

4 FEBRUARY 2022 • NEWSLETTER

# MOSSFIEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

WE ARE A RESILIENT AND RESPECTFUL COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS

## MOSSFIEL DIARY DATES

1 February	First day of school
16 February	Swimming Trials
15 March	Staff Professional Learning Day

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers,  
Welcome back to the first edition of our fortnightly 2022 school newsletter. It just seems like only yesterday that we were celebrating the success of our year 6 students as they embark on the next step of their educational journey. I would also like welcome our new families to MPS, we are glad you could join our learning community. 😊

## Great Start for Foundation

It has been great to see our foundation students settling into school life so quickly, it is a credit to Mrs Barry, Mrs Hansen and all our families for their work preparing each child for school life. Also, to the parents, thank you for trusting us with your young person, they are in good hands. Below is a couple of pictures from my visits to each class.



## Outdoor Learning

Grades continue to utilise the outdoor spaces at MPS to deliver our learning program. This is part of our COVID safe plan, and as a bonus fun for our students. This edition you can see our year 1/2 working outside as well at our 5/6 sports program getting underway.



## School Grounds

You may have noticed as we continue to improve our school facilities, we have replaced our basketball/Netball rings. We are well placed for some great basketball and netball games as recess, lunch and during PE and Sport.

*Take care,  
Paul Maisey  
Principal*



# Welcoming your child back to school

Dear Parents and Carers,

We want to support your child to have a positive start to the year. We will do this by:

- helping your child to re-establish face-to-face friendships and routines
- talking to you about your child's wellbeing and using the school's wellbeing staff and programs to meet your child's needs
- ensuring we understand where your child is up to with their learning and providing targeted support to help your child progress.

Schools will make sure your child is as safe as possible and will focus on:

- washing hands and hygiene,
- mask wearing,
- physical distancing and other COVIDSafe practices
- rapid antigen testing.

Support for students

Our school has access to a range of specialist staff and programs that can provide additional support for your child, depending on their needs. This includes tutors who will work with small groups of students to help them catch up on their learning and staff with expertise in mental health and wellbeing who can provide direct support to students who need it.

Any school can access Student Support Services staff who respond to a range of student health and wellbeing needs. Secondary school students can access support from the Mental Health Practitioner at their school as well as dedicated access to headspace counselling.

Support and resources are available:

For students: [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/students](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/students)

For parents and carers: [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/parents-carers-and-guardians](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/parents-carers-and-guardians)

Free rapid antigen tests

Free rapid antigen tests will be available for the first four weeks of Term 1 2022.

Testing is strongly recommended twice a week for students and staff.

Specialist school students will have daily tests available.

You do not need to buy your own RAT kits. The school will provide them and will let you know once the test kits are available.

If your child uses a RAT and the result is positive, you will need to:

- let the school know
- keep your child at home for 7 days
- contact the Department of Health via the COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form or call centre on 1800 675 398.

A video about RAT testing in many different languages, is available online.

If you have concerns about your child's progress, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

They will be happy to discuss how our school can work in partnership with you to support your child to ensure they can progress with confidence and have a positive learning experience.

# Breakfast Club

Day 1 of breakfast Club was a great success! We had children from all different year levels come along to Block D, to enjoy toast, fruit and milk. Delicious cereal "Maple Crunch" is also available (Mrs Langfird's favourite! 😊)

Thank you very much to Mrs Elliot for helping us!

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be a **CHANGE OF STARTING TIME** from next week: **8.25am-8.40am**.

Remember to arrive **BEFORE** the bell.

We can't wait to see you next Tuesday and Thursday.

Warm wishes from Mrs Langfield and Ms Louise



## Privacy Collection Notice

### Information for students, parents and carers

The Department of Education and Training (the Department) values your privacy and is committed to protecting the personal and health information that schools collect. All school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law and the Schools' Privacy Policy. This notice explains how the Department, including Victorian government schools (schools), handles personal and health information. On occasion, specific consent will be sought for the collection and use of information, for example, for a student to receive a health service. Our schools are also required by legislation, such as the Education and Training Reform Act 2006, to collect some of this information. Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, student support service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners, and all other employees, contractors, volunteers and service providers of the school and the Department.

On enrolment, and during the ordinary course of a student's attendance at a school, schools will collect information about students and their families for the following purposes:

- educating students
- supporting students' social and emotional wellbeing, and health
- fulfilling legal obligations, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law
- communicating and engaging with parents
- student administration
- school management
- supporting policy in relation to student education and wellbeing.

If this information is not collected, schools may be unable to provide optimal education or support to students or fulfil legal obligations.

For example, our schools rely on parents to provide health information about any medical condition or disability that their child has, medication their child may take while at school, any known allergies and contact details of their child's doctor. If parents do not provide all relevant health information, this may put their child's health at risk.

Our schools also require current, relevant information about all parents and carers so that schools can take account of safety concerns that affect their children. Parents should provide schools with copies of all current parenting plans and court orders about or that affect their children and provide updated copies when they change. When parents enrol their child in primary school, they will be asked to provide personal and health information in several ways, including via the Enrolment Form, the School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form.

The Enrolment Form is used to collect information that is essential for the purposes listed above, and requests information such as:

- **Emergency contacts** - Individuals parents nominate for a school to contact during an emergency. Parents should ensure that their nominated emergency contact agrees to their contact details being provided to the school and that they understand their details may be disclosed by the Department if lawful, e.g. in the case of emergency communications relating to bush fires or floods.

- **Student background information** - Information about country of birth, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, language spoken at home and parent occupation. This information enables the

Department to allocate appropriate resources to schools. The Department also uses this information to plan for future educational needs in Victoria and shares some information with the Commonwealth government to monitor, plan and allocate resources.

