trip. We wish all students and staff a happy and safe time when traveling away and look forward to hearing all about their experiences when they return.

This week our school improvement team spent time working with an experienced leadership coach. This is a follow up to the school's participation in the Professional Learning Communities Initiative, which involved our staff building their capacity to work in a team that is focused on improving student learning outcomes. The school's improved reading results this year are a direct result of the way our staff place their own (and others') professional learning at the forefront of their teaching practice. Our staff highly rate the level of professional learning they receive here at school, with classroom coaching a key feature of the approach. Our leadership coach spent two days challenging our school improvement team to set goals for our staff to further improve learning for our students. This new learning will be evident in our next Annual Implementation Plan, which is a document that clearly outlines what we intend to achieve over the next school year and the tools and strategies we will use to achieve it. I look forward to sharing this with the community.

This week the school was visited by our Region's School Wide Positive Behaviours Coach (SWPB). The visit is part of our school's work toward formalising some of our actions that teach and reinforce positive behaviour in and around our classrooms. You will already know about our approaches in rewarding students with 'Gotchas' in the classroom and yard aligned to our school values. Due to the success of the initiative here at Moolap, the school is being recognised by the Department of Education with a special presentation and range of visitors from schools in the Region attending in late November. We are very proud of the achievements of our community in ensuring that Moolap is a happy and safe place for our students to learn.

Thinking ahead, our parent group will be running an **Election Day BBQ** and sausage sizzle on **Saturday November 24th** here at school. As Moolap will be a voting station during the State Election, we are calling on any parents who would be able to help out on the day. If you are able to spare a couple of hours, we'd love to see you at the BBQ or selling cakes to our visitors. A call out will be made via the Moolap Community Group Facebook Page- alternatively, please see Dawn in the office to volunteer. We will also be asking our families to donate a cake for the stall- more information to be sent home soon.

Next week is a particularly busy week –

Monday

- Year 34 Camp Sunnystones leave
- Prep Excursion to the Potato Shed
- Parents of Year 5 & 6 are invited to the Parent Puberty Information Session – 6p.m. at school

Tuesday

- Prep Dental Visit
- Campers return

WEDNESDAY – GEELONG PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Thursday

- Grade 2A Visit BUPA
- Grade 1 Dental Visit

Friday – World Teachers Day –

show your appreciation to our wonderful teachers and the great things they do!

Have a great week!
Peter Knight

Event Quick View
MON 22ND OCTOBER PARENT INFORMATION SESSION - YEAR 5&6 PUBERTY
MON 22ND OCTOBER POTATO SHED EXCURSION - PREP
MON 22ND OCTOBER TO TUE 23RD OCTOBER YEAR 3&4 CAMP SUNNYSTONE
TUE 23RD OCTOBER PREP DENTAL VISIT
WED 24TH OCTOBER GEELONG CUP DAY
THU 25TH OCTOBER GRADE 1 DENTAL VISIT
THU 25TH OCTOBER BUPA MEMORIAL GARDEN (2A ONLY)
MON 29TH OCTOBER Prep Orientation - Session 3 - Enhance
WED 31ST OCTOBER YEAR 5&6 PUBERTY
MON 5TH NOVEMBER CURRICULUM DAY
WED 7TH NOVEMBER YEAR 5&6 PUBERTY
FRI 9TH NOVEMBER COINS FOR KIDS
MON 12TH NOVEMBER Prep Orientation - Session 4 - Engage
WED 14TH NOVEMBER YEAR 5&6 PUBERTY

[Please check school website for events](#)

SCHOOL NEWS

CURRICULUM DAY - MONDAY 05 NOVEMBER – STUDENTS NOT REQUIRED AT SCHOOL

TOPSEY TURVEY DAY – GOLD COIN DONATION – MONDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

Students are invited to participate in Topsy Turvey Day, where their school uniform is worn to school 'topsy turvey', inside out, back to front etc. This is in support of State Schools Relief – gold coin donation.

MOOLAP ATHLETICS

This will be held on **Wednesday 21st November**. Lunch will be held at approximately 12:00 p.m. with the afternoon's events beginning at 12:45pm. Parents are invited to attend the afternoon activities from about 1.00 p.m.

Students will need:

- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Drink bottle (named)
- Running shoes
- House coloured shirt
- Safety pin to attach Card
- Comfortable running clothing i.e. shorts, skort, skins



YEAR 56 SURF SURVIVAL

Year 5 & 6 students have been offered the opportunity of participating in Surf Survival and Body Boarding. This activity is to develop students' awareness of water safety at the beach and provide basic body boarding skills. It will be held on **Monday 26th November** and **Monday 03rd December** at Ocean Grove Main Beach. Cost is \$50 per student (cost has been subsidised by the school). Permission slips and further information will go home with students involved.

Steve Clarke

P-2 SWIMMING 2018

The Prep – Year 2 Swimming Program commences **Wednesday 28 November through to Friday 07 December**. Cost is \$90 per student. Information will be sent home with students shortly.

Steve Clarke

2019 STUDENT MATERIAL

School Council has approved the charge of \$165 per student covering the cost of Essential Educational Items for next year. For further information please see the [Parent Payment Policy](#) on the school's website.

Further information will be sent home with students this term regarding payment days, student material information etc.

Families experiencing financial hardships are encouraged to contact either the Principal or Business Manager to discuss options relating to payments.

