PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences
This conference is about reviewing progress over the course of the semester. Teachers will guide the conversation around achievements and next steps. It is also a time for parents and students to seek clarification of the next steps for learning. To get the most from this time, please read your child’s School Report (sent home yesterday), carefully before meeting with the teacher. Lastly, please take the time to thank the teachers for their support; they put in a considerable amount of work caring for your child and helping them progress in their learning.

Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences (New Venue)
As conferences start at 2pm and students will be at school to 3:30pm, we will need to use the Grade 1/2 and Grade 4/5 classrooms.

Please note that conferences will be held in the following locations:
- Prep – Prep Rooms
- Gr1/2 – Library (BER)
- Gr 3/4 – Grade 3/4 classrooms
- Gr 4/5 – Library (BER)
- Gr 5/6 – Grade 5/6 classrooms

A waiting area will be set up in the library close to the lost property. Students may go home with their parents after conferences.

Reading at Home (Term 3 Community Focus)
Students become better readers by reading. At school we teach reading strategies and get students to use them in class. At home, students need to practice these strategies. Therefore, as a whole school community we will be focusing in on getting every student to read at least 4 times a week. To succeed in this goal we really need parents to support us in this endeavour. We look forward to sharing strategies with parents throughout next term and also have parents share strategies of how to fit in reading into a busy schedule. I know that if we are focused on this together we can support every student to establish great reading habits.

Have a great holiday and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 13th July to start Term 3.

Enjoy

Robbie

SCHOOL NEWS

Lost Property
Please take the time to have a look through items which are located in tubs in the BER building (just inside the double glass entry doors). Please remember to name all your child’s items as this makes it so much easier to return.

Music Assembly
There will be a Music Assembly this Friday afternoon, all welcome! Starts at 1.45 p.m.

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. All completed forms to be returned to the office no later than 26 June 2015.

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

MCG NEWS

Woolworths Earn & Learn….it’s back!
This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

EXTEND OSHC AT MOOLAP PRIMARY SCHOOL
The children at after school care have been busy participating in various activities such as making volcanoes, creating their ideal winter wonderlands, making cupcakes and also playing various outdoor games.

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.

This week’s activities:
Monday 22nd June: Box construction
Tuesday 23rd June: Story time – creating their own story book
Wednesday 24th June: Name art
Thursday 25th June: Extends Got Talent
Friday 26th June: Making play dough
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437
ONLINE BOOKINGS: EXTEND.COM.AU

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

2015 DIARY DATES
JUNE
Wed 24  Parent Teacher Interviews 2 – 7.00 p.m.
    40 Night Reading Challenge – PJ Day
Thurs 25  Parent Teacher Interviews 2 – 7.00 p.m.

JULY
Friday 26  Last Day Term 2 – 2.30p.m. dismissal
Mon 13  First Day Term 3

COMMUNITY NEWS
Lost – Fluro green Sherrin Football, if found please return to Brody W in 12B or the Office. Thank you

Michael Grose....Parenting Ideas
“Sigh!”
I just put my head out the window and heard a collective sigh of relief from parents around the country as the majority of Australian states begin their school holidays next week. Most families I meet are fast-paced. Kid’s highly-scheduled lives mean that family routines are hooked into children’s weekly activity schedules. And their activity levels are massive. Before school, after school and weekend activities are now commonplace for children. Nothing wrong with that in the short-term, but kids need to slow down for the sake of their well-being and also to maximise learning. Families need to slow down on a regular basis so people can get to know each other, and so people don’t feel so stressed.

Slow Sundays, slow long weekends and slow holidays help take the stress away and give families the chance to get to know each other and even give members the chance to like each other again. Understanding why, knowing when and working out how to slow things down is part of the art of parenting. That brings me to holidays.

School holidays are the time to break routine and slow things down. It’s hard if you work, but even then the change of pace is to be enjoyed and valued. You’ll have your own version of slow! Still expect kids to help at home. It may take longer than usual. Resist being their home entertainment machines when they get bored. They do need to keep themselves amused. Busy kids sometimes lack the capacity to entertain themselves. Boredom stimulates their capacity to self-occupy. There’s a lot to be said for slow! Enjoy the change of parenting pace.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS

Holiday Club - MONDAY 29 JUNE TO FRIDAY 10 JULY 2015 HOURS OF OPERATION – 8.00AM – 6.00PM*
The School Holiday Program is a fun, inclusive, supportive and flexible program that caters for children aged 5 to 12 years who are attending primary school. A range of activities and experiences are on offer every day that build upon your child’s skills, knowledge and understanding, as well as their curiosity and imagination. Professional and qualified staff are on hand to help children build their cooperation skills, respect and independence, all the while ensuring they enjoy their holidays in a safe, fun and welcoming environment. Children, aged 5 to 12 attending specialist schools, can also access the program; simply call the School Holiday Program Administration to discuss the suitability of the program for your child’s additional needs.

Telephone: 5272 4741  Fax: 5272 4885  E-mail: holidayclub@geelongcity.vic.gov.au

Geelong YMCA
The Geelong YMCA conducts Holiday program activities during the School Holiday period for children in Prep through to Year 8. The children are split into 4 groups according to ages. Program Activities include: Day trips, art & craft, indoor / outdoor sports, music and drama, roller-skating, rock-climbing, gymnastics, basketball and more.

All children from Prep to Grade 6 are eligible to apply for childcare assistance through CENTRELINK – Ph. 138150. Secondary school age children may also be considered for funding under certain circumstances. Please call the YMCA for further details.

Contact: Jared  Phone: 5223 2714  Mobile: 0408 286 169  Email: jared.arklay@ymca.org.au

Links and Information -

Geelong Kids – Facebook  https://www.facebook.com/geelongkids

Rollerway Skate Centre 2 - 4 – 1 Skate Vouchers available from the office