PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

GAWS

Yesterday, Prep A students and their buddies had a wonderful visit to GAWS for Cat’s Tales. It was a wonderful way for our students to use reading to engage with the cats. All the students had a wonderful time and there is something special mixing and reading to animals. Prep B and their buddies will head off next Monday 10 August.

Parent and Carers Coffee Morning

We would like to invite parents and carers to a special Coffee Morning on Tuesday 11th August from 9:00am to 9:45am. We will discuss some of the following - reviewing communication in the school, areas of focus for the school, reviewing how to best support students in relation to the MCG (Our Parent and Friends Group). Coffee and treats will be provided… All Welcome!

Home Reading

Home reading is an essential part of our reading program. Students need this extra practice in order for them to become strong readers (related posting: The Math of Reading). Reading every night benefits students in a variety of ways: builds reading stamina, provides time to practice reading skills and strategies, and incorporates important study habits. We are asking our whole community, (students, parents and teachers) to collectively focus on getting every student to complete reading at least 4 times a week and to record this. Teachers will be working with parents and students over the next two weeks to help in the achievement of this goal. Let’s become a Community of Readers!

Starting time at School

There are students who are arriving extremely early to school. For safety reasons, students are not allowed to play on the playground equipment before school. We strongly encourage students to be in classrooms between 8:45am and 8:55am so they have time to prepare for classes that start promptly at 9am. There is no supervision in the yard before 8:45am. However, students who are at school between 8:30am and 8:45am will be encouraged to participate in the “Around the World Walking Challenge.”

Thank you to our parents

We had a small team of parents on the weekend that helped clean up our gardens and begin to prepare beds for shrubs and trees that will be placed along the fence line. The bushes in front of the Prep rooms have been removed and self-wicking beds have been made outside the multipurpose room. A very special thank you to Richard and Julie Taylor along with the following families Jackson, Drayton, Rodda, Rankin, Penny and Tingiri for coming along and supporting the school.

Geelong School’s Music Festival

The best of luck to our Preps, Choir and Year 3 students who will be performing at the Annual Geelong School’s Music Festival on Friday 7th August. They will be leaving school by bus at 9.00 a.m. We do not have an exact time for the performance but it is expected to be around the middle of the program. Students will be bussed back to school around 12.30p.m. Programs will be available from GPAC, parents and carers are able to purchase tickets from GPAC on the day. Please get along and support our fabulous students, and well done Mrs M for all your hard work, once again! They will do a great job! As is tradition there will be a repeat performance at this week’s assembly.

Enjoy

Robbie

SCHOOL NEWS

Good Luck

Good luck to Jett B and the Creswell’s who will be representing Moolap at the Victorian Schools Cycling Championships at Newcomb tomorrow.

Term 4 Camps 2015

Year 5/6 Pax Hill Camp will be held the first week of next term; Wednesday 07 October to Friday 09 October. We are still waiting on bus cost to be finalised but it is expected to be around $200 per child. For those wishing to start making pre-payments please contact the office.

Year 3/4 Camp Wyuna will be held Thursday 12 November to Friday 13 November, cost is expected to be around $150 per child. Please note above prices are approximate and will be finalised once all costings are received. For those wishing to start making pre-payments please contact the office.

ART BLOG - Follow the blog:  http://moolapprimary.edublogs.org/
Check out the latest update!
Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) will run over four years and provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. $125 per year will be paid for eligible primary school students, with $225 per year paid for eligible secondary school students. Payments will go directly to the school and be tied to the student.

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must, on the first day of Term two, or; on the first day of Term three;

a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR

b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;

c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card successfully validating with Centrelink on either the first day of term two or term three.

For applications which fail the term two validation, but become valid on the first day of term three, the application will be processed and payment will be made to the school during term three.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE. THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY SUCCESSFULLY APPLIED DO NOT NEED TO REAPPLY

Geelong Toucan Appeal
The Geelong Food Relief Centre has been providing free food to those in need for 24 years. Working together with welfare agencies, last year we saw 11,000 families referred to GFRC for support.

Your school is one of the 80 Schools in Geelong and the surrounding region, who every year assist us making this possible. Each individual donation makes its way on to a family’s table. This could be a family in your street.

Once again we are asking you to donate items we are always in need of.

These items form some of the basic food items most families choose.

We thank you and your child’s school for your ongoing support and assure you it will really make a difference to someone within our community.

So, yes it’s called the Toucan Appeal, but this year we want you to think outside the can!

The items we are in need of the most this year are:-

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Of course, all donations whether cans, boxes or packets are gratefully appreciated.

Thank you.

Canteen Roster
Thursday 06 August – Justyne W, Andrea C, Nicole D       Friday 07 August – Mel V, Terri H
Thursday 13 August – Kylie J, Ella V, Kath D           Friday 14 August – Emma H, Tamara W

EXTEND – After School Care
The children were busy last week at after school care making famous monuments from around the world including the leaning tower of Pisa and the Eiffel Tower. The children also experimented with substances making bouncy balls.

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. For $12.50 per session or less, your child could be attending After School Care which includes:

A healthy afternoon snack is offered plus a variety of scheduled activities including arts and crafts, sports and team games, cooking activities, science, and heaps more. Head to www.extend.com.au to join.

This week’s activities:

**Monday 3rd August**
- Talent Show
- Weaving

**Tuesday 4th August**
- Painting
- Foam Art

**Wednesday 5th August**
- Salt dough shapes

**Thursday 6th August**
- Cupcakes
- Trivia

**Friday 7th August**
- Postcard making
- Amazing Race

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

Moolap Munchkins (Grade 3/4)
05 Aug  4.00
12 Aug  4.00
19 Aug  4.00
26 Aug  5.20
02 Sept  BYE

Moolap Tigers (Grade 5/6)
05 Aug  4.00
12 Aug  4.40
19 Aug  5.20
26 Aug  BYE
02 Sept  5.20

2015 DIARY DATES

AUGUST
Fri 7    GPAC Music Festival
Tues 11  Fun Farm 2 U (preps)
Fri 14   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
8-10     Indonesian Festival
Fri 11   Poetry Day
Mon 14   Division Athletics
Fri 18   St Johns First Aid in Schools Program

OCTOBER
Mon 5    First Day Term 4

LIONS CLUB OF GEELONG BREAKFAST INC.
Invite you to attend our
PARTY PLAN MARKET
On
SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST
1.45-2.00PM START
At
ST. ALBANS UNITING
CHURCH HALL
CNR. WILSONS ROAD &
JAMES STREET,
ST. ALBANS PARK. 3219

AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED

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