

Morwell Park P S

School Community Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 6th & Monday 9th Dec	Gr 6 - Kurnai Yr 7 Transition days.
Monday 9th December	School Council meeting 5pm.
Tuesday 10th December	Statewide Transition Day. Yr 6 - Kurnai & Kinder - Prep.
Wednesday 11th December	Raffle tickets and money due back by 9.00am .
Thursday 12th & Friday 13th Dec	Prep Swimming in Schools Program. 10.45-1.15pm .
Friday 13th December	Raffle drawn.
Monday 16th December	Gr 5 Ultimate Holiday Gifts at Gippsland Tech School. Gr 1. 9.00-11.50 & Gr 2. 12.00-2.50.
Wednesday 18th December	Gr 6 Graduation. Morwell Football Netball Club
Friday 20th December	Last day of Term four, children dismissed 1.30pm.

Principals Report

2025 Classroom Teachers Whilst not fully confirmed our likely arrangement of teachers in 2025 will be.

- **Prep:** Holly Maruzza, Maddy Didjurgies, Sarah Hamilton
- **Grades One & Two:** Cameron Tingay, Tomika Ross, Gareth Child, Rachael Langley, Riley Oddy, Melissa McInerney
- **Grades Three & Four:** Jarryd Pickett, Maria Demetriou, Jai Massese, Eliza Famularo, Ashlee Collinson, plus one undecided position
- **Grades Five & Six:** Courtney Garth, Tyler Hillier, Adriana D'Alia, Marlee Hillier, Xavier Hughes, Kristy Daniels, plus one undecided position.

Retiring Teachers

As we near the end of 2024, I would like to acknowledge four of our amazing teachers as they move into retirement. Earlier this year we said goodbye to Mr Cruikshank who has taught at MPPS for thirty-seven years and been a teacher with the Department of Education (DET) since 1983. Mr Cruikshank has overseen our OH&S responsibilities for some years, actively contributing to the safety of all staff, students and visitors during that time.

At the end of this year, we will bid farewell to Mrs Lane who has also been with us for thirty-seven years and DET since 1982. Mrs Lane has been loved by numerous students over the years and actively supported many student teachers to become fully qualified.

Our music teacher Mrs O'Brien will also be hanging up her dancing shoes after working at MPPS for the past five years and having thirty-six years of teaching experience under her belt.

Finally, we will also say goodbye to Mr Quirk who has worked at MPPS for the past thirteen years on our Wellbeing Team. Mr Quirk has been a leading teacher, supporting our students with additional needs and their families to access education and needed services, he has been teaching since 1986.

I thank you all for your dedicated service to the students, and your outstanding collegiality. I wish you each an amazing retirement, you certainly deserve it!

Leaving Children in Cars

Summer has officially arrived, and the weather is heating up. Over the past week or so, I have had visitors mention they have noticed children being left in cars unattended. Children can die in hot cars and the risk is highest in summer. The temperature inside a parked car can be 20 to 30 degrees hotter than the temperature outside. Babies and children are far more sensitive to the heat.

Parents and drivers need to be aware of the risks of leaving children in cars. Although you might only intend to quickly pop in to school, it doesn't take much to become distracted, so I ask you all to please take your children with you whenever you get out of your car.

Grade 6 Graduation

Our Grade Six students are very excited for their Graduation on December 18th. Students are to arrive at the Morwell Football Netball Club at 11.30am for lunch. Parents and carers are then invited to join students at 1.15pm for the graduation ceremony.

School Council Meeting

A reminder to school councillors that our final meeting for the year is at 5.00pm on Monday December 9.

New Year of Learning Webpage

The Victorian government has launched a webpage containing information and resources to support children for a new year of learning in 2025. You can find resources for Kinder, Primary and Secondary here: <https://www.vic.gov.au/new-year-learning>

Simone Richardson, Acting Principal.



