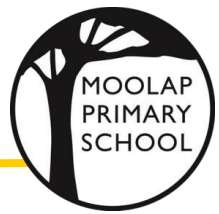


TUESDAY 10, MARCH 2026

ISSUE 02

MOOLAP PRIMARY SCHOOL



# NEWSLETTER

## Colour Run / Colour Explosion 2026!

What a great afternoon it was on Friday with the annual Colour Run/ Colour Explosion Day! It's so wonderful to see the kids all decked out in their t-shirts and getting wet, coloured and slimed and our community coming together to enjoy it all. The weather was fabulous, the vibe around the school was contagious!

Together our community raised just over \$10 000, which is an amazing effort! Every dollar counts and we really appreciate your efforts to support the school and students.

Many thanks to Wendy Valentine for her organisation of the event and to all parents who assisted on the day with the many tasks required to make the event successful- a special big thanks to those who stayed behind to assist and to our school leaders who did a great job setting up the track for everyone.



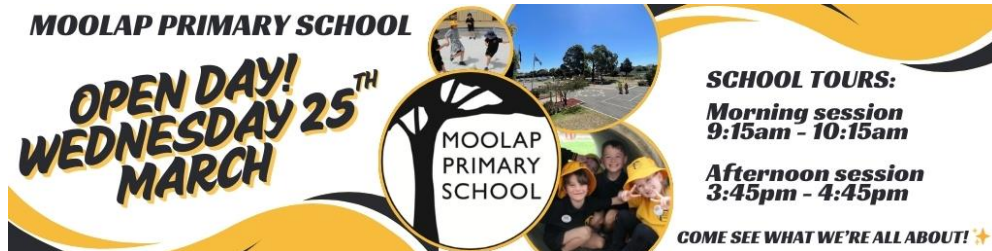
## School Council 2027

School Council performs a vital governance role in our school and each year we ask the parent community to consider nominating themselves or another parent to participate. This year our School Council welcomed three new members and one returning member: Cassie Cook, Ellen Whittaker, Jennifer Hume and returning member Renae Munzel. We welcome back Alicia Muller, Taryn Linford and Rebecca Beaton. As DET members, we welcome Mina Spiteri, Assistant Principal, and Dawn Arlow, Business Manager. At last week's Council meeting, different roles of responsibility were also filled. Congratulations to Rebecca Beaton who will again take on the important role as School Council President, Taryn Linford, as Vice President and Renae Munzel as Treasurer. Dawn Arlow will perform the role as Secretary.

We are very grateful for the commitment and input of our outgoing School Councillors, who ended their tenure at the end of 2025: Cynthia Todd and Nathan Quinn. Nathan has performed the role as Treasurer for several years, so many thanks for your additional input to the school during this time. Thank you also to DET representatives, Samantha Rabbitts and Meg Wiffen.

## Prep Enrolments 2027

Laura in the office has been contacting families who have a Prep student starting in 2027 to begin the enrolment process and to assist with planning. If you know of any student in kinder who is due to start school or looking for a school to attend, please encourage them to contact the office to arrange an enrolment or tour. We have been conducting lots of tours with prospective enrolments over the past two weeks, with more scheduled. We have also organised an Open Day for prospective enrolments on March 25. One session is scheduled for the morning and another after school.



**MOOLAP PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**OPEN DAY!**  
**WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
**MARCH**

**SCHOOL TOURS:**  
**Morning session**  
**9:15am - 10:15am**  
**Afternoon session**  
**3:45pm - 4:45pm**

**COME SEE WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT! ✨**

Congratulations to all students who have received a **STAR of the Week Award** so far this year and to students who have achieved either their 10 or 20 **GOTCHA** certificates! Congratulations also to our first **Aussie of the Month** recipient for 2026, Mia Watkins! According to the award, "Mia shows kindness and consideration to everyone around her. She consistently follows our school values and sets a great example for others. Mia makes everyone feel included, shows beautiful manners and demonstrates a caring and positive attitude every day". Fantastic, Mia, well done from everyone at MPS!



**Student Voice Representatives** met with parents from the Moolap Community Group last week to outline some of the activities that they are working on the school. Representatives join in with the parents to discuss projects and to give and provide feedback and ideas.

The Department of Education has released some information for Prep-2 parents to assist with building **number skills** with students at home. Any additional reinforcement of reading and number skills outside of school is beneficial to students as they learn the essential foundation skills that enable them to be successful in school and in life. The link below has videos of classrooms in action and some useful resources to explain how students learn some of the important early maths skills: one-to-one correspondence (matching a number to an object); subitising (recognising how many items are in a group without counting them on by one); partitioning (breaking a whole number into parts) and teen numbers (numbers between 11 and 19).

