

Morwell Park P S

School Community Newsletter

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Morwell Park Primary
School Official

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Friday 17th May | Prep Autumn Walk. |
| Friday 17th May | Walk Safely to School Day. |
| Tuesday 21st May | Grade 6 bowls at Morwell Bowling Club. 1.15-2.45pm. |
| Wednesday 22nd May | Division Cross Country for children participating. |
| Thursday 23rd May | Australia's Biggest Morning Tea |
| Friday 24th May | Education Week Dress Up and Activities Day, see flyer. |
| Friday 24th May | Grade 6 shirts/hoodies orders and money due back. |
| Tuesday 28th May | Division Winter Sports for children participating. |
| Thursday 30th May | Prep Transition School tour. 9.30-10.30 Open arvo for parents. 2.00-2.45 Information evening. 5.00-6.00 |
| Friday 31st May | School Athletics |
| Tuesday 4th June | School Photos. |
| Friday 7th June | Bessie Frod Netball. |
| Monday 10th June | Queen's Birthday Public Holiday. NO school. |
| Thursday 20th June | Parent Teacher Interviews. 3.00pm-6.00pm |



Not connected to the Seesaw app yet?

Stay up to date with your child's learning progress and happenings in their class, also receive reminders and newsletters. You can also direct message their teachers and notify **OFFICE STAFF** of your child's absence. Teachers and office staff will help you connect to your child's portfolio.

You will still need to call the office to relay messages to students during school time.

Principal's Report

NAPLAN

It has been a busy week for our grade 3 and 5 students who have been taking part in NAPLAN testing.

It is always interesting for me to read and hear media reports related to NAPLAN. On the whole NAPLAN is nothing to fear, it is simply an assessment tool that allows comparison to other children. What is of concern is when it is viewed outside it's purpose.

When your child sits a NAPLAN test typically it only serves to inform teachers and hopefully parents what they already knew. Half the world is above average and half the world is below average, the very concept of 'average' dictates that. One test on one day does not determine a child's future but it may give a broad sense of where a child is at (assuming that on the test on the day the child performed to their 'true' level).

Unfortunately this year we were meant to complete the NAPLAN online however the 'system' was not all it had been hoped to be so we went to pencil and paper back up.

Our students had been working on an online system and this may impact our results.

Later this year parents will receive the results of NAPLAN and teachers will be available to discuss these should they throw up any surprises. On the whole I would encourage parents to keep NAPLAN in perspective.

No child died in the process!!!!

PUNCTUALITY

It has become very obvious, especially during NAPLAN, that some families have forgotten our school starting time with children arriving very late and impacting on others already sitting the test.

School starts at 8.45am.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School councillors are reminded that we have a school council meeting tonight at 5.00pm.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Many thanks to our helpers who assisted with the Mother's Day stall last Friday. The money raised goes to our Parents' Association who in turn spend it on our students.

*Chris Joustra,
Principal.*



Morwell Park Primary School
is celebrating

EDUCATION WEEK

THE 2019 THEME IS
CELEBRATING CAREERS

Friday 24th May

MORNING DRESS UP PARADE
LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES & GAMES
AFTERNOON ROTATIONS

Dress up
as what you want
to be when you
grow up
#careergoals

#EDUWEEKVIC
#PARKLIFE
#BETTERTHANYESTERDAY
#LEARNINGPOWERS
#BEKINDGRITTYFOCUSED

SCHOOL PHOTO HELP STATION

HELPFUL PHOTO DAY INFORMATION:

1. If you are placing an order please ensure each child has their own envelope.
2. Do not place another child's envelope inside their siblings envelope.
3. Please collect a family envelope from the school office if you wish to have a family photo taken.
4. All children are photographed regardless if you are paying or not. This is for the schools records.
5. When the photos are returned to school, those who did not place an order on the day will be given a second chance to order via a new form distributed when photos are returned to school.
You won't miss out!
6. The school does not give change nor do the photographers.
PLEASE ensure the correct money is enclosed.
7. If you lose your envelope the photographers and the school carry spares.
8. Only parents who are paying on the day and requesting it will have a family photo taken.
9. Ordering online is the only way you can pay with credit cards.
10. We do not have control over the way your child's name appears in the photo - any changes or requests are strictly handled by the school.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
FREECALL: 1800 750 586



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- ✓ REDUCES LOST/MISPLACED MONEY
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Anyone can earn stickers to help local schools

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program gives schools and Early Learning Centres around Australia the chance to earn amazing school equipment. In 2017 we had over 15,000 schools and Early Learning Centres involved, and delivered over 300,000 new pieces of equipment to kids all over Australia.

