



# Moreland Mail

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## 2019 Important Dates

Saturday Feb 16	Bunnings BBQ, Coburg
Wednesday Feb 20	Prep Parent Welcome BBQ
Wednesday Feb 20	Human Powered Vehicle Information Session. 7pm
Tuesday March 5	Ride2School day pancake Tuesday breakfast
Wednesday Feb 27	Information Sharing Interviews
Friday March 8	International Women's Day Activity. 3.30pm
Wednesday March 6	Grade 3 Parent MacBook Information Evening. 7-8.30pm
Thursday March 7	Curriculum Day- No students at school
Monday March 11	Labour Day Public Holiday
Monday March 18	Parent Club AGM including election for roles. 6.30pm
Tuesday March 19	Twilight Sports & Picnic
Friday April 5	Last Day of Term 1
Tuesday April 23	First Day of Term 2
Thursday April 25	Anzac Day Public Holiday
Friday June 7	Curriculum Day- No students at school
Monday June 10	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Friday June 28	Last Day of Term 2
Monday July 15	Term 3 Begins
Friday Sept 20	Last Day of Term 3
Monday Oct 7	Term 4 Begins
Sunday Oct 27	Carnival of Cultures
Nov 4	Curriculum Day- No students at school
Nov 5	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
Dec 20	Last Day of Term 4

### Bunnings BBQ tomorrow at Coburg Bunnings

Come along and support the MPS Bunnings BBQ tomorrow up at Coburg Bunnings on Gaffney Street. We will be selling sausages and drinks all day and would love to see you there.

### Prep Welcome BBQ

**Wednesday 20 February, from 5.30pm-7pm**

Please join us for a barbecue to welcome the beginning of the year for our Prep students and families. This occasion will give parents, children and staff the opportunity to meet and interact in a fun and informal atmosphere. Families are welcome to bring their own picnic dinner or enjoy the sausage sizzle on the night with halal meat sausages in bread (and softdrinks & zooper doopers subject to leftovers from the Bunnings BBQ). Sausages \$2 / Drinks \$1/Zooper Doopers .50c

### Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) Parent/Student information meeting

**Grade 5/6 learning area. 7pm, 20th February**

If your grade 5/6 child is interested in participating in the HPV event please come along to the information session. Both parents and children are invited to attend. Attendance is compulsory for any student wishing to join the team.

### Grade 3 Parent's MacBook Information Evening

**6<sup>th</sup> March 2019. 7.00 – 8.30pm**

You are invited to attend an information session regarding your child's new MacBook. If you are concerned about security, particularly at home, one of our parents VJ Chhagan will tell you many secrets to 'lock down' your child's machine to protect them whilst online. He will also answer all of your questions.

Please let Libby in the office know if you will be attending.

Dear Parents

This year MPS will be holding its bi-annual fete the "Carnival of Cultures" on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 10am – 4pm, to celebrate the diversity of our school and the Moreland community. This is our schools biggest fundraising event and many grounds improvements have been as a result of this event.

## **How do I get involved?**

There are lots of ways you can be involved including:

- Making jams / preserves / arts & crafts
- Donating second hand books, toys, bric-a-brac and good quality clothing
- Painting signage for stalls
- Baking cakes and biscuits in the lead up
- Running or helping on a stall
- Setting up and packing down the weekend of the event

## **Key roles available**

**We are seeking expertise from parents for the following roles.**

- **Sponsorship leader** – obtaining large and small sponsors to donate cash or goods
- **Social media leader** – someone to manage all the social media from the Carnival of Cultures FB page
- **Food stalls co-ordinator** – someone to co-ordinate and oversee the food stalls. Working out menus, equipment requirements, food ordering.
- **Musical performance assistant** – someone to assist in source bands and performers and scheduling performances on the day
- **Fete room helper** – to assist in the Fete/Parent room with sorting donated clothes, toys, books etc. throughout the year.

## **Fete donations**

Please drop off all donations of second hand books, toys, clothes, jams and preserves, glass jars etc to the table in the hallway opposite After School Care room, near sports storeroom.

## **Contact Us**

If you would like to assist in co-ordinating any of these stalls or have some ideas to contribute, please let Alex know (0423726904) or email [speedyhoskins@yahoo.com.au](mailto:speedyhoskins@yahoo.com.au)



## EXTEND UPDATE. 15/02/2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Family Tree Painting	Slime	Capture the Flag	Choir	Group Mural Painting

### The Extend Superstar is...

Attar, for the most incredible Dance skills!

### What's Been Happening?

Congratulations to our Extend Superstar, Attar, who has wowed everyone with his amazing Dance skills and sweet demeanor this week. This week we continued our Extend choir, I was so impressed by how everyone had learnt their songs for homework over the week and it definitely showed up in their singing. Painting also featured this week; we had Flags of the World and Sunset Painting. It was a lot of fun then having a trivia competition linking up the flags we had painted with the World Map!



