



23rd February 2018

Moreland Mail Kids Version Newsletter



Calendar of Events

Wednesday 28 February	Mac Book Info Session
Wednesday 7 March	Parent/Teacher info sharing
Monday 12 March	Public Holiday
Tuesday 13 March	Pupil Free Day
Friday 23 March	Walk/Ride to School Day
26-28 March	Grade 5/6 Camp
Thursday 29 March	End of Term School ends at 2.30

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

- School camps or trips
- Swimming and school-organised sport programs
- Outdoor education programs
- Excursions and incursions

To be eligible families need to have a Centrelink Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card or Veterans Affairs Gold Card.

If you attended MPS and received CSEF last year you do not need to reapply. If you are new to MPS and /or now have one of the cards listed above please come the office to collect an application form.

Student Achievement Awards



Essential Student Learning Items Levy

Payments for the levy are due on the 28th February. If you need another copy of the information note that was sent home regarding the levy please contact the front office.

Parent Teacher Info Sharing Interviews

Wednesday 7th March

Bookings are open on Sentral and will close 5pm 3rd March. Years 1-6 only.

School Council Election

We are calling for nominations for **two** parent representative positions and **one** staff position at this year's school council election. Nomination forms are available from the school office and nominations close next Friday, March 2, 2018. Please see the accompanying notice for more information about school council and Moreland Primary School Council's Mission Statement.

Parent MacBook Training

A session will be held on February 28th, from 7pm for parents of students with MacBooks.

You will learn about many of the control features of your child's MacBook enabling you to restrict access where desired.

The session will be conducted by a parent whose children have had their MacBooks for the past five years and he will answer any questions you have.

Please bring your child's MacBook with you and make sure you know their password to get into it.

Laptop payments are over due. Please make a payment if you haven't already done so.

Family Cooking

Very happy to let you know the Family Cooking program will continue in 2018. This is a unique program at our school to foster family engagement in student learning. Students and their parents plan, shop for ingredients and cook a meal of their choice. Cooking takes place in the school kitchen in small groups of 3-4 families and usually starts at 9am and finishes by recess. The school allows up to \$25 per group to buy ingredients. No Master Chef skills required! Just willingness to engage and have fun. The real purpose of the program is meeting new families, making friends and building a community. Sign up and an expression of interest will follow soon; or, for more information contact Gosia at: gosiam@morelandps.vic.edu.au



Moreland Playgroup

Playgroup is another Family Engagement initiative at our school. All families of children 0-5 years of age from the school and the local community are welcome to attend. Sessions are every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9-11am during school terms. We offer indoor and outdoor play for children and an opportunity to meet other families, share parenting ideas and have fun. We are located next to the Prep room. You are welcome to come and have a look. The first session is free; the fee after that is \$4 per session per family. Look forward to seeing you there! Gosia



Moreland Marathon Running Club

This Tuesday saw the first Moreland Marathon Running Club begin with heaps of students from across the school participating in running. Each lap that a student completes earns a point for their house.

P-2 students will need to run 125 laps to complete a half marathon and grades 3-6 will need to run 163 laps to complete their half marathon. Thank you so much to everyone who ran on our very first day, to the super organised school leaders and house captains and to all the supportive parents too!



BEFORE

Thank You

A very big thank you to the parents who turned the Parent Group storeroom from chaos to beautiful, tidy calm. Love it!



AFTER



Parents & Friends Club Inaugural Meeting All Invited & Welcome

I am pleased to advise that the Minister of Education has approved the Constitution for the Moreland Primary School Parents' and Friends Club so I hereby notify you that the Inaugural Parents & Friends Club Inaugural Meeting will be on **Thursday 8th March 2018 @ 7pm at MPS Boardroom.**

There are some changes that apply to how the PnF will function now that we are required to operate in accordance to Constitution this will be explained in detail at the Inaugural meeting however please be assured that our intention is to ensure these changes are as seamless as possible so we can focus our attention and enthusiasm on running many social and fundraising events throughout the 2018.

However there are some immediate changes I need to bring to your attention:

1. Membership

Membership shall be open to any parent or guardian of a child attending the school or any other interested party. All members must pay an Annual Membership Fee; this being \$1 for 2018.

Only Financial Members are eligible to vote at any Club meeting or for election to any office in the Club.

