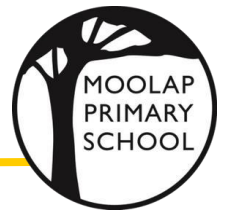


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MOOLAP PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Well, the weather certainly changed on us over the past fortnight. We were blessed with sunshine and calm days for quite some time until the big switch of seasons. We even had a wet weather timetable in place on the cold Thursday. We have also had some really foggy starts to the day, which prompted some of our staff to mention to bike riders that a headlight might be appropriate for them when riding to school on roads during such weather as visibility was really low on several days this week. The end of this week has seen some lovely sunny afternoons.



What a wonderful day we celebrated with our mums last week! The stall on Thursday was an excellent opportunity for students to purchase something special, and I know it was worthwhile having students visit the stall in family groups, where possible, to make sure they didn't double up on the same gift. Thanks to Aimee and Dani for organising the stall and to all the helpers who came along to assist on the day. I am sure it was much appreciated by the community. It also appears that offering a Compass payment for the stall was a popular option again this year as many of us don't carry cash in our wallets very often.

Friday was really special- the Mother's Day Breakfast was so well organised and attended! There were so many happy smiles during the morning. Our ES staff, led by Breakfast Club hosts Judy, Semone, Lou and Tayla, did an amazing job with setting it all up. Everything from the hand-made paper flowers to the food that took days to prepare (some 600 pancakes!) was meticulously arranged. Thanks also to Billy Moore for the delicious mini muffins that he made for the day. During the afternoon community event students worked in their house groups to decorate calico bags for their mums, grandmas or special role models. We hope that these were delivered to make the day extra special. We also recognise that many parents were unable to attend the events due to work or family commitments. While we are celebrating, thank you to parents for organising the Pizza Lunch Day and for picking up the orders for the students!





Students from the SVR recently held an out of uniform day to raise funds to support our friends at Whitehaven Retirement Village. The resident's hand-made teddies to give to the Prep students and the SVR students distributed them to the students. It looks like they went down a treat too! Thank you for supporting their little fundraiser!

Come along to our Learning Showcase next Tuesday 19th May

EDUCATION WEEK
SHOWCASE!

Come along and celebrate
the **amazing** work our students
have been working on in their classrooms!

TUESDAY
19th
MAY

2:45 –
3:45 pm

Parents are invited to come
along to school and see some of
the **wonderful** work that the
students have been working on
in their classrooms.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO
VISIT ALL CLASSROOMS
to see the range of work
completed **across the school.**

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

On Thursday this week, parent and staff member from the Leopold Library, Ilona, came out to visit our Prep students and read them a few stories from the library. Students loved hearing them!



MOOLAP PRIMARY SCHOOL 150TH ANNIVERSARY COMING 2027

As you may be aware, next year we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Moolap Primary School. Recently we were contacted by Rob Wright who is writing a book on the soldiers on the school's WW1 Honour Board in readiness of the coming anniversary. He has contacted the school to say there are 3 men who cannot be positively identified by the WW1 Service Records and has requested if there is any chance that any locals (or local descendants of the men) knowing additional details on the names they enlisted under, where they lived at the time, or any other identifying facts.

The information we have so far of the men is as follows:

1. William J Brown, Moolap SS c.1906 aged 12 ish, mother Margaret.
2. Albert Morrison, guardian William Silk, Moolap SS prior to 1906.
3. Henry Joseph Pannowitz, Moolap SS c.1906, mother Rosa, also on Shire of Sth Barwon Honor Roll.

If you do have any information Rob would love to hear from you before the book goes to print. Please send him an email via robwight05@gmail.com



We've had some staff illness and absence during the past few weeks, so I thought it was important to update you all on our process here at school:

- Teachers and support staff can be out of the school for a range of reasons- illness, supporting family members, professional learning off-site, long service leave or even time in lieu that has accrued from attending camps or other school activities after regular hours. Sometimes staff are also released from class to perform whole-school responsibilities or be in meetings that take several hours and work to directly support the students in their care. We have also had occasions where a staff member falls ill when at work or needs to leave the school to care for family

members.

- If we have plenty of notice of an absence, we will commonly organise a replacement teacher for the day. Sometimes replacements are not available during busy periods as the agencies support many schools across the Geelong area- on the odd occasion the replacement teacher is also ill. When we are unable to find a replacement teacher, if our budget for the term has been used up, or we have lots of staff absence on the one day, students will be split to other classes for the day.
- During days when students are split to another class, it is usually the same class each time so that they know the routine. They also take their belongings with them (book box and bag), along with any work that is left for them and are often released from that class at the end of the day.

