Every day counts. Students’ being at school on time and every day is very important to their overall academic development. The expectations for Semester 2 are for students to miss less than 5 days of school. A guide below provides some guidance on the effect of student absence. If you are having difficulty getting your child to school please contact the classroom teacher, Paula Vicary (School Chaplain) or Robbie.

**Attendance: Every day counts**

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**Community Coffee**

Thanks to the parents who attended the community coffee morning this morning. We discussed the importance of parents helping out with the many activities organized by the MCG (Parents & Friends Group) and the School Council. In recognition that we have a considerable amount of parents at work during the day, we are going to try to use the School Community Facebook Page to inform parents of upcoming events and ways they could help out. We will be using this forum to organize the upcoming Father’s Day Stall. We also intend on getting a calendar of events which we will need volunteers for at the end of Terms 3 and 4. This provides everyone with plenty of notice so they have the opportunity to volunteer. Lastly, we noted that we need to more evenly distribute events across the week in recognition that many of our parents work Thursdays and Fridays.

**Developing our School**

Next week we will begin to study our school in terms of it having a “Safe and Collaborative Culture.” To do this we will be sending out a series of short (1-2 minute) surveys for parents to provide feedback to the School Leadership/Development Team. Students and staff will also be surveyed in the coming weeks.

**District Aths - Friday**

Best of luck to our students competing in the District Athletics Carnival at Landy Field this Friday. Thanks to Mr Clarke who once again has done a significant amount of work in organizing this event.

**Animals Galore**

Yesterday our Prep B students with their Grade 6 buddies went to GAWS for the Cat Tales program. We had many parent helpers with us and a good time was had by all. It is so good to see our students handling the cats with so much care and sensitivity. Today the Preps enjoyed a visit by Fun Farm 2 U where they were able to interact with baby animals such as rabbits, pigs, sheep and much much more. They also spent time planting seedlings for our school vegie patch.

Enjoy
Robbie

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**A Note from Mrs M…..**

Well done to all the Prep students, choir and grade 3/4 students who participated in the Geelong School’s Music and Movement Festival. I say it every year, but I am always so proud of the way our students perform and conduct themselves at this event. Both performances were of a high calibre. I must extend a huge thank you to Mrs Harvey and Miss Henry’s for their support and the extra rehearsal given to the Prep students. Huge thanks to Mr Martin for his support in the classroom and at the music festival and to Miss Damon and Dawn for helping to organise notes etc.... To the staff of Moolap for allowing me to take students out of class time for extra rehearsal and to all the parents for preparing their child with either a costume or correct uniform. A huge thank you to parents and Dr Broekman who came along to support Moolap Primary School. This means a great deal to the children who perform and we always get such a great turnout of parents. The costumes for the preps were once again outstanding, so thank you to parents for putting in the effort. We also had some very brave students who while ill, were determined not to miss their performance. Well done to all involved.

Your very proud music teacher
Mrs Majczyna

**Thank You**

Thank you to Wombat Gully who kindly donated corn and vegetable seedlings for the Prep’s corn and veggie patch.
Science Week -2015 Theme is Making Waves : The Science of Light
All classes will be investigating different concepts in science through the week August 17 - 21. Friday the 21st will be our very special "Sparkle Day" when the whole school is divided into family groups where the students will participate in 5 different investigations throughout the day. You can enhance your child's learning by discussing "light" with them:
What would our lives be without light? We need it to see everything we do in every moment of the day. We rely on light to read a book, cross the street, admire artwork, watch the sunset and look into faces. Light plays a role in some of our most sophisticated technology. It enables us to play music from a CD or record movies. High-speed optical cable is used in our communications. Lasers are employed in cutting-edge surgery and defence.

Coins For Kids- Another SRC project
All classes are collecting spare coins in a jar to prepare for our annual Lions Coins For Kids "line up" on Friday September 18th (the last day of this term) we will head out to the netball court to measure our lines. 3/4 A have been the winners for the last 2 years in a row! What is their secret? Maybe lots of 50 cent pieces!! All money raised goes to research into Childhood Cancer. Our Leopold Lions Leader will be here to judge the comp and present our certificate. Please give generously.

Life Education
All students will once again be participating in the Life Education Program, 2 – 4 September 2015. A Parent Information Session will be held on Wednesday 3 September at 9.00a.m. Please ensure permission form and payment ($9.00) is returned to the Class Teachers.

