PRINCIPAL’S NEWS
The Department of Education and Training has released an App which is designed to help you better understand the curriculum we use to teach your children every day.

The App, called SchoolMate, is available for free download now in the App Store for iPhones and iPads and in Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

SchoolMate gives you a general overview of the Victorian curriculum in each subject at each year level and:

- Provides you with an overview of what your children are learning in each subject at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS)
- Provides you with tips regarding activities and things you can do at home to help your kids in each subject and year level
- Suggests apps, books, events and activities related to each subject area and year level.

Our school, like all other government schools in Victoria, uses AusVELS as the basis for the learning programs we run at school every day.

Our teachers adapt the curriculum to meet the needs of our students and community, for example, designing learning programs around what your children are interested in, or around days or celebrations that are important to our community.

SchoolMate is designed to give you an overview of what children are expected to learn in Victorian government schools across every subject from Prep to Year 10.

I encourage you to download SchoolMate and to please talk with your teacher or myself if you are interested to find out more about how our school teaches the curriculum!

Student Led Conference – 24th & 25th June
Booking will be open from 4.30p.m. today. Make your booking by logging on to School Interview click on the link below: https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/?z=SbAAhx using the event code RVNN4 to make your booking. Interviews will be 10 minutes each.

***Please note Mrs Irving will be interviewing on: Monday 16 June, Tuesday 17 June and Wednesday 18 June between 3.45-6.00 p.m. To book for Mrs Irving log on to the link above and use event code E9GZ5

Dismissal for students on both the Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 will be 3.30 p.m. Students will be dismissed at 2.30p.m. on the last day of term, Friday 26 June.

Enjoy

Robbie

SCHOOL NEWS
Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)
A reminder to all those holding a valid means tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. 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 amount for primary school students is $125 per child. Forms available from the office or click here.

Art Blog - Follow the blog: http://moolapprimary.edublogs.org/  Check out the latest update!

WELFARE NEWS
Winter Health – Beating the Bugs
In Australia, our influenza 'flu' season typically runs from May to October, usually peaking in August.

It is just not possible to stop all bugs from spreading at school; however, a lot of illnesses can be prevented and controlled simply by practicing good hygiene.

Handy hygiene tips for you and your family
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing
- Throw used tissues in plastic-lined rubbish bins
- Wash your hands with soap and water, preferably warm water if available
- Reduce the spread of germs by avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth

Further information on influenza is available at the Better Health Channel, see: Better Health Channel Flu Influenza

What can you do to prevent the spread of infectious diseases?
The three main ways of preventing the spread of infection are:
1. Remind your child of effective hygiene methods.
2. Keep your child home when they are unwell. Your doctor will let you know if your child has an ‘excludable’ condition. You will need to advise the school as soon as possible and keep your child home for the length of time that your doctor advises.
3. Ensure your child’s immunisations are up to date.

Do you know when you should keep your child home from school?
The Department of Health and Human Services outline the minimum period of exclusion from school for various infectious diseases. To find out more about the minimum period of exclusion for infectious diseases, see: School Exclusion Table.
MCG NEWS
The next MCG meeting will be held June 16th in the multi-purpose room from 2.30. We hope to see you there.

BAGS NEEDED - The MCG is in need of plastic bags for the next few fundraisers. If you could help, please leave them at the office. Thank you.

COOKIE DOUGH - Cookie dough will be available for collection this Thursday from 3 – 3.45 p.m. Please collect from the multi-purpose room. We will need them collected as we only have limited freezer space and the dough should not be left out of cold storage for long.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Friday 12 June – Mel V, Burnadette Q  Friday 19 June – Kylie W, Emma H

EXTEND OSHC AT MOOLA PRIMARY SCHOOL
The children were busy last week at after school care being creative making box constructions. The children also had fun playing group games of Pictionary and charades, plus baking cakes was also enjoyed by all. To book head to www.extend.com.au

This week’s activities:
Tuesday 9th June: Paper flowers, Origami, Drawing
Wednesday 10th June: Butterflies, Dragonflies, Slime
Thursday 11th June: Rainbow pancakes & Basketball
Friday 12th June: French Toast & Play dough

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

Jamieson getting crafty at after school care using boxes to make creations. Children can enjoy these activities and loads more at after school care.

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. After school care is available every night from 3.30pm - 6pm at the school.

NETBALL NEWS
Moolap Munchkins (Grade 3/4)  Moolap Tigers (Grade 5/6)
10 Jun 4.00  10 June 4.40
17 June 4.40  17 June 6.00
24 June 5.20  24 June BYE
15 July BYE  15 July 6.00

2015 DIARY DATES

JUNE
Fri 12 Moolap’s Got Talent  Mon 22 School Council
Mon 15 Division Girls Soccer  Wed 24 Parent Teacher Interviews 2 – 7.30 p.m.
Tues 16 Division T-Ball  Thurs 25 40 Night Reading Challenge – PJ Day
MCG Meeting @ 2.30p.m.  Thurs 25 Parent Teacher Interviews 2 – 7.30 p.m.
Wed 17 Division Soccer  Friday 26 Last Day Term 2 – 2.30p.m. dismissal
Thurs 18 Division Netball  JULY
Fri 19 Scienceworks Excursion (Year 3 and 4 students only)  Mon 13 First Day Term 3

COMMUNITY NEWS
Michael Grose.............It's that time of year.
Conferences and meetings between parents and professionals offer an opportunity to discover a child’s progress; share information or resolve social and learning challenges. They can also be the source of conflict and stress as views can differ so it helps to remember that everyone’s goal is to work from the best interests of a child or young person.

Here are some tips to help make the meeting or conference more productive and less stressful for everyone involved:

1. Work from a fresh slate. Sometimes meetings can be marred before they start as negative past experiences can carry residual resentment. Every new meeting offers a fresh opportunity to create better outcomes for your child.
2. Prepare well. Before a meeting or conference, list any questions that you want to raise. Keep the questions short and to the point. Similarly, it may be useful to list some of your child’s strengths and areas of improvement that you’ve seen at home. Writing information down in advance ensures that your point of view is expressed and that critical information is covered. Similarly, make sure you take notes during the meeting so that vital information isn’t missed.
3. Listen first. Give the teacher a chance to make an assessment of your child’s progress or behaviour. This may sound obvious but some meetings never get off the ground because an enthusiastic parent takes over.
4. Ask what you can do. Show your commitment to producing better results by asking for exercises that you can do at home to develop skills. It may be a good opportunity to ask for recommendations for outside resources to help you and your child. Often teachers know about camps, activities, organisations or events that can encourage educational and social growth.

Parent teacher meetings and conferences take many formats including the direct involvement of children. Regardless of the format you will be more effective if you go in with a positive attitude, an approachable demeanour, and a willingness to work collaboratively with your child’s teacher to reach the best outcomes possible for your child.