

5 OCTOBER 2023 • NEWSLETTER

# MOSSFIEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

WE ARE A RESILIENT AND RESPECTFUL COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS

## MOSSFIEL DIARY DATES:

3 November	Fete
6 November	Pupil Free Day
7 November	Melbourne Cup Day - no school
20-21 November	5/6 Water Safety Program
30 November	Pupil Free Day
13 December	Year 3/4 Luna Park Excursion
14 December	Year 6 Graduation
18 December	Year 5/6 Adventure Park Excursion

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4. It has been great to see the children settle back into school and class quickly and I look forward to another productive term. This term we have a student free day on Monday 6th November (7th is a public holiday for Melbourne Cup Day) and one on Thursday the 30th November. Please plan ahead and contact Big Childcare if you need support.

### STUDENT SAFETY

We have unfortunately had reports of students in cars without seat belts. Not only is this against the law, it is extremely dangerous. Please take care and look after each other.

Secondly, we have noticed a few students arriving unaccompanied early to school. Some before 7.30am and while we encourage every child to attend school every day, we would like to remind our community that staff are not on duty until 8.30am for a 8.45 start. Parents are of course welcome to arrive early with their children.

**THINK Excellence**

**THINK Respect**

**THINK Resilience**

**THINK Community**

### FOOTY DAY

Congratulations to our whole community for dressing up and celebrating footy day. It was great to see a variety of teams and codes represented. The highlight of course was spending the morning with the Blues supporters! Also a special shoutout to our staff who once again got into the spirit of footy day.



### COLOUR RUN

Thank you to our community for supporting the school and raising funds through our recent Colour Explosion run. The funds will be used to upgrade another drinking trough. The design has been chosen by our school captains. Below are a couple of pictures of what was a fantastic day. A special thanks to Mr O'Donnell for his outstanding work organising the day.



### 2024 ENROLMENTS - DON'T MISS OUT!

If you have a child who is eligible to come to school in 2024 (turning 5 years of age by April 30th, 2024), we are accepting enrolments now. To enrol please contact the office. 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/>

### 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

### THINK COMMUNITY

It was great to see our students picking up papers and 'Keeping Mossfiel Clean'. As part of a SRC initiative, students seen keeping MPS clean are given a raffle ticket and it is drawn at assembly each fortnight. Below are this week's winners ... well done!







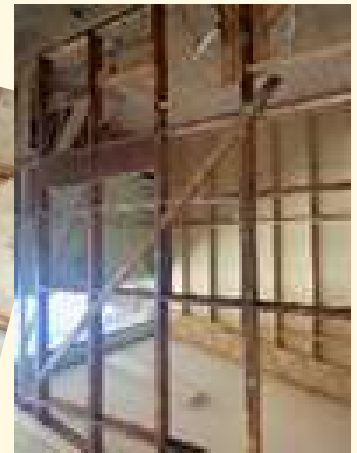
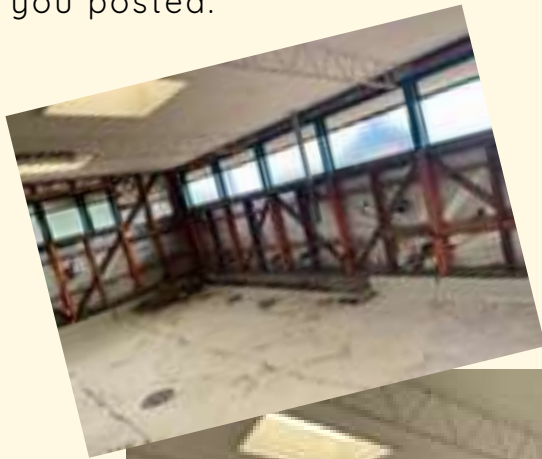
### NEW CARPET COMPLETE

The new carpet in Block B & C is now complete. Thank you to our families, students, and staff for their flexibility last term while the new carpet was being installed. I'm sure you agree it looks great and reflects the high expectations we have at Mossfiel Primary School.



### BLOCK A TOILET UPGRADE

You may have noticed that the Block A staff and student toilet upgrade has begun. This has been funded and is being run through the Victorian Schools Building Authority. We are grateful for the progress and look forward to the projected completion prior to Christmas. Internal demolition is almost complete, we will keep you posted.



*Take care,  
Paul Maisey Principal*



# COLOUR EXPLOSION A GREAT SUCCESS!

Congratulations to the whole of the Mossfiel Community for the amazing fundraising effort for the school's first ever Colour Explosion. It was a wonderful fun day for our students and teachers, splashing each other with the colour powder. Mr Maisey and Mr O'Donnell were slimed by the students for huge fundraising efforts by the whole school.

