



Mossgiel Park News

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From the Principal

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. We thank you for the care you are showing each other by keeping your children home when they are unwell and by undertaking the rapid antigen tests twice a week. It is greatly appreciated. We would also like to extend our thoughts to any of our families that have connections with people who experienced the recent floods in QLD and NSW or part of the conflict happening in Ukraine. Please reach out if you or your child needs support. At times it is very difficult to understand what is happening in our world as an adult, much less as a young child. Please take care.

WELCOME NEW STAFF

We welcome Mrs Meredith Crowden, Mr Wayne Jiang and Ms Funan Keath. They are settling in very well and enjoying working at Mossgiel Park Primary School.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Sadly, we are having to farewell Rohan Mostert (President) and David Clarke (Vice President) from School Council. We are so grateful to have had their services for several years. Mossgiel Park have been so fortunate to have two parents so dedicated to making MPPS a wonderful school. I personally would like to thank them both for their wisdom and valuable input. We will miss them very much!

Welcome to our new School Councillors, Luke Garcia, Sarah Ramirez, Natasha Polites, Brian Hurley, and Kate Hardy. We are looking forward to their input and valuable contributions that will benefit our school.

SCHOOL VALUES

At Mossgiel Park we promote our school values of Respect, Relationships and Responsibility. On Monday we are having signs installed in the main entrance garden to allow the wider community to know what we stand for.

Reminders:

Curriculum Day 8th of April.
No students at school on this day.

April 7th will be the last day of school for students – normal finishing time 3.15pm.

Please note: all cash payments for camps/excursions must be in a named/sealed envelope with permission slip. EFT payments must have the student's name and activity in the description.

Please clearly name all clothing, for lost items to be found/returned easily.

Upcoming Events (subject to change):

April:

Tuesday 29th	School Photos
Friday 1st	Whole School X Country
Tuesday 5th	Foundation Family Morning Tea
Thursday 7th	Crazy Hair & Socks Day
Thursday 7th	Last day of term for students. 3.15pm finish.
Friday 8th	Curriculum Day and last day of term.

The students are becoming confident in talking about our values and how they need to be modelling them.



STUDENT VOICE AND AGENCY DAY

Yesterday we had the wonderful privilege of hearing from Dr Lisa Lande of the Quaglia Institute of Student Voice (America) via zoom. It is very exciting as we have been chosen by the Institute to be an Action School in Student Voice. After hearing the student's responses yesterday, I know we will do the Institute proud. If you have not had the chance to listen Dr Russ Quaglia's video link that was sent out on Class Dojo yesterday, please do so.

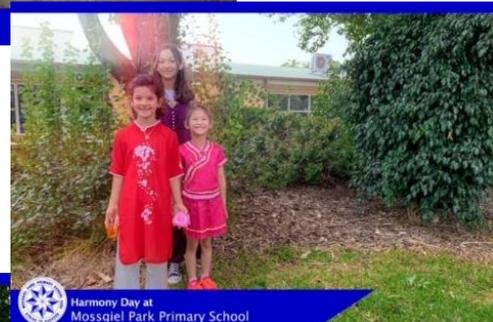


HARMONY DAY

Yesterday we celebrated Australian Multiculturalism and the successful integration of migrants into our community. At Mossgiel Park Primary we are about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all students regardless of cultural or linguistic backgrounds. It was a wonderful day! A big thankyou to our Parents and Friends Association (PAFA) for raising approximately \$500 from the sales of orange foods. The students loved it!



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2023 PREP ENROLMENTS

We are currently experiencing strong interest in our school with parents booking tours, even at this early stage of the year. We have already accepted enrolments for 2023 and remind parents of students with siblings who will commence Prep next year to enrol as soon as possible. If you know of any family or friends who may be interested in joining me for a tour, please encourage them to contact our School Office as soon as possible to book an appointment. Thank you.

EVERYDAY COUNTS

For the last 2 years for obvious reasons, the onsite attendance has been inconsistent to say the least. Snap lockdowns, circuit breakers and then extended lockdowns have made attending school on site on a consistent basis extremely difficult over the past two years. It's why now as we emerge out of COVID to a certain extent, it is crucial we get the children back to school at every opportunity, building their stamina to work through the day, giving them consistency with their learning and their relationships with their peers. Given that we have only been at school for six weeks, further patterns of absence can become a real concern. We're obviously not talking here about a student who has had to isolate because they are a close contact or who has had COVID or is unwell. Regular school attendance is vital and missing school days can have a big impact on your child's future – missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. From Prep to Year 12 that adds up to 1.5 years of school!

Going to school every day is the one of the most important parts of your child's education. Students learn new things every day and missing school puts them behind.