- **Immunisation status** - This assists schools to manage health risks and legal obligations. The Department may also provide this information to the Department of Health and Department of Families, Fairness and Housing to assess immunisation rates in Victoria, but not in a way which identifies students.

- **Visa status** - This is required to process a student's enrolment.

All schools may use departmental systems and online tools such as apps and other software to effectively collect and manage information about students and families for the purposes listed above.

When schools use these online tools, they take steps to ensure that student information is secure. If parents or carers have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact the school.

School staff will only share student and family information with other school staff who need to know to enable them to educate or support the student as described above. Information will only be shared outside the school (and outside the Department) as required or authorised by law, including where sharing is required to meet duty of care, anti-discrimination, occupational health and safety, and child wellbeing and safety obligations. The information collected will not be disclosed beyond the school and Department without parent consent unless such disclosure is lawful.

When a student transfers to another school (including Catholic, independent and interstate), personal and/or health information about that student may be transferred to the next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of the student and assists the next school to provide the best possible education and support to the student. For further detail about how and what level of information is provided to the next school, refer to the: [Enrolment: Student transfers between schools](#)

Schools only provide school reports and ordinary school communications to students, parents, carers or others who have a legal right to that information. Requests for access to other student information or by others must be made by lodging a Freedom of Information (FOI) application.

To update student or family information, parents should contact their school.

For more information about how schools and the Department collect and manage personal and health information, or how to access personal and health information held by a school about you or your child, refer to the: [Schools' Privacy Policy](#)

# Mossfiel Teaching Staff 2022

## Principal Team

Paul Maisey  
Dennis Osborne

### Business manager

Linda Spencer

### Foundation

Mrs Barry  
Ms Hansen

### 1/2

Mrs Drew  
Mr McAuley  
Mrs Wojtas  
Mrs Farnsworth/Mrs Morrison  
Mr Morgan

### 3/4

Mrs White  
Mrs Aquilina  
Miss Patman  
Mrs Delapa/Ms Anderson  
Mrs Verigos

### 5/6

Mrs Sonay  
Mr O'Donnell  
Ms Goegan  
Mr Fry

## Educational Support Team

Lorna Elliott  
Gabrielle Roberts  
Meagan Widders  
Vivienne Holingsworth  
Simone Mullens

Kaitlin Smith  
Bev Smith  
Mary Cois  
Deb Langton  
Shelley Stretton



## FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION

**TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2022 | North West Region**  
**6:30pm – 7:30pm (via ZOOM)**

Now more than ever, foster carers are needed for children & young people across Victoria.

### **REGISTER NOW!**

Online Information Presentations available during COVID-19



9396 7400 | [Carer.Info@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:Carer.Info@anglicarevic.org.au) | [anglicarevic.org.au](http://anglicarevic.org.au)



# big CHILD CARE

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT O.S.H.C.?

As we start the new year, we will be focussing on new relationships and routines being embedded. Educators are getting to know the children's interest, we have planned a mixed variety of fun experiences in line with one of our values. Activities include fort building, balloon rockets, salt painting & rainbow fruit kebabs to name a few.






New enrolments welcome. Contact Kaitlin 0403 554 908



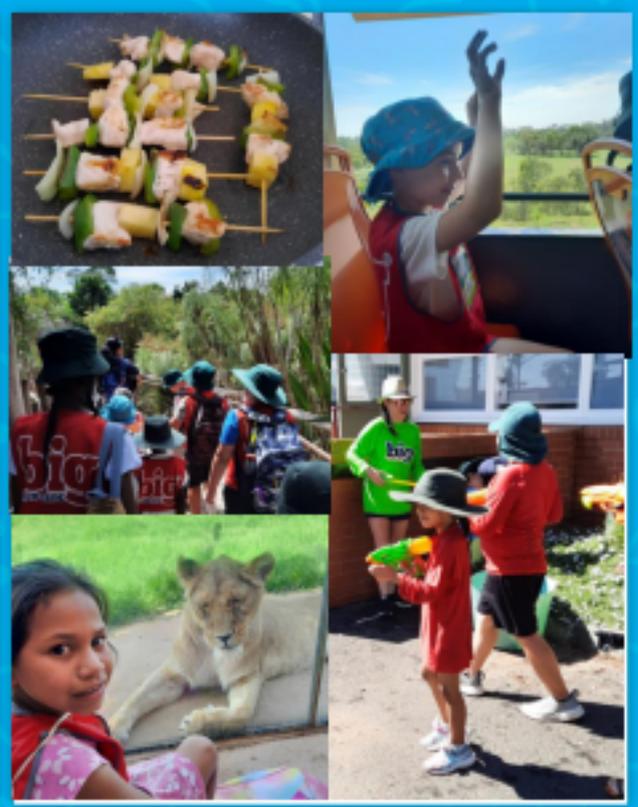
### HOLIDAY CARE

We had a blast during our Summer holiday care travelling to Funfields, Williamstown beach, bowling/laser tag, the movies and Werribee Zoo. We had themed days where we cooked, experimented and had a whole heap of FUN!

Come and join us in our Autumn holiday care fun!

[www.bigchildcare.com](http://www.bigchildcare.com)

Ph: 0403 554 908



**MOSSFIEL SCHOOL LEADERS**

**Principal • Paul Maisey**

**Leader • Andrew Morrison**

**Leader • Diane Delapa**

**Assistant Principal • Dennis Osborne**

**Leader • Craig O'Donnell**

**Leader • Carmen Morrison**

**MOSSFIEL SCHOOL COUNCILLORS**

**President • Catriona MacLeod**

Desiree King

Jacqueline Drew

Louise Price

**Vice President • Iris Carnat**

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Jo Brown

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Nicole Aquilina

Holly Brunnbauer

Chloe Bell

**Minute Sec • Linda Spencer**