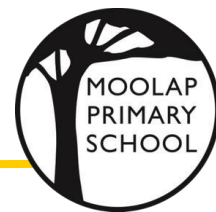


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MOOLAP PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Welcome to a new term! I hope you have all had a great holiday and/ or Easter period and have been able to enjoy some of the sunshine and fine weather over the past few weeks. It's been great to see all of the smiling faces around the school as we got back into learning and all of the activity that being at school brings. Term 2 is an 11-week term, with lots of activities planned throughout and our Semester reports and Parent-Teacher Interviews planned right at the end of term. This week is the first assembly of the term- other assembly dates can be found on the Compass Calendar. It's always great to present certificates to the students and celebrate the great work they are doing at school with students and parents.

A feature of our classroom practice that you may have heard about at the end of Term 1 is our **spelling** approach. Students each undertake formal spelling lessons using the Spelling Mastery approach, which takes place several times per week. Students practise the range of spelling techniques and strategies that will assist them when writing. At our most recent student forum (at the end of Term 1), students spoke about how the focus on Spelling Mastery is assisting their confidence and ability, even at this early stage. When I was chatting to our school leaders this week, they thought that the spelling mastery approach was assisting them with their learning. Feel free to ask your child about how it is progressing for them as a learner. We look forward to supporting all students with their confidence and ability to spell words in their writing. Our P-2 reading program is going along really well too! We have a consultant from Latrobe university who is working with our teachers- you may have even seen on the news recently the different approaches that have been implemented in schools to support the attainment of reading skills. A lot of the latest research into reading approaches that best support today's students is coming out of Latrobe University, so we are really pleased to be working in partnership with them. Last term we ran a parent session where we talked about the reading approaches being used in our classrooms. I would be interested to hear if parents would like to hold a further session or to participate in some visits to a junior classroom to see how the approach is working- please let me know.

Congratulations to all the students who represented the school at the **District Cross Country** this week. We had 37 students who ventured to the Eastern Gardens to compete against other schools in our district. Well done to all students who finished high enough to be selected for the next level of competition.

Our school will be a polling booth on Saturday for the **Federal Election**. It's a smaller polling booth and relatively quiet during the day, so you may wish to pop out to vote. We will not be running a sausage sizzle on the day due to it being only a small polling venue and it not being cost effective.

Celebrating our Moolap Mums!

We will be celebrating Mother's Day next week at school with three events!

On Thursday the MCG will host the annual Mother's Day Stall where students are invited to choose a special gift, payment can be made via Compass or bring along \$5 on the day. Don't forget to send along a bag for them to hide their gift from mum. Many thanks to Dani, Aimee and all of the parent helpers who assist students with gifts.

On Friday morning mums are invited to a special breakfast as part of the Breakfast Club. All are welcome to pop in!

On Friday afternoon during our Community Event activity, mums are invited to join in with their children as they prepare a Mother's Day keepsake in their House Groups. This will be brought home for mums who are not able to make it to school.



Education Week will be celebrated during Week 4. This year's theme is a 'Celebration of Cultures', so teachers will have a range of activities during learning time as well as a Community Event on Friday 16 May.

Upcoming Dates:

- Mother's Day Stall: Thursday 8 May. Information was sent out via Compass.
- Mother's Day Breakfast Club: Friday 9 May
- Mother's Day Community Event: Friday 9 May from 2:30pm
- Education Week: Week 4
- AFL/ Netball Lightning Premiership: Monday 19 May
- School Council Meeting: Wednesday 21 May
- Year 3-4 Camp: 29 and 30 May
- Pupil Free Day: Friday 13 June

Peter Knight
Principal

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