

Morwell Park P S

School Community Newsletter

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Morwell Park Primary
School Official

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 30.10.15	Prep Zoo Excursion.
Monday 02.11.15	Curriculum Day. No children at school.
Tuesday 03.11.15	Public Holiday. No school.
Wednesday 04.11.15	JSC St Hiliary's visit. 11.30am-2.30pm.
Wed-Fri 04-06.11.15	Sport Camp for children participating.
Wednesday 11.11.15	Remembrance Day JSC visit to RSL.
Wed-Sun 18-22.11.15	HPV team competing in Maryborough.
Tuesday 24.11.15	Music Festival.
Thursday 26.11.16	School Council meeting in staffroom at 5.00pm.
Monday 30.11.15	Prep one day Swimming Program.
Friday 04.12.15	Last day for canteen orders for 2015.
Monday 07.12.15	2016 Prep Information Evening.
Tuesday 08.12.15	2016 Orientation Day for Prep & Year 7.
Friday 11.12.15	Grade 6 Transition Lunch at The Italian Australian Club.
Friday 18.12.15	Last day of Term 4 children dismissed at 1pm.

Principal's Report

Drop Off Zone and Traffic Movement Around the School:

It has been noted again that we have some issues with the drop off zone and also with parking and traffic flow around the school.

We can request parking officers to visit the school and impose fines for offending drivers. We would prefer however to remind parents about what expectations we have for certain areas around the school and to point out that ATTITUDE and PATIENCE are key ingredients to safety.

Drop off zone: This area is for pulling in and for allowing children to alight from their vehicle or at the end of the day to quickly get into their vehicle. It is not a place for prolonged parking.

Parking around the school: As motorists we have a responsibility to show extreme care and **common sense around the school as many youngsters move to either vehicles or are en route to their home.** **Reversing out of car parking requires real care and** patience from everyone.

Moving around the school boundaries: We as adults, have a huge responsibility to drive in a manner appropriate for the surroundings. Speeding into/out of the car park area is just not acceptable, nor is double parking near the front entrance and blocking through traffic.

Do we always have to drive? In a country battling childhood obesity and on days which are fine and sunny, perhaps it is time to consider

walking your children to school, or if they are of an appropriate age perhaps they could be riding their bicycle to school. Less vehicles on roads near the school would certainly help with some of the above issues.

Using the School Crossing: It is concerning that children and adults ignore the designated school crossing and cross directly opposite the milk bar. Parents by virtue of being a parent are role models to children.

Summary: We need to see improvements in and around the school in regard to traffic movement and general safety.

We need to keep our cool when in the vicinity of the school and realise that if we have to wait for a minute or so it really is a very, very tiny wait in the bigger scheme of things.

Prep Zoo Excursion

The annual Prep Zoo excursion takes place tomorrow. This excursion is very exciting for our Preps, many of whom will be visiting the zoo for the first time.

A reminder that the bus departs at 7.15am sharp, please don't be late as the bus cannot wait for latecomers. The bus will return around 4.30 pm but given they will be travelling through Melbourne around peak hour the arrival time will vary depending on traffic.

NO SCHOOL on Monday Nov 2 and Tuesday Nov 3

A final reminder that there will be **no school** for students on Monday Nov 2 (Curriculum Day) nor Tuesday Nov 3 (Cup Day).

Chris Joustra, Principal.

The Value of the Fortnight is: ASSERTIVENESS

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Tuesday 24th November

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help our Parent Association with preparation and on the night. If you can assist, please contact Jan Street on 0409 345 908 or email janicecstreet@gmail.com

EMAIL ADDRESS.

With a recent upgrade to our student administration software we are now able to communicate more readily with families via email.

If you would like your email address/s added to your contact details please email the school on morwell.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

2016

Enrolments are now being taken for 2016.

If you have a child who will be commencing at Morwell Park next year please contact the office to arrange an appointment to complete the necessary paperwork.

School tours available by appointment.

To help with our grade planning for next year, if you know that your family will not be continuing at MP in 2016 (other than exiting gr 6's) please notify the office. Thank you.

HATS reminder

Morwell Park 'Sun Smart' hats are **compulsory in Term 4.**

Hats are available from

**LOWES
at MidValley**



REMEMBRANCE DAY NOVEMBER 11TH

Junior School Council members will be calling to each grade after lunch to sell wristbands and lapel pins for the RSL.

Wristbands	\$3.00 each
Lapel Pins	.50c each
Lapel Pins	\$2.00 each

Thank you for supporting the RSL.

REMINDER

PREP ZOO EXCURSION

*Tomorrow Friday 30th October,
bus departs 7.15 am sharp.*

Please be at school by 7.00 am.



Junior School Council members will be laying a wreath on behalf of our school at the Morwell RSL Remembrance Day Service on Wednesday 11th November.

CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY

This week six grade 5/6 students volunteered to clean up the street soccer facility located at the netball courts. Although the school do not own the street soccer pitch, the students feel they have a big stake in making sure it is ready to use because they value it so much.

Unfortunately, some in the community think it is okay to damage property that belongs to everyone. The students cleaned up graffiti on both the inside and outside walls and did a general litter pick up around its boundary.

Anyieth, Jasiah, Brayden, Harrison, Billie and Mat deserve a pat on the back for taking care of a community asset that they benefit from.

Well done!



HEADLICE

Please check regularly for Head Lice and treat your family if necessary.

Going to school with head lice



Should you send your child with head lice to school?

If your child has head lice, it is strongly recommended that you send him/her to school **AFTER YOU HAVE STARTED** an effective treatment of head lice.

EFFECTIVE TREATMENT means:

- NO LIVE head lice
- eggs may still be present (they remain after the first combing with hair conditioner or application of an effective chemical treatment; no product kills eggs and no comb removes all eggs.)

Eggs pose no risk to others **AS LONG AS TREATMENT CONTINUES AND IS EFFECTIVE.**

Minimising head lice outbreaks

Check weekly, treat quickly and tell the school



Check the heads of everyone in your house using conditioner and combing...

- at least once a week; or
- every two days if someone around you has head lice.

If you find head lice, treat and check for effectiveness. Remember to notify the school.

Reduce the spread of head lice

If someone around you has head lice, follow these steps ...



- reduce head-to-head contact;
- tie long hair at the back;
- don't share hair brushes or combs;
- check for head lice every two days using the conditioner & combing technique and treat if you find them; and
- notify the school if you find head lice.