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School Community Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

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| Friday 14th September | Gr 4 & 5 Melbourne zoo excursion. |
| Tuesday 18th September | Gr 5/6 Woolworths Fresh Food Kids Discovery Tour at 1pm. |
| Wednesday 19th September | Grade 2 CBD excursion. |
| Friday 21st September | Out of Uniform Day. Dress up in your favourite sports uniform, gold coin donation to State Schools Relief. |
| Friday 21st September | Gr 3 Allambee Camp full payment due. |
| Friday 21st September | Last day of Term Three, children dismissed at 1pm. |
| Monday 8th October | First day of Term Four. |
| Tuesday 16th October | Region Athletics for children participating. |
| Wed-Fri 17th-19th Oct | Grade 3 Allambee Camp. |
| Wednesday 31st October | 20 students going to Safeway for Foodcents Program. Gr 4 11.15-1.00 Gr 3 1.15-3.00 |
| Thursday 1st November | School council meeting in staffroom at 5pm. |
| Monday 5th November | Curriculum Day. NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL |
| Tuesday 6th November | Melbourne Cup Day Holiday. NO SCHOOL |

Principal's Report

Emotional Safety

I recently read a report by Dr Pam Schiller regarding the neuroscience research associated with children's emotional safety and learning. Schiller said, "Brain research tells us that we can't learn when we don't feel secure or safe. When someone is threatened, worried or concerned, the human brain focuses all of its attention on addressing that concern. This means that when children are dealing with other issues, their ability to learn decreases."

At school children will face some challenges when dealing with school work and their relationships with their peers and teachers however on the whole, school is a very safe place to be. I would ask all parents to consider their child's emotional safety beyond the school gate. **In my experience children who come to school calm and relatively 'problem free' generally continue that way at school.**

Those children are better able to deal with the day to day challenges of school work and their teachers and peers. Having no baggage enables children to get on with the learning opportunities of school.

We can't make a child's life perfect and learning to overcome challenges is an important part of growing up, however for some children I worry that the challenges outside of school that we ask them to put aside when they walk in the school gate are simply too great and this significantly impacts on their learning. **Let's set our children up for success.**

School Council Meeting

A reminder to school councillors that we have a meeting tonight at 5.00pm in the staff room.

Grade 3 Maths Afternoon

Thankyou to those parents, grandparents and visitors who attended the grade 3 maths afternoon yesterday. For our students it is wonderful for their caregivers to attend such events.

Gr 4 / 5 Zoo Trip TOMORROW

A reminder to those students in grades 4 and 5 who are attending the zoo tomorrow that they need to be at school at 7am. The bus must leave on time so please avoid the disappointment of missing the bus.

Interim Reports

Next Friday all children will receive their term 3 Interim Reports.

School attendance is clearly a major indicator of school performance. Quite simply too many children miss too many days from school.

Our school takes great care in contacting families regarding absences, quite simply we want children to be at school unless they are too ill or have significant matters which may prevent attendance. Children who miss school inevitably struggle academically, socially and in their general well being.

Please work with us to get the best for your child.

End of Term 1pm dismissal

Term 3 will conclude next Friday September 21 at 1pm following our end of term assembly. Term 4 will commence on Monday October 8.

Chris Joustra, Principal.

The Value of the Fortnight is:

Forgiveness



What is it?

Forgiveness means that if someone hurts you, you are prepared to give the person another chance. Everyone makes mistakes. Sometimes we do things that we wish we had not done; that is when we need to learn to forgive ourselves. We need to know that we can change our behaviour if that situation occurs again.

Forgiveness means that you don't retaliate or seek revenge even when you feel that you have just cause to do so.

Why practise it?

We are all responsible for our own behaviour. Sometimes we make a mistake and choose to do the wrong thing. If you are sorry for what you have done and you forgive yourself, then the situation or mistake can be a valuable learning experience.

How to practise it

To practise forgiveness you need to have courage and be prepared to look at the truth.

Sometimes very strong feelings come to the surface like anger, sadness or jealousy. Just observe the feelings and try to let them go. When you practise forgiveness you don't take revenge on someone else. Observe the feeling and decide what needs to change to make things better. If somebody continually hurts you then you need to stop giving them the opportunity to do so.

Role play and discussion

- A good friend lost their temper with you but later apologised.

- Somebody accidentally broke a favourite thing of yours.
- You feel bad about something you did.
- A friend continually does something to hurt you.

