

# Morwell Park P S

## School Community Newsletter

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, 13th February	Issue 1 Book Club due <b>ONLINE</b> .
Monday, 16th February	<b>Grade 6 shirt order due back</b>
<b>Monday, 2nd March</b>	<b>Preps start full time. Mon-Fri, 8.45-3.00</b>
<b>Monday, 9th March</b>	<b>Labour Day Holiday. NO SCHOOL.</b>
Wednesday-Monday, 11th-23rd March	NAPLAN for Gr 3 & 5.
Wednesday-Friday, 18th-20th March	Gr 6 The Summit Camp.
<b>Friday, 22nd May</b>	<b>School Photos.</b>

### Principals Report

#### School Council

Our Morwell Park Primary School Council is made up of parent, staff and community representatives and acts as the school's governing body. Council meets eight times across the year, usually twice each term, with meetings generally held on Thursdays from 5.00 to 6.00 pm.

This year we have five vacancies in the parent representative category. If we receive more than five nominations, an election will be held. Our current parent councillors who are not up for re-election are Jessica Boys, Daniel Farrant, Emily Doolan and Renee Lillie.

You'll find more information about School Council attached to this newsletter. If you'd like to know more or have a chat about what's involved, please feel free to contact Simone Richardson or speak with any of our current councillors.

Nominations open on Monday 16 February and close the following Monday 23 February at 4pm. Nomination forms are available from the office.

#### Meet the Teacher

Our staff and students are really looking forward to meeting parents and carers this afternoon at our Meet the Teacher event. It's a lovely, relaxed chance to pop in, see the classrooms, put some faces to names and ask any questions you might have about the year ahead.

We can't wait to welcome you all. A reminder for students... there will be free icy poles waiting.

#### School Wide Positive Behaviour System (SWPBS)

This year we are making a few changes to our SWPBS. We have introduced a new digital platform to help support and acknowledge the behaviours we want to see across the school.

In the past we used Dojo points, but this year we are moving to "Park Points," which are linked to our Learning Powers of Kind, Gritty and Focused.

Over the coming weeks we will share more information with families about our expectations and how the Park Points system will work. We're excited to give this part of our school a fresh boost and continue building a positive, supportive culture for all of our students.

#### Friday Assemblies

Our assemblies will once again be open to parents and families from this Friday 13 February. Just like last year, the doors to the gym will open at around 2.40 pm each Friday so families can come along, join in and celebrate student achievements with us. We look forward to seeing you there.

A gentle reminder that any family members named as a respondent on an intervention order are not permitted to attend.

#### Student Pick Up Process

If your family has a protective order or intervention order in place, it is very important that the school is provided with a copy of the documentation, along with a photograph of the respondent. This helps us put the right safety measures in place for your child.

In these situations, the protected student must be collected through the office at the end of the day. Please understand that staff are not able to monitor collections at the gates due to the large number of people onsite at 3.00 pm. Collecting through the office allows us to better support the safety and wellbeing of everyone involved.

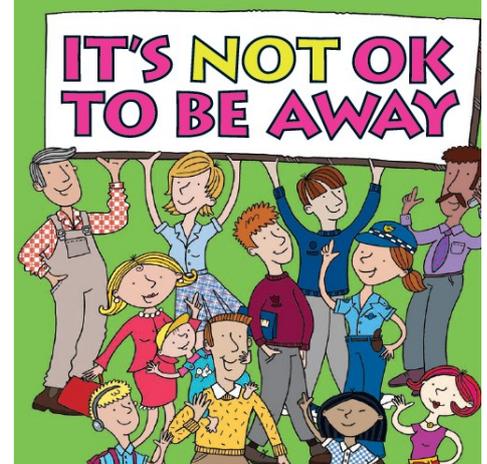
*Simone Richardson*, Principal.



# WEEKLY AWARDS



<b>Prep</b>	Charlie F, Everleigh S, Jaeda F
<b>Gr 1</b>	Blair P, Maggie T, Connor P
<b>Gr 2</b>	Adalyn K, Tatum L, Noah S
<b>Gr 3</b>	Annalise W, Hayley D, Isla D
<b>Gr 4</b>	Peppa-Lee G, Hunter G
<b>Gr 5</b>	Kody W, Zion D, Tyler B
<b>Gr 6</b>	Cristian G, Regan A, Ivy M



## ATTENDANCE AWARD

ARTISTS AWARDS	5A and Elijah B, 5H
PE AWARDS	6A and Kye A, 6A
PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS	5B and Kye A, 6A
SCIENCE AWARDS	1A and Luna B, 5H
LIBRARY AWARDS	
AUSLAN	

### SCHOOL VALUE AWARDS.

KIND:	Mateo H B, 20
GRITTY:	Gemma I, 6A
FOCUSED:	Maelah K, 5E

**A REMINDER TO:**

**PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING**

IT HELPS US REUNITE LOST PROPERTY WITH THE OWNER

## CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to apply for CSEF.

If you applied at Morwell Park in 2025, and there has been NO change in your family circumstances your application will be copied and processed to 2026.

You need to complete a new application form if any of the following changes have occurred;

- **New student enrolments;** your child has started (including new Prep children) or changed schools in 2026,
- **Newly eligible:** did not apply in 2025,
- **Changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number.

A CSEF application also entitles Prep students to a **SUMMER UNIFORM PACK**, issued in Term 1, consisting of a windcheater, trackpants or shorts, dress, shoes & socks.

**ARE YOU ELIGIBLE** - Contact the office for more info or an application form



# SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT @ MORWELL PARK

Our focus for Term 1 Week 4 is:  
**We follow staff instructions the first time**

## **How you can help:**

- Encourage and reinforce that staff instructions at school are important and keep you safe

We learn about Expected  
Behaviours to make sure we are  
**connected, safe**

Issue 1 of Book Club must be submitted by **Friday 13th February**.  
Visit [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download the app to order online.  
Each order helps the school earn bonus points that we can order free books for the school library and Lexile program. Thanks, Mrs Maruzza.

# Book Club LOOP

**LOOP** is the Scholastic Book Club  
**L**inked **O**nline **O**rdering & **P**ayment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

or



Follow these **easy** steps!

**1** Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.

**2** Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.

*Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.*

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

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LOOKING FOR MORE PRODUCT INFORMATION?

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Item No.

FIND

**3** Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

**4** All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

*That's it!* There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

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## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

### WHO IS ON THE SCHOOL COUNCIL?

For most primary school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected school employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional community member category – members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.

A small number of school councils have Nominee members.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:

A mandated elected student member category, with two positions.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

### WHY IS PARENT MEMBERSHIP SO IMPORTANT?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

### DO I NEED SPECIAL EXPERIENCE TO BE ON SCHOOL COUNCIL?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. Councilors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

### HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term one each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

### WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO STAND FOR ELECTION?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term one each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

Department employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election.

You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

### REMEMBER

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.

# FORM 1: NOTICE OF FIRST SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

(Formerly Schedule 3: New Schools – Notice of Election and call for nominations – first school council election)

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of  
**MORWELL PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on:

**23 02 2026**

...../...../..... (insert day, month and year).

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on:

**02 03 2026**

...../...../..... (insert day, month and year)

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member - one-year term of office	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2026 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of pool in 2027	1
Parent member - two-year term of office	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2026 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of pool in 2028	3
School employee member – one-year term of office	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2026 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of pool in 2027	0
School employee member – two-year term of office	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2026 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of pool in 2028	1

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.



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