

Moolap Primary School

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WHAT'S ON

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School Review

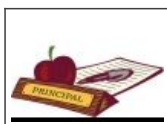
This year we will complete our school self-evaluation and school review. Part of the review process involves an audit process to ensure we meet all the requirements of the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA). We will also be reviewing progress against our previous Strategic Plan. We will be meeting with a panel, comprised of DET employees, staff, school council representatives and an independent facilitator. This Wednesday will be our first meeting.

Emergency Drills

Each year we practice a variety of Emergency Drills with our students. Next Wednesday 22nd, we will be practicing our "Lockdown" emergency procedure. Please reassure your child(ren) that school is a safe place and practicing these drills is important to keep it that way. If your child has worries or concerns about the drills, please inform your child's class teacher. We will be practicing with the preps in the near future.

A School Banking Information Session will be held Friday 24 February 8.45 a.m. - 9.30 a.m. School Banking Specialist, Karen, will be available to answer any queries & assist you to get started in the program.

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



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Over the last two weeks our wonderful PE teacher Mr Clarke, has had a severe relapse with his MS. He is receiving treatment and is required to rest for the rest of this term. He still plans on dropping in from time to time to check on how our students are doing. I am sure you will join me in sending out our best wishes to Steve that he gets well soon.

We are fortunate enough to welcome Michelle Stewart to our team. She will be filling in for Mr Clarke for the remainder of Term One.

Today we presented badges to our school leaders and our SRC have begun working on organizing Harmony Day. Our SRC are already developing topics for discussion to make our school even better. Well done Student Leaders!

Have a great weekend!

Robbie



ADMIN MATTERS

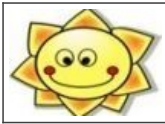


LOST PROPERTY

A reminder to families to please ensure ALL items belonging to students are clearly labelled. There are two lost property areas - The Pavilion for those in the lower grades (Prep - Two) and the BER for upper grades (3-6).

AFROBEAT INCURSION

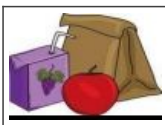
Inschool incursion for students in Years 1 - 6 will be held on Friday 17th March. Cost is \$11 per child. Notes have gone home with students this week. payment and note is to be returned to the CLASS TEACHER.



WELLBEING

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Please see below for Canteen Roster Dates-

Thursday 23 Feb - Bronwyn M, Tania C, Kylie P, Michelle A, Claire D

Friday 24 Feb - Michelle P, Jane S, Sally M

Thursday 02 Mar - Kylie Y, Nicole W, Mel V, Claire D

Friday 03 Mar - Marina S, Bron J, Leanne F, ***help needed**

Thursday 09 Mar - Belinda C, Michelle A, Paula C, Justyne W

Friday 10 Mar - Tania C, Kylie Y, Alisha M, Bronwyn M

Thursday 16 Mar - Bronwyn M, Tania C, Kylie P, Mel V

Friday 17 Mar - Melissa L, Bron J, Nicole B

Thursday 23 Mar - Kylie Y, Nicole W, Mel V, Sally M

Friday 24 Mar - Alisha M, Kylie Y, Mel V

Thursday 30 / Friday 31 March - last week of term NO CANTEEN



INDONESIAN NEWS

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CURRICULUM BIG WRITE IS BACK FOR 2017!

BIG WRITE is back for 2017...

We are excited to announce that Big Write for 2017 starts this Thursday for Grades 1-6.

WHY DO WE DO BIG WRITE?

Big Write is an opportunity for students to complete a whole week and to practice new writing skills whilst showing off what they can do. Big Writing focuses on 4 main aspects of the writing process and gives the children the skills to improve their own writing through the development of talk for writing, sharing of language ideas within games, practising and improving their own writing skills through self-assessment and through a weekly special writing session.

<mailto:arlow.dawn.e@edumail.vic>

Click to follow link

Each week the children concentrate on the 4 elements of Big Writing – VCOP.

V= Vocabulary: The development of ambitious vocabulary or WOW words.

C= Connectives: The ways a child has of joining phrases, sentences and ideas.

O= Openers: Strategies for opening sentences that are more engaging and diverse.

P=Punctuation: The range of punctuation used accurately and to enhance writing.



WHAT HAPPENS DURING BIG WRITE?

Before recess on a Thursday students will be involved in a variety of VCOP games and activities. These will be followed by a talk about the topic to generate and consolidate ideas for writing.

After recess students will enter their classroom which has been set up for Big Write with special pencils, candles, peaceful music and dimmed lighting.

Then it is time to write some wonderful stories.

At the end of the session writing is shared and students are given the opportunity to celebrate their efforts.



WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE PARENT?

"If they can't say it, they can't write it."

Parents have a very important role in helping to make the Big Write program a success. We need to encourage the development of language and listening skills in order to develop children's writing ability. Each Wednesday session the students will bring home 'talk' homework. This topic to discuss with your child in order to help them with the content of their writing the next day.

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To help your child get the most out of their talk homework we suggest the following:

- Encourage as many family members as possible to be involved in the talk.
- Switch off the T.V. Try to ensure it is dedicated time.
- When giving your opinion use the 'because' word to explain your thinking.
- Encourage many different opinions - using 'because' to explain.
- Ask your child their opinion and encourage use of 'because'.
- Link the discussion back to past experiences or possible future ones.
- Don't write anything down - we want to encourage the development of memory as well.





We want to make Big Write at Moolap a very special time to celebrate student development in writing so please help us to create excitement about the program and encourage the students to feel positive about Big Write days.

LOOK OUT FOR BIG TALK HOMEWORK ON WEDNESDAY!



Procrastinate – to delay any action; to put off until another day
(Provided by Noah Hammond Grade 4/5)

Do you know this word?

Can you put this word into an interesting sentence? We are inviting students and their families to have a go – please place your sentence in the box in the foyer before Friday morning and the winning sentence will be read at assembly and published in next week's newsletter.



EXTEND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

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Building paper planes and flying them was a challenging activity which we loved. We used recycled materials to build transport machines in teams which we sent down the slides and on Friday we write secret letters using Chinese symbols.

See you next week!

Samantha Hagerty, Team Leader



Extend Superstar is:

Tayla ... for being a helpful member of the group.

What's on next week?

Monday 20 February: Coaster Making and Painting

Tuesday 21 February: Stress Balls

Wednesday 22 February: Cooking Activity

Thursday 23 February: Charades

Friday 24 February: the hoop competition

Are you a Proud Parent?

Post your proud parent moment on Extend's

Facebook page with a short caption and hashtag #ProudParent to win a GoPro Hero5 plus more prizes worth over \$1000. Winner announced on Facebook on Monday 27 February. For terms visit extend.com.au/proudparents.

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

Event Quick View

Wed 22nd February
EMERGENCY DRILL

Fri 24th February
School Banking Information Session

Mon 13th March
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Tue 14th March
PREPS COMMENCE FULL TIME

Wed 15th March
DIVISION SWIMMING

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