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MOSSFIEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

WE ARE A RESILIENT AND RESPECTFUL COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS

MOSSFIEL DIARY DATES

13 September	BBQ
16 September	Last day of Term 3 - Early dismissal 2:30pm
28 October	Fete

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to acknowledge the fantastic and positive support from our community after the incident last Monday involving our school. I want you to know that school is committed to ensuring that the health and wellbeing of our students and community is our top priority and we will work to support those involved.

End of Term - Early Finish Reminder

Next Friday the 16th of September will be the last day of Term 3. School will finish at 2:30pm, with the final day assembly in the gym at 2pm. Big Childcare are always available to assist should you need them.

Father's Day Stall 😊

Thank you to our Parents & Friends for running out Father's Day stall. I know the students love picking out gifts (the dad jokes where a highlight for me), and the money raised will continue to help us upgrade the facilities for all our children.

Book Week Parade

Thank you to everyone who participated in Book Week. The parade was a highlight, and it was nice to see our staff all dressed up. (Special mention to Mrs Cois in the sick bay) and I know from the high fives that the students also appreciated it.

Parent/Student Teacher Conferences (PST Conferences)

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for PSTC's this week. Whether face to face or online it was great to hear teachers and families celebrating learning. As is our usual practice, we will review these PSTC's and continue to respond to the needs of our community.

Assembly – Student Awards

It is always great to hear how our students have demonstrated our school values each fortnight at our school assembly. This assembly is run by our school captains, and we love to see families at the assembly enjoying the celebrations and of course respectfully following our COVID safe practices. Hope to see you there.

Athletics Champions

I would like to congratulate all the students who represented MPS at the SSV Division carnival and give a special shout out to Paul (great name) who came first in the shot put with a push of 9.27m.
Well done and good luck at the Western Metropolitan Regional finals.

2023 Enrolments and Planning

We are currently in the process of planning our grade structure and teaching staff for 2023,
if you have a child or children and you know you will not be at MPS next year, can you please email the school and let us know. This will help with our planning and your child's transition.
Also If you have a child who is eligible to come to school in 2023 (turning 5 years of age by April 30th 2023), we are accepting enrolments now. To enrol please contact the office for information, to help plan for this process you will need to organise and bring:

· Child's birth certificate
· Immunisation certificate
· Visa (Passport) if child is not born in Australia

If you know someone who would like a tour of our school, we will be running tours on Fridays at 10am, please ask them to call the office to book a tour or direct them to our website where you can find our virtual tour:
http://www.mossfielps.vic.edu.au/

Think Community

It has again been great to see students in the yard demonstrating our school values. This week I had a handful of helpers picking up rubbish and making our school look clean and tidy. Thank you.

School Survey – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Families are invited to participate in the 2022 Parent Opinion Survey. Only 8%, if you have been putting it off, now is the time.

As at 5:50 pm, Wednesday 7 September 2022

Number of survey invitations distributed	Number of survey responses	Response rate
252	19	8%

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. We encourage all families to participate in this survey. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from Monday 22nd August to Friday 16th September.
To access the survey, check your compass news feed for details and logins.

COVID – MASKS

As previously communicated, face masks continue to be recommended by the Department of Health, however, are not compulsory, I ask that you please consider the use of masks and should your child require one we have plenty at school, just ask your classroom teacher. In addition, we continue to ask that if your child is sick or has symptoms of COVID please stay home. While at school we will follow the COVID safe process we have come to know work well. For those who need additional RAT please contact the school office and we will happily supply them.

Take care,
Paul Maisey
Principal

Chocolates are here!

Our chocolate boxes have arrived!
It would be great if you could help - Freddo 'n Friends chocolates are $60 per box and you prepay to receive your box. Next you sell them on to friends and family OR keep to enjoy their deliciousness yourself.
The chocolates can be collected at the front office and you are welcome to buy multiple boxes!
This fundraiser will go towards new drinking troughs for our students.

Canteen Helpers Wanted

We welcome Mums, Dads, Grandparents, carers and others to help support our school by volunteering in our canteen. Any time you could spare, whether it be an hour, or a day, is a valuable resource for our school and would be greatly appreciated.

If you think this might be you, please leave your details at the office or go to the canteen Thursday or Friday before school and chat to Deb.
All applicants must have a current Working with Children Check and do an induction to work onsite.
Unfortunately, we are not permitted to have toddlers/children in the canteen due to Occupational Health and Safety regulations.

We look forwards to welcoming you onboard.

Congratulations to our Father's Day raffle winners!
1st prize went to Om from 3/4A, 2nd prize to Chase from 5/6F and 3rd prize to Reggie from 1/2A. The raffle was drawn at assembly by our SRC representatives.