WEEKLY AWARDS

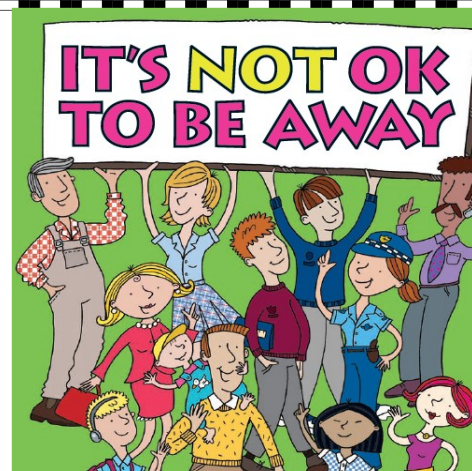


Prep	Sophia B, Ilana P
Gr 1	Miriam A, Cruze L, Selina U
Gr 2	Indy L, Cara L
Gr 3	Maelah K, Mitchell M
Gr 4	Ivy M, Tyler B, Phoenix W
Gr 5	Crystal A, Abel W, Mishton W
Gr 6	N/A due to excursion.

ARTISTS AWARDS	N/A
PE AWARDS	N/A
MUSIC AWARDS	1B
SCIENCE AWARDS	2C and Jax T, 2C
LIBRARY AWARDS	2C and Nymira H B, 2C
TEACHER OF THE WEEK	

SCHOOL VALUE AWARDS.

KIND:	Renesmee G, 3D
GRITTY:	Sasha P, 4F
FOCUSED:	Noah T, 4M



ATTENDANCE AWARD
Grade

4F, 1T, 2C



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Drawn on Friday 13th December.

Raffle tickets have been sent home with the eldest child in the family.

All tickets are to be returned by 9am on Wednesday 11th December, the raffle will be drawn on Friday 13th December.

*Please write the purchasers name **and** phone number clearly on each ticket and return to the school marked CHRISTMAS RAFFLE. Please return any unsold tickets.*

PREPS 2025

**2ND HAND UNIFORM SALE
@ PREP TRANSITION DAY
TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER
9.00-10.30AM**

Come along and stock up for the start of 2025 school year at our 2nd Hand Uniform Sale.

Items \$1.00 each. Lots of jumpers & hoodies, some small dresses and a few polos available.

Mid Valley Summer Holidays FREE FUN!



What's on...

Ice Cream Decorating Workshops

Wednesday 15th to Friday 17th January
Session times: 1.30pm, 2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm
LOCATED NEAR BOWS NATURAL ICE CREAM



Storytime Fun with Latrobe City Libraries

Saturday 18th January
From 10.30am
LOCATED IN THE KIDS ZONE NEAR ALDI



Fairy Face Painting

Saturday 18th January
11am to 1pm
LOCATED IN THE KIDS ZONE NEAR ALDI



Aussie Colouring Bag Giveaway

Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th January
10.30am to 1.30pm
Kids receive a FREE colouring bag filled with activities to decorate and keep.
LOCATED IN THE KIDS ZONE NEAR ALDI

*No bookings required. Parental supervision required. Giveaways are 1 per child up to 12 years, while stocks last.



Catch a movie at Village Cinemas during the school holidays
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Visit the Kids Activity Zone near ALDI for FREE colouring fun!



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MERRY MORWELL Festival

Proudly hosted by
Advance MORWELL

5pm to 8:30pm
MORWELL TOWN COMMON
(Wooden Playground)

THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER



Car Show 5 Prizes to WIN!

• Food Trucks & Stalls

• Market Stalls

• Christmas Carols
by Local Schools



All stall holder enquiries please email alfi@coolgroup.com.au

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DOJO REWARD

INFLATABLE WORLD

I really like the mushroom inflatable in the middle of the room because we kept falling off – **Connor**

Thank you so so much for having the inflatable world as a Dojo reward. My fave thing was playing tag with my friends because we ran all around and climbed – **Kadence**

Thank you for this amazing day at inflatable world. The thing I liked the most was the big inflatable pillow that you could jump on because Nada, Shamima and I kept pushing each other off the inflated pillow onto the inflatable floor. Everything was so fun! – **Yasmin**





Free Dress Friday



& Xmas Raffle

When you come to school every day for a week during the month of December, you can wear casual clothes on the Friday and get a ticket into our Christmas raffle!

