



### IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, 20th November	Parent Association Special Lunch Day.
Thursday, 21st November	Prep Get Ready day. <b>1.45pm-2.30pm.</b>
Thursday, 28th November	Creative Arts Show & Shine. <b>3.00-4.15pm.</b>
Friday, 29th November	Gr 6 Gumbuya World excursion. <b>9.00-4.00</b>
Friday, 29th November	DOJO Reward—Inflatable World.
Thursday, 5th December	School Council meeting 5pm.
Thursday, 5th December	Prep Get Ready day. <b>1.45pm-2.30pm.</b>
Friday & Monday, 6th & 9th Dec	Gr 6 –Kurnai Yr 7 Transition.
Tuesday, 10th December	Statewide Transition Day.

### Principals Report

#### Mr. Joustra - Health Update

I am very excited to announce that Mr. Joustra has finally been moved from the ICU. Although he has a long recovery ahead of him, he is no longer in danger and is getting stronger every day. We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to eventually having him back on deck.

#### Mobile Phones

The 'Students Using Mobile Phones Policy' for all Victorian Government Schools which was introduced in term 1 2020, requires that students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours, including recess and lunchtime.

In most cases it is best children don't bring a phone to school at all. Those who for sound reasons require a phone, will be required to have the phone locked in a secure location.

#### Breakfast Club

A reminder that Breakfast Club opens at 8.30am and finishes on the bell at 8.45am. We have changed our toastie morning from Friday to Thursdays for Term 4.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our wellbeing team for their continued commitment to caring for our students each and every day.

#### Creative Arts Show and Shine

Staff and students are looking forward to our special afternoon in a fortnight. On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November from 3.00 – 4.15pm we will exhibit some of the amazing artworks that our students have produced throughout the year. Staff will host some special activities in their classrooms and display some of the students' work samples. We are excited to be able to share your children's learning with parents, carers and special persons.

#### School Saving Bonus

Please read the School Saving Bonus UPDATE included in this newsletter. Important dates are listed, so that families are aware of the timeline and details on how the funds can be used. Further information available online at: <https://www.vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus>

#### Wellbeing Support

As we approach the end of the school year, I am very conscious that the demands of Christmas will place a heavy financial burden on some of our families. If we can relieve some of that pressure by supporting your family with a box of basic food items, please let office staff know before Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November. We will only order according to need, so you must ensure you notify us before the cut-off date. Boxes will be distributed to families in December.

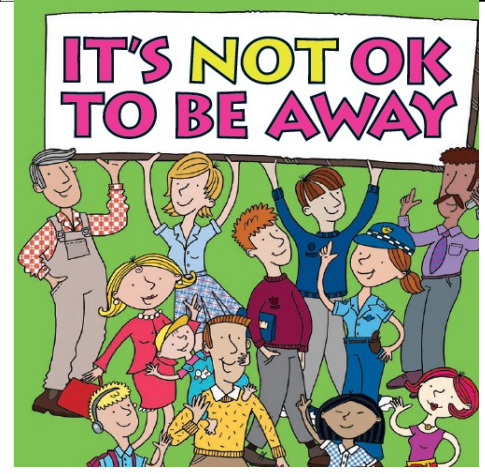
*Simone Richardson*, Acting Principal.



# WEEKLY AWARDS



<b>Prep</b>	N/A due to excursion		
<b>Gr 1</b>	Autumn H T, Elyse M, Nathaniel M		
<b>Gr 2</b>	Owen H, Gemma F		
<b>Gr 3</b>	Michael O’N, Matilda M		
<b>Gr 4</b>	Hunter C, Aengus H, Matthew J C		
<b>Gr 5</b>	N/A due to excursion		
<b>Gr 6</b>	Joel A, Levi R		
<b>ARTISTS AWARDS</b>	2C	and	Visaagan K
<b>PE AWARDS</b>			
<b>MUSIC AWARDS</b>	2C	and	Jax T 2C
<b>SCIENCE AWARDS</b>	4C	and	Charles A 4M
<b>LIBRARY AWARDS</b>			
<b>TEACHER OF THE WEEK</b>	Mrs Little		Mrs Maruzza
<b><u>SCHOOL VALUE AWARDS.</u></b>			
<b>KIND:</b>	Nevaeh N, 3D		
<b>GRITTY:</b>	Jayden P, 4P		
<b>FOCUSED:</b>	Lurose P, 6D		