2. Election of Office Bearers

A requirement of the constitution is to elect and appoint office bearers - these positions will be appointed at the Inaugural meeting. The office bearer positions up for election are:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer

If you wish to be nominated as an office bearer or to nominate someone for an office bearer position the following rules apply;

- Only financial members can be elected as an office bearer (membership fee's of \$1 will be collected at the Inaugural meeting).
- The nominee must be present at the Inaugural meeting or indicate their intention to nominate in writing to myself prior to the meeting

I'm excited about the year ahead at MPS and hope to see many members of our school community at the Parents' and Friends Inaugural meeting. Please don't feel that if you attend the meeting that you will be pressured into any commitments; first and foremost this is a forum for our school community to come together and to provide feedback and share idea's.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss further or require any additional information.

Regards
Dee Brown
School Council President
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Moreland Primary School Parents' and Friends Club Inaugural Meeting Agenda Thursday 8th March 2018 7pm @ MPS

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Present
3. Apologies
4. Register of Club Members
5. Election of Office Bearers
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Treasurer
6. Overview of the MPS PnF Club Constitution
7. Set date for AGM
8. MPS School Review - Parent Feedback
9. PnF Club Calendar of Events for 2018
 - Social Events
 - Fundraising Events
10. MPS School Council Sub Committee updates
 - Finance
 - Buildings & Grounds Sub Committee
 - Curriculum
11. General Business

Meeting Closed.....

Twilight Sports





This term the grade 5/6 students are learning about economics and democracy. Our project is to create an island that is economically viable and democratic.

This week saw a vote for the national flag representing the island of Colallcudus. Here are the finalists.



SCHOOL LEADERS



School Captains



Vice Captains



Junior School Council Representatives



Sustainability Leaders



Green House Captains



Yellow House Captains



Red House Captains



Blue House Captains

Extend OSHC at Moreland Primary School



Weekly Recap.

Hello Families, last week at Extend we focused on working as a team through building and strategy games and we got creative with water balloons and shaving foam for our art projects. I'm excited to watch as the new preps become part of the Extend community!

- Rosa, Service Coordinator

Our Extend Superstar is... Scarlett D for helping the new preps feel comfortable.

Next week's activities

Monday 26 February: Jewellery making

Tuesday 27 February: Tower wars

Wednesday 28 February: Cooking: Baking cookies

Thursday 01 March: Gold Rush

Friday 02 March: Free choice Friday

Watch this space throughout the term for regular updates from our Extend team!

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This weekend Friday 23rd - Sunday February 25th is **DOUBLE VOUCHERS WEEKEND!** For one weekend only when you spend \$10 or more you can earn double vouchers when you shop at Coles. **Newsletter Title**

APPENDIX A: SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

WHO IS ON THE SCHOOL COUNCIL?

For most primary school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school
- A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members
- An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

For all schools with a year 7 and above cohort, there is a fourth category of membership.

- A mandated elected Student category.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

WHY IS PARENT MEMBERSHIP SO IMPORTANT?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

DO I NEED SPECIAL EXPERIENCE TO BE ON SCHOOL COUNCIL?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role, councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED?

The most obvious way is to vote in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO STAND FOR ELECTION?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post or email following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

REMEMBER

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
- Consider standing for election to school council this year.
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.

MORELAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT



Vision

Our vision is to use our collective strengths to build on the school's unique characteristics to provide school governance for the best needs of our school community.

Goals

In the short term we will have:

- role clarity within school council
 - each member will have specific roles being a member and convenor of at least one sub-committee
- strong sub committees
 - each sub-committee will have structure around membership, meeting schedule and reporting back to School Council. Sub-committees will operate under their own constitutions where required by DET
- best utilization of school finances
 - funds will be managed to account for short and long term needs with a five year plan to accommodate large developments
- operate within a feedback framework
 - the sub-committee structure will provide a conduit between the School Council and the school community. and a means of communicating the actions of School Council to the wider school community will be developed and implemented
- improved communication both in and out of school
 - communications on all matters between the school and the immediate and wider community will be streamlined to better promote the school's strategic priorities, achievements and values
- attractive physical environment
 - School Council through the Buildings and Grounds sub-committee will develop and work towards short and long term plans for the continual development of attractive school grounds that contribute to the overall learning environment