



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 12th Feb	Tent inspection for Waratah Bay Camp.
Tuesday 13th Feb	Meet the teachers. 3.00-4.30
Wednesday 14th Feb	Otto Ford Swimming Carnival for children participating.
Friday 16th Feb	Full payment due for Waratah Bay Camp.
Friday 16th Feb	Whole school excursion to Inverloch. No charge.
Friday 16th Feb	Book Club Issue 1 orders and money due back.
Monday 19th Feb	Full payment due for Wilson Prom Camp.
Tues-Fri 20th-23rd Feb	Gr 6 Waratah Bay Camp.
Mon-Thur 26th Feb-1st Mar	Gr 5 Wilson Prom Camp.
Wednesday 28th Feb	Division Swimming for children participating.
Monday 5th March	Curriculum Day. No children at school.
Monday 12th March	Labour Day Public Holiday. No school.

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

Hats are only available from
LOWES at MidValley.

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 from 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 Deb Watson, Kerri Kingston, Kim Riddock and Linda Pachl.

Retiring members are Claire Randall, Kevin Gibson, Belinda Soppe and Glenn Palmer.

Attached to the newsletter is information regarding school council. If you would like to discuss school council please contact Mr Joustra, Mr Credlin or any school council member.

Nominations are open from Monday and will close the following Monday February 19 at 4.00pm. Nomination forms are available from the office.

Meet the teachers

Next Tuesday teachers will be available after school until 4.30 to enable parents to call in for a look around the classroom and chat with teachers if so desired.

Inverloch Excursion

A reminder that next Friday we will be taking the whole school to Inverloch. Buses will be here at 9.00am so please don't be late. Children are asked to have their bathers on underneath their school uniform as there are no changing facilities at the beach. Children will be travelling to and from the beach in their bathers. The weather forecast is for a cloudy 22 degrees but it's still a long way out.

We welcome parents and there should be some room available on the buses, however parents need to have options for their own transport. Permission forms have been sent home with all children and must be returned if attending.

Prep Entry and Exit Gates

There is a gate nearby the builder's compound that has been closed as either side of the gate there has been building equipment. The equipment has now been removed which means we will utilise the gate for Prep students and parents.

Our Prep students are confidently making themselves at home.

During the month of February Preps do not attend school on Wednesday. Every other day they attend for the full day. It is terrific to see our Preps settle into the swing of school.

Chris Joustra,

Principal.

The Value of the Fortnight is:

Getting Along

Getting Along means...
working well with my
classmates, solving problems
with classmates without getting
angry, and following the rules of
my classroom.



Examples of Getting Along

- working well with my classmates
- listening and not interrupting when someone else is speaking
- talking rather than fighting when someone treats me unfairly
- not breaking important classroom rules

Habits of the Mind To Help Me Get Along

Being Tolerant of Others means not thinking that when someone is mean to me that he or she is a totally bad person.

Playing by the Rules means thinking that by following school rules, school will be a better place to live and learn.

Thinking First means thinking that when someone treats me badly, I need to think about the best way to act.

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

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

NEW FOR 2018!

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2017, you do not need to complete an application form in 2018 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 2018 or you did not apply in 2017.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2018.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





MORWELL JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

2018 Open Day

Sunday February 25th 10:30am - 1:30pm

Northern Reserve, Morwell

BOYS from Auskick to 14

GIRLS from Auskick to 17

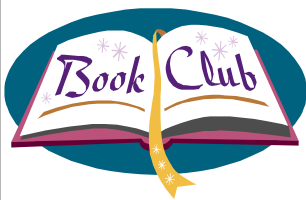


- * Player Signup
- * Merchandise Sales
- * Football Activities
- * BBQ and Drinks

- Family Friendly and Inclusive Club
- AFL Accredited Coaching
- AFL Accredited Auskick Program
- Multicultural



For more information
email morwell.jfc@gmail.com
or visit www.mjfc.tk



Issue 1 of Book Club was sent home this week and is due back by **Friday 16th 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.

REMINDER Inverloch Excursion Friday 16th February

Permission forms for Inverloch must be returned for your child/children to attend.

Please Note: Children are asked to have their bathers underneath their school uniform as there are no changing facilities at the beach.

Also if children have a rash vest or even a T-shirt to go over their bathers.

