PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Student Safety
Your child’s wellbeing and safety is extremely important to us. Please note some of what the school is doing and what you can do to ensure all members of our community are safe.

Carpark - Walking across the carpark can be unsafe. Please ensure you walk with your children on the specified walkways to and from your car. We ask parents to model this safe behaviour for other students even if their child is not with them.

Staff Car parks - For safety reasons, these areas are only to be used by staff. The only exception is for parents using the car park next to the Creative Play Space to pick up their child from After School Care after 4pm.

Emergency Drills
We will be having an Emergency Drill where we evacuate the school premises next Wednesday. The school uses the Moolap tennis courts as its off campus assembly area. This term, with the completion of this drill, our students will have completed evacuation drills (on campus and off campus) and a lock-in drill. Please remind your children that they are safe at school and that these drills help the school ensure their safety.

Easter Hat Parade
Our annual Easter Hat Parade will be held Thursday 24 March at 9.15 a.m. Students are invited to participate by making their very own ‘Easter Hat’ to parade on the day. Don’t forget the Easter Raffle will be drawn as part of the parade. Donations for the raffle can be left at the office. Raffle tickets to be returned by Monday 21 March.

Harmony Day Breakfast
A big thank you to our SRC and Ms Young (45A) who are organising this year’s Harmony Day Breakfast. Students are invited to attend from 8.00 a.m. on Tuesday 22 March. They will need to bring along plastic plate, bowl, cup and cutlery in a plastic bag. Parent helpers are to arrive at 7.30 a.m. For further information please see Ms Young. Look forward to seeing you all there!

Preps First Full Week
Thanks to the guidance of our wonderful Prep Team, our Prep students have made an excellent transition. Next week our Preps commence their first full week of school (attending on the Wednesday).

SCHOOL NEWS

School Photos
Please mark your diaries; school photos have been booked for next term, Wednesday 18 May.

Entertainment Books Are Coming!
2015/16 Books will go out the beginning of May, mark the date. Pre-purchase can be made on line at www.entbook.com.au/113162u
Books are $60 each giving you over $20,000 of value! The school receives 20% from every Entertainment Membership sold towards fundraising. Customers who pay for their printed Entertainment Book prior to the launch receive a sheet of Early Bird Vouchers. Please see the Office for further information.

Cross Country
On Thursday 17 March, 1.20 – 3.20 p.m. Moolap Primary will be holding the 2016 Cross Country. We would like lots of parents to come along and cheer the kids as they run. Students will need to bring the following: A named drink bottle, named hat, sunscreen, runners, safety pin, zinc (optional) and jumper (optional). We hope you can all make it.

Just a reminder
You can see what you child is doing in art by visiting http://moolapprimary.edublogs.org/
This is a fantastic, interactive site in which we encourage you as parents to applaud your children’s efforts. It is also a great opportunity for students to give positive feedback to their peers. All email addresses used for submitting comments are not published- just the comments.

Selamat siang
It is important to celebrate all languages with the students and the school community. I am asking families to please share if there is a language other than English spoken at home or by close family members. I would like students and their families to please record the information below (on a piece of paper) and drop this in to the box at the office. This box is labelled ‘Languages’. We will be using this information for a special display.

Terima kashih, Bu Hurt

Name of student –
Grade –
Language -
The word for ‘friend’ in this language -

Last week Crazy Sock Winners!!!

Jemma V Cheyanne W Sophie P and Amy F

MCG NEWS
Bulb Drive
The eldest in each family will receive a Bulb Order catalogue this week. If you, your friends and family wish to purchase from this, please ensure orders and payments are returned to the school by Friday 15th April.

Canteen Roster
Thurs 10 Mar – Emma H, Tania C, Ella V  
Fri 11 Mar – Mel V, Kylie J * help needed
Thurs 17 Mar – Mel V, Bronwyn M, Jo K, Paula C, Claire D  
Fri 18 Mar – Kylie W, Emma H

*if you are able to assist on the above days please contact the office.

