



Morwell Park P S

School Community Newsletter

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School Official

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, 13th May	'Pirate Day' dress up, gold coin donation.
Monday, 16th May	Gr 3 & 5 NAPLAN tests.
Tuesday, 17th May	District Football/Netball for children participating.
Thursday, 19th May	Parents Association Special Lunch Order.
Friday, 20th May	Professional Practise Day for teachers. NO CHILDREN AT SCHOOL.
Tuesday, 24th May	2023 Prep Open Days. 10.00am, 2.00pm, 5.30pm.
Wednesday, 25th May	Division Cross Country for children participating.
Wednesday, 25th May	Prep Autumn Walk at Newman Park, Traralgon.
Mon-Thur, 23rd-26th May	Swimming for Schools Program. Gr 2-5.
Friday, 27th May	Nexus "ZimboyZ" show in the school gym.
Tuesday, 7th June	SCHOOL PHOTOS.

Principals Report

NAPLAN
It has been a busy week for our grade 3 and 5 students who have been taking part in NAPLAN testing with three tests down and one to go. Apart from the year three writing, all other NAPLAN tests have been online.

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).

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.**

Mother's 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.

Interschool Sports
The interschool winter sports are in full swing. On Monday interschool soccer took place and next Tuesday it's netball and football. Interschool sports are a great opportunity to learn team skills and all that is associated with competition.

Professional Practice Day Friday May 20
A reminder that there is no school for children next Friday May 20 as teachers will be involved in a Professional Practice Day.

Chris Joustra, Principal.






WEEKLY AWARDS

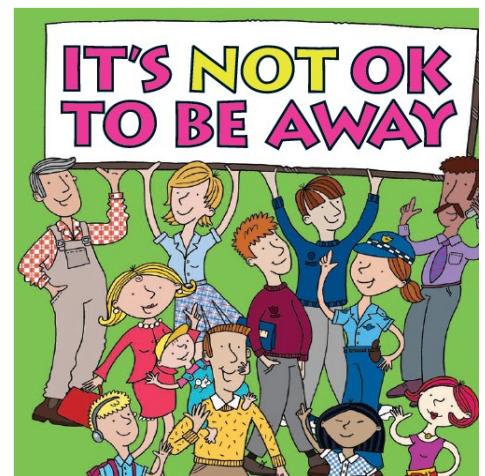


- Prep** Hunter O, Lily F
- Gr 1** Jayden D, Mitchell M, Daniel S
- Gr 2** Tyler B, Zoe W, Hope R
- Gr 3** Bhuvana M, Nina D, Ruby P
- Gr 4** Levi R, Aalayah B M, Zak R
- Gr 5** Ae Y, Maggie M
- Gr 6** Trey M, Calin Mac, Summer H

- ARTISTS AWARDS** Prep Blue, 5A
- PE AWARDS** Gr 1 Ants, 5B
- MUSIC AWARDS** 3B, 4A

SCHOOL VALUE AWARDS.

-  **KIND:** Nada I, Gr 3
-  **GRITTY:** Brandon L, Gr 2
-  **FOCUSED:** Molly G, Gr 4
- ENVIRONMENTAL:**



ATTENDANCE AWARD

Grade



SUPPORTING KIDS' BRAIN CANCER RESEARCH SINCE 2015
PIRATE DAY

PIRATE DAY—Dress Up Day
(Gold coin donation)
Friday 13th May.

The Kids' Cancer Project supports bold science that has the greatest chance of clinical success to improve childhood cancer treatments. The Kids' Cancer Project's mission is to see a one hundred per cent survival rate for children with cancer while eradicating the harmful impacts treatment can bring.



DISTRICT SOCCER

On Monday our Boys and Girls soccer team participated in our soccer winter sports. We made our way across to Falcons Soccer Club and took on St Vincent's in the first game. Our boys played a great game but fell short by 1 goal. In the second game we came out firing, scoring a whopping 5 goals and some great goal keeping by Kane



GIRLS TEAM: *Aimee T, Kailee C, Sienna R, Ann-Maree F H, Lilly L, Summer H, Catelyn A S, Nathani A, Annabel M, Keira R, Mackenzie P & Lilly O.*



Boys Team: *Ryley S P, Yahya A S, Brent D, Jakoybe McD, Hassan S, Austin S, Kane D H, Lucas B, Eli J, Alex B, Reece P, Ladu A, Zaben B.*

and Reece. The boys won their second game and were ecstatic with their efforts.

Our girls team took on St Vincent's and put up a great fight. Anne-Maree scored a blinder, Mackenzie was zipping past her opponents and Summer was attacking every loose ball.

Everyone who took the field did a fabulous job and we are super proud of them all.

Thank you to Mr Pickett and Isaac for coaching and umpiring.

A special mention to Kate (Zac Thomas' mum) for her outstanding coaching and enthusiasm on the bench.