Signs of success



- You remember that everyone makes mistakes sometimes.
- You are aware of your feelings without taking revenge.
- You correct your mistakes instead of beating yourself up.
- You learn from your mistakes.
- You don't give uncaring people the chance to hurt you.

Starter activities

- Design an 'I'm just a learner' voucher. This voucher entitles the holder to make at least one mistake each day.
- Discuss a time when you felt very angry about something but were able to control your feelings without retaliating.



HATS reminder



Morwell Park
'Sun Smart' hats are compulsory in Term 4.

Hats are only available from
LOWES at MidValley.

HEAD LICE HINT

Head lice are common year round and right around the world. They are not dangerous, do not carry diseases and are not a sign of poor hygiene. In fact, head lice don't much care whether the hair is clean or dirty.

There is a simple way you can treat your children and prevent head lice when you wash your child's hair. If you add some tea tree oil to their regular shampoo it will help prevent head lice from continuing.

The combination of **5mls of tea tree oil to 100mls of shampoo**, (example if your child's shampoo bottle is 400mls you would add 20mls of tea tree oil).

If anyone has any questions you can contact myself, Kathryn Watson the school nurse.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY

Friday 21st September

Dress in your favourite sports uniform for a gold coin donation.



All money raised will go to State Schools Relief .

Thank you.

DAFFODIL DAY

A big thank you to everyone who either purchased merchandise or wore yellow last Friday for Daffodil Day.



Total raised was **\$398.00**

Prep Enrolments for 2019 have now commenced.

If you have a child who will be enrolling for Prep next year please contact the office to arrange an appointment to complete 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.

FLANNY FOR A FARMER

Thank you to everyone who wore their Flanny to school on Monday.

\$366.00 was raised and will go to Drought Relief.



SELFIE SCULPTURE PROJECT SUCCESS

On Monday afternoon Grade 5 students that were involved in the 'Selfie Project' travelled to Latrobe Regional Gallery to view their exhibition.

Students invited their family and friends to attend this special occasion to show their sculptures in a gallery setting. It was lovely to see the students explain their title of their artwork and their ideas to their family members.

They were asked to create a piece in response to 'Selfie' which was inspired by artist Colin Suggett. Students had the option to work as a solo artist, or collaboration.



All students enjoyed this program and were very pleased with their sculptures.

'Selfie Exhibition concludes on Sunday the 14th of October'

It's on again...introducing the 2018 Production

Thursday 8th November 2018 (3 shows!)

This year we are inviting children in years 4, 5 AND 6 to be a part of our awesome school production. There will be more singing, more dancing and more acrobatics than we have ever seen before!



SYNOPSIS: The Greatest Show tells the story about five children, Cinderswella, Robin Could, Harry Lotta, Marillda and Jack Barrow who are not treated particularly well by the adults in their life. As luck would have it, they fall into the hands of the scheming pirate duo who kidnap them and ship them off to pirate island for ransom. On pirate paradise island they meet up with other misfits who have been kidnapped earlier...the school kids, the wizards, the princesses and the merry men! All of these wonderful characters help them to find their talent, the meaning of friendship and learn to love themselves. The ringmaster keeps the audience up to date with what is happening as the story unfolds. During each scene the audience are entertained with fabulous songs, dance routines and acrobatics by the children in the various choruses. The kids realize that kindness, gratitude and teamwork are the best values and they make sure that everyone knows about it.

SHOW DATE: Thursday 8th November 2018 – Performing Arts Centre (Morwell Central)
DRESS REHEARSAL: Wed 7th November (day after Melbourne Cup holiday)
SHOW TIMES: 3 SHOWS

9:30am – 11:30am Audience: year levels to be confirmed
12:30pm – 2:30pm Audience: year levels TBC and general public (seat reservation necessary)
6:30pm – 8:30pm Audience: General Public (seat reservation necessary)

Entry Fee: A charge per adult when ordering tickets. Actual cost TBC (no more than \$5 adult).

TICKETS: Can be ordered via the note sent home attached to newsletter next term. The chorus and main cast members will receive order forms before ticket sales go out to the general public. Unfortunately no phone reservations will be available. Seats will be allocated as tickets are sold.

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN
5-8 YEARS

DRIVE-IN MOVIES

Make
your own car
and watch a
movie at our
"Drive-In"

FREE!
BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL

TRARALGON
Wednesday,
26 September
at 9.30am

MOE
Thursday,
27 September
at 1pm



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TRARALGON 26 September Wednesday 11am
CHURCHILL 26 September Wednesday, 2pm
MOE 27 September Thursday 3pm

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