



Morwell Park P S

School Community Newsletter

76-82 Vary St, MORWELL. 3840
Ph. 5134 1793,
email - morwell.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au
www.morwellparkps.vic.edu.au

3rd February, 2022



Like us on
Facebook

Morwell Park Primary
School Official

IMPORTANT DATES

Every Wednesday February	Preps do not attend school.
Friday, 11th Feb	Issue 1 Book club due back.
Wednesday, 16th Feb	Otto Ford Swimming for selected students.

Principals Report

Great Start to the Year

Welcome to all in our community. It has been a terrific start to the school year and children are to be congratulated for their efforts and attitude. As I do my rounds of the school and during recess and lunchtime there is a great tone and it is a credit to our students.

Recess and Lunchtimes

SCHOOL COMMENCES

All grades 8.45

RECESS

Eat play lunch 10.45 – 10.55

Play 10.55 – 11.20

LUNCH

Eat lunch 1.30 – 1.40

Play 1.40 – 2.00

DISMISSAL

All grades 3.00

Welcome new staff

Welcome to our new staff Adriana D’Alia (grade 1), Eliza Famularo (grade 4) and Jai Massese (grade 5). We wish them all the best as they join our team.

Farewell Mr Credlin

Farewell to Mr Credlin who has retired from teaching. Mr Credlin has been an outstanding teacher and Principal at Morwell Park compiling over 30 years of service to our community.

His positive contribution to the lives of so many students is immeasurable. We wish him a long and happy retirement which is so richly deserved.

New Playground

We were very pleased to finally open up our new playground which is situated near our bike shed. This playground was organised by our 2021 Junior School Council however with the numerous COVID restrictions during 2021 took a considerable amount of time to go from planning to installation.

School Uniform

Our school policy states : ‘Students not in the approved school uniform will be offered a school uniform in exchange for their non uniform for the duration of the school day’

Quite simply our school has purchased many additional school uniform items which will assist those students who for whatever reason are unable to attend in school uniform.

All they will be required to do is go to the ‘Ready Room’ where whatever they are wearing to school will be hung on a coat hanger for the day and exchanged for whatever item of clothing they require to be in uniform.

At the end of the day they return the item/s to exchange for the clothing they came to school in.

Traffic around the school:

As school has resumed, we all need to be extra careful and responsible around our neighbourhood. Driving or walking to and from school should be done in a manner that models the care and responsibility adults have in this regard. Please remind your children about the following:

- When riding bicycles and/or scooters to school, wear the approved helmet and ride in an alert and responsible manner, and
- When walking to school, stick to the paths, use school crossings and be alert to traffic and others.

Chris Joustra, Principal

COVID Process Updates

Rapid Antigen Test pick up and testing times:

- Free rapid antigen tests were made available for families to pick up from school on Friday 28th January. If you were unable to pick up your child's RAT test kit please contact our office staff to arrange a suitable time to do so
- It's recommended all students and staff are tested at home twice-a-week.

We advise that testing of all school aged children should to be done on Sunday nights before starting school on Mondays and Wednesday nights before starting school on Thursdays.

Reporting and managing positive results:

- If your child has a positive test on their Rapid Antigen Test you must:
 - Phone the school on 51 341793 or message on Seesaw.
 - Contact The Department of Health via the COVID 19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self – Reporting form or call on 1800 675 398.
- If your child has tested positive, they must isolate for 7 days and cannot attend school.
- If your child is a household contact of a positive case, they must inform the school and isolate for 7 days and not attend school during this time.
- If your child is sick, please do not send them to school and do a Rapid Antigen Test. Please keep all unwell children at home even if they have a negative Rapid Antigen Test until they are better.
- There is no need to report a negative Rapid Antigen Test result to school.

Masks:

- All students in Years 3 to 6 **must wear** a facemask indoors at all times.
- Students in Years Prep to 2 are strongly recommended to wear facemasks while indoors.

Parents and Carers Onsite:

- At this stage **no parents or carers can enter any of the school buildings** except for our office area when necessary. Please be advised if you need to attend the school office you must show proof of your double vaccination, QR Code in and wear a face mask.

Vaccination requirements for students

COVID-19 vaccinations for students are not required for them to attend school but vaccination for students is highly encouraged. If your child has not yet had their first dose, please try to organise this as soon as possible. For more information on how to book a vaccination, including important information about vaccination for children aged 5 to 11, visit [Vaccination information for children and teenagers](#).

Ventilation

All classrooms are well ventilated by opening windows and doors, to minimise the risk of infection. We have also received air purifiers which have been placed around the school as an added safety measure.

Chris Joustra, Principal.

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 2021, and there has been NO change in your family circumstances your application will be copied to 2022.

You need to complete an 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 2022 or you did not apply in 2021.
- **Changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commenced at the school in 2022, eg new prep children.

A CSEF application also entitles Prep students to a WINTER WARMER UNIFORM PACK, issued in Term 2, consisting of a windcheater, trackpants and shoes.

Order forms will be provided when available.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE - Contact the office for more info or a CSEF application form.



Issue 1 of Book Club went out this week and is due back by **Friday 11th February.**

Visit www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the app to order online, or return the order form and cash or chq to the office.

(Please make cheques payable to Morwell Park P.S **NOT** Scholastic).

Each order helps the school earn bonus points that we can order free books for the school library and Lexile program.

Thanks, Mrs Maruzza.

Come play tennis at the Morwell Tennis Club in 2022

Hotshots Tennis: A program teaching children aged 4-12 the basis of the game.

Let's Play Tennis: A program for children aged 12 and above. Groups available for those that have never played before and for those that want to improve on their current skills.

FREE Come & Try Session: Call for times

FREE trial lessons available for all programs.

FREE junior racquet and Hotshots T-Shirt for all new players.

Contact:

Glen 0408 762 679
Sally 0403 282 630

