

4 MAY 2023 • NEWSLETTER

MOSSFIEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

WE ARE A RESILIENT AND RESPECTFUL COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS

MOSSFIEL DIARY DATES:

On NOW	Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser - get a box today!
11-12 May	Mother's Day Stall
17 May	3/4 Athletics Day
22-24 May	3/4 Camp
25 May	School Photo Day
23 June	CSEF Applications close for 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers,

I trust that you and your young person have settled back into the routine of school and are looking forward to another great term of learning.

Student Voice

It was wonderful to see our school leaders successfully run the school's commemorative ANZAC Day service.

Thank you to all involved and to the families that attended.



Fundraising Rewards

Thank you to our community for the fantastic new drinking trough. The is purchased with money raised last year from the school fete, Easter raffle, Fathers and Mother's Day stalls, chocolate drive and sausage sizzles. We will continue to use funds raised to upgrade the drinking toughs around the school.



Easter Raffle

Congratulations to our winners and a special thanks to our community for donating the prizes for the hampers and for purchasing the tickets to support the school. A second drinking tough would look great in the school grounds!!

Think Community - Superhero Dress Up Day

Thank you to our Junior School Councillors who organised the SUPERHERO Dress Up Day, to raise money for Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday appeal.

We raised \$282.70 in what is a great example of our Think Community value in action.

It was also great to see the staff getting involved, below is an example ... Dr Maisey (not a real doctor!) and Superwoman Farnsworth!



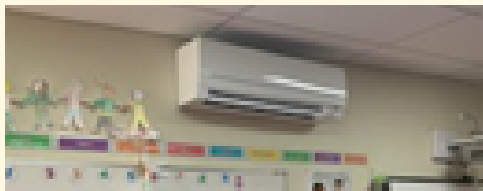
Grounds Update

You will have noticed that we have continued our work to upgrade our facilities over the holiday break. The gravel near the gym has been removed and replaced with some concrete and synthetic turf as well as some nice landscaping to tie it all together. This will be a safer and more usable space for our students. Drop past and have a look.



Air conditioners in Block D

We have completed our installation of air conditioners into all our learning spaces. This should help us to maximise our learning in all weather conditions.



Playground Addition

The junior playground has had an addition to what is already a crowd favourite. The bridge was added as a fun solution to cover a drain access point.



Assembly - Student Awards

It is always great to hear how our students have demonstrated our school values. Well done to all the students receiving awards. 😊



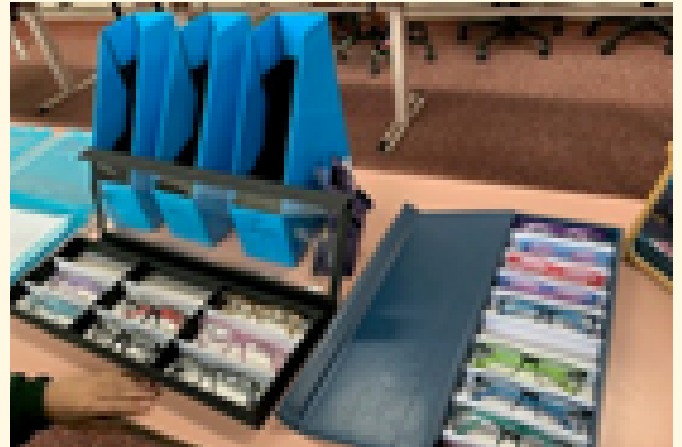
Specialist Awards



Glasses in Schools Program

This week we had 81 families take the opportunity to have their children's eyes tested at school for free.

Twenty-four of our students will be receiving glasses to help their vision and all students who participated will receive an individual vision report in coming days, so please watch out for it in your child's school bag. I would like to thank all involved in organising this important program.



New Arrival

Congratulations to Brad Morgan and his partner on the arrival of their first child, a little girl named Charlotte. When you see Mr Morgan, please congratulate him.



*Take care,
Paul Maisey, Principal*

Classroom Challenge!!

Welcome back everyone, just to recap, the **winning class** for **highest attendance** rate for Term 1 was **5/6O**.

They will have a special lunch provided by the school, sometime this term.

We are **running this challenge each term** and we are pleased to announce that the top five classes for best attendance so far in Term Two are as follows:

- In fifth place at the moment is 5/6P
- in fourth place is 5/6O
- in third place is 1/2P
- in second place is 5/6S and
- coming in **first place** so far this term, is **3/4D**.

Watch this space!

