

# Morwell Park P S

## School Community Newsletter

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 12th Feb	Otto Ford Swimming, for children participating.
Wednesday 26th Feb	Division Swimming, for children participating.
<b>Monday 9th March</b>	<b>Labour Day Holiday. NO School.</b>
Monday 23rd March	Division Bowls for Gr 5 & 6.

### ICY POLES

*Tomorrow we will be selling icy poles at lunchtime for 50 cents each.*



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

Hats are only available from  
**LOWES** at  
MidValley



### 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 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

We have made minor changes to our recess and lunchtime play arrangements. Recess play has been extended by ten minutes and lunchtime play reduced by ten minutes (classroom teaching time remains unchanged).

#### SCHOOL COMMENCES

All grades 8.45

#### RECESS

Prep-2 & 6 11.10 – 11.40

Gr 3-5 10.30 – 11.00

#### LUNCH

All grades 1.35 – 2.00

#### DISMISSAL

All grades 3.00.

#### 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 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/s 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.

*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](http://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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 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 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- **changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



# Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

## Factsheet for school students and children

### Last updated 29 January 2020

An outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) was detected in Wuhan, China in late December 2019. Cases have been reported predominantly in the city of Wuhan, in the Hubei province of China, as well as some other Chinese cities and countries, including two confirmed cases in Victoria, Australia.

### What is this virus?

Coronaviruses can make humans and animals sick. Some coronaviruses can cause illness similar to the common cold and others can cause more serious diseases, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).

The virus seen in Hubei Province, China is called 'novel' because it is new. It has not been detected before this outbreak. Most people infected live in, or travelled to, Hubei Province, China. There have been cases of 2019-nCoV reported in other Chinese provinces and other countries. It is likely that the virus originally came from an animal, and there is now evidence that it can spread from person-to-person.

### What are the symptoms?

Symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath. Symptoms can take up to 14 days to develop.

### What if my child is well, and returning to school after being in Hubei province, China or other countries with cases in the last 14 days?

**All students and staff members who have travelled to Hubei Province, China, are advised to stay at home and avoid public settings, including attendance at schools and early learning centres, until 14 days after last being in Hubei province, China.**

Children and staff who are well and have travelled to other provinces in China, or any other areas where there have been reported cases, are NOT recommended to be excluded from schools and child care services unless the following applies:

- The person is a confirmed case of novel coronavirus
- The person is a close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus in the past 14 days

### What if my child feels sick now or within 14 days of being in Hubei Province, China or another part of China?

- If your child has a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath, they must be excluded from school and be reviewed by a doctor.
- Seek medical attention but first place a mask on the student if you have one and call the doctor or hospital before you attend. Tell them your child has been in Hubei province, China, or the location of travel within China.
- When you get to the hospital or doctor's clinic, tell them where your child has travelled in China and whether this included Hubei Province. Ensure a mask is placed on your child before or as soon as you arrive at the medical facility.

If your child has severe symptoms, such as shortness of breath:

- Call 000 and request an ambulance, and
- Inform the paramedics where your child has been in China.

### How can I help prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV?

Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence. The most important actions are:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow