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ISSUE 16

MOOLAP PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Parking and Road Safety Reminder: The safety of our students, families and wider school community is a priority. We ask all parents, carers and visitors to please take extra care when driving in and around the school car park, particularly during busy drop-off and pick-up times. Please drive slowly and remain alert for children and pedestrians at all times. Please park in the designated bays at the front of the school or use the adjoining parking areas around the tennis courts.

Thank you to parents for supporting the **P-2 and 3-4 Swimming Program**. It was really successful. We continue to be committed to an 8-day program for the P-2 students, with Year 3-4 students having two days of water safety. This year Splashdown introduced a few different elements for some P-2 groups that involved survival skills in deeper water. After some initial nervousness from a few students, their confidence grew quickly and they were able to jump in the deep water and either paddle or swim to safety.



During this term, a few of our students have been working on an engagement program with our support staff. One of their projects was to make a game that could be presented to each class. They chose a 3D snakes and ladders game. At a recent assembly, each class was presented with their game. As you can see to the right, the Preps were loving their new snakes and ladders!

On Thursday this week we hosted our **new Prep students** for their first official orientation session! It was such a success, a whole lot of new faces and lots of siblings of current students as well. We look forward to having them back again in a few weeks on December 1st.

Last week we conducted our 4th evacuation drill for the year, a **Shelter in Place** drill. We are very happy to report that the whole school evacuated to the STEM space and surrounding classrooms in 4 minutes! This included arrival at the space and marking off all names on an attendance roll. As mentioned previously, in the rare event of a grass fire in the area, we have a designated evacuation space on site. This is where all students and staff can shelter and there is access to running water and toilets.

Recently our school was informed that we unfortunately missed out on the recent round of **funding** for school projects. We had planned to construct a new front entrance to the school and a bike shed with a government grant. We are disappointed, but understand that the funding process received lots of demand from schools.

We have a real increase in mosquito activity around the school recently. An increase in mosquitos has also been highlighted in the media.

Increase in mosquito presence: advice from Health Department:

Warm and wet weather can result in greater numbers of mosquitoes and an increased risk of illness from mosquito bites. While the overall risk in Victoria is currently low, some mosquitoes may be carrying diseases that make people sick.

The best protection against mosquito-borne illness is to avoid mosquito bites.

Families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- making mosquito protection part of getting ready to go outside, just like sunscreen and a hat
- covering up as much as possible with long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing
- applying insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on exposed skin when outdoors
- limiting outdoor activities at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are often most active
- cleaning up and removing containers and items around the home that may hold water where mosquitoes may breed.

Families with any health concerns should see their doctor or phone Nurse-on-Call: 1300 606 024 (available 24 hours).

Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines

Japanese encephalitis virus is spread to humans through bites from infected mosquitoes. It can cause a rare but potentially serious infection of the brain.

A free vaccine is available to eligible Victorians at higher risk of the virus. For more information, including vaccine eligibility, refer to the Department of Health's Japanese encephalitis webpage. For more information on protecting against mosquito-borne diseases, families can refer to the following Better Health Channel pages:

- Mosquitoes can carry diseases
- Protect yourself from mosquito-borne disease, including a handy checklist to help reduce mosquito breeding sites at home and resources translated into other languages.
- Japanese encephalitis virus.

A note of using mosquito repellent at school: Students are welcome to bring their own mosquito repellent to school, such as a roll-on applicator. Please do not supply spray cans for student use due to safety risks in their bags and when applying. Our suggestion is an application of repellent before school and during school with a roll-on applicator. The school has purchased Aeroguard Odourless Insect Repellent (low irritant on skin and fragrance-free) for classrooms. This repellent is listed on the DET advice as appropriate for schools to use. If you do not wish for your child to have access to this spray, please contact your child's teacher via Class Dojo.

Bakers Delight Leopold Christmas Fundraiser: Bakers Delight Leopold are offering Moolap Primary School a festive fundraiser! Lemon tart and mince pie packs of 6 for $12 per pack. If you would like to purchase, please use the link below to complete your order. Orders and payment must be finalised by Friday 04 December 2026. Orders can be collected at the end of the school day from the school office on Wednesday 16 December 2026. Place your order online here - Order form

Parent Payment Arrangements 2027 - Please see Compass post regarding Parent Payment Arrangements 2027. If you wish to purchase items through Winc, please go to: https://www.wincschools.com.au/VIC/Moolap/Moolap-Primary-School using access code **5TM5C**. If you would like to buy items to own that are not from this supplier, you can contact the school office for information or see itemised lists for individual year levels that will be used on the Winc site as per above link. If purchasing privately please ensure exercise books and pouches match the specifications as per items on the Winc site. Any family experiencing financial hardship are advised to contact the school for information about the financial help available for extracurricular activities like camps and excursions.

Notification from AEC that Moolap Primary School **will not be a voting centre** on 28 November 2026.