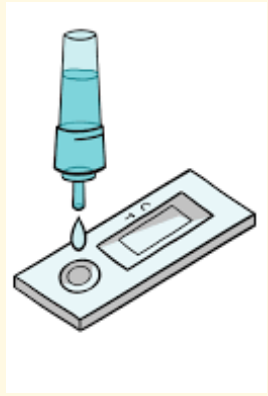
From the Attendance Team



IMPORTANT

RAT Tests available

With colder weather just around the corner we just wanted to let you know that RAT Tests are still available from the school office. Just pop in if you would like some and the office team will be happy to help.



All parents to the office

Parents calling into the school to drop off lunches, bags, water bottles, homework etc or to do an early pick-up, **must ALL come via the office**. No parents should be going to classrooms during the school day.

Re early pick-ups: After checking in at the office, parents can head to sick bay to arrange collection of their child.

Headlice

Headlice have reared their ugly heads again.

Please check your child's head and treat if needed.

Notify the office if you have found any headlice or nits.





YEAR 3/4 STUDENTS MAKING A SPLASH IN 2023!

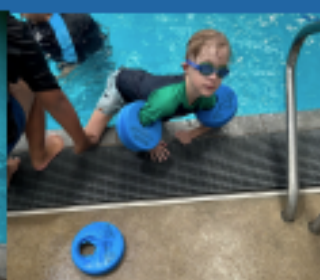
Students enjoyed ending term 1 by engaging in a 4 day water safety swim program at Paul Sadler Swimland. The students beamed with excitement as they entered the water each day and it was fantastic to see their confidence grow in such a short period of time.



Inclusive Activities

- Learn to swim
- Learn to breathe
- Learn to float
- Practice stroke
- Safety in and around water
- Fun with friends
- Survival skills
- Water safety knowledge

AMAZING





LIBRARY NEWS

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



Scholastic Book Club
Issue 3 due date
Friday 12th May



LARRIKIN HOUSE BOOK CLUB

Overdue library book notes have been sent home recently, please return any library or home reading books you may have at home.

Students are required to have a library bag to borrow from the library, this is to protect our books from school bag spills.

This term we are trialling an online bookclub from Larrikin House.

The latest issue of the online Larrikin House Book Club is now live. Everything you need to know can be found on compass.

The Larrikin House Book Club closes on 9 June.



SCHOOL PHOTOS 2023 - Important Registration Information



School Photographs will be taken at

Mossfiel Primary School

Thursday 25th May 2023

There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day

Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day

When you receive your child's 2023 image code

Follow these 3 simple steps -

1 Go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter your child's 2023 image code



2 Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings



3 Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration*



*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

That's it!

**It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details
When 2023 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS**

- **Create photo packages with any layout & YOUR choice of images + Multiple Image Downloads**
- **Order on any mobile device**
- **Share the images with family & friends for FREE**

**** Please wait to receive notifications that new images are online BEFORE ordering for 2023 ****



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FAMILY WELLBEING NEWS

I respectfully acknowledge the Bunurong people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which I work and live and pay my respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



Hello to our whole school community, I hope that your child is enjoying the beginning of Term 2.

ANZAC DAY

Last Friday our whole school community gathered to remember those who have served, continue to serve and who have lost lives in war.

Our Whole School Events SRCs led the service, which included wreath-laying, The Ode of Remembrance, The Last Post, a period of silence and the National Anthem.

Thank you to the classes who created special wreaths, which can now be viewed in our office foyer (see photos below).

Well done to the SRC students who spoke so confidently and to Ms Simpson and Mr O'Donnell for organising the service.



ABORIGINAL LEARNING

Our Koorie students have been enjoying getting together to create some original Aboriginal artworks, inspired by Aboriginal artist Bronwyn Bancroft.

The students have been using pencil and paint to create images of Country, including the sea, land, sky and animals, while incorporating Aboriginal patterns and symbols.

The students have also enjoyed sharing conversations and exploring Aboriginal books in a yarning circle.

Please see images below of recent workshops and artwork in progress. Completed artwork will soon be displayed around the school, along with signs displaying the land on which we learn and work on.

Thank you to all the Mossfiel families who recently participated in a survey to share their ideas for an Aboriginal acknowledgement plaque, which will be displayed in our office foyer shortly.

At the end of May our school will be acknowledging and celebrating National Reconciliation Week. We will soon share details of activities and learning that the school community will be involved in.





NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL SAFELY DAY

National Walk Safely to School Day is taking place on Friday 19th May.

On this day, students and their families are encouraged to travel to school by walking, rather than being driven, to get involved with the theme “active kids are healthy kids”.

Students may also like to ride a bike, scooter or skateboard.

The state government recommends that “until they’re ten, children must always hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.”