PARENT PAYMENTS 2018

Reminder that outstanding parent payments for this year are now overdue and must be finalized (except for families who have made payment plan arrangements). Payments can be made at the office via cash, cheque, EFT. Bpay is also available online using your details on your parent statement. Please contact the office if you require these details.

Families wishing to set up Centrepay can contact the office for further information.

If you have any queries regarding your family account, please contact the Office. Families experiencing financial difficulties can make alternative payment plans with the principal at any time.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION CHOCs

Notes have been sent home with year 6 students regarding the selling of graduation chocolates. Please sign and return slip to the office for your child to collect their box to sell. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Our grade 5/6 and 4/5 classes have finished their photography unit having created some brilliant works of art. Their photos are on display at the front of the stage in the Pavilion. A huge congratulations to all students on their fantastic efforts!



EXTEND

What's on this week?

Welcome back everyone to Term 4! We have had another great week at Extend focusing on the human body! Monday, we were supposed to do an 'Name those body parts' competition, but instead we played Ninja warrior outside because it was such a nice day! Tuesday, we made puppet hands, the students were interested to see how the cardboard hands moved. Wednesday, we did a taste test, students were blindfolded and had to guess what they were tasting. Thursday, we made our own lung models, this showed students how the lungs work. Friday, we made felt faces. Next week will be all about Extend-a-Hand!

Extend-a-Hand Learn | Aid | Appreciate

Each year Extend launches *Extend-a-Hand*, a major social initiative that educates primary school children on the benefits to contributing to the wider community. This year, we are extending a hand to our hard-working farmers who have been suffering through one of the worst droughts in living memory.

Learn | Children will learn about weather systems and cycles, the impact of drought and who really provides our food.

Aid | Extend has partnered with [GIVIT.org.au](http://givit.org.au) to raise funds for farmers and their farmers

Appreciate | Children will create handwritten letters and drawings expressing sentiments of gratitude and encouragement to the farmers and their families. Visit Extend's donation page via GIVIT and participate in this fantastic cause!

<http://givit.org.au/Extend-a-Hand>

Jessica Hamilton, Team Leader

Extend superstar is:

Marli V- For being kind and sharing with others.

Evie L- For always being helpful.

What's on next week?

22nd October 2018- make your own weather station

23rd October 2018- handwritten letters and drawings for the farmers

24th October 2018- GEELONG CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY!

25th October 2018- Water cycle in a bag

26th October 2018- Dry environment art (Teaching students about drought)

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

<https://extend.com.au/parent-portal/>

Parent Calendar

Term 4, 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Oct 8	Oct 9	Oct 10	Oct 11	Oct 12
2	Oct 15	Oct 16	Oct 17	Oct 18	Oct 19
3	Oct 22 3/4 Camp Sunnystones 09am Potato Shed Excursion - Prep Only 09:15am PUBERTY PARENT INFORMATION SESSION - Yr 5&6 6pm	Oct 23 3/4 Camp Sunnystones PREP DENTAL VISIT 09am	Oct 24 GEELONG CUP DAY	Oct 25 Grade 1 Dental Visit 09am Excursion:BUPA (2A Only) 12pm	Oct 26 World Teachers Day
4	Oct 29 Prep Orientation Session 3 09am	Oct 30 Golf Incursion	Oct 31 PUBERTY SESSION YR 5&6 Tennis Incursion 09am	Nov 1	Nov 2 3/4 Camp Assembly- Sharing experiences/photos 02:50am
5	Nov 5 CURRICULUM DAY	Nov 6	Nov 7 PUBERTY SESSION YR 5&6	Nov 8	Nov 9 Remembrance Day Service 10:30am Coins for Kids Community 2:30pm
6	Nov 12 Prep Orientation Session 4 09am	Nov 13	Nov 14 PUBERTY SESSION YR 5&6	Nov 15	Nov 16 Jump Rope for Heart Jump off day
7	Nov 19 Topsy Turvy Day - Gold Coin Donation School Council Mtg 5:30pm	Nov 20 Excursion - Blue Light Disco Yr5&6 Excursion: Zoo: Grades 1-4 09am	Nov 21 PUBERTY SESSION YR 5&6 Moolap Athletics	Nov 22	Nov 23 Excursion - Queenscliff Music Festival - whole school 09:30am
8	Nov 26 Beach Safety/Surf Survival Excursion Yr5/6 09:15am	Nov 27	Nov 28 PUBERTY SESSION YEAR 6 ONLY - double session Excursion - Swimming P-2 1pm	Nov 29 Excursion - Swimming P-2 1pm	Nov 30 Excursion: BUPA art 12:50pm Excursion - Swimming P-2 1pm
9	Dec 3 Beach Safety/Surf Survival Excursion Yr5/6 09:15am Excursion - Swimming P-2 1pm	Dec 4 Excursion - Swimming P-2 1pm	Dec 5 Excursion - Swimming P-2 1pm	Dec 6 Excursion - Swimming P-2 1pm	Dec 7 END OF YEAR CONCERT - TBC Excursion - Swimming P-2 1pm
10	Dec 10 School Council Mtg 5:30pm	Dec 11 TRANSITION ACTIVITIES - Whole school	Dec 12	Dec 13 VOLUNTEER MORNING TEA 10:55am	Dec 14
11	Dec 17	Dec 18 CLASS PARTIES / WATER FIGHT	Dec 19 GRADUATION Yr6	Dec 20	Dec 21 LAST DAY - 12.30 DISMISSAL 08:30am