**Enrol and book now: [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)**

### Clubs at Moreland

#### String Thing

For all students who play a cello, violin or viola. Please come and join the 'String Thing', Tuesday lunch time starting Feb 19 in the performing arts room

**Fencing** - (for students from year 2-6) Thursday lunchtime. Information & Enrolment form are attached to the newsletter or contact the office.

**Coding** - (for students from year 2-6) After school on Monday afternoons.

## 2 West Coburg Football Club

### 0 Junior Registration

**Sunday 17th February**

**10am to 1.00pm**

**1 Shore Reserve Clubrooms**

**Woodlands Ave, Pascoe Vale South**

**9 Recruiting new players – boys and girls – for Under 9, 11 and 13 age groups**

For more information email [registrar@wcfc.com.au](mailto:registrar@wcfc.com.au) or visit the club website at [www.wcfc.com.au](http://www.wcfc.com.au)



### Moreland PS Merri Merri Ck Zine



Future Makers and the Merri Merri Creek Project is starting a magazine, and we are looking for student story tellers, poets, writers, journalists, cartoonists, photographers and artists.

Editor, Nathan Witcher, will work with budding authors, artists, commentators and future trendsetters to produce stories about their own experiences with Merri Ck, to interview friends or family members for their Merri Ck stories, to research the history of Merri Ck, or to make up fantastical adventures with Merri Ck as the setting.

We are hoping to publish a magazine this term, before the official launch of the project in Term 2. If successful, the zine will continue as a student-led periodic record of the project throughout the year.

Students from any grade, as well as teachers, parents and guardians, are welcome to come along to the Japanese Science room, Monday lunch time beginning the 25th of February. Please come with any pens, pencils, paper, laptops, and cameras you think you might need. For more information, turn up on the day or email [nathanwitcher@gmail.com](mailto:nathanwitcher@gmail.com)

More information on Pick My Project & Futuremakers and the Merri Merri Creek appears later in the newsletter.

## **Future Makers and the Merri Merri Creek Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

### **WHAT?**

It is an experimental program that aims to connect our school with the Merri creek (and the Melbourne waterways system) through a series of Indigenous knowledge, art and sustainability residencies.

### **WHY?**

Because we are living in times of environmental crisis and climate change and it is important to learn together how to care for the land and the waters we are part of. We will learn from our local environment and the history of the place we live in and extend our practices of care to the world as global citizens.

### **HOW?**

This program will be embedded in the school curriculum. Each learning area will have a five week Merri creek intensive, composed of two weeks learning with Indigenous Elders and artists, one week with an educator from Merri Creek Management Committee and two weeks with the artist collective Scale Free Network. We will learn through hands-on and practical experiences.

### **WHEN?**

The intensive program will happen for five weeks in each learning area after lunch. This will start in Term 2 with the 1/2's then the 5/6's with the 3/4's in Term 3, to finish with preps in Term 4. At the end of Term 4 muralist and comic artist Michael Fikaris from Silent Army will do an extended collaborative residency with teachers, families and students to create a big mural painted on one of the school walls facing Moreland Rd.

### **WHERE?**

Most of the learning will happen hands-on in the Merri creek. We have partnered with East Coburg Community House who have set a "Merri Merri room" for MPS students to use as a pit stop, only two minutes' walk to the creek. The house has toilet and kitchen facilities and a good roof in case it rains heavily. Shilo Hillman and Lee Palumbo are now running the Community House drop by when you're around that side of Coburg (32 Nicholson St, Coburg VIC 3058).

### **WHO?**

This program involves our community as whole. Students, teachers, parents, our local community, Merri Creek Management Committee, Scale Free Network, Slow Art Collective, Newlands and East Coburg Community House, Oekologie Studio, Michael Fikaris from Silent Army, birds, frogs, water, yam daisy and more!

### **WHO PAYS FOR IT?**

Last year we worked hard and received a generous grant from the Victorian Government via Pick My Project.



## Future Makers and the Merri Merri Creek Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Continued . . . .

### HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED?

Everyone can be involved and there are many ways to contribute to make this project an exciting learning opportunity for old and young members of our community. We would love to hear your ideas, stories and suggestions. We will need parents or carers to help us walk with children back and forth from the community house to school (and you'll be able to stay and participate in the sessions!), communication, engagement, etc. \*Remember\* that all parent/carer helpers will need an updated Working with Children Check.

### WHERE CAN I FIND YOU IF I WANT TO HELP OR HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you are a student talk to our Merri Creek Captains Stephanie Keys and Avinash Chandra-Pithie who are organising a student working group and are keen on hearing your ideas.