We managed to raise \$19,940. This smashed our target of \$15,000. Our school will receive \$11,964 for our efforts, which will go towards new drinking taps, (see below!) that will be installed outside of the gym. Our school community had a number of students that raised an enormous amount of money. Well done and thank you.

By the end of the week, we hope to have distributed all the prizes that students have selected.

**Craig O'Donnell**



## OUR TOP PRIZE WINNER!



Special mention to Lachlan from Year 1/2D who was our top fundraiser. **He raised an amazing \$2180.** He walked away with a new Xbox and wireless headphones as prizes this week.

- This is the new design chosen by our SRC Representatives for the new drinking taps. Watch this space for installation news!







# RUN FOR FUN !!

Enjoy all the colour and fun from our Colour Explosion Day - we sure did!!













# FOOTY FEVER HITS MOSSFIEL!





## Last chance to buy **CHOCOLATE**



We have a few remaining boxes of Cadbury chocolates left - now going for the bargain price of **just \$20**.

Offer only while stock lasts.

**Get yours today to avoid disappointment!**

## CLASSROOM CHALLENGE

Our Classroom Attendance Challenge continues this term.

At the moment it is too soon to give you updates this term. Mr Osborne will announce the leading classes for Term Four at assembly next week.

**Congratulations to 1/2F who were the winners of the Term 3 challenge.**

They will receive a special lunch this term as their reward!

Keep up the great work everyone!

**From the Attendance Team**

## PLANTS PLEASE!



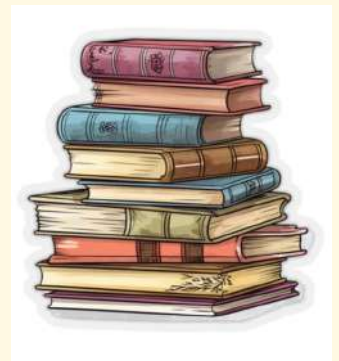
34W will be running the **Fete plant stall** and we need your help!

We would really appreciate any **donations of plant pots**.

Containers like clean milk bottles that we can grow seedlings in would also be good.

And, of course, any plants you may have or are keen to grow for us would also be great!

## BOOKS PLEASE!



a Second-hand book stall will be part of our fun fete activities and your help would be appreciated.

We are looking for donations of all types of books - novels, biographies, gardening books, recipe books, non-fiction, kids books, young adult novels, graphic novels... anything and everything!

All we ask is that they are school appropriate covers and content.






JOIN US FOR OUR

# School Fete

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3RD  
12.30 - 2.30PM



FAMILIES  
WELCOME



Join us for loads of  
fun activities, yummy  
food and browse through  
our range of stalls!

This includes \*Jumping Castles  
\*‘Dunk the Teacher’ Tank \*Games  
such as Bean bag Toss, Knock ‘em  
Down, Balloon Bust & Ring Toss as  
well as \*Fairy Floss \*Popcorn  
\*BBQ \*Dance Floor \*Pizza \*Mini  
golf \*Plants \*Books... and much  
much more!



MOSSFIEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

FETE TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW FROM THE FRONT OFFICE



## 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.



**Wominjeka - Welcome to our Mossfiel community, ready for a fantastic Term 4!**

### ABORIGINAL LEARNING



Our beautiful Aboriginal Acknowledgement of Country plaque has arrived at Mossfiel and is proudly on display at our administration office.

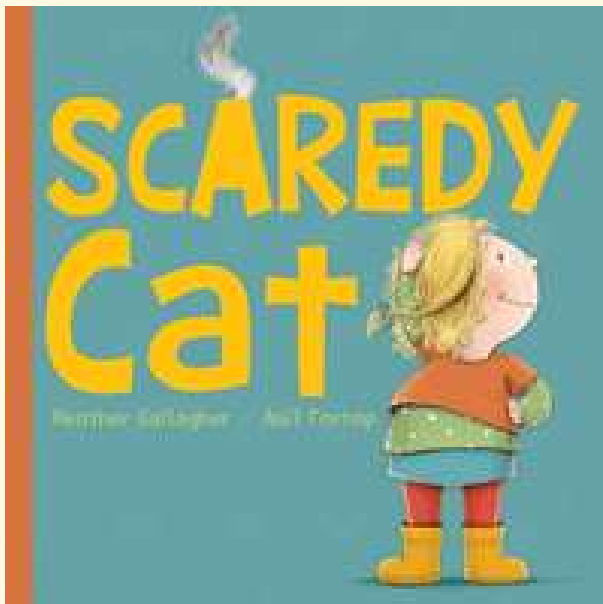
Thank you to the whole Mossfiel community for providing your input into the chosen design.

