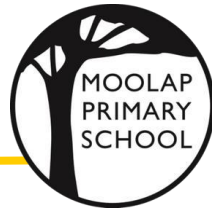


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MOOLAP PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Welcome Archer! Archer is an ES staff member who has been working with our students since the beginning of Term. After a recent appointment process, Archer will be working at Moolap for the remainder of the year, primarily assisting in Year 1-2.

Year 3-4 Camp

We hope that our Year 3-4 students had a great two days away at camp this week. It was great to see the excitement on Thursday morning as they boarded the bus. I hope they return with great memories of their time away. Thank you to our staff: Samantha Rabbits, Nghia Tran, Mina Spiteri (and Cam O'Neill behind the scenes), Isabel Andrews and Judy Frichot for making the camp possible and for supporting our students while they were away in Anglesea.

Thank you also to the following parents who willingly gave up their time to attend and assist the students and staff: Rebecca Taylor, Kerri Ann White and Nathan Quinn. I know that we had more parents volunteer than we required for the camp, so thank you for being willing to attend. Our community and staff value the school's camping program. Recent changes to the time in lieu process have resulted in some schools either reducing or ceasing school camps, but we remain committed to making it work where possible and to make adjustments to school organisation to enable them to continue - the benefit to the students is worth it!

One part of this has required that the school 'pay back' the time that staff spend on camp with time in lieu. It recognises the additional hours beyond normal work hours and time spent away from families. As a result, there will be times where the staff who attend camp are provided with time in lieu, which may mean absence from teaching or support duties for a day or part of a day in the coming months. Our Year 5-6 students will have their camp later in the year.

School Works

We have been preparing for the installation of our new fire service water tanks and shed for quite some time, which has resulted in other projects that we would dearly like completed to be postponed. It looks very likely that works to install the two new water tanks and pump will be started within a few weeks, with the removal of trees adjoining the property being completed on Wednesday this week. The two large trees have been removed to enable the underground services to be constructed without undermining the root system of the trees and causing potential long term tree instability. We are grateful to our neighbour, Jason, for permitting the tree removal. The location of the new tanks will be where the existing sheds are located on the left-hand side of the school site (as you face the school). The tanks and pump will have fencing surrounding it. A new shed will be installed as well.

To enable the project to begin, the school will have a skip and storage container delivered soon. As a result of the changes, we will lose a few staff carparking spaces on site. The whole project may take several months. School Council has funds sitting aside for a new front entrance to the school and the MCG also has funds sitting aside to refurbish the running track at the back of the school. Ideally, if additional funds permit, we will also construct a bike shed to enable the secure locking of bikes during the school day (and even encourage further bike riding). The costs of the additional project will become clearer soon.

Maths Reporting: Semester 1

There are changes to student reporting for mathematics in Victorian government schools that will be reflected in this Semester's Student Reports. The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) published its revised mathematics curriculum (Mathematics Curriculum 2.0). Our teachers have been planning using this advice. On your child's previous report, the teacher reported against the 3 strands of the achievement standard for Mathematics (Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability). Under the Mathematics curriculum 2.0, your child's teacher will report against the achievement standard as a whole, providing a single, aggregated score. As the achievement standards reported on have changed, the first time you receive a report under the Mathematics 2.0 curriculum will only show achievement

and not progress. For all reports after this, progress will be shown against the single achievement standard. Our student reports are posted on Compass in time for our Parent-Teacher interviews during the last week of school. Parents will be notified shortly when the Compass portal is open for bookings.

The Moolap Community Group met this week and reflected on previous activities (such as the Mother's Day Stall) and purchases made to support students (some additional sports uniform is ordered and on the way). The MCG also purchased a new conveyor toaster for the Breakfast Club, which will be a great addition to the ever-increasing numbers of students joining us for breakfast each week. On Monday students will enjoy a special lunch organised by parents. Using feedback from students and staff, a new wishlist for fundraising items is currently being drafted to present to School Council- on it includes shading outside the Prep classrooms and a new drying rack and art smocks for the art room. Also discussed was the potential of contributing towards a new bike shed, which will form part of the plans for an upgrade to the front of the school.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the recent AFL and Netball Lightning Premiership. From all reports, the students competed very well in their respective teams and demonstrated excellent sportspersonship throughout the day, providing many highlights. Staff commented on the terrific support of the students by the many parents who attended to watch. Congratulations also to students who represented the school at the Division Cross Country last week as well. It's great to see so many students representing the school and doing such a terrific job too! Thank you to their parents for taking them to the event.

Upcoming Dates/ Reminders:

- Monday 2 June MCG Special Lunch
- Monday 9 June King's Birthday Public Holiday
- Friday 13 June Pupil-Free Day
- Friday 4 July Last Day Term – 2.30 p.m. Dismissal
- Assemblies: 6 June; 20 June; 4 July

Peter Knight
Principal



A reminder that **Before and After School Care** operates each day at Moolap Primary School – see the following link for further information - [Moolap Primary School - Extend Before and After School Care](#)

Call 1300 366 437 for any enquiries.

Programs	Times	Fees* (Early Bird Rate)	After CCS [^]
Before School Care	6:45am - 8:40am	\$28.71	\$2.87
After School Care	3:20pm - 6:00pm	\$36.49	\$3.65

*Book 14 days ahead and receive the early bird rate. Extra fees for excursions/incursions apply.

[^]Based on the maximum possible entitlement of the Child Care Subsidy (CCS). To find out your CCS entitlements visit [myGov](#).

