



PRINCIPALS NEWS

I hope this newsletter finds you well during a busy term 4. This week we enjoyed a mid-week holiday for the Geelong Cup. Please note that our **Curriculum Day is scheduled for Monday November 5 (Student Free)**. Tuesday November 6 (Melbourne Cup Day) is a normal day of school here at Moolap.

This week our Year 3-4 students attended Camp Sunnystones near Bacchus Marsh. It was the first time we have been to this camp and we were pleasantly surprised by the accommodation, activities and layout of the campsite. I was fortunate to be able to attend on Monday afternoon to join in the hut building with the students. I know that we had several students who were away from home for the first time and others who were nervous about being away from their families, however, it was very pleasing to see students overcoming this initial nervousness and enjoying their time away with their peers. Thank you to our parents for supporting the school in making the overnight camp a great success. Many thanks to Judy Harvey, Steve Clarke, Mel Parsons, Mina Spiteri, Michelle McIntosh, and our student teacher Harry Dolley, for attending the camp with our students. Without your willingness to take part, experiences like this are not possible.

In the past week our students completed their final 'reading dispositions' survey for the year. This survey is designed to gauge whether students have an improved perception of reading and is part of our school wide focus to improve student agency in their reading behaviours. Student agency gives students power to direct and take responsibility for the learning in our efforts to create independent learners in every classroom across the school. We are pleased to report that our students have continued to demonstrate positive attitudes towards their reading. In summary, they have seen improvements in student perception in the following areas:

- I enjoy reading a lot, an increase of a 14% since Term 1.
- I like listening to stories and being read to (17% increase!)
- I read for pleasure (reading everyday increased by 11%)
- I choose my own books
- I read following recommendations from friends, siblings, parents and teachers ("My parents recommend books or help me" increased 19%).

Our staff are really pleased with these results and our parents should be proud of efforts to encourage a positive attitude towards reading at home! As always, our staff look at further ways we can encourage a love of reading in all of our students as we know that students who read regularly increase their school and life skills.

Today (Friday) marks World Teachers' Day, a day where we all recognise the contribution our teachers make to the lives of our students and families. From all in our community, we thank our teachers for their hard work and dedication to their profession. Moolap Primary School has a very special group of staff!

Have a great week!
Peter Knight

SCHOOL NEWS

ELECTION DAY BBQ – HELPERS REQUIRED

On **Saturday 24 November** Moolap Primary School will be open as a polling centre for the coming state election. We will be holding a BBQ and cake stall on this day and volunteers are required. The stall will operate between 8.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. and a roster has been drawn up with 2-hour time slots – 8-10, 10-12, 12 – 2. If you are available to come along and help, please write your details on the roster at the office or contact the office on 5248 2284.

We will also be calling on all our 'bakers' out there to donate some homemade goodies to sell on the day. Each family will be sent home a pack (paper plate, bag, ingredients sticker) to donate items for the cake stall. Further information to follow.

Event Quick View

MON 29TH OCTOBER Prep Orientation - Session 3 - Enhance
WED 31ST OCTOBER YEAR 5&6 PUBERTY
MON 5TH NOVEMBER CURRICULUM DAY - STUDENT FREE
WED 7TH NOVEMBER YEAR 5&6 PUBERTY
FRI 9TH NOVEMBER COINS FOR KIDS
FRI 9TH NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE
MON 12TH NOVEMBER Prep Orientation - Session 4 - Engage
WED 14TH NOVEMBER YEAR 5&6 PUBERTY
FRI 16TH NOVEMBER JUMP ROPE FOR HEART - JUMP OFF DAY
MON 19TH NOVEMBER SCHOOL COUNCIL
MON 19TH NOVEMBER TOPSY TURVEY DAY
TUE 20TH NOVEMBER YEAR 5 & 6 BLUE LIGHT DISCO
TUE 20TH NOVEMBER ZOO EXCURSION - YEAR 1-4
WED 21ST NOVEMBER YEAR 5&6 PUBERTY
WED 21ST NOVEMBER MOOLAP ATHLETICS
FRI 23RD NOVEMBER QUEENSCLIFF MUSIC FESTIVAL - WHOLE SCHOOL
SAT 24TH NOVEMBER STATE ELECTION

[Please check school website for events](#)





GARDENING GURUS

Gardening Gurus have been clearing out our veggie planter boxes and sampling some of our remaining produce: some baby carrots. Gardening Gurus continue to work hard to keep our school gardens in good shape. Thank you!

BUPA VISITS

Students from the junior school were selected by class teachers to take part in an Art class

Mrs Millington conducted at the BUPA Aged Care facility with residents last week. This is the first of several art classes Mrs Millington will take that will have the dual purpose of engaging all age groups in art and providing the opportunity to build rapport and respect between our two communities. Well done to all those students involved who were great representatives of our school and its values.



Class 2A participated in the opening of the BUPA Memorial Gardens at Bellarine Lakes.



Ten students were invited to be flag bearers and all students sang 'You are my Sunshine'. The School was given a recognition award for its support of the gardens, the impetus for which was inspired by the opening of our own Remembrance Garden last year. Ashton Dunn accepted an award on behalf of his father who was the gardener who worked on the gardens. BUPA treated our students to a wonderful



lunch. Many thanks to all those involved.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Please see insert regarding the coming Christmas Raffle. Families have always generously supported this Term 4 fundraiser and we hope that this year is no different. Raffle Tickets will be sent home with the eldest child in the family and additional books will be available from the office. All donations can be left at the office. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.



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.

Canteen Roster

Oct 26th- Tania C, Michelle M
 Nov 2nd- Alisha M, Brodie M
 Nov 9th- Cameron B, Kylie W
 Nov 16th- Caity R, Emma H

Nov 23rd-***TBC***
 Nov 30th- Michelle M, Cameron B
 Dec 7th- Kylie W, Tania C, Brodie M
 Dec 14th- Alisha M, Emma H

THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER WILL BE THE LAST LUNCH ORDER SERVICE FOR THIS YEAR



Dear Families

The time has come for our **Annual Christmas Raffle** and we are hoping to get as many families involved in donating a gift and purchasing a couple of raffle tickets.

To ensure we receive a variety of donations, we have the following suggestions for the **eldest (one donation only per family)** in each family.

Prep—Christmas Theme Items, baubles, tinsel etc

Grade 1—Craft Supplies, coloured paper, ~~textas~~ etc

Grade 2—House— Towels, tea towels, face washers, body wash

Grade 3—House—Glasses, cups, platters entertainment

Grade 4—Outdoor play—water balloons, play equipment etc

Grade 5—Indoor play—board games, cards etc

Grade 6—Food—chips, chocolate, shortbread, lollies etc

We are also happy to accept gift certificates for products and services, gift baskets etc.

All donations required by
Friday 23 November 2018
and can be left in the office.

Raffle Books will be sent home week commencing
Monday 19th November

Thanks in anticipation of your support!

Raffle will be drawn
Friday 7th December 2018



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