PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Student Attendance
On Friday 8 May we will be one of the schools audited on student attendance by the Department of Education. At Moolap Primary School we believe that students attending school every day is crucial for their social, emotional and academic development. With ever increasing busy schedules we appreciate it is not always easy to get your child to school. Below is a guide on attendance and its effect on your child’s learning.

Attendance: Every Day Counts
0-5 days - This is within normal range. A child with this attendance rate is able to take full advantage of the teaching and learning opportunities available to them.
6-9 days - This attendance rate is below average. A child with this attendance rate could miss over one year of learning between prep and year 10.
10-15 days - This is a poor attendance rate. A child with this attendance rate could miss out on up to two years of learning between prep and year 10.
15+ days - This is a very poor attendance rate. A child with this attendance rate could miss over two and one half years of learning between Prep and year 10.

Please note the following important things to remember for attendance:
• Classes start at 9am. Students are allowed to go into classrooms at 8:45am
• If your child arrives after 9am please sign in your child at the office where they will be given a late pass to take to their class teacher
• Parents must ring the office on the day/s their child/ren are absent or write a note explaining your child’s absence on the child’s return to school
• Parents need to write to the principal for permission to take children out of school for family holidays

NAPLAN 2015
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2015 tests for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 12 May, Wednesday 13 May and Thursday 14 May 2015. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in writing, reading, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student achievement.

All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. During test week, catch-up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days. These students may undertake catch-up tests on the days in the test week after the scheduled test, up to and including Friday 15 May 2015. Information is being sent home with year 3 and year 5 students next week.

Working Bee this Saturday
Our Working Bee will be held this Saturday morning 9-1p.m. Please leave your name on the roster on the notice board at the front of the school. Sausage Sizzle lunch provided!

Enjoy!
Robbie

SCHOOL NEWS

District Cross Country
Congratulations to the students who participated in District Cross Country at Eastern Gardens this morning and a huge thank you to parents Bo, David, Deb, Jeanette, Kylie and Rebecca who assisted transporting students to and from the event. Without their help we would not have been able to participate!

Best Wishes
Best wishes to Mrs Smith who has her last day at Moolap on Friday 8 May as she awaits the arrival of her baby. We sincerely wish her the very best and look forward to hearing all about ‘Baby Smith’. In Mrs Smith’s absence we welcome Miss Henry-Fontaine who has been working alongside Mrs Smith the last week and will cover her maternity leave.

Art Blog - Follow the blog: http://moolapprimary.edublogs.org/
April 23 - Yesterday and today, years 1-2 got busy with string. We made a string installation, worked on a string sculpture which we will continue to develop during the term and drew geometric string patterns using rulers. Phew!

Hot Chocolate Day Competition WE WON!
Thank you to Ms. Young who entered Moolap in the Hot Chocolate Day Competition through Barwon Health. We have been notified that we are the lucky winner!

Students and families are invited this Friday 01 May between 8am-9am. We will be visited by a player from the Geelong Cats and Half Cat.
Hot Chocolate, Donuts and Muffins will be available from the Canteen for a gold coin donation. All funds raised will be donated to the Andrew Love Cancer Centre.

Please note this will replace the schools Hot Chocolate Day on Wednesday 6 May

BP Portarlington
We were contacted recently by a representative from BP Portarlington Road. They were hoping to support Moolap and have started by donating funds towards the Environment Committee’s gardening project. They are also offering complimentary coffees to those mentioning the adjacent advert. We were also asked to mention that this Wednesday 29th April on site they will be celebrating World Wish Day and all proceeds from the selling of meat pies will be going towards making a wish come true for some seriously ill children. So go in and get involved in making this day a huge success!

Entertainment Books
Please note books or payment are to be returned to the Office by this Friday 01 May. Thank you to those who have already purchased or returned their books.

Moolap’s Got Talent
This event will be held at the Week 6 Assembly on Friday 22 May.

MCG (MOOLAP COMMUNITY GROUP) NEWS

Bingo
As mentioned last week we have a Bingo Fundraiser this Friday night at Raiders Bingo Centre (Buckley’s). For those who will be attending you must mention "MOOLAP PRIMARY SCHOOL" when purchasing your bingo books ensuring funds made on the night are received by the school. It is advised you get there 15 mins prior to eyes down at 7.00pm sharp. Please tell your friends and family, it’s a great night.

Canteen
Last week was our first Community Run Canteen, which was a great success. Please remember -
• Write orders on a brown paper bag or add 10c if you require a paper bag for lunch to be delivered to class.
• Please ensure you use correct money,
• Include an additional .20c if sauce is required
• Ice poles are only available Friday lunch time from the canteen. (Please don’t order them with your lunch orders).
• Orders are to be placed before 9.00a.m. Thursdays

HOT JAM DOUGHNUTS will be available this Friday from the canteen for $1.00 each.
Hot chocolate day has been changed to THIS FRIDAY and is a gold coin donation.

Mother’s Day Stall will be held next Thursday 7 May. More information will be available in the next newsletter.

Canteen Roster -
Thursday 30 April - Anna L, Jane S, Andrea C, Justyne W 
Friday 01 May – Emma H, Bron J
Thursday 07 May – Bernadette Q, Anna L, Alana G, Shona C 
Friday 08 May – Tamara W, Jane S
Thursday 14 May – Nicole B, Nadine T, Justyne W, Marina D 
Friday 15 May – Bo S, Jane S
Thursday 21 May - Nicole D, Terri H, Mel VK, Andrea C 
Friday 22 May – Rhonda R, Paula C

EXTEND OSHC AT MOOLAP PRIMARY SCHOOL
Last week at after school care the children enjoyed cooking some yummy treats of Anzac biscuits and scones; they also enjoyed playing outdoor games and painting.

This week’s activities:
Monday 27th April: Popcorn Slice 
Tuesday 28th April: Clay Animals & Leaf Collage 
Wednesday 29th April: Colour mixing 

Did you know that After School Care is only $8.14 to $12.50 per permanent booking after fee relief?
And the good news is, most people are eligible for fee relief! The 50% Child Care Rebate is NOT income tested. Head to www.extend.com.au to join. ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

NETBALL NEWS

Moolap Munchkins (Grade 3/4) 
Wed 29 April @ 4 p.m.
Wed 06 May @ 4.40 p.m.
Wed 13 May @ 4.40 p.m.

Moolap Tigers (Grade 5/6) 
Wed 29 April @ 4.40 p.m.
Wed 06 May @ 5.20 p.m.
Wed 13 May - BYE

2015 DIARY DATES

APRIL
Tue 28 Prep Testing
District Cross Country

MAY
Wed 06 Hot Chocolate Morning 8-9 a.m.
Thurs 07 Mother’s Day Stall