



Morwell Park P S

School Community Newsletter

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Morwell Park Primary
School Official

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, 3rd March	Whole school excursion to Mirboo Nth Pool.
Mon-Thur, 6th-9th March	Gr 4 & 6 Swimming in Schools Program.
Tuesday, 7th March	Parent Association meeting in staffroom at 8.50am.
Wednesday, 8th March	Division Swimming for children participating.
Monday, 13th March	Labour Day Holiday. NO SCHOOL.
Wednesday, 15th-27th March	NAPLAN, Gr 3 & 5.
Friday, 31st March	Gr 3 & 4 Netta, for children participating.
Monday, 3rd April	Curriculum Day. NO children at school.
Wednesday, 5th April	Morwell Park Athletics. Gr 3-6.

Principals Report

Badge Presentation

Prior to our Mirboo North Pool excursion tomorrow, we will be holding a badge presentation assembly at 8.45am. Mr Anthony Rodaughan, Principal of Kurnai College, will be presenting all our student representatives with their badges.

Parents are most welcome to come in for the presentation.

Mirboo North Pool

A reminder that tomorrow our whole school has an activity day at Mirboo North Pool. At this stage the weather forecast is for 24 degrees. The Mirboo North pool is solar heated so unless there are thunderstorms the day is likely to proceed.

There is no cost for the day and all children are expected to attend. There are two pools (one very shallow) and a water play area so non swimmers will still be able to enjoy the day.

Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs)

RATs are available at school and early childhood settings to continue to support early detection and prevent further COVID infection.

Testing is strongly recommended for both students and staff who present with any of the COVID symptoms.

Thank you for your continued support.

Names On Clothing

There is a growing pile of unclaimed clothing in the student reception area. A simple way to avoid the cost of having to replace lost clothing is to write your child's name on every item which may be removed at school; jumper and hat.

Daily we are handed lost jumpers and hats. Our first action is to check for a name and return it to the owner. No name – no return.

Snack Attack

Attached to our newsletter is information regarding 'Snack Attack' which will be held in our newly constructed multipurpose room on Fridays commencing March 17.

'Ourplace' in conjunction with supporting agencies including 'Keyassets' will be providing ongoing events and activities throughout the year. These events and activities will also support the Early Learning Centre (kindergartens) attached to our school.

Chris Joustra,

Principal.



WEEKLY AWARDS

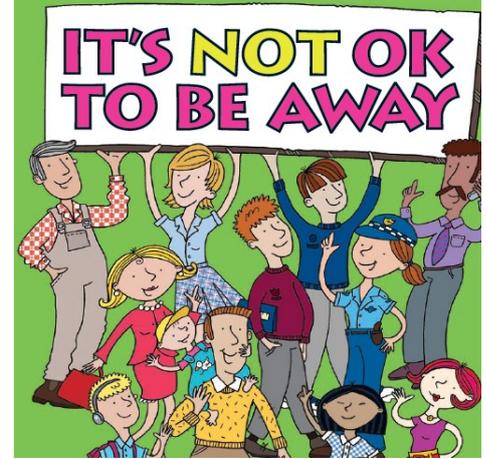


- Prep** William M, Amelia B, Luke G
- Gr 1** Adisyn R, Hunter O
- Gr 2** Mitchell M, Tyler B, Harley J
- Gr 3** Ayaan R, Willow C, Synnthia E
- Gr 4** Hammad A, Abel W, Aurnyn H
- Gr 5** Kyle S, Ebony W, Lucas C
- Gr 6** Travis W, Dayne C, Lilly O

- ARTISTS AWARDS** Gr 4A & Gr 6B
- PE AWARDS** Gr 4
- MUSIC AWARDS** Gr 3 & 5

SCHOOL VALUE AWARDS.

- KIND:** Brendan H, Gr 4
- GRITTY:** Georgie P, Gr 1
- FOCUSED:** Indy L, Gr 1



ATTENDANCE AWARD

Grade 3
93.4%



Morwell Park Primary School Parents Committee



We welcome all Parents/Carers of Morwell Park Primary School to attend our first meeting of the year.

Come along and meet the current members of the Parents Committee and find out what we are all about, what we have planned for this year in regards to fundraising and events for the school, and how to get involved to help in organizing our fundraisers throughout the year.

- Meeting Date: **Tuesday, 7th March 2023**
- Meeting Time: **8.50am**
- Meeting Place: **Morwell Park Primary School - Staff Room**

It is a great opportunity to get to know the school, the staff, the surrounds and the goings on, from everyday happenings to future plans. We would love to see some new faces and to have some fresh ideas as well.

If you are unable to attend but would like more information or to be involved, please send your contact details to the Parents Committee email address of mppsparentscommittee@yahoo.com.

