**MOOLAP NEWS**

**Tuesday 15 September 2015**

**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**

**Student Led Conferences**

Student Led Conferences held tomorrow from 2.30p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Conference Booking Details:

1. Click on: [https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/?z=CLKMe9](https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/?z=CLKMe9)
2. Type in the following code for Student Led Conferences: NWXRA

Student led conferences are important to provide student ownership of their learning. The process requires each student to thoughtfully reflect on and present their learning to others. The format for the Student Led Conference is as follows:

1. Students lead parents through their learning. (10-12 minutes)
2. Teacher facilitates a discussion of achievements, efforts and possible next steps. (5-8 minutes)
3. Parents complete a small survey on the Student Led Conferences (1-2 minutes)

**All students will be dismissed at 2.30 p.m.** Those requiring after school care please contact Extend either on line at [www.extend.com.au](http://www.extend.com.au) or calling their office on 1300 366 437

**Carpark Safety**

We still have a number of concerns being raised regarding student safety in our school carpark. I strongly recommend parents of students P-2 walk their child/ren to and from the gate each day, and please ensure you drive safely and are aware of those around you whilst in the car park.

**Bitumen - Work to Begin**

Great News! This holiday we will have work begin on the bitumen area at the front of the school. Students will use the front staff car park gate to access and depart the school grounds. As much as this is an inconvenience we look forward to a brand new play area on November 20th.

**Next term**

There will be two Curriculum Days next term, Friday 16 October and Monday 23 November. A reminder also that Year 5 and 6 students will be heading off to Pax Hill Camp first week back 7-9 October. To clarify camp cost is $175 per child, not $170.

**Last Day of Term**

9:00am – 11:00am – Normal Schedule  
11:30am – 12:30pm – Classes  
12:30pm – 1:30pm – Lunch  
1:30pm – 1:45pm – Pack up room for end to term  
1:45pm – 2:30pm – Music Assembly  

On a final note - on behalf of all our staff I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday!  
Enjoy!  
Robbie

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Celebrate Reading**

Crazy Hair - Crazy Clothes Day is Friday Sept 18th-the last day of school. We will celebrate 40 nights of reading and do our Coins for Kids line up at 11.30 too. The SRC have been counting down the days at Kids’ Assembly each Friday.

**Division Athletics**

Massive congratulations to our Athletics team who once again represented Moolap with great determination and effort. We had a few students with outstanding results and they will be progressing to the regional championships @ Keilor next term. All info should have been given to those children who qualified. A huge thank you to Mr ONeill who supervised all our kids and to Naranda who assisted all day officiating the Long Jump.

**Walk to School**

Moolap is excited to be taking part in VicHealth’s Walk to School from 5-30 October. Walk to School encourages primary school students to walk to and from school every day in October to highlight the ways walking improves children’s health and wellbeing. Walking to school is a great way to help kids achieve the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day.

We’ll be encouraging families and students to walk to and from school as often as possible during October to help students learn healthy habits for life. Teachers will use classroom calendars to record each time student’s walk to and from school.

Students have the opportunity to WIN a $150 Rebel Sport Voucher! To be in the running, they simply need to take a photo on their walk to school and write a small paragraph explaining what they liked about their walk. Submit your photo to [moolap.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:moolap.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) with “Walk to School” Photograph in the subject line. VicHealth also offers some great prizes to schools with high participation, and runs fun walking themed competitions for students throughout October.

We’ll be providing parents with an ‘Information sheet for parents and guardians’ with all the information you’ll need about Walk to School. You can also visit the Walk to School website for more information: [www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au](http://www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au)

Not sure how to get started?

There are lots of ways families can get involved. You might like to:

- walk with your child to and from school and enjoy the chance to talk, help your child learn road safety skills, and get to know the local neighbourhood together
- arrange for your child to walk with other families or friends, giving them time to socialise and share their journey
- drive part of the way to school and walk the rest, particularly if you live a long way from school, or have limited time
- mix it up – if your child enjoys riding their bike or scooter, that’s great too!

Happy walking!

Student First Aid
St John Ambulance visited our school yesterday to deliver free First Aid in Schools training to our students. Through the First Aid in Schools program, trained St John presenters led students from all classes through tailored sessions on the importance of First Aid and what to do in the event of an emergency. Our junior students learnt about how to identify when there is an emergency, keeping themselves safe, and how to call for an ambulance. Senior students learnt about delivering CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and the things they can do to assist in an emergency. Students have been given a special piece of homework for parents to complete. We encourage you to “do your homework” and go online with St John to see how much you know about First Aid. Are you First Aid READY?
More information about the St John First Aid in Schools program can be found at: www.stjohnvic.com.au/schools

Switch to Save
Moolap is involved with the Bendigo Bank Switch to Save Program. Parents need to register on the link below and for every down light that is exchanged at homes or in businesses in your community – the school will receive $1. Don’t forget to register using the following link!

Moolap Munchkins
Yay…. Moolap Munchkins have made it through to their first Grand Final, and will be competing against Leopold Lightening Storm. Game will be held at Geelong Basketball and Netball Centre (Life Be In It Centre), Crown St, South Geelong. Come along and show your support on Wednesday 16 September at 5.00p.m.

Grade 3 / 4 Netball
Please leave your child/ren’s name at the Office if they are interested in playing netball Term 4, 2015. Please note – you must commit to Wednesday lunch training and Wednesday night games.

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

Great news! Telstra Kids grant
We are delighted to announce our success in applying for a $1,200 grant from Telstra. Telstra Kids funds the little things that can make a big difference to kids’ lives, helping kids to play and learn. Our Telstra Kids grant will be used to help build our fitness trail. Huge thanks to Chris Hine from Telstra, for applying for the funding for us. We are very excited to share in the million dollars the Telstra Foundation provides each year to help kids across Australia to connect to their local communities.

EXTEND AFTER SCHOOL CARE
The children were busy last week at after school care making apricot and muesli balls plus having fun hunting for treasure and performing circus tricks on our themed circus night.
This Wednesday 16th and Friday 18th September after school care will be available from 2.30pm to 6.30pm to account for early dismal on both these days.
This week’s activities:
Monday 14th September: Spring Art, Games Night
Tuesday 15th September: Cooking Oat Biscuits
Wednesday 16th September: Visit from a bunny
Thursday 17th September: Science Fun
Friday 18th September: Theme Night; Cub Scouts

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

2015 DIARY DATES
SEPTEMBER
Wed 16  Student Led Conference Commences 2.30p.m.
Thur 17  2016 Prep Orientation # 1 (option 2)
Fri 18  Last Day Term 3 – 2.30 dismissal
Mon 21  Coins for Kids / Crazy Hair / Dress Day

OCTOBER
Mon 5  First Day Term 4
Wed 7  Year 5/6 Leave for Camp
Fri 9  Year 5/6 Return for Camp
Prep Dental 9.00 a.m.

St Albas Netball Club
FREE!!
Junior Netball Development Program 2015
For Beginners & current players
• Dates: Begins Thursday 15th October for eight weeks finishing on Thursday 3rd December.
• Time: 3.45pm for Prep grades 1, 2 & 3, 4.30pm for Grades 5 & 6.
• Place: St Albans Netball Courts Corner of Boundary & St Albans Roads EAST GEELONG
The program: enables all individuals to experience personal achievement, enhanced self-esteem, social co-operation and skill development in a fun environment.
Learn teamwork activities.
Learn ball skills.
Appropriate modified netball matches.
There will be accredited coaches and umpires.
To book a place or for further information please contact: Megan (0439 959 968) or Ben (0405 472 774) after 4p.m. weekdays.

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