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NEWSLETTER – 22 April 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school, following the term vacation. I trust that you had a relaxing and enjoyable time.

A message for dad, uncle or other family friend: (Mum, don't read this!).....Mothers' Day Stall and Raffle

Our newly formed and energetic parents and friends group have organised a Mothers' Day stall as a service to our students. This is scheduled for May the 5th and 7th.

NAPLAN

Parents of children in years three, five, seven and nine, please be aware that the NAPLAN tests are scheduled for completion from the second week of May. These national tests give teachers and parents good insights into student achievement, and helps us plan for future learning. Parent copies of their child's results will be sent home late in term three. Please note that at MPS we undertake these tests in an online environment, and as such the timeline may in fact be a little different to schools that complete the paper based test. NAPLAN assessments at MPS will happen between May 11 & 21.

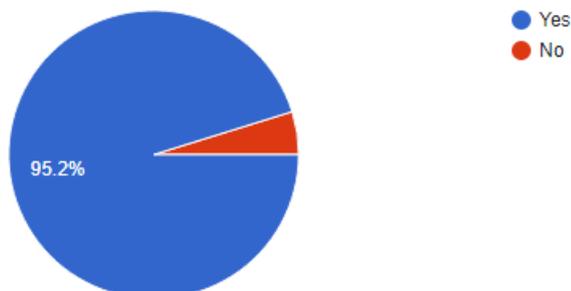
Canteen – The survey is in!

Firstly thank you those people who filled out the survey, we had 83 responses and are grateful of the time spent and the input from our community. Below are some key messages. These will be sent to the school council as we move closer to reopening this valuable service.

93% of those who filled out the survey would order lunch if we reopened the canteen:

If MPS reopened the canteen, would you order lunch for your child/ren?

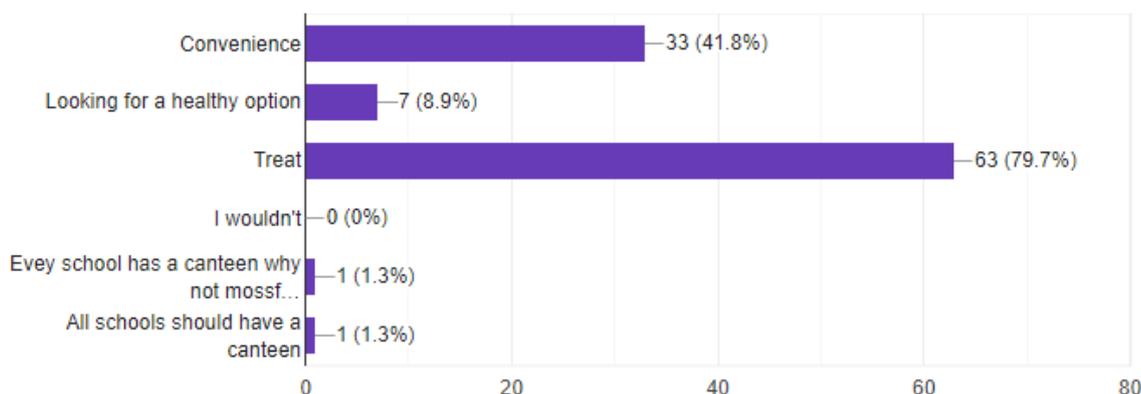
83 responses



79% would use the canteen as a treat for their child:

What is the main reason you would choose to place a lunch order:

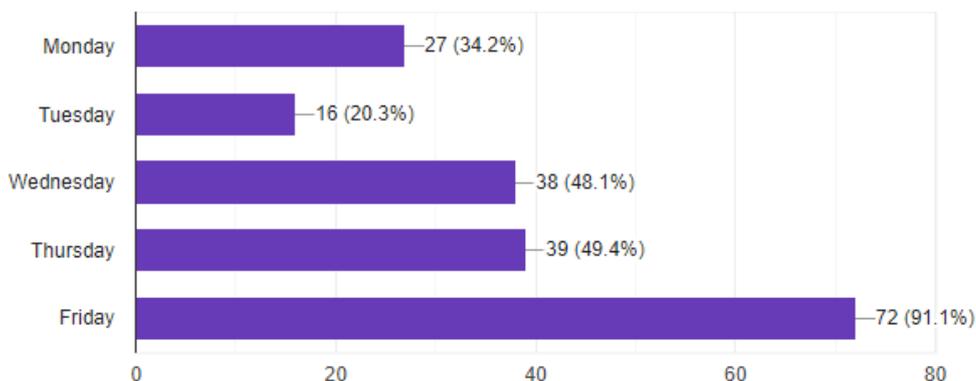
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Friday would be our busiest day:

Which days would you likely use the Mossfiel Primary School canteen when open?

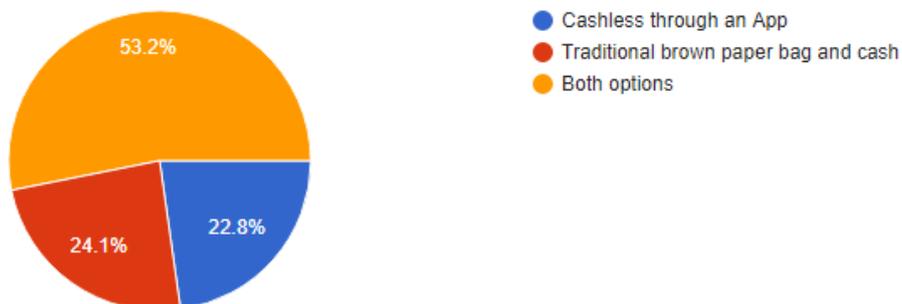
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We will need to investigate a cashless ordering option:

What payment method would you prefer for lunch orders?

