



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 4th Feb	Deposit due for Gr 6 Waratah Bay Camp.
Tuesday 5th Feb	Meet the teachers. 3.00-4.30
Wednesday 13th Feb	Otto Ford Swimming Carnival for children participating.
Friday 15th Feb	Final payment due for Gr 6 Waratah Bay Camp.
Monday 18th Feb	Deposit due for Gr 5 Wilson Prom Camp.
Tues-Fri 19th-22nd Feb	Gr 6 Waratah Bay Camp.
Monday 25th Feb	Final payment due for Gr 5 Wilson Prom Camp.
Tues-Fri 5th-8th Mar	Gr 5 Wilson Prom Camp.
Mon-Fri 25th-29th Mar	Gr 4 Woorabinda Camp.

LOGO PRINTING

Starting next week printing of the logo on school shirts and jumpers will be done on Thursday.

Thank you.



Morwell Park
'Sun Smart' hats
are compulsory in
Term 1 & 4.

Hats are only available from
LOWES at Mid Valley.

Principal's Report

Great Start to the Year

Welcome to all in our community. It has been a terrific start to the school year and all 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

As per the 2018 arrangements, our recess and lunchtimes will continue to be split across the school.

	P-2 & 6	3, 4 & 5
RECESS	10.40 - 11.00	11.00 - 11.20
LUNCH	12.40 - 1.15	1.15 - 1.50
DISMISSAL	3.00	3.00

Ready Room

From time to time students arrive to school or during the course of the day unable to participate successfully in their classroom for a variety of reasons, usually social / emotional. During these times they typically require some one on one support to get themselves ready to engage in learning.

Our ready room which is supported by our social worker, nurse and welfare staff will be available to assist students. A reminder that Lisa our social worker and Kathryn our nurse are available to support children and families.

School Uniform

At our school council meeting in December last year the following amendment to our school uniform policy was made: '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 were unable to attend in school uniform.

All they will be required to do is go the 'Ready Room' whereby 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 uniform item 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. 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,
- When walking to school, stick to the paths, use school crossings and be alert to traffic and others,
- Bikes, skateboards, scooters and rollerblades are not to be ridden in the school grounds unless permission is granted by the duty teachers.

Meet the Teachers

After school on next Tuesday February 5 teachers will be available up until 4.30 to meet with parents and have any preliminary discussions you may wish to have regarding their child and the year ahead.

A more formal parent teacher interview will be held later this term. Parents are reminded they are able to seek an interview with teachers at any time by appointment.

Chris Joustra, 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 and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are 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 the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 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 in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