I understand that these days, for some students, can be disruptive to their routines, so we do our best to keep their routine as predictable as possible. Sometimes unforeseen events happen and we need to rearrange things at a moment's notice.

For parents with students in Year 3-6, you will notice that there are a few sporting activities coming up that may involve your child. At MPS, we like to maximise the opportunities for students to participate in sporting events. Mr. Clarke loves having students represent the school and works hard to ensure that Moolap is well represented across the year. We have recently reviewed our procedures for sporting activities, particularly when parents are asked to transport students to and from events. This usually occurs when students are heading to the next level of individual competition (e.g. cross country); sometimes for events where there are low numbers participating and bus transport would be very costly for parents. Parents will be asked to complete an additional permission form to provide written consent for car travel. We will now be organising a bus to and from school when the event group size is 10 or over students, in order to streamline the process and to keep all the students together with staff. Where possible, we will also talk to other small schools to share a bus, which will help to reduce the cost to families. This will also help to minimise confusion about event organisation.



Coming up:

- Next Week: Education Week: Open afternoon on Tuesday 19th May (2:45-3:45pm)
- Half-Day Stop work Tuesday 26 May (no further update at time of writing this newsletter- will confirm as soon as we know)
- District Netball and AFL- Wednesday 27 May
- **Curriculum Day- Friday 5th June.** Students not required at school
- **King's Birthday Public Holiday-** Monday 8th June
- Division T-Ball- Tuesday 16th June
- School Council- Tuesday 16th June
- Moolap's Got Talent- Friday 19th June
- Last Day of Term 2- Friday 26th June



READY FOR A JAM PACKED ADVENTURE IN TERM 2 WITH EXTEND!

A LOOK AT OUR FIRST FEW WEEKS OF TERM 2 WITH EXTEND!



The first few weeks of Term 2 at Extend have been full of fun, energy and laughter!

There's been lots of excitement as the children reconnect, share holiday stories and settle back into routines.

It's been a fantastic start to Term 2!

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

The children in Extend Before and After School Care have been engaging in a variety of fun, play-based experiences including crafts, cooking and science experiments! You may have noticed the children participating in creative Mother's Day activities, as well as Earth World Day!

ENROL & BOOK NOW FOR TERM 2!

We're back for another Term ready and here to support you with flexible care options!

Plan ahead and save!

Book online 14 days in advance and secure the Early Bird Rate for all of your sessions!

Join in on the fun
in Term 2!



WE'RE LOOKING FOR OUR NEXT STAR!

If you're ready for a rewarding career in Outside School Hours Care, we want to meet you!

Check for local opportunities and apply today:

theextendgroup.com.au/careers/

**SECURE YOUR
SPOT TODAY!**

**SCAN THE QR CODE OR BOOK ONLINE
AT EXTEND.COM.AU FOR TERM 2!**



Birth Certificate Pop Up Day



Free support to obtain birth certificates

To be supported and access FREE birth certificates, families need to bring one of the below:

- Centrelink Health Care Card; or
- Centrelink Pension Concession Card; or
- Disability Support Pension Card

Please bring with you on the day

Three forms of ID are needed such as:

- Drivers License, Medicare card, and Centrelink card (Health Care Card; or Centrelink Pension Concession Card; or Disability Support Pension Card)
- If the child is subject to a permanent care order, please bring evidence that you have parental responsibility for the child

The following will be provided

- Justice of the Peace onsite on the day to certify your identification documents
- Stations set up to support with each step of the application process
- Printer, scanner, postage onsite to complete birth certificate application

We recognise that without a birth certificate access to many fundamental services is simply impossible.

Meli is hosting a pop-up event to support families to obtain a birth certificate from Births, Deaths and Marriages

When

Monday 22nd of June 2026
10am - 3pm

Location

Meli Office
Federal Mills
W 7-8, 33 Mackey Street
North Geelong

If you would like to book a time, please scan the QR code. Also please come along when it suits you and we will support you as quickly as we can.



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Open Day



St Albans Park Kindergarten

Mon 18 May, 4.00pm - 4.30pm

Paramount Crescent Reserve,
Unit 42/53 Homestead Dr, St Albans Park

MELI Learn, play and thrive
at Meli Kindergartens



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