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School Community Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 29th May	Prep Teddy's Bear Hospital.
Tuesday 29th May	Division Winter Sports for children participating.
Wednesday 30th May	Gr 5 & 6 A.S.P.I.R.E Leadership Program for children participating.
Thursday 31st May	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea (New Date).
Tuesday 5th June	School photos, envelopes have been sent home.
Wednesday 6th June	Glasses for Kids. Gr Prep-3.
Friday 8th June	Bessie Froud Netball Tournament.
Monday 11th June	Queen's Birthday Holiday. No school.
Thursday 28th June	Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 29th June	Last day Term 2.

Department of Education
SWIMMING IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Grade 4

Wed 27th June

Grade 5

Wed 30th May

Wed 6th June

Wed 13th June

Wed 20th June

Principal's Report

Head Lice

Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures, they have survived living solely on humans for 10,000 years. You may be reassured to know that they are commonly found in places other than Morwell Park Primary School, especially given our school isn't 10,000 years old we can't claim them as our own!!!

Some of the reasons they have survived for as long as they have are:

The six legs of a louse end in a claw, allowing them to grip the hair. They detect vibration and can hide - (conditioner will help this problem). Head lice can 'hold' their breath for 20 minutes looking like they are dead.

The eggs are attached to the hair with a 'glue' like substance. Studies conducted on 45 different products to dissolve the 'glue' showed **nothing** would dissolve it.

The good news...

We know where they live and we know how to find them. If you follow these steps at least once a week, the control of head lice in your home will be greatly improved.

- Step 1** Comb inexpensive hair conditioner on to **dry, brushed (detangled) hair**, making it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around;
Step 2 Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue;
Step 3 Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs;
Step 4 If lice or eggs are found, the child should be treated.

Biggest Morning Tea

Next Thursday we will be hosting a 'Biggest Morning Tea' during recess. The funds raised from the event help Cancer Council save lives through the prevention, early detection and treatment of cancer. Parents and friends are encouraged to attend and lend support for this worthy event.

Woorabinda Camp

Our grade 4's are currently attending Woorabinda School Camp, located near Yallourn North. While the weather may not be perfect our campers are having a terrific time.

Responding to Conflict

When teachers are aware of conflict between students they investigate all sides of the conflict. From time to time I am contacted by parents who are concerned about an incident and my first question is, "Did he/she speak to a teacher?" In the majority of cases if the response is no, it is because the child chose not to, knowing that their actions were in question too.

Most people, children included, are very good at telling their side of the story. From home, parents are unable to test all sides. I would urge parents to be aware that if their child hasn't told a teacher their description of the incident may not be entirely accurate.

Mr Credlin and I are on duty through recess and lunch time along with a number of staff. Children also return to class where there is a teacher available. Our school will follow up incidents when we become aware. If your child chose not to tell anyone you should be cautious.

Chris Joustra, Principal.

The Value of the Fortnight is: COURTESY

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Thursday 31st May, (NEW DATE)

10.40-11.30m

This year we will again host an "Australia's Biggest Morning Tea" to raise funds for the Cancer Council of Australia.

We are asking for support from all teachers and parents, please bring a small plate to share.

Hoping to see as many people as possible to help us support this very worthy cause.

All donations gratefully accepted.

Thank you.

Angie Lane & Maria Demetriou.



GRADE 6 SHIRTS

If anyone would like to order another shirt/hoodie could you please see Miss Allison as soon as possible.

PLEASE NOTE: The price/s will depend on how many are ordered.

WALK N WHEEL WEDNESDAY'S

During the winter months Walk n Wheel will continue.

Grades will be walking and riding around the creek track.



Children who are regularly physically active are healthier, perform better academically and less likely to be obese or overweight, which can lead to the long-term and costly risks of heart disease and diabetes etc.. Walking regularly is the best exercise because you can build it into your daily routine.



GRADE 3 WASTEWISE EXCURSION

As part of our Sustainability unit of work, the Grade 3's have participated in a Wastewise Excursion to our local recycling facilities. We learnt all about what happens to our rubbish once it leaves our houses and how come recyclable items are

sorted and sent to different factories to make new products. We learnt that some of our fleecy school jumpers are made out of parts of recycled PET plastic bottles.

We visited the Morwell Transfer Station and found out that most of the items are sorted to be recycled.

It was a fun day. Now we know more about how we can Reduce, Reuse and Recycle some of our rubbish both at home and at school.



