**PRINCIPAL'S NEWS**

**The Math of Reading**

The difference of a night or two a week of reading adds up. As mentioned last week, we are doubling our efforts to ensure every student is reading at least four times a week. It is crucial for students to be reading consistently for them to practice the many skills and strategies that are being taught. In demonstrating the difference a night or two make, I like to pose the question to students: if Student A reads three times a week and Student B reads five times a week which one is more likely to become a better reader? Let's do the math - in a ten week term reading for 20 minutes (upper grades only) each time, Student A reads 600 minutes (10 hours) and Student B reads 1000 minutes (just over 16 ½ hours). If this happened throughout the school year, Student B would read just over 26 ½ hours more. That's over a whole day of non-stop reading – Wow!

**Let's help the Royal Children's Hospital**

As is the Moolap Way, I have had some very positive feedback in facilitating the participation of our school in the Royal Children's Hospital research on High-Level Mobility. This research will provide RCH data in rehabilitating children who have suffered a brain injury. This Friday, an information package will be sent home for you to read over. If you are keen to support this important research, please sign the permission form and return to school by Friday 31st July. We would like to get almost all families in our school participating in this research. [Click here for more info published last week](http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumprope).

At this week’s assembly Ms Anne Kissane from the Royal Children's Hospital will give a presentation to our students and parents on this study and why RCH need our help.

**Deakin University Relationship**

On Tuesday, teachers will be rushing out the door to attend an excellent learning opportunity at Deakin University. As a school we are working closely with Deakin University to further develop our relationship in mentoring student teachers, along with better using their resources to further develop our learning as a professional group. So if you see a teacher leaving early on Tuesday wave at them and wish them “Happy Learning.”

**Working Bee – Saturday 1st August, 2015**

On Saturday 1st August we will have a working bee that will prepare our gardens for the spring and complete some much needed maintenance. The Environment committee will also begin work to develop a green garden along the front fence with the goal of providing a green visual barrier to screen off the road for our students. We request that every family makes the effort to volunteer an hour or two on Saturday between 9 am and 1.00pm. A free BBQ lunch will be provided for Working Bee participants.

**Emergency Drill**

Completing emergency drills throughout the year is essential to ensure we get things right in case of a real emergency. Today students completed a drill that had some obstacles in the way. As is always the case, younger students can become anxious about drills. It is important for parents to reassure their child(ren) that the school is a safe place and you are really pleased the school places such a high priority on looking after them.

**Good Luck Footballers**

Good luck to our girl’s football team competing in the Division Championships this Friday.

Enjoy

Robbie

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Jump Rope for Heart**

Our school is participating in the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart program and we would love your support! Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart is an exciting and non-competitive program which encourages children to become more active through skipping, learning new skills and raising vital funds for heart research and community health programs. Skipping is an excellent way for children to keep fit and healthy. Over the next few weeks, your child(ren) will be learning a range of fun skipping skills and new tricks. We will emphasise the importance of regular physical activity and the importance of healthy eating for a healthy lifestyle.

Jump Rope for Heart is also a great way to encourage children to get involved in our community and support Australia’s leading heart health charity, the Heart Foundation. The Jump Rope team provides us with lots of resources and support to implement the program and in return we ask that students help by seeking sponsorship for their involvement.

Sponsorship is easy – simply go online to [www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumprope](http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumprope), click on the green ‘Kids Join Now’ button, and register your child today!

- A secure fundraising page will be created as soon as you register; all you need to do then is click the ‘Email Sponsors’ link to send your family and friends an email asking them for their support... It’s that easy!
- This is an easy, safe way for your child to monitor their progress, receive bonus prizes and even receive sponsorship from family and friends who are further afield.

At the end of the program we will be holding a Jump Off, an event to celebrate and culminate the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart program. This will be held on Friday 21st August. The Jump Off day is a great opportunity for you to witness how much fun skipping can be, come along and pick up a rope! Thank you for joining us in the fight against heart disease.

Mr. Clarke
ART BLOG - Follow the blog: http://moolapprimary.edublogs.org/ Check out the latest update!

MCG NEWS
CANTEEN
Canteen will resume as normal this week, please click here for Menu. Canteen will be open lunch time Friday for Icy poles & Drinks. More information regarding canteen and menu additions will be advised in next week’s newsletter.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Thursday 23 July – Jane S, Anna L, Marina D  Friday 24 July – Bron J, Simone Z
Thursday 30 July - Mel V, Nadine T, Terri H  Friday 31 July – Kyle W, Emma H
Thursday 06 August – Justyne W, Andrea C, Nicole D  Friday 07 August – Mel V, Terri H

THANKYOU’s
A big community thanks to Alana G for the setup and running of our Community Canteen for Term 2, we wish her the best with her new job. Another big community thanks to MCG, Cass M & Emma H for organising our school’s fundraising and services for Term 1&2.

EXTEND – After School Care
Back to school and back to many fun activities at after school care. This week the children have been participating in many fun activities such as a science sinking and floating experiment, balloon tennis which was great fun and the children were able to bring out their inner chef when cooking cupcakes. This week they were also busy showing off their talent with our very own Extends Got Talent. Everyone did an outstanding job and made it very hard for the judges.
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 20th July: Balloon Toss
Tuesday 21st July: Tracing of hand art activity
Wednesday 22nd July: Optical illusion science activity
Thursday 23rd July: Making pancakes
Friday 24th July: Dot painting

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

NETBALL NEWS
Moolap Munchkins (Grade 3/4)  Moolap Tigers (Grade 5/6)
22 July  5.20  22 July  4.40
29 July  4.00  29 July  4.00
05 Aug  4.00  05 Aug  4.00
12 Aug  4.00  12 Aug  4.40
19 Aug  4.00  19 Aug  5.20
26 Aug  5.20  26 Aug  BYE
02 Sept  BYE  02 Sept  5.20

2015 DIARY DATES
JULY
Fri 24  Girls Div Football
Mon 27  School Council
Thurs 30  Bravehearts (Prep – Yr 3)
AUGUST
Sat 1  Working Bee 9- 1:00 p.m.
Fri 7  GPAC Music Festival
Tues 11  Fun Farm 2 U (preps)
Thurs 13  District Aths
Fri 21  Jump Off Day
Mon 31  School Council
SEPTEMBER
Tue 2  Life Ed Commences
Wed 3  District Basketball Light. Prem.
Mon 7  Book Fair Week
Fri 11  Poetry Day
Mon 10  Division Athletics
Fri 18  Last Day Term 3

COMMUNITY NEWS
Learn new skills, create great projects & have FUN! Create On Ormond is running afterschool art/craft classes starting Tuesday July 28th – September 1st. Qualified primary teacher, $25.00 per class or $120 for 6 weeks. More details createonormond.blogspot.com or call Marisa 52221449.