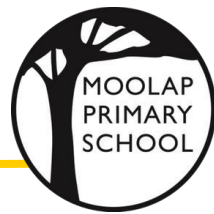


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NEWSLETTER



Thanks again to our Education Support Staff for their tireless work in hosting the **Mother's Day Breakfast** last week. 17 loaves of bread to make toast and toasties and plates of pancakes and cupcakes made the morning very special for our Moolap mums and grandmas, as well as the many paper flower arrangements that were handed out.

During the afternoon's community activity, parents again came along to join in the fun. Thank you to all who were able to pop into one or both activities, it makes a very special connection between yourself, your child and the school. I'd also like to recognise the many mums who would have loved to come along but had work commitments. On Sunday morning I sent out a video that was made by the Student Voice Representatives with Miss Wiffen's support. It was such a lovely compilation with many

photos that were taken across the day on Friday. The students have been practising their interview and filming skills, and we are all really proud of their work! We hope that mums also enjoyed the special gifts that was selected at the Mother's Day Stall last week. Parents Dani and Aimee organised the stall and had several parents pop in to help distribute items to the students. Thank you! It also appeared that the opportunity to pay for a gift via Compass worked really well for parents.

This week at assembly we introduced a new award! The Aussie of the Month will be presented to a student at one assembly per month to recognise their efforts at school in for being an all-round great Aussie citizen! We will also share the recipient via the newsletter and their photo will appear, with permission, on the national site. Our teachers met together and selected the first recipient of the Aussie of the Month: **Layla Potter**. *Layla is delightfully polite and respectful towards all staff and students, following school expectations and demonstrating our values every day. She embraces the opportunity to work with others and does so with a caring and considerate nature. She will give anything a go and encourages her peers to do the same. She is a super star!* Well done Layla, we are all very proud of you!

As mentioned during previous newsletters, we are making great strides at school in our priority area of Literacy, with the implementation of phonics and elements that make up the English block of learning. A central part of our work is around teacher knowledge and practice and our focus on professional learning. Recently we have been doing lots of learning on 'syntax' with our teachers, which refers to the arrangement of words and phrases to create well-formed sentences. Once we work on different elements of the English block of learning, our teachers then introduce the relevant skills to our students. Next week is **Education Week**, which has a theme this year titled "Celebration of Cultures". There will be classroom activities tied to this theme during the week and our Community Event will invite parents into school during the last hour on Friday, where students will share some of the work they have been doing in class.

Student Attendance

As we delve deeper into Term 2 and look ahead to Semester 1 reports, it is a good opportunity to encourage a reflection on student attendance. Regular attendance makes a big impact on learning, where students are able to progressively build their skills in literacy and numeracy. Our phonics sessions, for example, are sequential lessons. Skills are built over a period of time in a deliberate manner so that students progressively build all of the necessary skills for reading. Schools encourage a 95% attendance rate, which allows for illness or unforeseen circumstances. Given that students are at school for approximately 40 weeks, this allows for 10 days of absence across the year. If you find that absence days are adding up for your child and is causing you concern, please reach out to the school. We can work with you to make a plan to support your child. To minimise disruption to your child's education, please consider scheduling family holidays and appointments outside of school time.

Coming up:

Monday 19 May - AFL and Netball Lightning Premiership - (best of luck!)

Wednesday 21 May – School Council Meeting

Friday 23 May - Community Event: Education Week,

Wednesday 29-30 May - Year 3-4 Camp Burnside

Monday 2 June - MCG Special Lunch Day (information to come)

Monday 9 June - King's Birthday Holiday:

Pupil-Free Day: Friday 13 June. Students not required at school.



This Thursday and Friday students in Prep – Year 3 were given the opportunity to participate in the Glasses for Kids Program managed by State Schools Relief.

Reports will be provided to families once all results have been finalized.

Glasses for Kids supports families with the costs of eye-care by providing a convenient school-based vision screening and testing service. It also breaks the link between disadvantage and outcomes by promoting an awareness of eye health at an early age. Through the provision of free glasses, the program contributes to improved student learning and engagement and removes vision impairment as a barrier to accessing education and achievement.