

3 MARCH 2022 • NEWSLETTER

MOSSFIEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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MOSSFIEL DIARY DATES

15 March	Staff Professional Learning Day NO CHILDREN AT SCHOOL
4-7 April	Year 3/4 Water Safety Program
5 April	Year 5/6 Scienceworks Excursion
8 April	End of Term 1
26 April	Start of Term 2
28 April	Yr 5/6 Talk About It Workshop

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an exciting time at the school, and great to be back in the swing of normal school business. In the last few weeks we have students representing our school at a swimming carnival, our grade 5/6 students playing other schools in interschool sport, we have a new school council, new school captains and after a turbulent time, it really feels like school is back. 😊

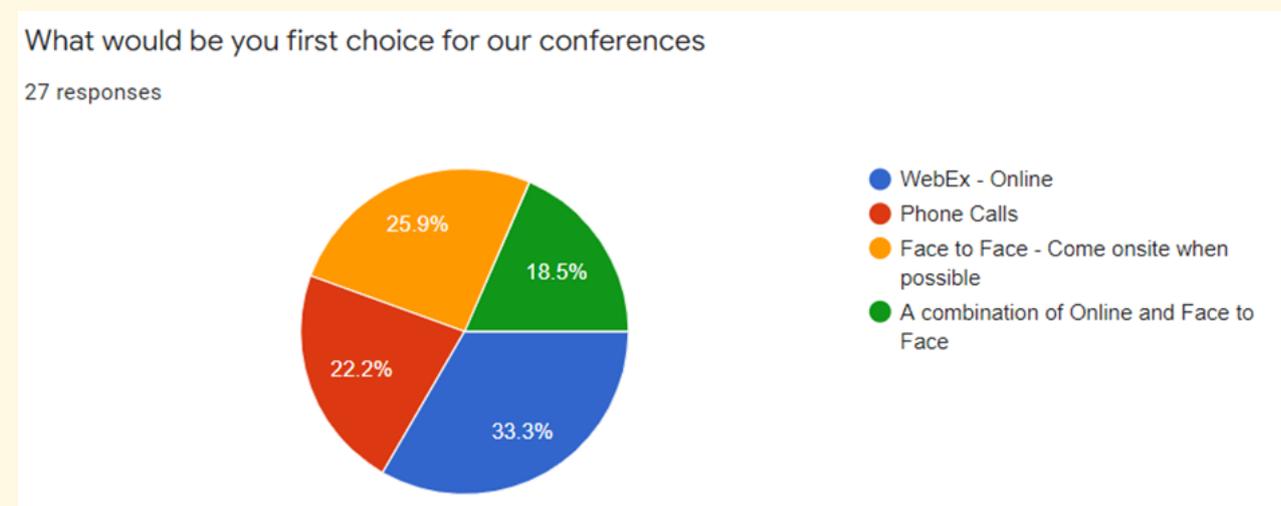
School Captains

I am excited to introduce you to our 2022 school captains. It is fantastic to be able to work with these young leaders of the school and I look forward to many leadership opportunities for our captains this year. In order, Jon, Lainey and Nhi



Parent Teacher Conferences (PTC) - Feedback

Thank you to those parents who filled out the feedback form. We had 27 responses from a range of year levels. We love hearing your voice and will use this information as we plan for our next round of PTC in term 3. Below are some results, the message is to be flexible in the new normal and that overall, the chance to meet and greet early in the year was valuable:



Staffing Update

We have some staffing updates. Bree Rapp has left the school to go and have a baby. The Performing Arts program will continue to run with Mrs C at the helm. We wish Bree and her family all the best with the pending new addition. Also some sad news, Mary who runs our canteen will be leaving to pursue a career outside of education. We thank Mary for her time and commitment to the school and wish her well as she follows this new path.

School Council Nominations

Last week the school council of 2021/22 met for the last time. It was a time of celebration as we thanked Cat, Jo, Jasmine and Holly for their service as outgoing members. We also welcome our returning school council members and our new members Emma and Misty. I look forward to working with you.

VICSEG Play Group

One year ago the school council approved the use of the school for an external playgroup. Throw in a pandemic and one year later it started. This is a great way to connect our communities to the school and I look forward to a long partnership. To Big Childcare, thank you also for supporting this program and opening the room. Again your support is fantastic.



