PRINCIPAL’S NEWS
With an arctic blast passing through Victoria, the brightest (and warmest) part of this week has been the many smiles of our students starting back for Term 3. As hard as it seems with the wintry weather and the short days, it is really important we quickly re-establish routines at school and at home: going to school every day, being on time for school, developing strong study habits, consistent home reading and homework routines and consistent bed time.

Focus on Writing
The school has a strong focus on writing this term. The teachers are closely collaborating in Professional Learning Teams throughout this term to further develop our writing program (VCOP and Big Write). Your engagement in Big Write discussions on a weekly basis is essential for us to help our students make substantial developments as writers. Simply making the time to discuss ideas on the weekly topic will benefit and help your child immensely.

Safety in our Carpark
Carpark safety is all of our responsibility. This week, a parent had their heart in their mouth when a student ran behind their car as they were reversing. Please ensure you use the paths marked to walk to and from your cars. Students should never be moving around cars. Young students should walk with their parents/guardians to their car. As a community we need to model safety in the carpark for our students and to provide positive feedback to students who are doing the right thing and being safe.

Best Wishes Mr Seach
Mr Seach had a successful major operation yesterday. For at least the next six weeks, Greg will be recuperating and regaining his strength to rejoin us at school. In the meantime we welcome Mr. Peter Martella and Mr. Frederick Lundstrom who will be teaching Greg’s class for two weeks and six weeks respectively.

Enjoy!
Robbie

SCHOOL NEWS
Big Write - (Term 3 Community Focus)
Students become better writers by writing and by having many opportunities to talk about their ideas and expanding their vocabulary. If they can't talk it they can't write it.
At school we teach students how they can further develop their writing using the VCOP. Next term we will be moving to having the Big Write weekly to provide students with more opportunities to practise and demonstrate their writing goals.
At home, we need parents support by engaging in conversations with the children each week on the Big Write topic. To succeed we really need parents to support us in this endeavour.
We look forward to building plenty of enthusiasm and discussion around writing. I know that if we are focused on this together we can support every student to grow as writers.

Year 5 / 6 Camp
As mentioned in earlier newsletters our Years 5 and 6’s head off to Camp Kangarooibie (Princetown) from 01-03 August. Paperwork for the camp has gone home this week with cost of camp at $245 per child. Payment can be made either in full or part payments, payment to be finalised prior to attending. If you wish to discuss a payment plan please make a time to discuss your needs with Kylie at the office.
Year 3 / 4’s will head off to Baanya Biami the end of term (15-16 September). Cost has not yet been finalized but will be around $150 for those who wish to make pre-payments.

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

NETBALL NEWS
Moolap Tigers - Wednesday July 13, Court 6

COMMUNITY NEWS
NO LUNCH ORDERS THIS WEEK
FOR SALE
4 x size 6 hooded jumpers with logo – Excellent Condition - $10 each
5 x size 4 black short sleeve polo t-shirts with logo - $10 for all 5
2 x size 4 crew neck yellow t-shirts (sports) – FREE
CALL CHERIE 0407191190

Moolap Tennis Club.
The club’s ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, is to be held on Monday, August 8th at the clubrooms, from 7.30 pm. All members and prospective members are cordially invited to attend. Office-bearers for 2016-17 will be elected at this time, with the election process conducted by a life member of the club. Hope to see a good crowd in attendance. Any enquiries, please call me on 5251 3002 - Phil.

Abbies Story – Prep A

Imagin a world without colour it wold be dark and gloomy it would be scary. My house woul be black and white without any furnisher. my house woud be empty. The sun woudn exist. Not even rain.
Students have been introduced to the character Penny Punctuation and have been learning how punctuation improves their writing.

To engage the students we have been using Kung Fu Punctuation where students learn the names of punctuation symbols whilst making matching ‘Kung Fu’ moves. This was demonstrated wonderfully by Grade 1/2A at last week’s assembly.

Some things you can do at home to help your child focus on punctuation:

- Encourage them to practise ‘Kung Fu Punctuation’ at home.
- Be detectives – Hunt for a particular type of punctuation in books, magazines and papers at home. Example, “How many times can we find ellipses in our story books?”
- Make a set of punctuation cards – turn one over and say/write a sentence that uses that type of punctuation.

I have added some photos of students practicing Kung Fu Punctuation to our whole school VCOP display. Don’t forget to check it out.

**NEW COMPETITION**

To celebrate our work on punctuation at school we would like to run another ‘competition’ this week for school families. We invite each family to try to come up with a small paragraph or series of connected sentences that use as many different forms of punctuation as possible. The fewer the sentences the more likely to win! Refer to the punctuation pyramid below for the different kinds of punctuation.

Entries can be placed in box in foyer.