



### IMPORTANT DATES

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| Monday<br>18th February           | Deposit due for Gr 5<br>Wilson Prom Camp.                          |
| Tues-Fri<br>19th-22nd Feb         | Gr 6 Waratah Bay Camp.   |
| Wednesday<br>20th February        | Parent Committee meeting<br>at 8.45am in staffroom.                |
| Monday<br>25th February           | Final payment due for<br>Gr 5 Wilson Prom Camp.                    |
| Monday<br>25th February           | Deposit due for Gr 4<br>Woorabinda Camp.                           |
| Thursday<br>28th February         | Whole school excursion to<br>Cape Patterson.                       |
| <b>Thursday<br/>28th February</b> | <b>Forms and money due<br/>back for Easter Bun<br/>Fundraiser.</b> |
| Tues-Fri<br>5th-8th March         | Gr 5 Wilson Prom Camp.   |
| <b>Monday<br/>11th March</b>      | <b>Labour Day Public<br/>Holiday - NO SCHOOL.</b>                  |
| Thursday<br>14th March            | Delivery of Easter Bun<br>orders.                                  |
| Monday<br>18th March              | Final payment for Gr 4<br>Woorabinda Camp.                         |
| Mon-Fri<br>25th-29th Mar          | Gr 4 Woorabinda Camp.  |

**Morwell Park**  
**'Sun Smart' hats**  
**are compulsory in**  
**Term 1 & 4.**

Hats are only available from  
**LOWES**  
at Mid Valley.

### Principal's Report

#### School Council

The Morwell Park Primary School Council is made up of parent, staff and community representatives and broadly speaking serves as the governing body of the school. Our school council meets 8 times during the school year (twice a term), in most cases 5 – 6pm on a Thursday.

This year we have four vacancies in the parent representative category for a two year tenure. Should we have more than four nominations an election will be held.

Our current school councillors not up for re-election are Claire Randall, Jane Gibson, Belinda Soppe and Renee Hawkins. Retiring members are Deb Watson, Kerri Kingston, Kim Riddock and Linda Pacht.

Attached to last week's newsletter was information regarding school council. If you would like to discuss school council please contact Mr Joustra, Mr Credlin or any school council member.

Nominations will close Monday February 18 at 4.00pm. Nomination forms are available from the office.

#### Home Reading

Children by now are being asked to get into the habit of reading at home, either through take home readers in the younger grades or Lexiles in the older year levels.

Research indicates that homework as a general rule in Primary School has little bearing on student learning, indeed in some cases actually does more harm than good, however home reading when done properly is of great benefit.

Home reading should not be a negative task. Particularly in the younger grades take home books should be an opportunity for children

to sit and read, hopefully with a caring adult, and interact with a book. It should be positive and enjoyable, it should be an opportunity for encouragement and reward. If it isn't - stop. Reading is not a punishment and should not be treated as one.

Take home readers should be at a level whereby accomplishment is a given. If reading is a chore discuss this with your child's teacher and seek strategies which keep it as a meaningful and positive.

#### School Weeding

Our wonderful new gardens are providing us with a 'weeding challenge.' If any in our community have a spare moment to do a bit of weeding please lend a hand.

#### Gr 6 Waratah Bay Camp

Our grade 6 students are off to Waratah Bay on Tuesday next week for the annual Grade 6 Camp. The camp is a highlight for our grade sixers with many wonderful experiences.

#### School Captains and Junior School Council

Congratulations to the follow students:

#### Sustainability Captains

Ella D & Isabella C

#### Grade 4 JSC

Jack G & Alethea McG

#### Grade 5 JSC

Abbie M, Tonii P, Pheonix D,  
Thomas A & Lily W

#### Grade 6 JSC

Samuel McC P & Katrina O

#### Vice Captains

Liam G & Indiana S

#### School Captains

Riley G & Aluel B

*Chris Joustra, Principal.*

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# ★ STUDENT AWARDS THIS WEEK ★

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## LEARNING POWER AWARDS

**KIND**  
Melek S, Grade 4

**FOCUSED**  
Corey B, Grade 5

**GRITTY**  
Tanika L, Grade 3

**ENVIRONMENTAL**  
Azizul R, Grade 1

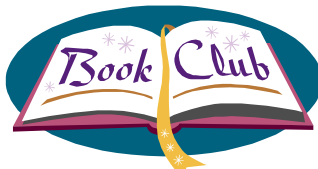
## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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| <b>Preps</b>   | Thomas S, Mistee D & Liam O       |
| <b>Grade 1</b> | Taylah S, Damen H J & Dexter C    |
| <b>Grade 2</b> | Hassan S, Ned P & Rubie T         |
| <b>Grade 3</b> | Keira R, Jai D & Emily B L        |
| <b>Grade 4</b> | Jack C M, Derek M & Ally McG      |
| <b>Grade 5</b> | Corey B, Phoebe J & Mohammed Z    |
| <b>Grade 6</b> | Jazmine K, Alice K & Samuel McC P |

## IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

# ATTENDANCE AWARD

## Grade 2



Issue 1 of Book Club was sent home this week and is due back by **Friday 15th February**.

Please make cheques payable to Morwell Park P.S **NOT** Scholastic.

Each order helps the school earn bonus points that we can order free books for the school library and Lexile program.

Thanks, Mrs Maruzza.

## LOGO PRINTING

Printing of the logo on school shirts and jumpers will be done on Thursday.  
Thank you.



## MORWELL NETBALL ASSOCIATION JUNIOR COMPETITION

- DAY:** Tuesday nights
- TIME:** Starting 6.15pm.
- WHERE:** Morwell Leisure Centre
- Registration night is at Morwell Leisure Centre on Tuesday 19th February at 6.30pm. Teams and individual players are welcome to register.

There will be 17 & Under Girls only.  
15 & Under Girls only, 13 & Under Girls & Boys,  
11 & Under Girls & Boys.

All sections subject to numbers.  
Boys must not turn 13 prior to season starting.

Any questions contact Jennie Bailey on 0427 671 864.

# The Value of the Fortnight is:



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





## Morwell Park Primary School Parents Committee



### Hot Cross Bun Drive

We are pleased to announce, in conjunction with Bushies Bakery at Glengarry, we are offering a Hot Cross Bun drive as our first fundraiser for the year. All money raised will be put towards the re-development of the chicken sheds and housing of chickens. This was a big part of our school before the new building works were put in place and remains as one of our priorities to continue.

Order forms are attached with the newsletter, if you do not receive an order form please ask at the school office.

**All details in regards dates, hot cross buns available for purchase and prices are listed on the order form.**



## Morwell Park Primary School Parents Committee



We welcome all Parents/Carers of Morwell Park Primary School to attend our first meeting of the year.

Come along and meet the current members of the Parents Committee and find out what we are all about, what we have planned for this year in regards to fundraising and events for the school, and how to get involved to help in organizing our fundraisers throughout the year.

Meeting Date: **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019**  
Meeting Time: **8.45am**  
Meeting Place: **Morwell Park Primary School - Staff Room**

It is a great opportunity to get to know the school, the staff, the surrounds and the goings on, from everyday happenings to future plans. We would love to see some new faces and to have some fresh ideas as well.

If you are unable to attend but would like more information or to be involved, please send your contact details to the Parents Committee email address of [mppsparentscommittee@yahoo.com](mailto:mppsparentscommittee@yahoo.com).

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our swimming team who competed at the Otto Ford Swimming Carnival yesterday. The students put in a fantastic effort to place second. Many thanks to Kevin Cowen & Vicky Cowen, Jane Gibson & Megan Kemp for assisting with timing.

