



Morwell Park P S

School Community Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, 2nd February	Preps start full time. Mon-Fri, 8.45-3.00
Wednesday, 11th February	Meet the Teacher. 3.00-4.30pm.
Wednesday-Friday, 18th-20th March	Gr 6 The Summit Camp.

Principals Report

Welcome to the 2026 school year!

Welcome back to all of our families and a very warm welcome to anyone new to our community. It has been a great start to the year, with students settling beautifully back into routines and reconnecting with friends. And yes, it does feel a little ironic that the best weather has arrived just as school has gone back.

School times and breaks

- School starts at 8.45am for all grades. Our gates open at 8.30am.
- Recess runs from 11.00 to 11.35. Students eat from 11.00 to 11.10, then have outdoor play from 11.10 to 11.35.
- Lunch runs from 1.35 to 2.05. Students eat from 1.35 to 1.45, then have outdoor play from 1.45 to 2.05.
- Dismissal is at 3.00pm for all grades.

Meet the teacher

We will be holding a Meet the Teacher afternoon on Wednesday 11 February from 3.00 to 4.30. This is a great opportunity to pop in, say hello and connect with your child's teacher. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

School uniform

A reminder of our uniform approach. Our policy states that students not in approved school uniform will be offered a school uniform item to wear for the day.

To support families, the school has a range of additional uniform items. If a student arrives out of uniform, they can visit the Ready Room where their clothing will be hung safely for the day and exchanged for the uniform item they need. At the end of the day, items are returned and swapped back.

Hats are required during Term 1. Please ensure hats are wide-brimmed and clearly named.

Road safety and parking

Latrobe City Council has asked us to remind families that safe parking and road behaviour during drop off and pick up times is essential. Please ensure you are following parking signage, not parking on nature strips, footpaths or driveways, and keeping all access ways clear. When traveling around the school, please be mindful of the speed you are travelling. Children are impulsive so please make sure you are travelling slow enough to stop quickly if somebody runs out unexpectedly.

Attendance matters

We were really pleased with the improvement in school attendance during 2025 and we are keen to keep that momentum going. Regular attendance makes a real difference to learning and wellbeing. We have special prizes for classes and students with great attendance!

Breakfast program

Our Breakfast Program will begin on Monday 2 February. We are very pleased to be able to offer this support to our students again.

We are looking forward to a positive and settled year ahead and thank you, as always, for your support.

Simone Richardson, Principal.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT @ MORWELL PARK

Our focus for Term 1 Week 2 is:
We wear our uniform

How you can help:

- Have uniform washed and ready for school days
- Write names on jumpers so they can be returned
- Have a sunsafe hat ready for Term 1 and Term 4

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

MORWELL PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

MEET THE TEACHER

START OF YEAR OPEN CLASSROOM EVENT

POP IN AND SAY HELLO TO
YOUR CHILD'S 2026 TEACHING TEAM AND
CHECK OUT THEIR NEW CLASSROOM

WEDNESDAY 11TH FEB 3:00 - 4:30PM



MEET YOUR
CHILD AT
THEIR GATE

FREE ICY
POLES FOR
ALL KIDS