



# Moonee Ponds Primary School

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### 2019 Term Dates:

Term 1: 31st January - 5th April

Term 2: 23rd April - 28th June

Term 3: 15th July - 20th September

Term 4: 7th October - 20th December

### Dates to Note:

Yr 5/6 Camp – 18th-22nd March

School Cross Country – 28th March

Curriculum (Student Free) Day – 26th April

School Athletics – 8th May

F-4 Intensive Swimming Program – 29th

July– 9th Aug

Yr 3/4 Camp – 11-13th Sept

### Parent's Association Meetings

**7.30pm in SPC**

Thursday 14th Feb 7.30pm

Thursday 14th March AGM @ 7pm

followed by the meeting @ 7.30pm

Download our FREE Moonee Ponds Primary  
School App now!

or

Register to receive the newsletter via :

<http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/our-school/newsletters/>

Limited hard copies of newsletter  
available at the office and OSH Club

Check out the School app calendar for  
all your important dates!

## PRINCIPAL REPORT

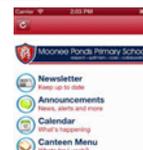
I would like to welcome all our new and returning students and families to Moonee Ponds PS for the start of another year of learning. I again look forward to working with you as we all strive to achieve our mission, vision and values.

### Newsletter

The newsletter will be published each week during February and then published fortnightly thereafter. The newsletter is the main source of communication from the school and I urge everyone to read it! It will be sent home in hard copy today (and for the first few weeks) for all families but it will only be published online from March; this will help minimise our paper usage and protect the environment. Families will be able to access the newsletter on the school website, school smart phone application or by signing up to have it emailed to your inbox when published. **Sign up for the newsletter today!** <http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/our-school/newsletters/> Limited copies will be available at the office or Out of School Hours Care.

### How to access the school newsletter:

1. Visit the school website: <http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/our-school/newsletters/>
2. Download the Moonee Ponds Primary School application from your relevant smart phone app store (search for: Moonee Ponds Primary School)
3. Sign up for it to be sent to your email address on the school website: <http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/our-school/newsletters/>



### At MPPS this year

Our enrolment is consistent again this year with 349 students. We welcome some new staff to MPPS: Chris Mizis and Stefania Lipoma are teaching in the Year 5/6 area, Rebecca Dillon is back supporting our Literacy and Numeracy coaches and will be teaching in Year 3/4. Olga Tilderidis is replacing Kim Smith in the Library. Next week, Matt Burke will be taking three weeks paternity leave after the safe arrival of his second child (Felix) over the school holidays. Jess Buerckner will be covering his class during this time before she will be taking maternity leave. We also welcomed a new Integration Aide to MPPS late last year; Taylah Jones is working in Year 3/4 B. I encourage families to introduce yourself to our new staff when you have the opportunity.

Our school assemblies will be held fortnightly on Thursday's this year at 3pm in the Sports and Performance Centre (with our first one scheduled this week). Each fortnight a different class will perform and celebrate one aspect of their learning. Student awards will also be announced.

## PRINCIPAL REPORT (cont.)

Our Student Achievement Award program acknowledges and celebrates learning and personal growth in all aspects of school life. It reflects our school mission, vision and values. Learning Star awards recognise personal learning growth and the "ROCC Star" award celebrates the way students live our school values. (*R= Respect, O= Optimism, C=Care, C= Collaboration*). We invite all families to come along to our assemblies.

A reminder for everyone that school starts at 9am and finishes at 3.20pm. Parents please ensure your child arrives at school **before 9am** to maximise the beginning of the school day. The start of the day is when the day of learning is outlined and activities begin. Students can often become anxious if they are late, even on one occasion, as entering the classroom when the students and teachers have begun the day is disruptive to their learning and often interrupts the learning of others. We have a yard duty teacher on duty from 8.45am before school and from 3.20- 3.35pm in the afternoon. There is a second bell at 3.35pm to ensure that all students whose parent or guardian is not on the school grounds will report to the yard duty teacher or the office when the second bell rings.

Again this year, teachers will be in classrooms from 8.50am if parents and/or students need to quickly clarify or discuss their child's learning. This will provide a window of opportunity for parents to see teachers in the classrooms and ensure that traffic in and around the staffroom/office area is minimised. For longer discussions, teachers may recommend an appointment to discuss your child's learning at another more suitable time. Please note that when the music plays/bell rings staff are required to begin teaching.

### Information Nights (Years 1-6)

The Foundation Information night was held last night along with a welcome supper. Next Tuesday night (12<sup>th</sup> February) we will also hold an information evening for Years 1-6. During these sessions teachers will be presenting information on classroom structures & processes, curriculum, homework and other important information. Sessions will run for approximately 30 mins. We encourage parents to attend to ensure everyone has a clear understanding of the year ahead.

Year Level	Time	Location
Year 5/ 6	6pm	Library
Year 3/ 4	6.30pm	Room 6 (Candice's Room)
Year 1/ 2	7pm	Library

### 100 Year Celebration

2019 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> year that MPPS has been running. While the building was built in 1918, the students commenced at the school in 1919. To celebrate this occasion we are holding a celebration day on Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> where we will be opening up the school to past students, teachers and members of the community. There will be a range of activities on the day and all the classrooms will be open. We encourage students to attend on the day in school uniform. Each area of the school will celebrate a decade with photos, some memorabilia and world history of that decade. Please check out the flyer in the following pages and mark the date in your diary. Commemorative bricks will be sold as part of a permanent school display in recognition of the centenary year. Information about commemorative bricks is also included.