Huge thanks also goes to our parent helpers, who put together the raffle prizes and spent two days running our Father's Day Stall. Thank you Iris, Chloe, Desiree, Louise, Mark and Tanya; you are very much appreciated here at Mossfiel Primary.

Headlice

We have had a few cases of headlice appearing at school recently. If you find that your child has head lice, please ring the office on 9749 1227 to notify the school.

Treat the hair using a registered head lice product . You must bring your child to the office to be checked and cleared before they return to their class.

This policy is employed in our school in order to minimise the spread of head lice - something I am sure concerns us all and is very disruptive to family life, school attendance and school operation.

Please go to betterhealth.vic.gov.au, search headlice for more information.

No Canteen lunches

The Canteen will only be open for over the counter sales on Thursday 15th & Friday 16th September. NO LUNCH ORDERS

Crossings

Please be aware that the school crossing on Langridge Street will now be supervised from 2:30pm to 3:30pm instead of 2:45pm to 3:45pm.

Parking

Please be mindful of when you are dropping off and picking up your children that you are parking appropriately. Be aware of children crossing the roads around our school. Thank you

Student Wellbeing

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

Hello to our wonderful Mossfiel community!
We hope that your child has had a fantastic Term 3 at school and that they enjoy a relaxing holiday break.
We have an exciting final week of Term 3 ahead of us, including our annual FOOTY DAY PARADE - please see information below.

R U OK? DAY

This week at Mossfiel, we have been learning about R U OK? Day.

The RU OK Day website features a fun video by HAROLD the giraffe, from the Life Education Van.
Harold explains how we can ASK our family or friends if they are feeling OK.
Harold explains how we can really LISTEN if someone isn't feeling OK. And Harold suggests people who can HELP if they need some extra support.

You might like to share this video with your child and also check out the free resources on the website:
https://www.ruok.org.au/education#PRIMARYSCHOOLRESOURCES

Remember, asking R U OK is important EVERY DAY. This means that all year round, it's important and easy to ask, "R U OK?"

FOOTY DAY PARADE

SOMETHING EXCITING IS HAPPENING SOON!

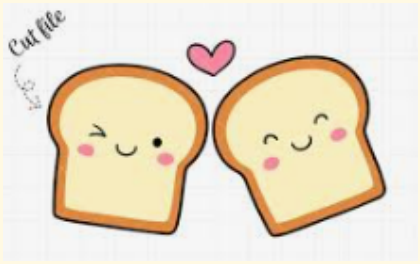
On the last Friday of this term (16th September) at 9am in the school gym, we are holding our annual FOOTY PARADE.

Students are encouraged to wear their favourite AFL footy colours, OR their favourite sports clothes.

All students will have the opportunity to parade around the gym to their footy team's theme song, or with children who enjoy the same sport as them.

We also have a FOOTY KICKING COMPETITION! Two students from each grade will be selected to have a go at their best kick! Prizes will be handed out!

Family members are most welcome to attend and to participate in the kicking competition!



BREAKFAST CLUB

The toasters have been working harder than ever, as we have seen so many of our lovely Mossfiel students pop in for a delicious serving of hot toast or cereal.

We are extremely grateful to our recent volunteers:

Mrs Mullens - Mrs Farnswoth - Mr McAuley

…and more!

All students are welcome to come along on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, from 8.20am.

Please remember to arrive before the bell.

Best wishes, Ms Louise, Mrs Elliott and Mrs Langfield.

BOOK WEEK AND OUR FABULOUS PARADE!

Our school had a brilliant time at our recent Book Parade, on the 25th of August! Our SRC students were very impressed with all students and staff, who dressed up as their favourite book characters.
Our fantastic photographer Mr McAuley took some great photos from the day. Please enjoy a selection of these below.

BOOK WEEK COMPETITIONS UPDATE:

Illustration Competition: The SRCs are very close to deciding on the winning entries! All entries have been very creative and this will be a hard decision to make!
We will make an announcement about the winners before the holidays.

DOOR DISPLAYS:

Several of our classes and teachers have been very busy, creating brilliant door displays in the theme of a favourite class book.
It has been wonderful walking through the school and seeing students' artwork, writing and crafts.
The SRCs will also make a decision shortly about the winning door display!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY CONGRATS!

We would like to wish an EXTRA SPECIAL happy birthday to our students who have September BIRTHDAYS!

BAILEY ANGEL LAURALIE TAYLOR IMAAD RUBY KANNISHKA QIARA DIEGO VANDAWTCHIN JACK H JACK G CHRISTOPHER ROMEO EBONY ISABELLA NIKE SUMMER QUADE RUTH LUCAS BROOKLYNN RAFAAN

Have a lovely end to the week,
from Kym Langfield
Mental Health and Wellbeing Coordinator

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
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