This is a good opportunity for parents and carers to remind children about how we walk and travel safely to school. Families can find more information at www.walk.com.au

Our school has been provided with some fun Walk Safely to School temporary tattoos (of the image above). If your family walks to school on the 19th May please see Mrs Langfield the following Monday for your free tattoo!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to our Mossfiel students who have their birthday in MAY. We hope that your child has a wonderful day!

“Happy birthday to...”

MELODY KOA ALEXANDRA B ARJUN ERIC PEYTON-
ANNE OMAR GOP ROSIE WIN XAVIER CALVIN JOEL
ELLA N YOU QIN OSCAR ELEAZER PAULINE RHYS
SONNY HAMAI KATALEYA ADELINE BELLA-JAYNE
ISAK MU KLO ANASTASIA TOM ANGELA U BODHI



BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS

Ms Louise and I have been busy preparing plenty of hot toast to keep students warm on these chilly mornings!

Students have also been enjoying cereals, fruit and milk to drink.

We have been lucky recently to have Mrs Elliott volunteer at Breakfast Club and we thank her very much for her help!



Our school is very excited to have received a special grant from the Victorian Government and the Good Guys to receive some new appliances for Breakfast Club to continue providing and cooking delicious foods for our students... We will share some photos soon of our new products!

*Best wishes, Kym Langfield -
Mental Health and Wellbeing
Coordinator*





WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT

O.S.H.C?

Term 2 has arrived! We began the week with a DJPJ Curriculum Day and then celebrated Anzac Day with a back-to-school theme. The children engaged in cooking, creative and physical experiences. Decorating poppy biscuits was a highlight of the children's week. Week 1 happy snaps below.



COMING UP

MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA



If your child is booked in on Friday the 12th of May, we are invited to our Mother's Day afternoon tea from 5:15pm-6:15pm. It would be great if you could make it.

Enrol online at www.bigchildcare.com

or call 0403 554 908 for further information

HOLIDAY CARE



Autumn holidays were a blast, children were kept busy engaging in themed incursion days and some wonderful excursions.

Throughout the two weeks, we were out and about attending the movies and Luna Park. We held days at the school which included Animal Wildlife, laser tag, Lego, Pizza Party, Mexican Fiesta and Wizard's Realm.

Children really enjoy the wonderful experience of holding snakes, a crocodile, patting a bird and a big hairy wombat.

See you in the Winter holidays for 2 weeks of FUN! Starting from the 26th of June, 2023.

This brochure will be out soon!

- Kaitlin (Mossfiel - Centre Manager)



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Monday 1 May 2023

Dear Principal

Information about Child Care Subsidy Changes for OSHC Families

Please be advised that effective from Monday 10 July 2023, changes will be made to the way Services Australia calculates Child Care Subsidy (CCS) entitlements for your OSHC families. The good news is that child care will be cheaper for most families!

In summary:

- The maximum amount of CCS is increasing from 80% to 90% for families earning up to \$80,000.
 - If families earn over \$80,000, their CCS percentage will go down by 1% for each \$5,000 of income they earn. They will either get more subsidy or there will be no change to their entitlement.
- The income limit for CCS has increased to \$530,000.

Please [click here](#) to download an information sheet we will be sharing with all OSHC families today.

REQUESTED ACTION:

We would like to request you share this information sheet with your school community as well, just in case more families wish to use our service given the changes. If you could please place a copy in your newsletter or via your communication portal, we would be most grateful.

In most cases families will not need to do anything to get the increased subsidy rate if they are entitled. The changes should be applied automatically from 10 July 2023. Families should however check their income estimate and update it should their circumstances change.

Thank you for your support in sharing this information with your school community.

Yours sincerely

Ted Hatzakortzian
CEO

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CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – General eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or carer of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one
 - on the first day of Term two
- a) be a holder of one or more of the eligible financially-means tested cards **OR** be a temporary foster parent, and;
- b) submit an application to the school by the due date.

For the list of eligible financially-means tested cards refer to the CSEF Policy:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/policy>

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Special Consideration

A special consideration category exists for

- Families on a bridging visa, temporary protection visa, in community detention or are asylum seeker families
- Students in temporary out of home care arrangements, including statutory kinship care

For more information, see <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/guidance/eligibility>

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer concession card being validated successfully with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30 January 2023) or term two (24 April 2023).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see:

www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents/carers so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/CARER DETAILS section.

Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.

If you are claiming as a temporary Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

If you are seeking special consideration, mark this in the form and provide a copy of the relevant documentation.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2023 closes on the 23 June 2023.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

MOSSFIEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

Foster parent* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____

MOSSFIEL SCHOOL LEADERS

Principal - Paul Maisey

Carmen Morrison
Dennis Osborne

Assistant Principal - Shannon Taylor

Diane Delapa
Craig O'Donnell

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