SCHOOL PHOTO HELP STATION

HELPFUL PHOTO DAY INFORMATION:

1. If you are placing an order please ensure each child has their own envelope.
2. Do **not** place another child's envelope inside their siblings envelope.
3. Please collect a family envelope from the school office if you wish to have a family photo taken.
4. All children are photographed regardless if you are paying or not. This is for the schools records.
5. When the photos are returned to school, those who did not place an order on the day will be given a second chance to order via a new form distributed when photos are returned to school.
You won't miss out!
6. The school does not give change nor do the photographers.
PLEASE ensure the correct money is enclosed.
7. If you lose your envelope the photographers and the school carry spares.
8. Only parents who are paying on the day and requesting it will have a family photo taken.
9. Ordering online is the only way you can pay with credit cards.
10. We do not have control over the way your child's name appears in the photo - any changes or requests are strictly handled by the school.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
FREECALL: 1800 750 586**

NEED HELP?



Family Discount: Families who have 3 or more children will only pay for the first 2. You must supply an envelope for the non-paying child and you must order either the ***deluxe, premium or feature pack*** to receive this discount.

Family discount is ***ONLY*** available online before photo day. (Please contact the office if you would like to take up this offer but don't have computer/internet access).

YOU ALSO NEED TO PRINT THE DISCOUNT COUPON AND PLACE INSIDE YOUR CHILD'S ENVELOPE.

PRESCHOOL ENROLMENT

ENROL ONLINE!



Enrolments
NOW open

until 30 June.

If your
child turns four
by 30 April next
year, they can
go to preschool



Enrol online at

www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Preschool

You can also call 1300 367 700, to arrange support to complete the online form. Once completed you will receive an automatic response to confirm receipt of application.

You will receive an email offer at the end of August with further information and instructions.



TRARALGON LIBRARY

Wendy Orr, a famous Canadian Australian writer will be speaking on Wednesday 6th June at 7.30pm.

This is a free event.

To register phone 5176 4620 or email contact@readeremporium.com.au



Wendy Orr

Wendy Orr is a Canadian-born Australian writer. Her books for children and adults have been published in 27 countries and won awards around the world. She won awards including the CBC (Australian) Book of the Year, American Library Association Book for older readers, and the Israeli March of Books. Her books *Nim's Island* and *Nim at Sea* have also become feature films, starring Jodie Foster and Abigail Breslin (*Nim's Island*) and Bindi Irwin (*Return to Nim's Island*.)

Her latest book is *Dragonfly Song*, a novel in free verse and prose of an outcast girl who becomes a bull-leaper in Bronze Age Crete.

TO EFFECTIVELY TREAT HEADLICE, ONE TREATMENT IS NOT ENOUGH

To understand why, you need to understand the lifecycle of a louse. Each louse can live for approximately five weeks, but during that lifetime a female can lay up to 120 eggs.

The head lice life cycle lasts between 32 and 35 days. Because many of the lice may still be in their eggs when the first treatment is carried out, a second and third treatment is needed to ensure all head lice are effectively targeted during the treatment.

Nits hatch every 6 – 10 days which is why treatment is repeated on days 7 and 14 to ensure all eggs have been hatched.



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to connect*

Glasses for Kids program

I am pleased to advise you that our school is participating in the Glasses for Kids program.

This program is providing free vision screening, further eye testing and glasses if required, for all **Prep to Year 3** students in 250 of Victoria's government schools. It has a potential to reach more than 30,000 students and is being delivered as a partnership between State Schools' Relief and its partner providers, including Link Health and Community, with the support of the Department of Education and Training.

All children, regardless of their background or circumstances, should have access to high-quality services and the supports they need to thrive and prosper. Children with uncorrected vision deficiencies can experience difficulty in learning, which can lead to behavioural challenges in the classroom. Identifying and addressing vision problems early ensures students don't fall behind. Children with vision deficiencies often do not report symptoms, assuming that everyone sees the world in the same way as they do.

Screening, testing, and the provision of glasses is backed by evidence as an effective means of supporting students and their families, by helping to improve learning behaviours and leading to better schooling outcomes.

The Glasses for Kids program will give an individual vision screening to students at school. Children who require additional eye testing will be referred to an established optometry practice for further bulk billed testing. Glasses will be dispensed for free, if needed.

The vision screening will be conducted at school by optometrists from Link Health and Community and screening assistants.

The scheduled date for screening at our school is: **Wednesday 6th June**

Parental consent will be required for students to participate in the program. Participation is voluntary.

An information sheet for parents which outlines key details about the program has been sent home with all **Prep to Year 3 students**. A consent form has also been sent home and these should be returned to school, completed and signed, to enable participation in the program.

Please read the information sheet thoroughly before giving your consent to participating in the program.