

Moreland Mail

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Calendar of Events

Sept 13	PBL Presentation day
Sept 15	Whole School Performance Night "Bollywood" End Term 3
Sept 16	Pupil Free Day
Oct 3	Term 4 commence
Oct 17	AGM
Nov 1	Melbourne Cup Day
Nov28-Dec9	Swimming
Dec 20	End Term 4

Bollywood comes to MPS



Thought of the Week

The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one.

Solar Panels

Since installing our Solar Panels, at the instigation of our MEPS group leaders last year, we have not received any electricity bills. Upon calling them this morning to find out why, we received the news that we are \$500 in credit. Well done to our young leaders! This year one of the groups in Project Based Learning has made a webpage which shows live updates of the amount of power being generated by the panels. Unfortunately this webpage is currently only available within the school network.

Gardens

MPS Gardens subcommittee is calling for help from parents who might be able to lend a hand in the second week of the holidays -Tuesday 27th Sept and/or Weds 28th Sept. We're making changes to the courtyard bed and need parents with tools such as cordless drills with screwdriver and rebate attachments, jigsaws to cut plastic panel and rubber mallets. Also shovels to fill planters. If you think you can



Student Achievement Award Winners

help (all materials will be on site ready to construct) then please contact Nicola: 0432740171, Polly: 0400814156 or Angela: 0400755372. Thank you.

Bollywood

All students are currently enjoying learning about Indian culture through dance with our preparation for our Bollywood night next Thursday evening at Moonee Valley Racecourse. Tickets are available online at: <https://www.trybooking.com/MYSC> **Students are asked to wear all black clothing for the event.** If their t-shirts have large logos they will be simply be asked to wear them inside out. All colour and bling will be supplied on the night.

John Williams

Three Year Old Kindergarten

If you have, or know a friend or relative that has a three year old who would like to attend three year old kindergarten next year, please contact Libby in our office before the end of Term

REMINDER

Term 3 finishes next Thursday, September 15th, 2016

School Yard Redevelopment Update

Our project to redevelop the schoolyard is getting exciting! These holidays will see the start of works to deliver our Moreland Primary Landscape Masterplan.

What is the Landscape Masterplan?

Our Masterplan has been developed so we can rejuvenate our school grounds in an organised, cost effective manner. Having a masterplan also means any work done to improve grounds will tie in with our overall objectives:

1. make play areas better learning environments;
2. create safe places for all students to enjoy themselves and make friends.

Can you afford it?

Our Masterplan has been purposefully developed to be delivered in stages. Expert input has been sought from Xylem Landscaping – the designers behind great play spaces like the Zoo and Healesville Sanctuary. Design is important, as conscious selection of play elements creates a diverse experience to allow students of all interests and abilities to play and be included.

Ideas put forward by parents and teachers during the consultation stage have also been valuable in shaping our plans. Affordability has been a key consideration from the start. The first stage will go ahead these holidays using funds (approx. \$16,000) from the 2015 fete. Stage 2 and Stage 3 will happen in coming years, once further funds are raised.



Overall, we hope the plan will take around 3-4 years to complete.

What is happening these holidays?

These holidays, we will carry out earthworks, plantings and construction tasks as part of Stage 1. This involves:

- removal of an unsafe tree near the Blair St perimeter fence.
- New active and tactile play areas with rocks, logs and tunnels between the playing courts and grassed field, and along the Moreland Rd fence line.
- Re-seeding the grass field.
- Adding lily pad seating and planter boxes in the courtyard.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Making the best play spaces takes time and effort. Volunteers are needed. If you have time the 2nd week of the holidays to help with building, construction, landscaping – PLEASE GET IN TOUCH - Nicola 0432 740 171.

Dads – this is a special call for you. Perhaps you have been thinking about how you can help – this is it. If you can't make time in the Sept holidays, still let us know that you're interested in helping. There will be lots of jobs as works take place throughout the year.

