

Moreland Mail

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Calendar of Events

Aug 20	Book Week
Aug 21	Strategic Planning day
Aug 28	Strategic Plan writing day
Aug 29	Parents Club mtg
Aug 31	Father's Day Breakfast and stall
Sept 5	Parents Maths Night
Sept 21	End of Term 3 2.30 pickup
Oct 24	Festival of the Arts
Nov 5	Pupil Free Day

School Review

This morning we received the final report from our review. The school context, school highlights and the key directions for the next School Strategic Plan, including recommended goals, targets and key improvement strategies have been uploaded to our school website for your perusal.

Building Project

Yesterday I sat on an interview panel to appoint our architects to complete our building project for which we received \$600,000 in the last state budget. Further announcements will be made regarding this project as soon as we know.

Thought of the Week

Be yourself; everyone else is already taken!

Oscar Wilde

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Principal: John Williams

Kindergarten

As at August 14th we still have a few places left in our 4yo kindergarten program for 2019. If you or your neighbours or relatives have a child turning four between May 1st 2019 and April 30th 2020 they are able to attend four year old kinder next year. To enroll, you need to contact Moreland City Council as they take charge of enrolments centrally. Please do this as soon as possible to ensure a place for next year.

Strategic Plan

Last Monday our staff participated in a day facilitated by Dr. Jane Kovacs where they had the opportunity to have input into the strategic direction of the school for the next four years. Jane will be conducting similar sessions for parents and all students next Tuesday, August 21st. The students will participate in one of three, one hour sessions whilst parents/carers are invited to attend one of two, two hour sessions to be conducted from 10.30 till 12.30 or 6.30 to 8.30. For setup purposes, could you please let the office know to which session you intend coming.

2019 Enrolments

It is time to enrol for next year.

Buildings and Grounds

Are you a Landscaper? Educator? Urban planner? Gardener? Do you have a keen interest in planning and maintaining our outdoor spaces for current and future students?

The Building and Grounds Sub Committee is seeking new members to help contribute to the ongoing development of our physical learning spaces - both indoors and out. Informal meetings are held once every two months. Beyond this, members undertake research, prepare plans and help source costings for new projects.

In the immediate future we would like to work on a new layout for the Blair St entrance and our bike parking area.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 4th September at 7pm. To join us, please email: bng@morelandps.vic.edu.au

John Williams

Extend OSHC at Moreland Primary School



Weekly Recap

We have had a fantastic week in Before and After



School Care! We began the week with our fun-filled Pupil Free Day where we spent the day experimenting with origami, playing games outdoors and even cooking our healthy Afternoon Snack, Veggie Pizza! Throughout the week we have enjoyed baking cookies as well as making comic books and creating wonderful dream catchers. We are delighted to see many children very involved in the program!

Next week we are hosting our very own Book Week! We will be exploring the Wizarding World of Harry Potter, Classic Fairytales and each day we will have an opportunity to try and find Wally. The team at Moreland Extend are so excited for the week ahead! We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

- Stephanie, Service Coordinator

Our Extend Superstar is...
Lachlan F for being kind and thoughtful and always lending a helping hand to others.

Next week's activities:

Monday 20 August: Books for Our Community

Tuesday 21 August: Harry Potter Day

Wednesday 22 August: Fairytale Puppets

Thursday 23 August: Roald Dahl Day

Friday 24 August: Book Week Treasure Hunt

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

LookedAfter: extend.com.au

Inclusion and Diversity Policy

The Department of Education and Training has recently decreed that all schools must have an Inclusion and Diversity policy and that it will be as written by the department. As a part of this policy implementation all staff are to complete an extensive online training program. You can find a copy of the policy at <http://www.morelandps.vic.edu.au>.

The policy, in brief, states “ **Moreland Primary School is committed to creating a school community where all members of our school community are welcomed, accepted and treated equitably and with respect regardless of their backgrounds or personal attributes such as race, language, religious beliefs, gender identity, disability or sexual orientation so that they can participate, achieve and thrive at school.** ”

As a school we are proud of our record in this regard. An example of this is our selection of School Captains over the past eight years. Of these sixteen children: two were Asian, two were Arabic, two wore glasses, five were Muslim, two were born overseas and four were boys.

We hope we continue to demonstrate our commitment to this policy by providing students with opportunities based on their capacity, readiness and willingness rather than any discriminatory factors.

We Want Our Parents To Tell Us What They Think!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Thursday 16th August to Sunday 26th August.**

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.



— Learning for the Future: Children and the Merri Creek

Vote for our school's idea "Learning for the future: Children and Merri Creek" for Pick My Project. This project is about connecting our community to Merri Creek through a local indigenous knowledge, experimental art, and science program. Workshops will happen at [Moreland Primary School](#) and also free for all ages at [East Coburg Community House](#) with local Wurundjeri elders and educators from [Wurundjeri Tribe Land Cultural Heritage Council](#), [Slow Art Collective](#), [Scale Free Network](#) and [Silent Army Melbourne](#).

This is a unique, once-in-a-lifetime learning opportunity and will bring \$146 000 into the school and local community.

Voting takes a fun-filled 10 minutes.

- 1 Head to www.pickmyproject.vic.gov.au and type Moreland Primary School for the location.
- 2 Click on "Learning for the Future"
- 3 Register
- 4 Add two more projects to your shortlist and press vote!
- 5 Get the SMS confirmation code and enter it, and then...
- 6 Push the button!

Pitch-in and volunteer on the campaign

If you're passionate about Merri Creek, education, art, science, sustainability or doing volunteer work, and you'd like to know more, get in contact with Sarita or Bruce (brucemowson@gmail.com) - we have a fantastic spreadsheet full of details. We're going to be campaigning about this until you are sick of it – if you'd like to pitch in and help make this happen, please get in contact! It is a big job and we could really use the help!



Parents Club news

Trivia Night wrap up

A big thank you goes to Elisa Peluso and her team of volunteers who put on an amazing Wild Wild West trivia night for everyone. The posters, decorations and the MC (Tee Benjamin) and DJ's Cameron and Les were spectacular. Thank you for all that donated and helped to put together the silent auction and thanks to Elize and Jane for organising a fabulous selection of beverages and stylish bar set up. The night was a huge success bringing our school community together. The event raised a record **\$16,314.92** which will go towards more exciting projects at MPS. Thank you Elisa and the team for all your effort.

Coming up this Term

We've got **National Book Week on Monday** so students can come dressed up as their favourite book character.

Strategic Plan parent consultation sessions – come along to the strategy parent consultation sessions to help shape the strategy for MPS for the next four years. Sessions run on Tuesday 21 August at either 10.30am or 6.30pm and run for 2 hours. RSVP to the email sent to you on Tuesday.

Fathers Day Breakfast, Raffle and Stall - Friday 31 August. Chris and Claudia are making up some hampers for a raffle so we'd love any items like socks, chocolates, gift vouchers, tools, books etc. and in due course we will ask parents if they can help with the breakfast or stall.

The next Parent Club meeting has changed to Wednesday 29 August due to the strategic planning parent consultation sessions being run. See you then.

PARENT **Maths** NIGHT

Yes, a Maths Workshop for Parents!
(no children)

This information night will provide you with games and ideas to support your child with important mathematical understandings at home. The night is aimed at parents and carers with children from Prep to Grade 2, or for those with children who need extra support in maths.

When: Wednesday Sep 5th from 7-8pm

Presented by Jennah

RSVP: duff.jennah.j@edumail.vic.gov.au by Fri 31st August



MORELAND PRIMARY SCHOOL FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS 2018

**Wednesday Night
24 th October
5pm to 7.30pm**



