



Morwell Park P S

School Community Newsletter

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Morwell Park Primary
School Official

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday	26th June	Grade 6 Health Session 2: 8.45-10.45.
Thursday	26th June	JSC visit to Parliament House.
Friday	27th June	Red Nose Day. WEAR RED , gold coin donation.
Friday	27th June	Reports given out.
Friday	27th June	Last day of Term Two.....Children dismissed at 1.00pm.
Monday	14th July	First day of Term Three.
Wednesday	16th July	Wicked the Musical for children attending.
Wednesday	16th July	Final payment for Gr 1-3 Swimming Program.
Thursday	17th July	Parent Teacher Interviews. Children dismissed at 12.00.
Monday-Friday	21st-25th July	Grade 1-3 Swimming Program.

Principal's Report

Mid Year Reports

Mid year reports will be sent home with children on Friday this week. These reports provide a summary of your child's performance this half year as well as an indication of where they are positioned comparatively to expectations of children at their year level. We will be holding Parent and Teacher interviews on Thursday during the first week of term 3. Children will be dismissed at 12 noon on Thursday July 17 to enable these interviews. If you have not already responded to the interview request forms, please do so as early as possible.

End of Term 1.00pm Dismissal

A reminder that children will be dismissed at 1.00pm on Friday June 27 following our end of term assembly. Term 3 will commence on Monday July 14. I wish everyone a restful school break.

It's Not OK To Be Away

During term 1 our community faced the significant challenges by the impact of the mine fires, this resulted in periods of higher absences across our school.

During term 2 there was no fire yet absences have remained higher than we would expect, this cannot be attributed directly to the fire but more likely poor habits and attitudes which may have crept in.

Quite simply we cannot teach children who are not at school and missing school has a significantly detrimental impact not only on education but also on relationships and the broader notion of commitment.

The mid year reports will state the number of days of absence – above five days is the beginning of concern.

Chris Joustra,
Principal.

The Value of the Fortnight is:CLEANLINESS

LOST PROPERTY

There are a number of items in lost property located outside Mr Joustra's office.



Items not collected by end of term will be added to our second hand clothing for re-sale.

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL CLOTHING IS LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME SO IT CAN BE RETURNED TO ITS OWNER.

EMA 2ND INSTALMENT

Applications for the 2nd instalment of Education Maintenance Allowance will close on the 1st August.

If your 1st instalment application was lodged at Morwell Park and your card details remain the same, you do not need to do anything. If your card has been renewed it will need to be presented at the office to be photocopied.

You will need to complete an application form if:

- ♦ You are new to the school after the start of this year and applied for the first instalment at another school, or
- ♦ You have recently become eligible and been issued with a Health Care or Pension Concession card valid on 14th July 2014.

If you have any queries please contact the office.

Prep Enrolments for 2015 have now commenced.

If you have a child who will be enrolling for Prep next year please contact the office to arrange an appointment to complete the required paperwork. Please be aware that proof of date of birth (eg Birth Certificate) and an Immunisation History Statement are required for enrolment.

The Immunisation History Statement is available from:-

- ♦ any Medicare office,
- ♦ by ringing 1800 653 809, or
- ♦ online at www.medicareaustralia.com.au .

Please also pass this information on to others who may not be aware that enrolments have commenced. School tours available at any time by appointment. Thank you.

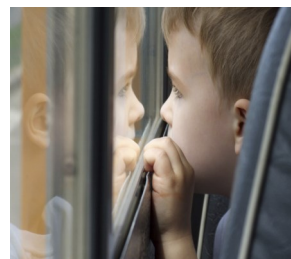
Have you ever thought about fostering children or young people?

Anglicare Victoria Gippsland is looking for couples or single people who can provide a safe and secure home for children aged 0 - 18 years needing care for weekends, emergency, short term and long term.



Our next Foster Carer training is being held on:

**Saturdays 19th July, 2nd & 16th August 2014
10am – 4pm, 65 Church Street, Morwell.**



Bookings are essential. For further information and to receive an information package please contact the Carer Recruitment Team on 5133 9998 or email

gippsland.carers@anglicarevic.org.au



HAYAT OUR SPONSOR CHILD

Full Name: Hayat Zeyne Abdela
Age: 12 years old
Education: Hayat attends primary school and her favourite subject is languages.
Health: Hayat has been healthy and has not suffered any serious illnesses



“Plan was our crucial partner during our emergency support needs last year. We survived the emergency due to its support. Plan has also been supporting us this year to recover from the effects of emergency having our own food production. The seeds and fertilizers provided to us meant a lot to help us stand on our own” explained Geldida T. 45, a resident in the community.



Distribution of sweet potato seedlings



A well grown sweet potato farm

Our priority for the coming year

With the participation of community members including children and in collaboration with government and local non-government partners we will focus on

- Community mobilization to improve the new born child health
- Strengthening the VSLA formation and value chain development
- Strengthening the child protection structure at different level
- Economic empowerment for adolescent girls
- Constructing different water supply and sanitation schemes

Message from the Program Area Manager

Dear sponsor, on behalf of the children, the community and Plan team, I would like to express my appreciation for your contribution to the development of our communities. Thank you for your consistent support. We will continue to work hard to bring better impacts on the lives of children in the year to come.



Mulugeta Tafa, Program Area Manager

Thank you for your continued support to Plan!