## ATTENDANCE AWARD Golden Ticket for attendance October

- Prep: Malakai W
- Gr 1: Mary A
- Gr 2: Gemma F
- Gr 3: Destyn C
- Gr 4: Jaidyn G
- Gr 5: Ethan S
- Gr 6: Akaydia G

**2ND HAND UNIFORM JUMPER/HOODY SALE**  
*Thursday 28th November  
 3.00-4.15pm. .*

*Get sorted for the 2025 school year with our 2nd hand jumper & hoody clothing at \$1.00 each.*

*Great range of sizes available at The Show & Shine afternoon on Thursday 28th November, 3.00-4.15pm. .*

*Look forward to seeing you there.*

**2025 Enrolments**

Enrolments for next year are now well under way.

If you have a child who will be attending Morwell Park next year and you haven’t already done so, please contact the office to arrange an appointment to complete the necessary paperwork.

If you know that your child/ren will **not be continuing at MP in 2025** please notify the office.

Thank you.

# School Saving Bonus UPDATE. | November 2024

## Parent and carer School Saving Bonus code distribution.

The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus – a one-off \$400 support for government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025.

From Tuesday 26 November 2024, you will receive an email from the Department of Education with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code.

The School Saving Bonus will help families cover the cost of uniforms, textbooks, excursions, activities and more.

If you have multiple children enrolled in Victorian government schools for 2025, you will receive one School Saving Bonus code email per child. These emails might arrive on different days. Please make sure to check your spam/junk email folder.

Parents and carers can use the School Saving Bonus code in store at school-nominated suppliers. Parents and carers can also choose to access the School Saving Bonus online system, where they can allocate part or all the \$400 bonus to use at school nominated-online suppliers or for school activities.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, visit School Saving Bonus | vic.gov.au (www.vic.gov.au). A step-by-step user guide will be available on the webpage on 26 November.

If you have not received your School Saving Bonus code via email by Friday 29 November, please contact the Department of Education by email: [school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au)

**NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 15<sup>TH</sup> & 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**3 DAYS ONLY**

**20% OFF EVERYTHING\***

**INCLUDING SCHOOLWEAR**



**ZERO AND REWARDS CARD HOLDERS  
USE YOUR CARD AT CHECKOUT**

**ZERO CARD BENEFITS**

<b>NO INTEREST EVER</b>	<b>5% INSTANT SAVINGS</b>	<b>5% REWARDS POINTS</b>	<b>SHOP NOW PAY LATER</b>
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## WHAT IS SIDE BY SIDE?

We are a support team who work with children and their families to boost school connection, attendance and literacy skills for students in Years 1 to 4.

We work closely with families, students and schools to:

- Get to know and build positive connections with students and families
- Gather and share information to meet student learning needs
- Achieve a positive, successful education experience for children

## HOW DO FAMILIES JOIN THE SIDE BY SIDE PROGRAM?

We are currently working with Morwell Park to identify families that may wish to participate in 2025.

Our support workers will be contacting these families over the coming weeks and inviting care givers to have a chat with us, so we can share more information, answer questions and seek consent for participation in the program

**SIDE BY SIDE**

## WHO WORKS WITH FAMILIES AND STUDENTS?

Each family and child participating will work directly with a teacher and support worker.

We have family support workers from both Berry Street and VACCA. VACCA family support staff will generally work with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.

## MEET THE GIPPSLAND TEAM