<https://www.vic.gov.au/mathematics-and-numeracy-home>

**Congratulations** to our STEM teacher (and former Prep teacher) Kate Henrys, who is getting married on Wednesday 11 March! Wishing Kate, Dave and their families a great day!

**Congratulations** to all students who represented the school in the T-Ball and Soccer Lightning Premiership competitions this week! There were very positive reports at assembly of each competition and how well our students conducted themselves during the day!

**Note to parents:** Please keep the disabled car park free at the front of the school for drivers who have a disabled pass and need to use the space.



### Upcoming Dates:

NAPLAN Testing for all Year 3 and 5 students: Begins on March 11

Dental Van: March 10-20

School Leaders Excursion: March 18

Whole School Cross Country: 25 March

MPS Open Day (for prospective 2027 Prep students): March 25, morning and after school sessions

Year 3-4 Camp: March 26-27

Prep Health Assessments: March 30-31

School Council: March 31

Easter Hat Parade: April 2

Last Day of Term 1: April 2, 2:30pm finish

**Peter Knight**  
**Principal**

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Join us for our  
Information Night

**Monday March 23rd 2026, 6.30pm-8pm**

Information Session & Tours of the College

[newcombsc.vic.edu.au](http://newcombsc.vic.edu.au) 🔍

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ONLINE WORKSHOP

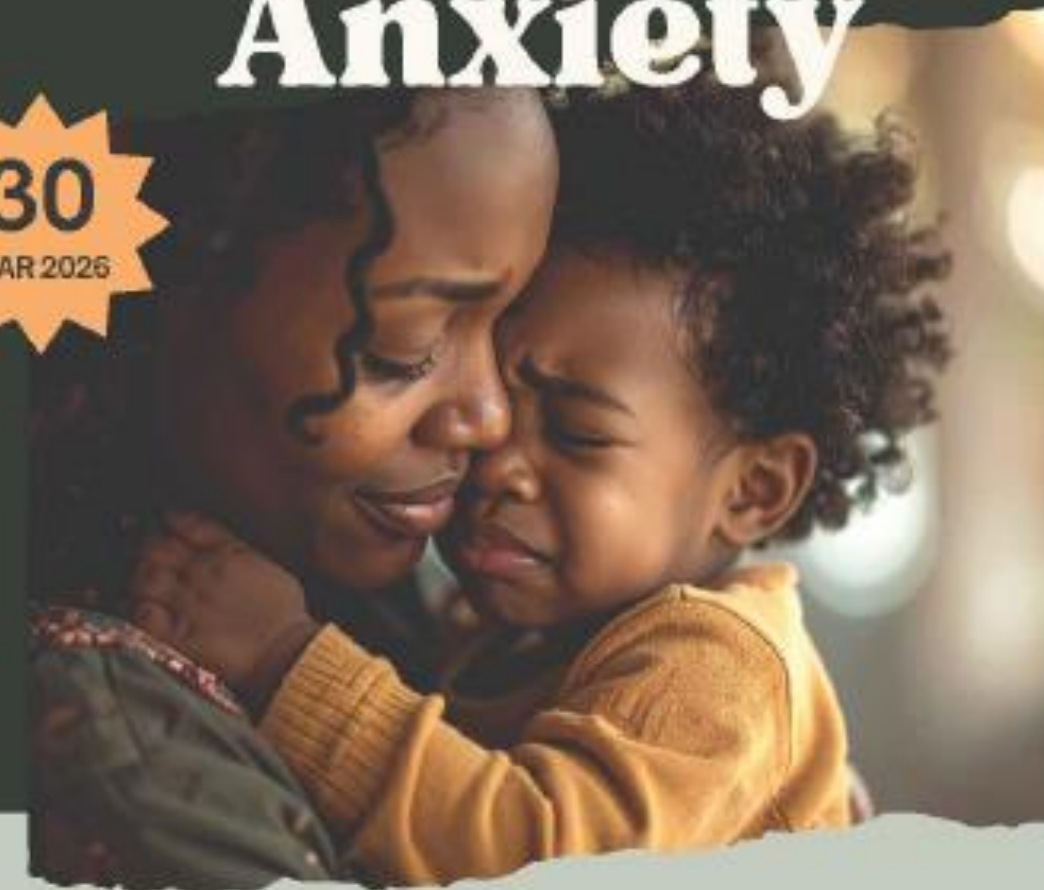
7PM-8.30PM



# Parenting For Children With Anxiety

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MAR 2026



## A Psychologist Led Workshop For Parents

HEAR FROM EXPERTS

**DR MAHSA MEHDIZADEH**

PROVISIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST

LIVE FACILITATION

**JAYDE WHITTEN**

PROVISIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST

SCAN ME!



