

Morwell Park P S

School Community Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, 7th August	Alpha Show — Sleeping Beauty at 9:15am
Thursday, 7th August	School Council Meeting at 5.00pm.
Thursday, 7th August	District Basketball for children participating.
Friday, 8th August	Grade 1 & 2 Student Support Group Meetings
Monday — Friday, 11th-15th August	Dental Van Visit
Tuesday, 12th August	Prep 2026 Come and Try Session - 2.15pm - 2.45pm
Wednesday, 27th August	Gr 3 Werribee Zoo excursion. 7.00am-4.30pm

Principals Report

Wet Weather Timetable

As we move through the wetter months, we want to remind families of our wet weather procedures. When it's raining, students remain indoors during recess and lunch. During periods of heavy rain, this can mean being indoors for most of the day - something we know many students find challenging. We take every opportunity to get students outside for fresh air and movement whenever the weather allows. Fortunately, we have access to the adjacent netball courts, which provide a large, usable space even when the grassed areas are out of bounds. Unless it is actively raining, we will always aim to get children outside for a run around.

Prep 2026 Enrolments

Enrolments are now open for our 2026 Prep intake. If you have a child starting school next year, or know someone who does, we encourage you to book a school tour or come along to one of our upcoming Come and Try events.

Understanding Mental Illness

Mental illness refers to a range of conditions that affect how a person thinks, feels, and behaves. Mental illness is more common than many realise, affecting one in five Australians at some point in their lives. Like physical illness, mental illness can have a significant impact - not only on the individual, but also on their family and especially their children.

With approximately 500 parents in our school community, it is statistically likely that some families are affected at any given time. We encourage anyone who may be struggling to seek support. Looking after your mental health is just as important as caring for your physical health and reaching out is a sign of strength, not weakness.

School Council

A reminder that our next School Council meeting will take place tomorrow (Thursday) at 5.00pm in the staffroom. We look forward to seeing our council members there.

Book Week 2025 – Dress Up Day

Get ready to dress up and celebrate! This year's Children's Book Week theme is "Book an Adventure!" and is aimed at encouraging students to explore new worlds and ideas through reading. We will be celebrating on Friday 22nd August with a costume parade at 9.00am.

Students are encouraged to dress as their favorite book character and families are warmly invited to attend the parade. Please enter via Gate 1.

Respectful Relationships Program

We are aware that there has been some confusion circulating within the school community about the content of our Respectful Relationships program. This initiative supports schools to foster a culture of respect, inclusion, and gender equality. It aims to promote positive relationships and reduce gender-based violence.

It is disappointing when misinformation is shared by individuals claiming expertise they do not hold. To clarify: the Respectful Relationships curriculum delivered in primary schools does not involve or promote gender transition. We encourage all parents and carers to contact the school directly if they have questions. We are more than happy to share the activity booklets and materials used across our classes to provide transparency and reassurance.

Simone Richardson, Principal.



WEEKLY AWARDS

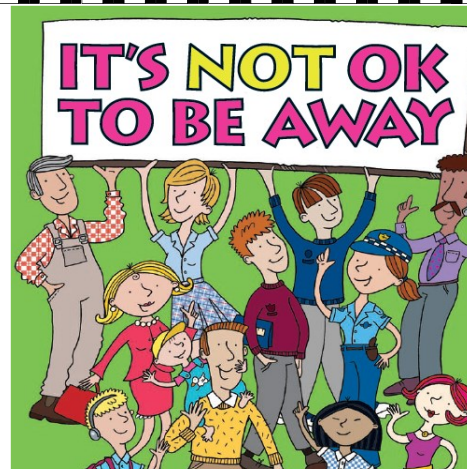


Prep	Aeryn G, Shae T, Kimberlee O'B
Gr 1	Chelsea N, Adalyn K
Gr 2	Isabel L, Hasina Z, Sky W
Gr 3	Georgie P, Claire P
Gr 4	Renesmee G, Isaiah K
Gr 5	Jayden P, Tyler B
Gr 6	Mistee D, Leroy K, Charlotte J C

ARTISTS AWARDS	3M	and	Nathan A, PR
PE AWARDS	PB	and	Gemma I, 5H
PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS	6A	and	Tommy S, 6M
SCIENCE AWARDS	4C	and	Emmett R, 4P
LIBRARY AWARDS			Chase H, 2C
AUSLAN			Jayden D, 4F

SCHOOL VALUE AWARDS.

KIND:	Joshua B, 2C
GRITTY:	Kye A, 5H
FOCUSED:	Bonny H, 5D



ATTENDANCE AWARD

2M, 1T, 2C, 6M
Gemma Ivens

Stroll & Roll at Morwell Park PS!

We're excited to be part of Latrobe City Council's **Stroll & Roll Active Travel Program**.

All students have received a **passport** to track how often they walk, ride, scoot, or skate to school. To make it easier, we've created **Park & Walk zones** at Ronald Reserve and Burnside Drive.

Students will earn rewards as they reach 10, 20, 30 and 40 days of active travel! Start small with **Wake Up & Walk Wednesdays** – it's a great day to build the habit.

Check out the **Active Travel Map** on Seesaw and the school Facebook page.



MORWELL PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL EXPECTED BEHAVIOURS

Always and Everywhere

- We are safe.
- We own up, fix up and move on.
- We follow staff instructions the first time.
- We use manners.
- We use friendly voices, kind words and actions.
- We use safe hands and feet.
- We stay inside the school grounds.
- We play by agreed rules.
- We keep our school neat and tidy.
- We use equipment correctly and put it away when we are finished.
- We wear our uniform.
- We use our ready to learn strategies when needed.

	Learning Areas	Outside	Toilets	Community	Transition/ Moving Around	Technology
KIND 	We encourage others. We let teachers teach. We let students learn. We respect the ideas of others. We use kind words when giving feedback.	We help others. We include others in games. We play fair. We respect our friend's choices.	We respect the privacy of others. We flush the toilets. We wash our hands.	We represent our school positively. We use the roads and paths safely.	We clean up our mess. We put our rubbish in the bin. We walk inside buildings.	We look after the equipment. We plug in our devices at the end of the day.
	We have a go in all class activities. We know mistakes are part of learning.	We are good sports when we lose. We report problems we cannot solve.	We only go when we need to go. We leave as soon as we are finished.	We follow community rules and laws.	We end our game when the music starts.	We put technology away when asked.
FOCUSED 	We arrive at class on time. We wait for our teacher safely. We work together when expected. We concentrate on our work. We follow class routines.	We care for our gardens and plants. We are sunsmart and wear our hat.	We use the toilets correctly.	We stay with school staff.	We move safely. We go straight there and straight back. We go straight to class when the music plays.	We only use programs and websites that our teacher allows.



CANCELLED - Loaded Lunchbox LunchRun

We are saddened to notify our school community that we will no longer be able to offer lunches on Wednesdays through **The Loaded Lunchbox** due to the closure of their business.

To close your account and have any remaining credit refunded go to the Spriggy Schools app, Settings, Help, Close My Account and follow the steps.

2026 Prep Enrolment Appointments

If you have a child who will be enrolling for Prep next year please contact the office. You will be asked to complete an **APPLICATION TO ENROL IN A VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOOL** and we will then arrange an appointment to complete the remainder of 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 are available at any time by appointment.
Thank you.**