Hats

It has been great to see the majority of our students wearing their hats in the yard and for sport. For the few that do not have them, just a reminder term 1 and 4 you must wear them or you will be required to stay in the shade and potentially miss out on your favourite activity. Hats are of course a big part of our sun smart policy for keeping children safe. We sell them from the school office for \$8.00 or \$16.00.

FACE MASKS

Please remember when you are visiting the school office you still need to wear a face mask.



Easter Raffle

Our Easter Raffle tickets went home this week. Families are asked to sell one book of 10 tickets at 50 cents each. Tickets and money are due back by Wednesday 6 April.
Good Luck!

EARLY RELEASE

If you are needing to collect your child/ren early, please be mindful that they have a recess break between 11:00 - 11:30am and a lunch break between 1:35 - 2:05pm. It is very hard for children to hear when they are running around outside.

Rapid Antigen Tests

Continues for the rest of the Term

You may have heard that the government is continuing the Rapid Antigen test surveillance program in the school system for the remainder of the term. From a school perspective this is good news as it helps keep us at school and providing education. This week we handed out the next shipment of Rapid tests to families and thank you to those families who have collected them. For those families who have been unable to, you can now call the office on 9749 1227 and give the school permission to send them home with your children. Testing is strongly recommended twice a week for students and staff.

After doing the tests at home, if it 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.

For more information, please see Compass. As always if you have questions, please feel free to contact the school.

*Take care,
Paul Maisey
Principal*



Back to school for your child

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

For parents and carers: 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.

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2022



Well done to all the students who represented Mossfiel at the District Swimming Carnival. Mossfiel placed 5th overall, which was an awesome effort!



Congratulations to James from 5/65 who progressed to the Division finals. GOOD LUCK JAMES!



Placed 3rd in the Open Championship Race



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MRS SONAY AND MRS MULLENS FOR THEIR HELP AND ORGANISATION ON THE DAY.
A BIG SHOUT OUT TO MISS SMITH AND THE PARENT COMMUNITY FOR CHEERING ON THE STUDENTS!

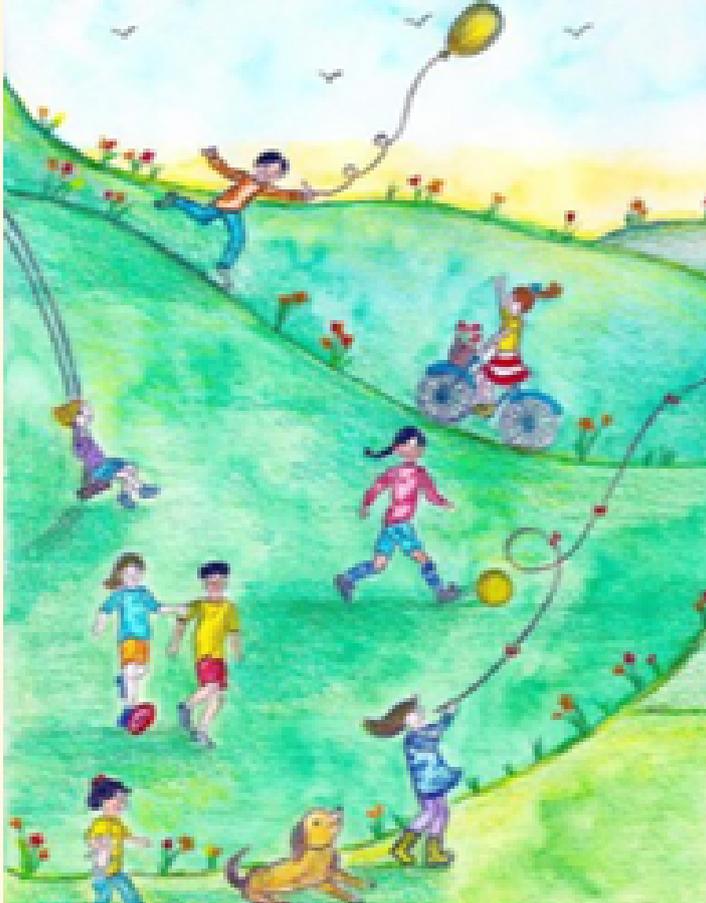


I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING ACHIEVEMENTS:

- JAMES 3RD 50M FREESTYLE, 4TH 50M BREASTSTROKE, 3RD 50M BACKSTROKE, 3RD 50M BUTTERFLY, 3RD BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP RACE
 - LAINIEY 4TH 50M FREESTYLE, 4TH 50M BREASTSTROKE, 4TH 50M BACKSTROKE, 4TH 50M BUTTERFLY
 - TROY 4TH 50M FREESTYLE 3RD 50M BUTTERFLY, 4TH 50M RELAY
 - MATILDA 4TH 50M FREESTYLE
 - TAYLOR 4TH 50M FREESTYLE, 3RD 50M BREASTSTROKE, 4TH 50M BUTTERFLY
 - MADISON 3RD 50M FREESTYLE, 4TH 25M BREASTSTROKE
 - SHIN 3RD 50M BACKSTROKE, 4TH 50M RELAY
 - ALI 3RD 50M FREESTYLE, 4TH 50M RELAY
 - KALIEL 2ND 25M FREESTYLE, 2ND 25M BACKSTROKE, 4TH 50M RELAY
 - EMMA 4TH 25M BACKSTROKE
- WELL DONE EVERYONE!



Student Wellbeing



Hello Mossfiel families,
I hope that you have had a wonderful week so far.
In this newsletter I will discuss lunch/recess clubs, Clean Up Australia Day, Breakfast Club and student birthdays.
I have been enjoying working with your children in their classrooms and I look forward to saying hello to you in the yard.

Kym Langfield

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will continue every Tuesday and Thursday, from 8.25AM.

This week we had the fabulous FoodBank van visit, to deliver fresh fruit and breakfast supplies.

We have had lots of fantastic volunteers recently - a big thank you to Ms Foster, Mr Macauley, Mrs Drew, Mrs Farnsworth, Mrs Elliott, Mrs Langton and everybody else who has given us a hand!



RECESS & LUNCH ACTIVITIES

Did you know that we offer a wide range of recess and lunchtime activities at Mossfiel?

Activities include:

Gym Games, Gardening Club, Library Activities, Science Club, Hula Hoops, Yard Games, Art Club

These activities are a great place to make friends, try something new, participate in a hobby and be supported by a staff member





I acknowledge and pay my deepest respects to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of the Kulin nations on whose lands I work and live.



Clean Up Australia Day

Sunday the 6th of March is Clean Up Australia Day.

Your family can join the official clean up events, by going to the official Clean Up Australia Day website: <https://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/> You will find information on how to join OR organise a local clean up site, as well as information about protective clothing and clean-up equipment.

If your child does becomes involved, we would love to hear from them!



Student Birthdays

**Wishing a FANTASTIC birthday to all of our
MARCH Birthday kids!**

Hip, hip hooray!

Wishing a very happy birthday to:

**LOGAN NICHOLAS K ISAIAH LEAHCIM JAI
AYNJIL LYDIANA COOPER H JOSEPH H
INAYIAT ZORAVAR SINGH JAXSON M
KANDICE MOE NAOMI S ABBIE AKUR
KIERAN LACHLAN K MADDISON K TAYLOR
K AIDEN J JAY AYESHA MARYANNE LIYU
NHI LEO ANDREW KANE DARCY AZELL**

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

As the year has well begun, the children have expressed an interest in countries around the world. We have created passports and boarded our first destination JAPAN. We have explored culture, language and all things Japanese. Being exposed to different cultures helps you embrace and appreciate people that are different to you.



Samurai battle Chopsticks Plane flight Passports

HOLIDAY CARE



Come and join us in our Autumn holiday care fun! Our planned days will be exploring Luna park, chilling out to the movies, a BIG Eggstravaganza, picnic at the park, soccer, enchanted autumn and life hacks. Bookings will be out soon.

www.bigchildcare.com

New enrolments welcome.
Contact Kaitlin 0403 554 908
Mossfiel@bigchildcare.com



MONDAY
FEB 28
FRIDAY
MARCH 4



8.25AM
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
OUTSIDE
THE OSHC
ROOM



MOSSFIEL SCHOOL LEADERS

Principal • Paul Maisey

Andrew Morrison

Diane Delapa

Assistant Principal • Dennis Osborne

Craig O'Donnell

Carmen Morrison

MOSSFIEL SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

President • Emma Simpson

Desiree King

Jacqueline Drew

Louise Price

Vice President • Chloe Bell

Dennis Osborne

Iris Carnat

Treasurer • Jane Churchland

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