Aquarium Visit
Year 1 and 2 will be heading off to the Melbourne Aquarium on Monday 24 August. On return they will be involved in activities at school until 6.30 p.m. Permission slips and payment to Class Teachers ($25).

Year 5 and 6 Pax Hill Camp
Year 5 and 6’s will be attending Pax Hill Camp 7 – 9 October. Cost of camp is $175 per child which covers all activities, accommodation, entry to Sovereign Hill and Eureka Stockade, camp catering and transport. Payments are to be made via the class teachers. In line with School Council Policy, payment is to be finalised prior to attending camp. If you wish to discuss payment options please contact the Office.

2016 Prep Orientation
The following dates have been set as Orientation Days for our incoming Preps. Please note that for the first session parents have the option of two dates, either Thursday 10 September or Thursday 17 September (2.30 – 3.30 p.m.). Choose your session online at https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/ using the event code DEE48. Session 2 will be held Wednesday 28 October (2.30 – 3.30 p.m.), Session 3 – Tuesday 03 November (9.15 – 11.00 a.m.), Session 4 – Tuesday 10 November (9.15 – 11.15 a.m.).

Art Blog
Follow the blog: http://moolาprimary.edublogs.org/ check out the latest update!

MCG
Themed Lunch Order Day – Next Friday 21st August
The MCG will be holding a Science Themed Lunch Order next Friday 21st August to celebrate Science Week. Students will be able to purchase science themed foods like DNA Dogs, Scientist Salads and Laboratory Brains etc. Order Forms will be sent out with students next Monday 17th August. Money & order forms are required back Thursday 20th August. Further in next week's newsletter.

Canteen Roster
Thursday 13 August – Kylie J, Ella V, Kath D
Thursday 20 August – Nicole B, Nicole D, Mel V, Cass M
Thursday 27 August – Nicole D, Ella V, Emma H
Thursday 03 Sept – Cass M, Justyne W – help required
Thursday 10 Sept – Nadine T, Kylie J, Marina D
Thursday 17 Sept – NO LUNCH ORDERS
Friday 14 August – Emma H, Tamara W
Friday 21 August – Nicole B, Paula C, Amanda F, Leanne F, Maree W, Bron J
Friday 28 August – Bron J, Tania C
Friday 04 Sept – Bron J, Bo S
Friday 11 Sept – Janelle B, Jane S
Friday 18 Sept – NO CANTEEN
EXTEND – After School Care
The children were busy last week at after school care having fun, engaging in games, treasure hunts and an amazing race. The children also had fun painting and making salt dough shapes and also drawing. The children also made some yummy apple cupcakes.
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 10th August - Magic Show & ice-cream making
Tuesday 11th August - Magnets & Treasure Hunt, Extend Design Competition
Wednesday 12th August - Plaster Fun
Thursday 13th August - Zucchini Slice & Shell Craft
Friday 14th August - Harry Potter Theme Night
ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

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

2015 DIARY DATES
AUGUST
Fri 14 District Aths
Mon 24 Aquarium Visit
Fri 28 Jump Off Day
Mon 31 School Council
SEPTMBER
Tue 1 Life Ed Commences
Wed 2 Life Ed – Parent Info Session – 9 a.m.
Thurs 3 District Basketball Light. Prem

COMMUNITY NEWS
Congratulations to Jett B, Milly and Deegan C who represented Moolap Primary School in the Victorian Schools Cycling Championships last week at Newcomb. Job well done by all!!!
Corio Norlane Lions Club Bike Project
Do you have a bicycle at home that is no longer used and you don’t know what to do with it?
We will
• Collect
• Clean
• Repair
• Donate to needy children
• Contact us on coriolions@gmail.com or 0402409895

Corio Norlane Lions Club Computer Project:
Do you have a desktop computer at home?
If NO, contact the school and they will arrange to get one for you through our Computer Project?
• Desktop Computer (Laptops are scarce)
• Windows 8, Office 2010, learning games for 3 to 8 yoa
• We Deliver
• Set up if needed
If you feel you can set up the equipment yourself then we can drop a system off at the school, so please let the school know. If you would like the system set up in your home, then phone me on 0402409895 or email coriolions@gmail.com and I will arrange a time.