

Morwell Park P S

School Community Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, 8th February	Meet the teachers. 3.00-4.00pm
Wednesday, 14th February	JSC Grip Leadership Conference.
Mon-Fri, 12th-23rd February	SSG Meetings.
Friday, 16th February	Gr 1-6 Yallourn North Pool excursion.
Mon-Fri, 19th-23rd February	Gr 3 & 4 Swimming in Schools Program.
Thursday, 22nd February	Questicon Science Circus incursion in the school gym.
Mon-Fri, 26th Feb-1st March	Gr 5 & 6 Swimming in Schools Program
Friday, 1st March	Preps start full time. Mon-Fri, 8.45-3.00.
Wednesday, 6th March	Gr 3-6 School Athletics.
Monday, 11th March	Labour Day Public Holiday. NO SCHOOL.
Tuesday, 12th-15th March	Gr 1 & 2 Swimming in Schools Program.

Principals Report

Welcome to the start of the 2024 school year

Welcome to all in our community. It has been a great start to the school year with our children settling well into our school routine. Isn't it ironic that the best days weather wise have come as school has returned!

Recess and Lunchtimes

SCHOOL COMMENCES All grades 8.45

RECESS

Eat play lunch 11.00 – 11.10 Play 11.10 – 11.35

LUNCH

Eat lunch 1.35 – 1.45 Play 1.45 – 2.05

DISMISSAL All grades 3.00

A reminder that our school gates open at 8.30 am.

Meet the teacher

We will be holding a meet the teacher event next Thursday from 3-4, please see the attached flier.

School Uniform

Our school policy states : '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 are unable to attend in school uniform. All they will be required to do is go to the 'Ready Room' where the clothing that 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 item/s to exchange for the clothing they came to school in.

Please remember that hats are required during Term 1 and make sure they have the student's names on them.

If any families are finding it difficult to purchase uniform please see the staff at 'Our Place' who have many uniform items to lend a hand with.

Latrobe City Local Laws (email from Latrobe City)

"Latrobe City Council would like to remind parents/guardians that during pickup/drop off times, observing road rules and parking restrictions is an important way to keep everyone safe. You can help by;

- Adhering to parking signage,
- Not parking on nature strips, footpaths or passageways
- Not parking on or across a driveway or other way of access

With the commencement of the school year, Local Laws Officers will be conducting patrols of school areas across the Latrobe City Council area, drivers committing offences may be issued with infringement notices."

Attendance Matters

During 2023 we were really pleased with the increase in our school attendance rate. We have a number of incentives to encourage great attendance and we are starting off with a chance to win one of two brand new bikes and scooters for our Preps – see the attached information.

Breakfast Program

Our Breakfast Program will commence tomorrow.

Chris Joustra, Principal.



ASTHMA PLANS

Hello lovely Parents/Caregivers,

If your child has Asthma please provide the school with an up to date asthma plan. We strive to keep all students safe here at school.

If you cannot get into a GP for an asthma plan there will be a GP Clinic at Morwell Central Primary School on 21st Feb 2024 & 20th March 2024.

If you would like an appointment please call the School Nurse Catherine on 0417 972 858 or 51341793.

Netball Victoria and Morwell Netball Association are offering a **FREE NetSetGo** clinic at the Morwell Leisure Centre on Tue 13 Feb 2024 at 4.15pm.

NetSetGo is the official starter program in netball for children aged 5 to 10! It's an experience where children can make new friends, learn new skills, build confidence, and have fun! This free opportunity is for your children to get a taste of the program and to see what the fun is all about!

A NetSetGo program will then be offered to the community beginning 19 March to 14 June 2024 at the Morwell Leisure Centre.

A vibrant green and yellow promotional graphic for a NetSetGo clinic. It features several children in white and blue netball jerseys, some holding green and white netballs. The text 'COME & PLAY!' is written in large, bold, white letters with a green outline. The Woolworths NetSetGo logo is visible in the center. On the right side, there is text about the clinic and a QR code.

Free Woolworths
NetSetGO clinic

TUES 13 FEB

Morwell Netball
Association
4.15PM

SCAN THE
QR CODE TO
REGISTER
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Attendance Matters



Every student. Every day.

Daily school attendance is important for all children to be able to succeed in their education. At Morwell Park Primary, we like to encourage and celebrate student attendance in ways that promote the habit of coming to school daily.

For our Awesome 2024 Prep students, we will be having a 100 days of school celebration and those students who have attended daily will have a chance to win some great prizes!

We are giving away 2 brand new bicycles and 2 brand new scooters!

To have a chance to win, all they need to do is come to school!



1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but

If your child misses...	That equals ...	Which is ...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is...
1 Day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 11
1 Day per week	40 Days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 10
2 Days per week	80 Days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 7
3 Days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Over 8 years	Equals to finishing in grade 4

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 while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a 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:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

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

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



Issue 1 of Book Club must be submitted by **Friday 9th February.**

Visit www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the app to order online.

Each order helps the school earn bonus points that we can order free books for the school library and Lexile program. Thanks, Mrs Maruzza.

Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked **O**nline **O**rdering & **P**ayment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP

or



Follow these **easy** steps!

1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.

2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.

Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

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Item No.

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3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

4 All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

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