Why regular attendance is so important:

- Teachers often present new concepts in a sequential way, so missing a day of school can mean missing out on the fundamentals. It's hard to make up this learning so keeping student absences to a minimum is essential.
- Friendships and socialising can also be interrupted when children are frequently absent, which can be distressing for children.
- Every day that a student miss is associated with lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading. What we do know is that attendance patterns are established early in life and will often continue unless non-attendance is addressed. What you can do to support regular attendance.
- First, there are always times when a student becomes ill, and in this instance, they should stay home to recover.

It's vital however that they are only away when genuinely sick.

- To assist with good health and minimise illness children need to have a good sleeping pattern, eat well and exercise regularly.
- Families are encouraged to think twice before giving children a 'day off' unless they are genuinely sick.
- If your child is experiencing any issues such as not wanting to come to school then please alert your classroom teacher. Working together on such matters is most helpful. What to do if your child has been absent Talk to your child's teacher and find out what work needs to be done to keep up with learning.

Remember, that every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher especially if the absence is longer than a couple of days.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

School photos are scheduled for Tuesday March 29th. To look our best and show pride in our school, as in all other days, students must wear their full school uniform for school photos. All hair below shoulder length must be tied back. Thank you for your cooperation.

CRAZY HAIR/ SILLY SOCK DAY

On Thursday April 7th we are raising money for State School Relief as they are an amazing organisation that help families with educational needs. The students will have the opportunity to have crazy hair or wear silly socks or both. We are just asking for a gold coin donation. This will also be the last day of Term 1 so it will be a lovely way to finish the term. School will finish at our normal time.



CURRICULUM DAY

School Council have approved Friday April 8 as a pupil free day. No children are to attend school on that day. The teachers will be taking part in a Professional Learning Day on Restorative Practices. We are looking forward to hearing from an expert, David Vinegrad.

CLASS DOJO

It is so important to have the Class Dojo app on your phone, as it is one of our main communication tools. It is via this app that you will receive the newsletter, notices, reminders, and whole school events. If you have the Class Dojo app already, could you please change the year level that your child/children are in for this year so that you can receive messages specific to your child/children's year level.

DEVELOPING A PARTNERSHIP WITH MOSSGIEL PARK PRIMARY FAMILIES

Our teaching and support staff are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure all students can achieve their highest potential. We recognise that to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our student's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that they:

- 1) Attend school daily and arrive on time ready for the day's learning program
- 2) Complete all homework given by teachers
- 3) Read daily to develop a love for reading and to improve their literacy skills
- 4) Share school experiences with you so that you are aware of their school life

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Mobile phones are banned in all Victorian Government Schools. Students are not allowed to use phones during school hours, and in keeping with the policy at our school, must hand their phones to their class teacher who will lock it in their office when they arrive at school. Students are not allowed to store phones in bags or classrooms.

UNIFORMS

Please ensure your child comes to school in full uniform and that each item is **clearly named** as we tend to accumulate lost property with no names. If it is named, it makes it so much easier to give it back to the child when left in the playground or classroom.

Enjoy the upcoming weekend!

Lynn Ordish - Principal

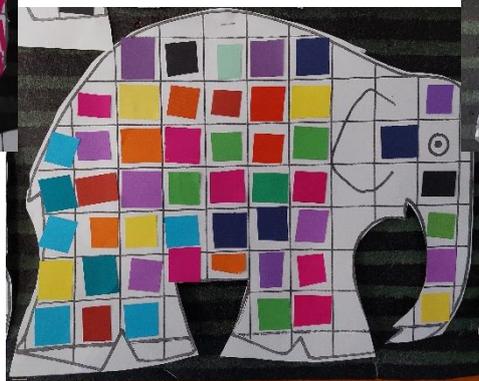
Mrs Carter would love your newspapers.

As many people are now going digital her supply is drying up.

If any families still like their newspapers in paper form, or has access to a supply of unwanted newspapers, please feel free to donate them to the art room.



Foundation



Our resident artists have been working very hard making more amazing pieces of Art, with our very talented Art Teacher Mrs. Carter. As you still can't come and enjoy them, we thought we would continue to share them with you, and maybe brighten your day a little.

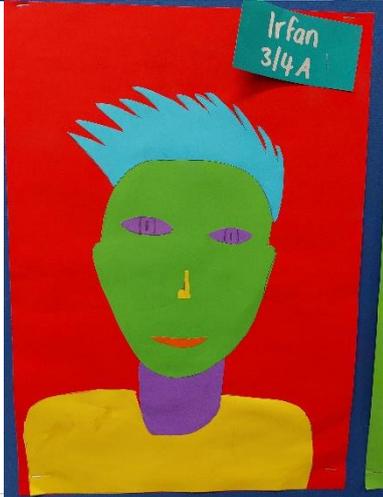


Juniors Yr 1/2





Intermediates Yr 3/4



Seniors Yr 5/6