PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Congratulations to our Prep students who have their first full week starting today.

VCOP NEWS – Mrs Harvey

Connectives

Over the last two weeks the students in all classrooms have been talking about connectives – those words or phrases that join sentences together to make them more interesting or more complex. Students have been introduced to the VCOP character Connie Connective.

The students have been playing some games and completing activities using words such as, and, but, because (at lower levels) and words such as although, nevertheless, however (at higher levels).

Some examples of students connected sentences:

‘I went mountain climbing and I saw ice. (Abbie & Sage – Prep A)

‘I was exploring at the beach and I saw a wiggly jellyfish.’ (Prep B)

‘Dipper tried and tried but she could not get off the sand.’ (Grade 1/2C)

and

Some examples of connective words in classrooms:


How you can help at home:

• Play a simple dice game:
  Select 6 connective words and allocate each word a number 1-6.
  Roll a dice and make up a sentence using that connective. You could use a timer to add interest. You could make it into a competition – 2 family members come up with a connected sentence & another family member selects the best one.

• Model using connective words to extend sentences when you are speaking at home. Remember you are your child’s main model for their language.

NB. Unfortunately the Punctuation competition advertised in the last VCOP news was cancelled due to lack of time and teacher illness! We may have further competitions in future newsletters.

Cross Country

The weather forecast for this Thursday is for about 30 degrees in the afternoon. Therefore, for student wellbeing, we have rescheduled the cross country for the morning. Students will be participating in the Cross Country from 10am to 12pm. Please ensure your child(ren) has sunscreen, a hat, and a water bottle. As is custom at Moolap we encourage our students to wear their house colours and we welcome families to cheer our students on.

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! Students are invited to wear orange on the day.

Parent Survey (We need your feedback)

This year the school is focusing on how well we provide a safe and collaborative environment. From this survey we will clarify what we are doing well and areas we can further develop. Students and staff will also be surveyed this week. The survey will take approximately 5-8 minutes and you will receive an email inviting you to participate on Wednesday.

School Holidays

Students will be dismissed from school at 2:30pm on Thursday 24th March, 2016. Students will start Term 2 on Monday 11th April, 2016

Enjoy!
Robbie

SCHOOL NEWS

Entertainment Books Are Coming!

Pre-purchase can be made on line at www.entbook.com.au/113162u

Football Excursion
All students will be attending a Football Excursion to Newcomb Football Club on Wednesday 23 March. Permission slip and $3 to be returned to the class teacher by Friday 18 March.

Last Week Crazy Sock Winners!!!

Tyler S, Jack J, Katelin C, Tia J

MCG NEWS

Bulb Drive
Orders and payments are returned to the school by Friday 15th April.

Canteen Roster
Thurs 17 Mar – Mel V, Bronwyn M, Jo K, Paula C, Claire D
Fri 18 Mar – Kylie W, Emma H

This week’s specials Jelly Cups $1ea, Mousse Cups $1 ea. Available until sold out – Icy poles 80c, Splits $1

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 pushed their comfort zones and practiced a dance routine to Uptown Funk! It was great to see students trying something different and enjoying themselves.

We finished the week with exploring with different patterns and shapes making pattern animals.

This week’s activities:
Monday 14th March - Public Holiday
Tuesday 15th March - Biscuit Decorating
Wednesday 16th March - Cupcakes
Thursday 17th March - St Patricks Day activities
Friday 18th March - Colour Explosion

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

NETBALL NEWS – SEMI FINAL
Moolap Tigers vs Leopold Lightning - Wednesday 16 March @ 4.15p.m. Court 5…..Go Tigers!!!!!!

2016 DIARY DATES

March
Thurs 17 Moolap Cross Country
Mon 21 School Council Meeting
Raffle Tickets Due
Wed 23 Football Gala Day P-6 @ Newcomb Football Club
Thurs 24 Easter Hat Parade TBC
Last Day Term 1 – 2.30 p.m. dismissal
Fri 25 Good Friday Holiday

April
Mon 11 First Day Term 2
Fri 15 Bulb Order Returns