REGISTRATION & TICKETS ONLINE

MORE INFORMATION  
[INFO@CENTREDWELLBEING.COM.AU](mailto:INFO@CENTREDWELLBEING.COM.AU)

ONLINE WORKSHOP



# Parenting For Children With Anxiety

BOOK NOW

Parenting can make a powerful difference in how children respond to worry and stress.

## Learn How To

- ✓ Support an anxious child with confidence
- ✓ Reduce escalation of worries over time
- ✓ Respond in ways that build safety and independence
- ✓ Spot common “helpful” habits that can accidentally keep anxiety going

## Your Ticket Includes

- ✓ Private access to the live online workshop
- ✓ 1x Parenting Questionnaire + results
- ✓ 1x downloadable workbook (reflection + practical strategies)



## Sample Schedule

- 7PM Meet facilitators  
Parenting styles  
Reflection + discussion
- 7.30PM Stress Types  
Brain Systems of Anxiety  
Influences on anxiety  
What maintains anxiety
- 8PM Reflection + discussion  
Top tips for Parents
- 8.30PM Wrap up

ONLINE WORKSHOP  
30 March 2026  
7pm - 8.30pm

BOOK NOW VIA EVENTBRITE

SCAN ME!



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# BOOK FOR THE REMAINDER OF TERM 1 WITH EXTEND!

## BELONGING



## BEING



## BECOMING



It has been amazing to see all of the fun activities the children have been getting up to in our services for our Term 1 Theme, **BELONGING, BEING, BECOMING**.



The children contributed to a community service board by sharing the different languages they speak by expressing how they say "hello" in their language.

MULTILINGUAL "HELLO" POSTER



Children collected natural materials and used magnifying glasses to investigate their findings. They were thrilled to discover a tiny bug hiding in the leaves, inspiring them to create a small bug farm to care for it.

SENSORY BIN



It has been wonderful to see the children engage in the All About Us activity, discovering each other's interests and hobbies. We've also been delighted by the effort and creativity shown in their work!

ALL ABOUT US



**BOOK FOR THE REMAINDER OF TERM 1 TODAY  
SCAN THE QR CODE TO ENROL & BOOK NOW!**





# Help shape the future of buses in the Geelong, Bellarine Peninsula and Bannockburn region

We want to hear from you.

Your feedback will help us plan bus services that better meet your needs.

Consultation closes on 12 April 2026.



Scan the QR code or visit [engage.vic.gov.au/Geelong-Bus](http://engage.vic.gov.au/Geelong-Bus) to have your say and find a pop-up session near you.



Department of Transport and Planning

This project is in its planning phase and there is currently no funding for changes.

# EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM



MON - FRI

07 APR - 17 APR

THE BARWON VALLEY ACTIVITY CENTRE  
BELMONT

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GEELONG@KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU

WEEK 1

**MON 6<sup>TH</sup>** PUBLIC HOLIDAY



**TUE 7<sup>TH</sup>** SOCCER BASKETBALL EASTER EGG HUNT

**WED 8<sup>TH</sup>** NERF WARS CRICKET DODGEBALL



**THU 9<sup>TH</sup>** AFL SOCCER DANCE



**FRI 10<sup>TH</sup>** T-BALL BASKETBALL HOCKEY



WEEK 2

**MON 13<sup>TH</sup>** AFL NERF WARS TENNIS



**TUE 14<sup>TH</sup>** DANCE BASKETBALL NETBALL

**WED 15<sup>TH</sup>** T-BALL VOLLEYBALL DODGEBALL



**THU 16<sup>TH</sup>** CRICKET BASKETBALL RUGBY



**FRI 17<sup>TH</sup>** SOCCER BASKETBALL DODGEBALL



AGES 5 - 12

BOOK NOW AT [WWW.KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU/GEELONG](http://WWW.KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU/GEELONG)



# EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM



KELLY  
SPORTS



THE BARWON VALLEY ACTIVITY CENTRE ( BELMONT )

07 APR - 17 APR

KINDER - GRADE 6

\$65 PER CHILD

8:00AM - 5:00PM



## WHAT'S ON

EASTER CHALLENGE DAY - THU 18th

NERF WARS - FRI 11TH

THE KELLY SPORTS GAMES - FRI 11TH

## WHAT TO BRING

- A big packed lunch
- Large refillable drink bottle
- Hat & sunscreen.
- Dress in comfortable sports clothing!

## NO PROGRAM ON THESE DATES

No sessions FRI 18th April (Good Friday), MON 21st April (Easter Monday), FRI 25th April (ANZAC Day)

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