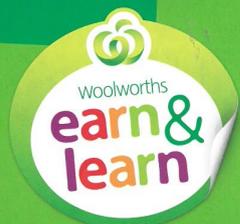
Here's what to do:

- collect** Between 1 May and 25 June 2019, collect as many stickers as you can.
 - stick** Stick them on the sticker sheets and give them to your local school or Early Learning Centre. Or drop them into a collection box in store.
- Don't forget, you can always download and print extra sticker sheets at woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn
- Need more information?**
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-  sports fees & gear
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* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

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DISTRICT SOCCER

Hello, on Monday we had a soccer tournament. We are going to tell you about soccer. We were in the girls team and we played two teams. Our first game we won, 4-0 and our next game we won it too and the score was 8-0.

We are into the next round and we won overall for the girls team. We played at Falcons soccer ground in Morwell. By Alice.

On Monday some grade 5 & 6 children played soccer for our school. The boys played 3 games and they came 2nd.

Thanks Riley G for being such a great goal keeper. In the last match we played St Vincent's, they were such a good team, everyone was a great sport on the day. By Xavier.



MORWELL PARK ATHLETICS



Morwell Park Athletics Sports will be held at the Joe Carmody Athletics Track in Newborough on **Friday May 31st**.

Children will rotate through a variety of track and field events (Gr 3-6) and novelty events (Prep-2). All children are encouraged to dress in their house colors.

After lunch all children will compete in house team relays.

Grade 3-6 children will depart school at 9am. Prep-2 children will depart at 10am.



**WE'RE TAKING IT
IN OUR STRIDE
ON FRIDAY
17 MAY 2019**

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 19 May 2019! For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

2019 MORWELL PARK REPORTING TIMELINE

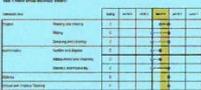
At Morwell Park Primary School we believe students learn best when their families are engaged in the progress of their learning. The next few years will see our school community adopt new processes to report to families about student progress.

This year we have moved the Term 1 Interim Reports onto Seesaw so we can share children's work samples, photos, rubrics and comments that give feedback about your child's progress and the next steps for improvement. We thank you for engaging in this process and providing feedback on how we can continue to improve.

Please find below the timetable of Reporting Processes our school will be adopting this year. If you have any questions please contact your child's classroom teachers.

We have aligned our processes with the Department of Education and Training Policy where all schools provide families with:

- Information of student progress and achievement according to the Victorian Curriculum
- Information about student's areas of strength and next steps for improvement
- An opportunity for a parent/teacher conference to discuss student progress

| 2019 STUDENT REPORTING | | | |
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| TERM 1 | TERM 2 | TERM 3 | TERM 4 |
| General Comment Literacy Work Sample Numeracy Work Sample  SEESAW | General Comment Literacy Work Sample Numeracy Work Sample  SEESAW | General Comment Literacy Work Sample Numeracy Work Sample  SEESAW | General Comment Literacy Work Sample Numeracy Work Sample  SEESAW |
| | Semester 1 progress according to the Victorian Curriculum  | | Semester 2 progress according to the Victorian Curriculum  |
| | Attendance Record  | | Attendance Record  |
| | Parent Teacher Interviews Thursday 20 th June 2019  | Student Show and Shine Open Afternoons  | |
| * Parent appointments and meetings as requested | *Additional parent appointments and meetings as requested | * Parent appointments and meetings as requested | * Parent appointments and meetings as requested |