Latrobe City Community Gaming Support Fund

Our school and its children are fortunate to have been granted significant funding over the past few years to purchase a number of Sensit “cuddle” chairs to place throughout our classrooms.

These chairs are specially made, designed to stimulate the senses by surrounding and calming the body. They are also fun to sit in when you are calm.



Pictured are some of this year's grade prep students enjoying the comfort of two of our special chairs.

We thank the Latrobe City Community Gaming Support Fund for their generous support of the children at our school. The chairs have definitely proven to be a great help with children who are dysregulated throughout the day, and are also popular with those children who are just looking for a 'special' place to sit.

We hope to purchase more chairs in the future with further funding from Latrobe City.

Adrian Quirk – Welfare Coordinator MPPS



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MARCH 9TH & 10TH

**ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS
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SHOP INSTORE & ONLINE

*T&C'S APPLY, SAVINGS OFF ORIGINAL PRICES.

LunchRun are excited to announce the introduction of a new convenient and healthy online lunch ordering system, via Spriggy Schools.

Delivery of lunch orders will be available to

Morwell Park Primary School

TUESDAY & FRIDAY



Steps to get started:

1. Go to www.spriggyschools.com.au to register and download the app. Parents can check our LunchRun Facebook page for links.
2. Add a profile for each of your children, making sure you select your child's SCHOOLNAME and your child's class.
3. Start placing lunch orders! Order cut off times will be **7:30PM THE NIGHT BEFORE**. Please note that no changes or alterations can be made after the cut off time. Parents may cancel orders up until 8:30am on the day of delivery via the Spriggy App.
4. Your child's lunch will be prepared by LunchRun (based in Morwell) and delivered to their school by the nominated snack eating time. The school will make arrangements to ensure your child receives their lunchbox, usually from a central collection point. We recommend that you provide your child with an insulated lunchbag with a frozen gel pack for the lunchbox to be stored in.

If you have any questions please contact

Spriggy Schools via their website or

LunchRun on 0493 584 177.

Other available supports

If you require immediate assistance please call Police on 000

The Orange Door - 1800 319 354

Life Line —13 11 16

Kids Help Line—1800 551 800

1800 Respect—1800 737 732



"GPHN Counseling program acknowledges funding through Gippsland Primary Health Network from the Australian Government Department of Health and Aging"

About Uniting

Uniting has stood with local communities in Victoria and Tasmania for more than 100 years, delivering services to people of all ages.

We work in solidarity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as Australia's First Peoples and as the traditional owners of this land.

We celebrate diversity and value the lived experience of people of every ethnicity, faith, age, disability, culture, language, gender identity, sex and sexual orientation. We welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender diverse and non-binary, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ+) people at our services. We pledge to provide inclusive and non-discriminatory services

Locations

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Gippsland Generalist Counselling

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Free and confidential counselling

Uniting

Our FREE generalist counselling services offer support to talk through your worries and work towards your goals.

We work with you to draw on your own resources, resolve problems and explore options to make life choices clearer for you.

Why come to counselling?

Our services aims to provide counselling to young people and adults with concerns or issues relating to;

- Depression and/or anxiety
- Grief and loss
- Family relationships
- Separation
- Stress
- Family violence
- School or work related issues
- Parenting
- Bullying
- Gambling issues
- Drug and/or alcohol use

Generalist counselling can help with;

- Anxiety and depression management
- Communicate more effectively
- Enhance self esteem and goal development
- Behavioural changes
- Find alternative coping strategies for stress
- Take control of your life
- Provide a safe, non-judgmental space to talk about what is troubling you

Who can access the service?

We are a FREE, not-for-profit organisation with experienced, male and female counsellors, who can see adults and children above the age of 5 years old, for a broad range of issues in their lives.

How to access the service?

- Individuals/couples/families can self-refer to our counselling service by contacting 03 5662 5150
- Referrals can also be made by GPs, mental health practitioner or any other supporting organisations by phoning **03 5662 5150** or by email gippsland.counselling@vt.uniting.org
- Appointments can be made at our **Leongatha** or **Morwell** office
- Appointments can be face to face, via phone or telehealth

Privacy and Confidentiality

Everything that you discuss with a counsellor is confidential, unless concerns for your or someone else's safety is evident.



Snack Attack

Event Snack Attack

Date Friday's (through school term)

Time 8.15am—8.45am

Venue Multipurpose Room—Morwell Park Primary School

Description Worried about what snacks to pack into your child's lunch box. Well, we've got you covered with our Morwell Park 'Snack Attack' packs. Parents and Caregivers are encouraged and supported to drop into our express Snack Attack groups that run on Friday mornings, throughout the school term.

Cost FREE

Booking No booking required,.

Contact morwellearlyhelp.vic@keyassets.org.au or 0408 472 341