If you are a teacher, you can talk to art teacher Carley Ternes who is doing staff coordination. Also every Monday our coordination team MPS mum Sarita Gálvez and artist Katie West (coordinator of the Indigenous knowledge component) will be working in the Japanese Science room at school hours. At recess and lunch time they will be sharing ideas and games in the yard. Come and say hi! Otherwise, via email to [saritagalvezd@gmail.com](mailto:saritagalvezd@gmail.com).

### WHAT'S NEXT?

This term we are planning our program and we want to hear from students and community as much as we can. Here so important days to mark in your calendar:

1. **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February** come and hang out with Katie and Sarita at lunch time in the yard. We are also available during the day and all Mondays to catch up with parents, students and members of the community.
2. **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February** Nathan Witcher will be running a lunchtime storytelling workshop at the Japanese Science room to make our very own Merri Merri ZINE!
3. **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March** "Future Makers and the Merri Merri Creek Assembly". You'll get to meet artists, educators and everyone involved.
4. **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** there will be an Indigenous Cultural Awareness Training by Wurundjeri Elder Uncle Bill Nicholson for our staff, community house staff, parent helpers and all the artists involved.
5. **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March** visual ecologist Aviva Reed from Oekologie Studio and Scale Free Network will perform a "Soil biome immersion" for students year 3 to 6 during school hours.
6. **Early in April** before the term finishes we will all experience a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony with Uncle Bill Nicholson at the Merri creek we will confirm the date soon (because we need all parent helpers possible to walk with students to the creek).

**Wominjeka Welcome** ترحيب **Herzlich willkommen** Selamat datang خوش آمدید **Bienvenido**  
**Kuwakaribisha** 歡迎 **Karşilama** ยินดีต้อนรับ **Καλωσορίστε** ようこそ **Witamy**  
**Soo dhowow** Chào mừng **Fa'afeiloaiga** स्वागत **Sambutan** Fáilte roimhách

We are part of a Multicultural school where practices of welcoming are important part of our cultures. How do you say "Welcome" in your mother tongue? How do your family welcome guests? Do your family cook a special food? Is there a song you all sing? Is there a dance you all do together?

# Are you a parent of a child between 4 and 10 years old?



If you would like to learn skills to help manage your child's challenging behaviours, you are invited to a **FREE** parenting program

Online, group and one-on-one programs available, 2018-2019

Location of sessions – Flemington, Thornbury and Hawthorn

**TUNING IN TO KIDS** may assist you to:

- help your child manage difficult feelings such as worry, sadness, frustration and anger
- build your connection with your child
- better understand what underpins challenging behaviours
- stay calm when dealing with tantrums
- help your child develop social skills and reduce aggression.

For further information contact

9371 0218

or [BigTIK-admin@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:BigTIK-admin@unimelb.edu.au)



Programs are being run as part of a research study

## CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

### Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible\* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

\* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

### Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

### Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (29 January 2019) or term two (23 April 2019).

## PAYMENT AMOUNTS

### CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

## HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

**NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN**

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.  
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.  
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veteran Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2019 closes on 28 June, 2019.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

**CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM**

School Name

School REF ID

**Parent/legal guardian details**

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

-  -  -  OR

Foster parent\* OR  Veterans affairs pensioner

\*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

**Student details**

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

# TRAM TRACK RENEWAL

## Tram track and overhead power lines renewal

**Holmes Street between Moreland Road and Albion Street**  
 10pm Friday 22 February to 5am Friday 1 March 2019

**Nicholson Street between Bell Street and The Grove**  
 10pm Friday 22 February to 5am Friday 8 March 2019

**(Preliminary works Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February 2019)**

As part of the modernisation of Melbourne's tram network, Yarra Trams and Public Transport Victoria are renewing tram tracks along Holmes Street, Brunswick East and Nicholson Street, Coburg.

 Works	 Dates	 Noise	 Roads
Preliminary Works	18 February – 22 February	Medium during the day and night	Lane closures in place
Major Works	Holmes Street – 22 February – 1 March Nicholson Street – 22 February – 8 March	24 hour works High levels of noise	Road closure in work zones. Traffic management in place.
Post Works	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised

### Preliminary works

 In order to minimise disruption to the community, Yarra Trams will undertake preliminary rail welding from Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February in Coburg between Moreland Road and Moore Street and Harding Street and Grant Street.

Pre-welding of rail and rail delivery will generate medium levels of noise.

Temporary site sheds will be set up at Crozier Street, Coburg and Mitchell Street, Brunswick East for the major works.

The temporary site shed and pre-welding areas will be fenced off for safety. Please take care while moving around the work zone.