The artwork and colours of the cockatoos looks fantastic and the acknowledgement to the Bunurong people, the traditional owners of the land at Mossfiel and to all Elders, is very important. Please pop past the office to have a look!

In addition to our new plaque, you will begin to see some finished original artwork around the school, by our young Aboriginal artists, along with their personal acknowledgements.

### VISITING AUTHOR - HEATHER GALLAGHER!

Heather Gallagher is a children's author of picture books and chapter books, as well as a journalist and the wonderful news is....Heather will be visiting our school over the next four weeks!



Heather will be working with some of our keen budding authors, from the 3/4 and 5/6 department, to develop their own book.

We look forward to sharing news and updates on the progress of this very special writing group with you shortly.





## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH



Mental Health Awareness month takes place in Australia throughout October. The 2023 theme is *“We all have a role to play.”*

This month encourages all of us to think about our mental health and wellbeing, regardless of whether we may have a lived experience of mental illness or not. It also gives us the opportunity to understand the importance of good mental health in our everyday lives and encourages help seeking behaviours when needed. BeYou and Beyond Blue shares some tips that you can use with your family during this month and in your everyday lives:

- **Nutrition and mental health** - Healthy eating helps children and young people cope more effectively with stress, better manage their emotions and get a good sleep - all of which assist learning.
- **Physical activity and mental health** - Services and schools provide many opportunities for children and young people to join in physical activity, through both structured activities like formal classes or team sports and spontaneous play. Regular physical activity is great for children and young people’s health development and helps prevent and relieve mental health issues.
- **Mindfulness** - Mindfulness is about learning to make a conscious and discerning choice where our attention lies, rather than allowing it to be dominated by concerns which take us away from experiencing the present moment. See how practising mindfulness can help to promote positive wellbeing for you and your learning community.

To learn more about how you can include healthy eating, physical activity and mindfulness in your everyday lives, please head to the BeYou website:

<https://beyou.edu.au>



# 28 DAYS TO FETE!



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

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

“Happy birthday to...”



AMBER ELISHA RAYAAN ISAIA SPENCER CHAISE ARIA  
ZORAN DEEPIKA AARAV MICHELLE BEAUTY  
BOIZALIAN ARI M TAS MATILDA B KYDEN KUSHI  
THIHK FAATUA MARC TAHRIEL MARKEN KU BLUT  
HTOO BLAIRE RIYA CHARLIE WUN DAN ZAU

### BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS



Breakfast Club is back for Term 4!  
The toasters are working overtime, as Ms Louise and myself are cooking up lots of delicious breakfast options for students, to begin their learning day full of energy.  
Please come along on Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8.20am and thank you very much to our recent volunteers, Ms C and Mrs Langton.



Gobata - Take care!  
**Kym Langfield**  
Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader

