**Principal’s Report**

**Important Information Regarding Headlice**

Morwell Park Primary School is currently working with the Department of Education and Training, Department of Health and Human Service and local health services to manage the occurrence of head lice. Head lice infestations are a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools. Working together with local health services, the school will shortly commence treatment on the entire school community using a program developed by New South Wales Health Department and used widely in NSW schools over a number of years. We know that head lice are an unavoidable fact of life for school-aged kids and hope that through treatment we can reduce the occurrence and improve the children's learning at Morwell Park.

Parents will shortly receive more information around what will be involved however the simple framework of what we will be attempting is to have a number of nurses attend our school and firstly check all children and then treat those children who require treatment that day at school. To do so we will require permission from every family. The trial of such a program is unique in Victorian schools. Parents will shortly receive more information around what will be involved however the simple framework of what we will be attempting is to have a number of nurses attend our school and firstly check all children and then treat those children who require treatment that day at school. To do so we will require permission from every family. The trial of such a program is unique in Victorian schools.

Quick Tips

- about 23% of primary students have head lice at any one time
- anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex, or how clean their hair is
- for parents - regularly check your children's hair - teach older children to check their own hair - tie back and braid long hair. The best and cheapest way to remove them is with inexpensive conditioner and a nit comb.

**Remembrance Day Service**

Thank you to our School Captains and Junior School Counsellors for representing our school at the Remembrance Day Service.

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**Family Music Evening**

On the evening of Tuesday 29th November we will be holding our family music evening. Children have started rehearsing with Leigh Thomas and each group will perform with him on the night. Willowon Transport have kindly supplied a trailers which will serve as a stage.

We ask that families start arriving around 5.30pm with children performing from 6pm so please don’t be late.

The format for the evening will be that children will assemble in their year level groups prior to performing on the stage with Leigh (renowned front man of bands including ‘Supersonic’), and his son Sam, after which they will sit with their parents/families.

After each of the children’s songs are complete ‘Leigh and Sam’ will perform and no doubt parents will be able to get up and dance with their children (unless of course you’re like me and there is no chance of that happening). The evening will finish around 7.30 enabling ample daylight to walk home.

The evening is free and no tickets are required. This event is very family friendly so please do your best to support your child and come along.

**Glen Cromie Picnic**

I have booked Glen Cromie for December 19th for our end of year school picnic. The day is a great way to celebrate the end of the school year and parents are very welcome to attend, so please keep the day free. Details are on the permission form.

**Human Powered Vehicle (HPV)**

Our HPV crew have finally completed all of their preparation and training and headed off to Maryborough yesterday morning. The team will be presenting to judges today and driving the HPV on Friday and Saturday.

Morwell Park has a long history with the HPV competition at Maryborough this being the school’s 26th year. I wish our teams well.

-Chris Joustra, Principal.
STUDENT AWARDS THIS WEEK

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Preps
Zac T, Jordan D & Nate O'D

Grade 1
Bobby W, Atem A & Aurora Q

Grade 2
Phoebe J, Phoenix D & Nicholas L

Grade 3
Blake R, Katrina O & Kaiden M J

Grade 4
Janna T, Will C & Tyson F H

Grade 5
Phillip Mc C & Will C

Grade 6
Austin D & Sarina H

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD
Hareem H, Prep

ATTENDANCE AWARDS
Student
Robert C, Gr 4
Receives $5.00
Canteen Lunch Voucher.

CLASS
Grade 3

YOU CAN DO IT!

AWARD — Organisation
Jessie B, Gr 3

TIPS FOR BUSY STUDENTS

Making and keeping friends.
- Keep an open mind. You can have friends of different ages. It's not age so much that is the reason for friendship, it's having things in common and enjoying each other.
- Don't expect your friends always to agree with you or want to do what you do.
- Don't expect your friends to be always as they are. They should be allowed to have their mood swings, boredom days, unpredictable behaviour or be indifferent to you. They're only human.

