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School Community Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday-Friday, 20th-24th July	Grade 5 & 6 Swimming in Schools Program
Friday, 24th July	Issue 5 Bookclub due back ONLINE .
Thursday, 23rd July	Planned Stop Work Action.
Friday, 24th July	Permission forms & payment due back for "Rapunzel".
Wednesday, 29th July	Alpha Shows 'Rapunzel' performance in the Gym.
Thursday, 30th July	School Council meeting at 5pm.
Tuesday, 11th August	2027 Prep Come and Try Session - 2.15-2.45pm.

Principals Report

Welcome Back

Welcome back for the start of Term 3. It has certainly been a chilly start to the term, which brings two important reminders.

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the colder weather so they can stay warm and comfortable throughout the school day.

Please take extra care when driving around our school. Slippery roads and children do not mix. While we have staff supervising at gates and crossings before and after school, children can still be unpredictable. We ask all drivers to slow down, remain alert and allow plenty of extra time when travelling through the school zone. Term 3 is a ten week term ending on Friday 18 September.

Swimming Program

Our school swimming program will be running throughout Term 3 for children in Grades 1 to 6.

Our Grade 5/6 students will kick things off next week, followed by the remaining year levels later in the term.

To help make the day run as smoothly as possible, please ensure your child wears their bathers or swim shorts underneath their school uniform, brings a towel, underwear and a plastic bag to carry their wet items home.

Participation in the swimming program is dependent on student behaviour. The safety of our students and staff is our highest priority, and it is essential that students follow all instructions from school staff and swimming instructors at all times. Students who are unable to demonstrate safe and respectful behaviour may not be able to participate in the program.

School Council Meetings

Our School Council will meet twice during Term 3, with meetings scheduled for Thursday 30 July and Thursday 3 September.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday 13 August and Friday 14 August.

Booking information will be sent home next week. We encourage all families to take the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher.

Staff Stop Work Action

Included in this newsletter is a letter from the Australian Education Union (AEU) regarding the planned statewide stop work action next Thursday 23 July.

The letter outlines the reasons for the industrial action and provides further information for families. We encourage parents and carers to take a few moments to read the attached information.

School Production

Term 3 is a big one for our Performing Arts crew as they prepare for this year's production, Shrek! Over the coming weeks, our talented cast and staff will be busy rehearsing, learning songs, perfecting choreography and bringing the much loved story to life. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and commitment our students are already showing and can't wait to share the finished production with our school community.

More information about performance dates, ticket sales and other important details will be shared with families later this term. We know it is going to be a fantastic show and look forward to seeing everyone there!

Simone Richardson,

Principal.



WEEKLY AWARDS



Prep

Gr 1

Gr 2

Gr 3

Gr 4

Gr 5

Gr 6

ARTISTS AWARDS

Prep A and Daphne C, 3H

PE AWARDS

3A and Isabella I, 2M

PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS

4F and Jaeda F, Prep R

SCIENCE AWARDS

SCHOOL VALUE AWARDS.

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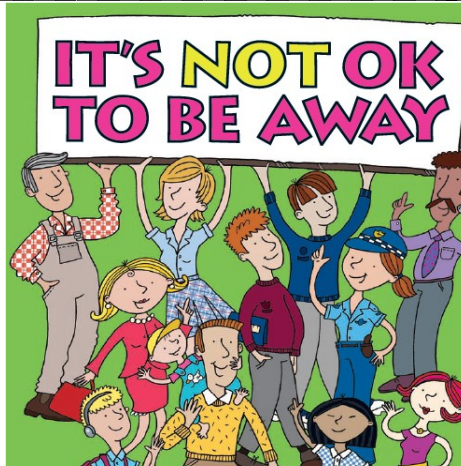
Max F, 6M

GRITTY:

Harley B, Prep R

FOCUSED:

Cevine A, 3P



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AEU STOPWORK 23 JULY 2026

15/07/2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your important support for our campaign for improved pay and conditions. At the moment an agreement between the state government and AEU members is not yet in place and the dispute remains unresolved. This means AEU members at [insert school name here] will be stopping work for 24 hours on Thursday 23 July 2026. It is important that you know exactly why we have reluctantly decided to take this action.

We understand our action presents difficulties for some parents and carers. However, the fact is that when it comes to investing in education, Victoria is bottom of the class. We are very concerned about the impact of this on your child's education.

Every other state and territory fund their public schools to the minimum amount required, except for Victoria. The Allan Labor government has made the deliberate decision to not fund Victorian public schools to the nationwide funding standard, which means that staff at our school are regularly working many hours of unpaid overtime each week to ensure that students receive the support and educational programs they deserve. The goodwill of teachers, education support staff, and principals is no replacement for full and proper funding. Victorian public schools can no longer be the lowest funded in the country and AEU members are standing together to demand that our schools are fully funded.

Australian Education Union members in every public school across Victoria are trying to get the state government to fund our schools properly and deliver a new pay and conditions agreement. While an offer was made by the government in May this year, it failed to address some key concerns including in relation to workloads that need to be better addressed in a revised offer.

At the moment, the state government refuses to make the investment that would properly allow schools to recruit and retain the staff needed. With only 3 in 10 public school workers planning to stay in their jobs until retirement, nothing is more important for the learning and wellbeing of our students than retaining the existing workforce and attracting the next generation, especially at a time of ongoing staffing shortages.

This means as union members we are left with no alternative but to take further stopwork action on 23 July 2026, and we would like to count on your support in this campaign.

Please let the state government know that you want Victorian public schools to be fully funded and for public school staff to have increased salaries and improved conditions. One supportive action that you can take would be to write to your state Labor member of the Victorian Parliament to tell them that you expect your school to be fully funded and that school staff receive pay and conditions that reflect the importance and value of their work.



Please use this QR code to find the contact details of your local Labor member of parliament.

AEU members at Morwell Park Primary School thank you for your support.