MORWELL NETBALL JUNIOR ASSOCIATION

Registration Night

Wednesday 21st March, 5pm at the Vary Street Netball Courts, (Morwell Park Primary School).

2018 season commences on Saturday April 21st. Grand final on Saturday 28th July.

Age groups under 9 & under 11.

For more information please contact Jennie Bailey on 0427 671 864.



REMINDER — WARATAH BAY CAMP



A reminder to all grade 6 children attending camp that there will be a tent inspection on **Monday 12th February.**

Students who are taking their own tents to camp will need to bring them to school on Monday.

Full payment is due by **Friday 16th February.**



COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS IS ON AGAIN STARTING 7TH FEBRUARY

We will be taking part in the Coles Sports for Schools Program for 2018. The program gives schools across Australia the opportunity to earn sports gear just by collecting vouchers from Coles.

Through Sports for Schools, Coles has supplied over 20 million worth of sports gear to over 7,500 schools across Australia.

From 7th February until 11th May, for every \$10 you spend at Coles you will receive a voucher. Bring the vouchers to school and place them in the marked container near the office.

The more vouchers we receive, the more points we earn.

How does it work?



Step 1

For every \$10 spent at Coles, customers will receive one Sports for Schools voucher.



Step 2

Your school's families can then bring vouchers to your school, placing them in the collection bins provided.



Step 3

Every voucher received by your school will go towards your tally to help you order sports equipment.



SCHEDULE 4: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of

MORWELL PARK

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on

19/Feb/2018

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on

5/March / 2018

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2018 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020	4
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2018 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020	2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Chris Joustra
Principal



MORWELL PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

2018 Year Planner - Camps, Excursions and Activities etc

Month	Date	Grade	Activity	Approx \$
Term 1 30th January - 29th March				
February	14th	3 - 6	Otto Ford Swimming	\$3.80
	16th	P - 6	Inverloch Excursion	No Charge
	20th-23rd	6	Waratah Bay Camp	\$90.00
	26th Feb-1st Mar	5	Wilson Prom Camp	\$185.00
	28th		Division Swimming Sports at Traralgon Pool	\$3.80
March	15th		Region Swimming	\$3.00
	17th	6	HPV Worthaggi	No Charge
		3 & 4	Netball Tournament	No Charge
Term 2 16th April - 29th June				
April	17th -23rd	P - 6	Life Ed Van	No Charge
	26th	P - 6	Morwell Park Athletics, Joe Carnody, Newborough	No Charge
		Prep	Autumn Walk/Picnic	\$2.00
May	8th	5 & 6	District Winter Sports Football/Netball/Soccer	\$2.00
	11th	4, 5 & 6	District Cross Country	\$1.00
	15th - 17th	3 & 5	NAPLAN	No Charge
	18th	5 & 6	Soccer	
	21st-25th	4	Woorabinda Camp	\$190.00
	23rd		Division Cross Country	\$2.00
	29th		Division Winter Sports	\$3.00
June	5th	P - 6	School Photos	
	8th	5 & 6	Bessie Frod Netball Tournament	No Charge
	14th		Region Cross Country	\$2.00
Term 3 16th July - 21st September				
July	25th		Region Winter Sports	\$2.00
August		3	Werrabee Excursion	\$37.00
		Prep	Coal Creek Historical Park	\$20.00
	9th	6	District Basketball	\$3.00
	15th	4, 5 & 6	District Athletics	\$3.00
	31st	6	Division Basketball	\$3.00
September	4th	4 - 6	Division Athletics	\$2.50
Term 4 8th October - 21st December				
October	17th - 19th	3	Allambee Camp	\$210.00
November	7th - 9th	6	Sports Camp Rawson	\$250.00
		Prep	Zoo Trip	\$35.00
	21st - 25th	5 & 6	HPV Maryborough	No Charge
December		6	One Day Fun Day	\$30.00
		P - 6	End of Year Family Fun Day, Glen Cromie Park	\$5.00
	14th	6	Graduation Lunch	No Charge

Please Note:

- * All excursion dates are still to be confirmed. * Camp dates are already booked.
- * Shows are to be conducted at school.
- * Additional 'small cost' programs may be included during 2018 as we are notified of their availability.