EXTEND AFTER SCHOOL CARE
AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN AT A SCHOOL NEAR YOU!
Book by the deadline to take advantage of lower rates!
VIC & QLD booking deadline: Friday 18 March
NSW & SA booking deadline: Friday 1 April

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can’t wait for you to attend! Create a diorama of the Amazon jungle, mould an autumn leaf dish out of clay, and participate in lots of group games including a time challenge and secret agent maze! Join in on all this and more at Extend’s Autumn Holiday Program.

To check out what’s on and where your local program is, visit our website at extend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal.

Last week students enjoyed mixing paint with detergent to make beautiful bubble paintings. Students also discovered a new love for sweet potato making yummy vegetable hash browns.
We ended the week with a Birthday Party to celebrate Evie turning 8!!

This week’s activities:
Monday 8th March - Mask Design
Tuesday 9th March - Rapid Fire
Wednesday 10th March - Pizza

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

NETBALL NEWS
Moolap Tigers - Wednesday 9 March @ 4.00p.m.

2016 DIARY DATES
March
Tues 08 Year 5 & 6 Newcomb Secondary Visit
Mon 14 Labour Day Holiday
Thurs 17 Moolap Cross Country
Mon 21 School Choir to Roccoco
School Council Meeting
Raffle Tickets Due

April
Wed 23 Football Gala Day P-6 @ Newcomb Football Club
Thurs 24 Easter Hat Parade TBC
Fri 25 Good Friday Holiday

April
Mon 11 First Day Term 2

COMMUNITY NEWS
Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College – Information Evening March 22, 2016 from 7 – 8.30p.m. in the Hall on Main Campus, Myers Street Geelong. Open Day March 23 9-10.30 a.m. and 1.30 – 3.00 p.m. Contact 4243 0500 for further information.
Any spare time on your hands? Looking to give back to your local community? Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES) Bellarine Unit is recruiting for new volunteers, both female and male to assist them in keeping the community safe, particularly during weekdays.

VICSES Bellarine Unit is a diverse group of volunteers made up of women and men, young and old. VICSES is Victoria's response agency for flood, storm, earthquake and tsunami emergency, as well as road crash rescue.

Volunteers receive accredited, recognised training as part of their role, which may include rescue skills, chainsaw operations or securing a roof in a storm.

VICSES units also assist other emergency agencies at incidents such as searches and rescues.

As well as emergency response, VICSES volunteers engage with the community to help them prepare for disasters.

VICSES Bellarine Unit Controller Dion Henderson said 'volunteering is a rewarding way of helping the community.'

"VICSES is a great place to meet new and exciting people and the unit always welcomes newcomers," he said.

"I would encourage everyone to join and lend a hand. There are roles for everyone, from working the chainsaw to communications and even public education."

The Bellarine Unit is located at Grubb Road and hosts evening training sessions every Thursday at 7.00pm.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a SES volunteer, please contact Dion Henderson on 0427 074 029 or visit the VICSES website www.ses.vic.gov.au/volunteer

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TENNIS
Juniors...

Boys and girls, aged up to 18

Interested in giving tennis a try? Want to play in a team?
And have practice hitting at least once a week?
Like some FREE coaching?

Beginner players most welcome

Come along to practice nights at
MOOLAP TENNIS CLUB INC.
Wills Crescent (near school)
every Wednesday and Thursday from 3.30 pm
Call in, ask for Phil or Fran
Phone Phil on 5251 3002
or Fran on 0409 366 545
Email - phil.hunt@moolap.tennis.org
Check out our website - www.moolap.tennis.org

FREE Junior Membership for new members

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Join our Easter Family Night

Thursday 17th March 6pm–8pm

Bring the family along for a great night of fun
- Easter D.I.Y. Workshops
- Visit from the Easter Bunny
- Easter activities for the whole family
- Light refreshments
- Plus more great activities in store including:
  - Crazy Bikes
  - Jumping Castle
  - Animal Farm
  - Mini Circus Performance
  - FREE Sausage Sizzle

Bookings recommended... Ph. 5264200 or visit www.bunnings.com.au/seasonspoints