What next?

Fundraising will be key to Stages 2 and 3 happening. If you can provide sponsorship or are skilled in grant writing, please get in touch.

Ongoing maintenance of all our grounds is a big task. Further working bees will be scheduled this year and next to improve safety and amenity of all school ground areas – please lend a hand!

A copy of the Moreland Primary Landscape Masterplan is available at



www.morelandps.vic.edu.au/media/documents/mps_yard_plan.pdf



MORELAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Conceptual Landscape Masterplan REVISION A
@ 1:200 for A1 Sheet

Xylem Landscape Architects
0425 737 434 9480-0081



And look what the students have done already

One group of students working in the Project Based Learning area have researched what is needed to create an environment for frogs. They have worked hard to build their water feature in the garden outside of the artroom. Soon we will have frogs living there we hope!

Extend OSHC at Moreland Primary School

SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!
Book by the deadline to take advantage of lower rates!
Booking deadline: Friday 2 Sept We have heaps of

fun activities planned these school holidays and can't wait for you to attend!

Have fun with science experiments, participate in a bunch of craft activities with access to a plethora of art media, and get active with a variety of sports and team games. Join in on all this and more at Extend's Spring Holiday Program.

To check out what's on visit our website at extend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal.



A special note from Extend
**TERM 4 LAUNCH: COME
ALONG TO RED25 WEEK AT EXTEND AFTER
SCHOOL CARE**

A week filled with exciting science, craft, cooking, and sport activities based around giving blood, and general health and well-being.

Extend is coming together as a community with a goal to raise 100 blood donations by the end of October this year. To encourage everyone to get on board, Extend Director Stevenson will complete one of three possible dares if we reach 100 blood donations! Visit darrendare.com to watch our launch video and see further information.

Your child can get involved by coming to *Red25 Week* in Term 4! Discover what blood is made of by creating a sensory model, learn about the different blood types and which are compatible during a fun science experiment, put your chef's hat on and join us in making the World's Greatest Biscuit...and much more! Speak to your Team Leader to find out when Red25 Week begins.

Attention families and teachers: Be part of our goal to reach 100 Blood Donations!

Visit darrendare.com for further info.

This week's Extend Superstar is ... Marlon Box for always helping and showing his fantastic packing up skills.

Next Week's Activities:

Monday: BSC: Cardboard Collage
ASC: Cornflake Choc biscuits
Tuesday: BSC: Cherry Blossom Art
ASC: Cooking: Making flavoured Popcorn
Wednesday: BSC: Dotty Art
ASC: Construction
Thursday: BSC: Free Choice Activities & Technology Time
ASC: Free Choice Activities &
Friday: BSC: Vacation Care day
ASC: Vacation Care day

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

FOOTBALL STAR ACADEMY FOOTBALL STAR ACADEMY - TERM 4 CLINICS @ Moreland PS



New Clinics

Commencing

Wednesday 5th October

Wednesday Afternoons: 3:45pm – 4:45pm;
boys & girls aged 5-12years

FREE TRIAL FOR ALL CHILDREN IN WEEK 1

For all questions, please call Coach Robbie
on 0422 853 411 or

email vic38@footballstaracademy.com.au

www.footballstaracademy.com.au

NOAHCODE

Many students last week attended a lunchtime session learning to code in HTML, CSS and JavaScript. All children really enjoyed being challenged to program in industry standard languages. We propose to offer these classes as an after-school activity next term and the students have taken home an enrolment form. Could you please return these to school as soon as possible to make MPS the second school in Victoria (after Wesley) to have this program.



**COBURG LITTLE
ATHLETICS CENTRE**

**CALLING ALL FUTURE
OLYMPIC ATHLETES**

COME AND TRY DAYS

**WHEN: SATURDAY
10TH, 17TH & 24TH
SEPTEMBER 2016**

TIME 10AM TIL NOON

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