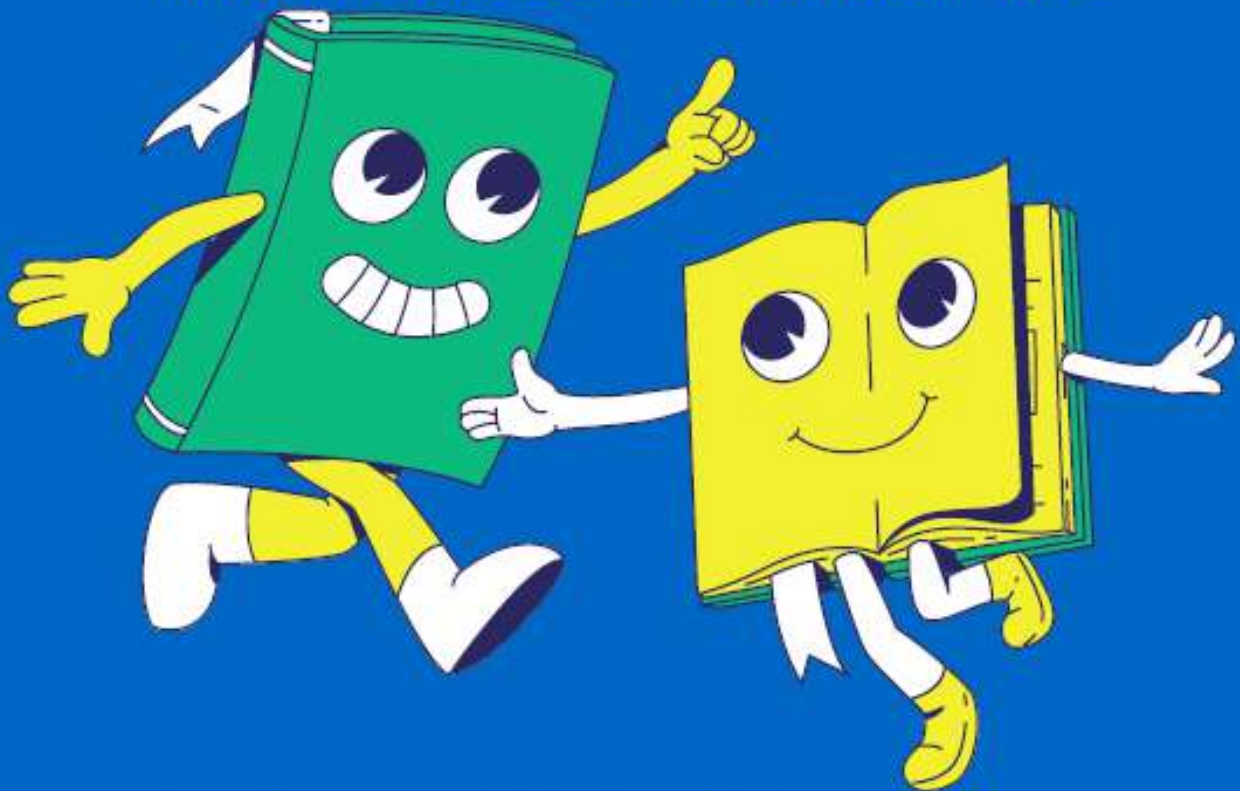




PREMIERS' READING  
CHALLENGE 2023

# CONGRATULATIONS

THIS YEAR 155 STUDENTS COMPLETED THE CHALLENGE



As well as our whole Foundation & Year 1/2 students, these students also successfully completed the challenge;

Alex C 3/4W

Celine D 3/4M

Zachary M 3/4M

Aaesha R 3/4D

Michelle D 5/6S

Viviene D 5/6S

Gurshaan S 5/6E

Victoria T 5/6P

Victorian  
premiers'  
reading  
challenge



VICTORIA  
State  
Government

## Local foster care agency, OzChild is looking for families who might be interested in opening their homes, and their hearts to provide local kids with forever homes

We recently learnt from local foster care agency, OzChild, that they are on a desperate search for individuals and families in Melbourne's western suburbs to consider becoming foster carers.

According to OzChild, there are children as young as eight who are currently living in group homes, with other children they don't know, and of varying ages, supervised by youth workers rather than having the attention of parental figures.

The agency is hoping to hear from anyone in a position to provide a child in Melbourne's west with stability, permanency, and love. With an increasing number of local children in need of forever homes, the organisation has reached out to us to put a callout for families who can help.

In Victoria there are almost 10,000 kids in care, some live with close family or next of kin, but many are placed into foster care. In fact, there might even be a child in your child's class who has, or still does live with a foster carer. Imagine the impact we could have as a school community if even a few families decide to become foster carers. We could offer a lifeline to children in need, giving them the chance to thrive academically, emotionally, and socially. Your decision to become a foster parent could shape the trajectory of a child's life and create a brighter future for generations to come.

Without the stability of a family home many kids become disconnected from school and the community leading to a lifetime of disadvantage. Foster carers play a pivotal role in providing children with a sense of belonging and the opportunity to thrive.

Carers receive initial training and ongoing education, along with financial assistance and access to a network of professionals and a village of carers who are there for one another, offering support and guidance, especially for new carers.

OzChild ensures that foster carers have the tools and resources they need to succeed, including access to school drop off and pickup services, babysitter reimbursements, school holiday programs and allowances to ensure caring for a child or young person can fit in with your personal circumstances. In addition, regular support groups and respite care options are available to help foster carers navigate the challenges and celebrate the joys of fostering.

Becoming a foster carer is a profound commitment that can change lives forever. Many foster parents find that fostering enriches their family life and teaches their children invaluable life lessons about empathy, kindness, and understanding.

To learn more about becoming a foster carer with OzChild interested individuals are encouraged to visit [www.ozchild.org.au](http://www.ozchild.org.au). The organisation's dedicated team is ready to provide information, answer questions, and guide potential foster carers through the application process.



## MOSSFIEL SCHOOL LEADERS

### Principal - Paul Maisey

Carmen Morrison  
Dennis Osborne

### Assistant Principal - Shannon Taylor

Diane Delapa  
Craig O'Donnell

## MOSSFIEL SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

President : Mistie Foley

Vice President : Chloe Bell

Treasurer : Jane Churchland

Minute Taker : Linda Spencer

Desiree King

Dennis Osborne

Nicole Aquilina

Jacqueline Drew

Iris Carnat

Louise Price