Coming Up! With 4 weeks left of school, here is a list of what is planned:

- Year 3-4 Bike Education Program- commences Monday 23 November
- MCG Meeting: Tuesday 24 November at 2:30pm
- Prep Orientation Session #2: Tuesday 1 December
- Whole School Athletics Day: Thursday 3 December
- Christmas Craft Community Event (including new Prep students): Friday 4 December at 2:30pm
- Year 1-2 Big Night In (late stay at school): Friday 4 December
- Prep Orientation Session #3: Tuesday 8 December
- Whole-School Orientation Day: 2027 classes: Tuesday 8 December
- School Council Meeting (final): Wednesday 9 December
- Moolap Christmas Concert: Thursday 10 December
- Year 6 End of Year Adventure Park Excursion: Friday 11 December
- Class Celebrations: Tuesday 15 December
- Year 6 Graduation: Tuesday 15 December
- Final Assembly (inc announcement of student leaders): Wednesday 16 December 2:30pm
- Clean-Up Days: Thursday 17 and Friday 18 December. School ends at 12:30pm on Friday 18 December

Peter Knight

Principal

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- ★ Clowning
- ★ Green Screen Special FX
- ★ Musical Theatre
- ★ Hip Hop Dance
- ★ Theatre Sports

Where: The Geelong College Middle School

Who: Grade 3 - Year 9 in 2027

Questions: Give us a call on 5221 2439

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Cost: Early Bird $330 (Enrolled before 24.12.26) Normal Price $350

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Enjoy a relaxed theatre experience with a casual attitude toward audience noise and movement, where everyone is welcome and free to be themselves without restriction or judgement.

**Featuring moving and flashing lights, and upbeat, sometimes dramatic music.*

Scan the QR Code to visit the shows website and watch highlights from previous shows...



ALL TICKETS ARE COMPLIMENTARY

Including parent, sibling and carer tickets. Thanks to the support and sponsorship from local businesses.

WEST GEELONG TOWN HALL

153 Pakington Street, West Geelong, VIC

2026 SHOW DATE	#1 SHOWTIME	#2 SHOWTIME	#3 SHOWTIME
WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER	11.00 AM	4.30 PM	6.30 PM

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE. **ONE-HOUR SHOWS. NO INTERVAL.

For all ticket enquiries and bookings, please email

meredithnewman@showintent.com.au

or call/text 0404-367-782

Information Required When Booking:

1. **The show time(s) you want ticket for.**
2. **The total number of tickets required (one ticket per person)**
3. **The organisation or school that referred you (if applicable).**

Ticket orders from schools, organisations and staff, as well as direct orders from families and carers, are all welcome.

THOMSON FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB
TIGERS



JUNIOR NETBALL TRIALS

TRIAL DATES:
SUNDAY 22ND NOV
SUNDAY 29TH NOV
SUNDAY 6TH DEC
FEBRUARY DATES TBC

U11s & U13s	U15s & U17s	U19s
Arrive & warm up **9:30am**	Arrive & warm up **11am**	Arrive & warm up **12:30pm**
Trials **10am - 11:30am**	Trials **11:30am - 1pm**	Trials **1pm - 2pm**

LOCATION: THOMSON RECREATION RESERVE

SCAN QR CODE OR EMAIL
juniornetball@thomsontigers.com.au
FOR MORE INFO

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Monday 11th January

10am - 11am
Pool Party
$20pp

11.30am - 1pm
Fashion Designer
$30pp

2pm - 4pm
Beach Days - Textured Art
$45pp

Tuesday 12th January

10am - 11am
Coasters
$20pp

11.30am - 1pm
Bento Box Slime!
$35pp

2pm-4pm
New Year, New You - Diaries
$45pp

Wednesday 13th January

10am - 11am
Manga
$15pp

11.30am-1pm
Air Dry Clay
$30pp

2pm-4pm
Design your own Drinkbottle
$45pp

Thursday 14th January

10am - 12noon
Polymer Clay
$45pp

9am - 3pm
Code + Create
Full day program with iCode
$150pp.
(book via codeschool.com.au)

12.30 - 3pm
Minecraft Mayhem!
$35pp

Friday 15th January

10am - 11am
Capybaras
$20pp

11.30am-1pm
Crossbody Bag
$35pp

2pm-4pm
Katseye!
$35pp

Monday 18th January

10am - 11am
Monchhichi
$15pp

11.30am-1pm
Embroidery Hoops
$35

2pm-5pm
Threehouses
$50

Tuesday 19th January

10am - 11am
Slime!
$25pp

11.30am-1pm
Cartooning
$35pp

2pm-5pm
Photography (12-16yrs).
$75

Wednesday 20th January

9am - 12noon
Dungeons & Dragons
$45pp

9am - 3pm
Code + Create - DnD
Full day program with iCode
$150pp.
(book via codeschool.com.au)

2pm-4pm
Harley Davidsons!
$45

Thursday 21st January

10am - 11am
Stitch!
$20pp

11.30am-1pm
Photo Frames
$35pp

2pm-5pm
Cherries Bedazzling
$35

Friday 22nd January

10am - 11am
Snazzy Cats
$20pp

11.30am-1pm
Kites
$35pp

2pm-4pm
Clocks Bedazzling
$45

Summer School Holidays Program