TIPS FOR BUSY PARENTS

- When you communicate with your children, you will be more effective if you stay calm.
- Don't be afraid to say to your child "I'm sorry".
- Tune into your child’s ideas and tune out criticism.
- Children know that it’s important to be 'good'; they don't need constant reminding.
- Realise your children are their own persons. Give them the freedom to develop naturally.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Friday 2nd December will be the last day for our Breakfast Program.

Please note breakfast will not be available from Monday 5th to Tuesday 20th December.
The Value of the Fortnight is:

**CREATIVITY**

**What is it?**
You are a unique being. Nobody has been born who is exactly like you or who has your special combination of talents and gifts. Creativity is the way you use your gifts to bring new things into being. It is making new music, art, having new ideas, creating inventions, dance, solving problems in new ways; it is a process of discovery. Creativity is sharing your gifts and talents with others.

**Why practise it?**
Creativity is very important. Without it, things would never change, we would never change, we would just keep doing things the way we have always done them. Cures for diseases would not have been found, the wheel would not have been developed. By sharing ideas with others we can improve the world.

**How to practise it?**
You practise creativity by developing what you like to do. Learn how to develop your natural talents so that they become stronger. When you have a goal, you need to learn how to make it become real. That might mean taking lessons (on how to dance, paint, sing, etc).

**Role play and discussion**
- You wish to play an instrument in the school band.
- You get an idea for designing a new car.
- You create a new method for washing dishes.
- It is a friend's birthday and you do not have much money to spend on a gift.

**Signs of success**
- You discover your gifts and talents.
- You create your own unique way of doing things.
- You get training to develop your gifts.
- You think of better ways to do things.

**Starter activities**
- Design a business card for yourself. On it list your unique talents and gifts.
- With a partner, create a new dance which you could teach to others.
**JSC Fundraiser**

Junior School Councillors will be selling icy poles every Monday and Friday lunchtime until the end of term.

Icy poles will sell for 50 cents each.

All profits will be donated to the Big Issue who help those less fortunate, and who also donated the street soccer pitch that MPPS students use.

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**2017 PARENT PAYMENT (Booklist) FORM**

There are still a number of forms to be completed and returned.

Books **will not** be packed for children who have not returned a signed form.

Please **remember to advise the office if you will not be attending Morwell Park next year.** Thank you.

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Dear Parents,

Issue 8 of **Book Club** went out last week and is due back by **Friday 25th November**.

Please make cheques payable to Morwell Park P.S **NOT** Scholastic.

Each order helps the school earn bonus points that we can order free books for the school library and Lexile program. Thanks, Mrs Maruzza.

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**GRADE 6 GRADUATION**

The final formal function for all grade 6 students will be the Graduation Luncheon on **Friday 16th December** at the **Italian Australian Club** in Morwell. This is an opportunity for children to sit down and have a meal with teachers and special guests.

Parents/guardians are welcome to attend the luncheon with students, staff and guests, commencing at 11.45am (meal served at 12.00) at a cost of $17.00 per head not including soft drinks.

Parents/guardians and other family members are welcome to come along after the luncheon at 1.30pm for the presentation of awards, reports and certificates.

Forms have been sent out and must be returned by **Friday 9th**
Junior School Councillors attended the Remembrance Day Service at Morwell RSL and laid a wreath on behalf of our school.

Thank you to everyone who supported the RSL, by purchasing $131.00 of merchandise.
The time has arrived and Morwell Park’s two HPV teams Katchmi Jnr and Speed Demons have headed off to Maryborough.

The children, staff and parents have spent many hours preparing the vehicles and their presentation for the RACV Energy Breakthrough.

Over the last 2 terms a lot of time has gone into developing fitness levels and learning to ride safely in preparation for the 14 hour road race.

Good luck to the children, staff and parents participating in this fantastic event.

Team members are:


**Speed Demons:** Taj B, Alexander B, Blake W, Riley F, Caitlin A Mikayla B C, Milla R & Natasha T.