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School Community Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

Mon-Thur 26th Feb- 1st Mar	Grade 5 Wilson Prom Camp at Tidal River.
Wednesday 28th Feb	Division Swimming for children participating.
Monday 5th March	Curriculum Day. No children at school.
Friday 9th March	Responsible Pet Ownership. Prep-1.
Monday 12th March	Labour Day Holiday. No school.
Wednesday 21st March	Parent Teacher Interviews.
Friday 23rd March	National Ride2School Day.
Friday 23rd March	Presentation of JSC badges at assembly with Russell North.
Monday 26th March	Prep Family Easter afternoon 2.00-3.00.
Thursday 29th March	Last day of Term One. 1pm dismissal.
Monday 16th April	First day of Term Two.

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

Hats are only
available from
LOWES at MidValley.

Principal's Report

2018 School Council

Congratulations and thank you to our school councillors for 2018, Deb Watson, Kerri Kingston, Claire Randall, Linda Pachl, Kevin Gibson, Belinda Soppe, Kim Riddock and our newly appointed councillor Renee Hawkins. I look forward to working with our new and returning school councillors for another year.

Many thanks to our retiring school councillor Glen Palmer for his service to our school council over the past two years.

We plan to hold our Annual General Meeting on Thursday March 22 at 5pm in our staff room where we elect our office bearers. Immediately following our AGM we will hold our first school council meeting.

Absences

One of Mr Credlin's duties is to closely monitor student absences. This daily role sees Mr Credlin visit each classroom and check attendance. Patterns quickly get noticed and this will result in phone calls home.

Quite simply we cannot teach children who aren't at school and whilst experts tell us that two thirds of a student's development is based on factors outside of the school, we still take our one third very seriously.

Waratah Bay & Tidal River Camps

Our grade 6 students are currently attending their Waratah Bay camp as part of our school's camping program.

Waratah Bay for many is the highlight of the camping program. Our students camp in tents, a great opportunity to not only enjoy the beach but the total outdoor camping experience.

Next Monday our grade 5 students are off to Tidal River and fingers crossed the weather forecast looks great.

Personal Goods Brought To School

From time to time children bring personal goods to school, this may range from simple sporting equipment to various electronic games.

The department of education does not have any insurance policy to cover the loss or damage of any personal goods and does not accept any responsibility for such goods.

Please think carefully before allowing your child to bring any personal items to school.

Curriculum Day March 5

On Monday March 5 the school will be closed for children while teachers participate in 'Protective Behaviours' professional development.

*Chris Joustra,
Principal.*



- ## TIPS FOR BUSY PARENTS

The Value of the Fortnight is:

Consideration



What is it?

Consideration is thinking about how your actions will affect other people and how they will feel. It is being thoughtful.

Consideration is doing things in a manner that benefits you as well as others.

Why practise it?

Without consideration, people behave selfishly. This can lead to arguments because other people feel hurt and ignored.

When you are considerate, other people feel cared for and important. Things are more peaceful.

How to practise it

Consideration means you act as if others are just as important as you are. You become aware of how your actions affect other people. For example, ask yourself, 'Will my action hurt someone else?' If the answer is 'Yes', then find another way to express your feelings so that you respect other people's rights.



Role play and discussion

- A family member has broken their ankle and they are bored.
- You want to listen to your kind of music up loud but the rest of the family can't stand it.
- Your baby cousin has fallen asleep on the couch.

Signs of success

- You think how your actions will affect other people.
- You respect other people's feelings.
- You can be quiet around people who are sleeping or concentrating.
- You look for ways to make life easier for others.



Starter activities

- Using a magazine, cut out a picture of a face that is showing an emotion. Write what emotion you think the person is feeling. How can you tell? Have you ever felt this way? When? Why?
- Make a list of ten things you can do to entertain a person confined to bed with their leg in traction.



From 7th February until 11th May, for every \$10 you spend at Coles you will receive a voucher. Bring the vouchers to school and place them in the marked container near the office, or you can drop them in at the marked containers at any Coles store. Our total so far is **5325**.

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION MASTERS

Sunday 25th February

High Performance Junior Clinic;
1.00-2.00pm Keegan Street Reserve, Morwell.

Then catch the action at 3.00pm when the Masters take on a combined team of local talent. Entry is a gold coin donation.

Players visiting include Doug Bollinger, Andy Bichel, Mark Cosgrove, Julia Price, Greg Matthews, Peter Sleep, Julie Wiener and Brett Greeves.

OTTO FORD SWIMMING RESULTS

Results from last week's Otto Ford Swimming Carnival.

Atta A	1st Backstroke, 3rd Freestyle
Milla R	3rd Freestyle, 2nd Backstroke, 2nd Breaststroke.
Sheila A	3rd Backstroke
Tyson S H	3rd Backstroke
Jorja K	3rd Freestyle, 1st Breaststroke
Alice K	3rd Breaststroke
Thomas B	2nd Breaststroke
Joel G	3rd Breaststroke
Charlie L	3rd Breaststroke

Boys/Mixed Relay 10's 2nd
Thomas B, Atta A, Emmy R & Alice K

Boys/Mixed Relay 11's 2nd
Riley G, Taittum W, Joel G, Kieran W

Girls 12/13 Relay 2nd
Milla R, Sheila A, Bridget M, Jorja K

Boys/Mixed 12/13 3rd
Lachlan R, Charlie L, Tyson S H, Taittum W

Well done to all children and good luck to the children who will go on to compete at the Division Event.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUNDS (CSEF)

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form.

New for 2018

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2017, you do not need to complete an application form in 2018 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 2018 or you did not apply in 2017.
- **Changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commenced at the school in 2018.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

Centrepay

Centrepay is a voluntary bill paying service that is easy to use. You can start, change, or cancel Centrepay deductions at any time to suit your own personal circumstances.

By choosing to use Centrepay you benefit from knowing that your bills are under control. Instead of having large bills every month or quarter, you can pay your bills in manageable amounts from your Centrelink payment, making budgeting easier.

There are many types of expenses you can pay using Centrepay, this now includes MPPS school expenses.

Contact the school office for more information.