79 responses



Watch this space for more canteen news!

School Review – Have your say:

As previously communicated, we are going through a review of our school strategic plan. This will give us the chance to celebrate our successes and identify areas for future improvement as we continue our cycle of educational improvement for the children in our care. Part of this has been asking our community how we are going and has included some phone calls home by key staff and some online surveys. While some are randomly generated, others are for everyone so please take this opportunity to have your say.

Covid Safe:

As always, we remind our community to stay safe and continue our good Covid practices. This includes wearing masks when you cannot social distance and a reminder that parents are not to enter the school buildings or classrooms at the moment. If you need to access the office, please use the front door near the staff car park and follow the density limits provided.

Reminder: Public Holiday Monday, June 14 is the Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday and school is closed for the day.

Take care,

Paul Maisey
Principal

ANZAC DAY

Tomorrow our school will be conducting an ANZAC DAY ceremony on the netball court beginning at 2:30pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Students are also invited to bring along a wreath to place underneath the table at the front of the ceremony to mark the ‘Laying of the Wreaths’.

Finally, Anzac badges will be on sale at school on Friday and Monday. Students can purchase these for a minimum of 20 cents or a donation of their choice. SRC’s will sell these during eating times on these days. All money raised will go to the Werribee RSL Club.

Mossifel 2021 Cross Country

On Wednesday 24th March year 3-6 students participated in our annual Cross Country event held at Mossfiel Reserve.

Congratulations to those students who have progressed to the district level which will be held on Friday April 30th .

Thank you to all the teachers, ES staff and parents who helped out on the day. A special thank you to Ms Foster for making the 'House' colour shakers!

It was fantastic to see so many parents and friends down at the reserve to 'cheer on' and support the students.



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Well done to all of the students who participated in the event and earned points for their 'House'

Here are the overall results

1st Cuthbert 320 points

2nd Laver 236 points

3rd Bradman 210 points

4th Fraser 156 points

OTHER SPORTING NEWS

Congratulations to Lilly P for for coming 2nd in discus, in the recent Little Athletics State Championships.

What a fantastic achievement!



EASTER HAT PARADE

The 1st of April was a very special day for Mossfiel Primary School.

Not only was it the last day of school, but it was also the Easter Hat Parade.

Unfortunately, Mossfiel wasn't able to do the hat parade last year, due to lockdown.

The Easter Hat Parade is an event where all students wear an Easter themed hat.

The event takes place either in the gym, or in this year's case, the basketball courts. It was a lovely, sunny day!

Every year level has a turn of parading around the courts once. When they parade around, the SRCs judge the hats of that year level and this year, they chose four very creative winners!

This year was more entertaining than usual, because the SRCs came up with some activities to do in-between the parades.

Some of the most creative hats that stood out were a humungous bunny mask, Ms Foster was dressed as a giant carrot, a colourful bunny costume complete with an egg basket, a hat with lots of decorations including a very big rabbit and a hat with a huge, homemade chicken.

These were just some of the amazing hats we witnessed this year.

The 2021 Easter Hat Parade was, in my opinion, a wonderful success!!

Written by James 5/6E







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COMPASS

All families should have access to the Compass Portal we use at Mossfiel PS. If you do not have your login details, please contact the school office.

Please see the QR code below to take you to the Compass Guide for parent & families.



School Photos 2021 – Mossfiel Primary School

Annual school photos will be taken at Mossfiel Primary School by Arthur Reed Photos on Thursday May 6th 2021.

There is no need to return any forms or money to school.

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop.

Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2021 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

Once registered, please wait for notification that 2021 images are online to view before making your purchase.

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STUDENT WELLBEING



Dear Families,

I hope you all had a fantastic holiday break and are feeling ready for a great Term 2! I thought I would use this opportunity to introduce myself as Mossfiel's new Mental Health and Wellbeing Coordinator.

Part of my role is to build whole-school capability with Mental Health and Wellbeing, and also Social and Emotional Learning. Following some training online, I will be working with teachers to help build professional knowledge and to improve practise in this area.

I will also be helping families whose students may need extra care in their journey through primary school. I may be simply checking in on some of them, building relationships and being around for them, if needed. Other students may require further assistance so I will offer the opportunity for help from the Department of Education's Student Support Services (SSS).

This year I will be sharing and communicating wellbeing news through the newsletter. Each newsletter will include links to articles and resources that families may find useful. Each newsletter I will be focussing on a different topic and provide information relating to what you can do at home to support Wellbeing. Please let me know if there's any specific area that you would like covered.

Feel free to come in for a chat anytime. Life throws us all challenges at different times in our life and having the courage and strength to know when and how to seek help are crucial to moving forward in the healthiest and most functional manner possible. So if anything pops up or your usual lines of support are not quite working for you, please don't hesitate to make contact. I am available on Monday through Thursday and I am situated in Building B.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Katie Heenan

