**MOOLAP NEWS**

**Tuesday 25 August 2015**

**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**

**Life Education**

A reminder that Life Education commences next week, 2 – 4 September. Please make sure permission slips and payment are returned to the class teachers. Parent Information Session will be held **Thursday 3rd September** at 9.00 a.m.

**Father's Day Stall**

Father's Day Stall will be held next Tuesday 01 Sep, where they will be ‘shopping’ with their class. We will also be open for business Thursday morning before the bell (Multi-Purpose Room) for those who may have missed out on Tuesday. Students will require $5 and a plastic bag.

**Welcome Back Mrs Irving**

A big welcome back to Mrs Irving who returned on Monday from sick leave. A sincere thank you to Ms Damon who did a wonderful job in Mrs Irving’s absence.

**Student Led Conferences**

Student Led Conferences will be held from 2.30 p.m. Wednesday 16 September. Further information to follow.

**Jump Off Day**

Good luck to our students who will be participating in Jump off Day this Friday. Students have been practicing all term for this day. Good Luck!

Enjoy

Robbie

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Indonesian Festival** - ‘Learning a language can make children better thinkers, better communicators and better global citizens’

We are counting down now (lima, empat, tiga) to the Indonesian Festival, to be held on September 8th, 9th and 10th. The students will be involved in exciting and hands-on activities in the specialist programs. On Wednesday 9th September students are encouraged to wear traditional Indonesian clothing, or an item with the colours red and/or white. Also, there will be a special assembly in the pavilion for the whole school community at 2.40pm on that day.

We are looking forward to welcoming Indonesian visitors to the school during the week of the festival who will be joining specialist teachers in their programs and sharing their knowledge of the activities. They will speak to the students in Indonesian which will give them the valuable opportunity to engage in conversation with a native speaker.

**It is important for the students to please return their signed permission form and payment, by Thursday August 27th to indicate if they are participating in the tasting of fruit, during the festival.**

**Why Learn Another Language?**

Along with the exciting opportunity to participate in a cultural festival, there are many benefits for your child in learning another language. Some of these include:

**Stimulating brain development** – Learning another language helps develop essential areas of a child’s brain. It can help children to solve problems more easily and think more creatively.

**Enhancing English literacy skills** – Languages all use various ‘systems’, Children will automatically compare the system of the new language they are learning with English. This gives them an insight to how English works.

Improving memory, concentration and numeracy skills – Learning another language can strengthen children’s memory for sequences and their ability to build connections.

**Encouraging Respect and understanding of other cultures** - Learning another language opens children’s minds to various ways of living and promotes harmony.

Resource - ‘How languages can boost your child’s brainpower’, Department of Education and Training.

Terima kasih, Bu Hurt

**Legacy Week 30th August to 5th September 2015**

Geelong Legacy Club Inc. is a volunteer organisation dedicated to assisting the widows and children of deceased ex-service personnel. Each year, during the first week of September, Legacy conducts a Badge Appeal to raise funds to help provide the care and assistance currently provided to around 1400 widows, six school children and some disabled adults in the Geelong area.

Moolap has the following items for sale - Legacy pens $3, Wristbands $2, Badges $2 for those who wish to support this cause. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

**Well Done Scarlett**

In the last couple of weeks Scarlett has completed her 4th grade flute exam successfully and performed at the Geelong Music Teachers Association Term 3 recital. She has also performed with the Geelong Concert Community Band in the Victorian School Bands Festival at Geelong Grammar where the band received the platinum award (highest possible) in their section. The following weekend the band won the state band championships in their section, held at her Majesty’s Theatre in Ballarat. Scarlett will perform with the Sweethearts Academy on Wednesday night (26/8) at Odyssey Tavern at 7pm. Admission is free and the music is fantastic. Congratulations Scarlett!

**Art Blog**

Follow the blog: [http://moolapprimary.edublogs.org/](http://moolapprimary.edublogs.org/) check out the latest update!

WELFARE NEWS
Please check the ‘sample’ shoe box in the office for those interested in participating in this year’s Shoe Box Christmas Appeal.

MCG
Lolly Drive
Orders and payment are to be returned to school no later than Tuesday 1 September so orders can be distributed before the holidays.

Science Theme Lunch Success
Thank you to all who supported the Special Lunch Order Day - we sold 90 DNA Hot Dogs, 3 Scientist Salads, 36 Laboratory Brains (dim sims), 41 Molecular Bread (fairy bread) 41 Moon Explorations (Nachos) plus 147 drinks & canteen sales, giving us a profit from the day of $550. A big community thanks to our amazing kitchen volunteers, Ella V, Amanda F, Marni J, Tracy C, Maree W & Sue T who helped out on this event. We hope students enjoyed the day. Thank you to Nicole B for her wonderful organisation.

Canteen Roster
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

EXTEND – After School Care
The children were busy last week at after school care getting creative in a master chef challenge, making dream catchers and participating in a building challenge. The children also got active enjoying time outdoors and playing with peers.
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 24th August - Drawing, Pom Poms, Skipping
Tuesday 25th August - Parachutes, Trivia, Olympics
Wednesday 26th August - Jurassic Park Theme Night
Thursday 27th August - Healthy Baking
Friday 28th August - Daffodil Day Activities & Games

NETBALL NEWS
Moolap Munchkins (Grade 3/4)
26 Aug 5.20
02 Sept BYE

Moolap Tigers (Grade 5/6)
26 Aug BYE
02 Sept 5.20

2015 DIARY DATES
AUGUST
Fri 28 Jump Off Day
Mon 31 School Council
Cat Tales 1/2A

SEPTEMBER
Tue 1 Cat Tales 1/2C
Father’s Day Stall
Wed 2 Life Ed Commences
Thurs 3 Life Ed – Parent Info Session – 9 a.m.
Father’s Day Stall
Mon 7 - 11 Book Fair Week
8-10 Indonesian Festival

Mon 5 First Day Term 4
The Centre for Learning, Research and Innovation at The Geelong College invites you to Paul Dillon – Illicit Drugs | Pills, powders and liquids: Everything parents should know in 2015 on Thursday 10 September 2015 (7.00pm to 8.00pm). Although alcohol continues to be the most popular and problematic drug used by Australian secondary school students it is the use of illicit drugs such as ecstasy and methamphetamine (‘ice’) that many parents are most concerned about. Whereas alcohol may have been their drug of choice when they were younger, many parents have little understanding of a range of newer drugs, particularly those linked to the nightclub and dance scene.

This presentation will provide information on some of these substances, including prevalence rates amongst secondary school students, harms associated with their use and the changes we are seeing in how these drugs are being accessed by young people.

Bookings, for this free community event, can be made at: http://www.clri.com.au/article/view/15

For more information please contact The Centre for Learning, Research and Innovation on 5226 3161 or visit www.clri.com.au