### Swimming Sports

Our 2019 school swimming sports carnival for year 1-6 students will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Permission forms will be sent home next week. This event is held at the Queens Park pool, where students and teachers walk up and participate in events ranging from freestyle, relays to wading & cork scramble events. Emma our PE teacher and Jenny (Year 1/2 Team Leader) are busy preparing for the event. We also need parent helpers to assist; if you are available please indicate on the signup sheet located outside the office (next week). This year we have MPPS (silicon) swim caps available to purchase at the office. They are \$8 each if anyone would like to purchase. They will be available leading up to the swim sports and also during our Intensive Swimming program in Term 3 (Jul 29<sup>th</sup>- August 9<sup>th</sup>).

### Parent Payments

Thank you to all the families that have paid the school fees and also the generous ones that have contributed to the Building and Library Fund. These tax deductible contributions assist the school greatly and have been used in the last six months to replace book shelves in the library, upgrade many non-fiction titles in the library, complete some landscaping in the front of the school and also complete painting of classroom doors and walls over the holidays. All up these works total over \$40,000 that come from families. Thank you, we really appreciate this support. If you would like to contribute to the library or building fund this year please see Esther in the office.

## PRINCIPAL REPORT (cont.)

### OSHClub update

Unfortunately due to personal family circumstances, Aisling our coordinator is moving interstate and will be finishing up at the MPPS OSHClub this week. At the time of writing a replacement is still yet to be found however Philippa and the team of leaders will continue to ensure that the transition to a new coordinator is a seamless one.

### Sun Smart

With the hot weather and summer conditions, it is important for us all to be wary of the sun and the UV rays. We have a school sun smart policy which can be found at [www.mpp.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/MPPS-Sun-Smart-policy-2016.pdf](http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/MPPS-Sun-Smart-policy-2016.pdf). With the swimming sports in the coming weeks and the hot weather continuing, please ensure you read through the document and ensure students have hats and sunscreen available when outdoors. Rash vests, hats and sun screen are recommended at the swimming carnival. Staff will be on duty reminding students to be sun smart; however, I encourage parents to discuss this with your child beforehand as well. Remember students need to be wearing a hat during recess and lunch until the end of April.

### Uniform Shop

A reminder that the school uniform provider is Noone Imagewear. They are available for sales at school (near the administration office) on Tuesday afternoons from 3- 4pm. Their shop is located at 541 Keilor Rd, Niddrie where items can also be purchased. Information on the uniform policy and prices can be found on our school website [www.mpp.vic.edu.au](http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au) (remember if you are accessing the parent download section the password is: mpps).

### Parent- Teacher Exchange

Our parent teacher exchange will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, information regarding this was sent home yesterday. The purpose of this 10 minute session is for you to inform your child's teacher about their learning style, strengths and challenges and a great opportunity to meet the teacher and discuss the year ahead. Bookings can be made via <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code> with the booking code: ybxqb

I hope everyone has a great start to the year, especially while we live the school mission, vision and values. <http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/about-us/> Please do not hesitate to contact me over the course of the year; our school value of collaboration will continue to be a focus and we look forward to working with you as your child grows and develops.

### General School Information

#### Dropping off and picking up

Please Note: Students may not be in the school grounds before 8:45am or after 3:35pm unless they are attending Before or After School Care. At 3.35pm our last bell rings and students who have still not been collected by their parents must find the yard duty teacher or head to the school office. Any students in the yard beyond these times MUST be supervised by their parents.

Developing resilience and independence supports student learning. To assist in this we ask parents to ensure that their child carry their own bags to and from the classroom. Students beyond prep should take their own bags to the bag rack or locker provided before school and be lined up at the designated places when the bell rings at the start of the day.

#### Student Absences

A reminder to parents that if your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify their school as soon as possible **on the day of absence** using one of the following methods:

**Telephone:** the school office and let the staff know your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.

**Email:** the school and provide the staff with your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

#### Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

Schools need to know when and why a child is absent and you need to know if your child isn't at school. All Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. **Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.**

## PRINCIPAL REPORT (cont.)

### What is your responsibility?

You are legally required to ensure your child attends school every day or you must provide an explanation for their absence. You should let the school know in advance of any upcoming absences or let them know the morning if your child won't be at school. In order for schools to implement the same day notification requirement, it's essential that you provide the school with your most up-to-date contact details. Generally one notification will be sent per family. Should there be circumstances that require both parents and carers to be notified, please contact the school to make the necessary arrangements.

### What is the school's responsibility?

The school must notify you of an unexplained absence in relation to your child as soon as practicable on the same day.

Schools will let you know either by SMS, phone call or email. If you can't be reached because the school does not have your correct contact details (i.e. changed phone number, SMS/email failure notification received etc.), the school will attempt to make contact with any emergency contact/s nominated on your child's file held by the school. Where possible, this contact will be made on the same day of the unexplained absence.

For further information, the School Attendance Policy and Attendance Procedures are now available on the school website at: <http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/school-council/school-policies/>

### **Early Leave**

Prep to Year 6 Students are expected to attend for the full day unless permission to leave early is requested. A 'Permission to Leave Early Form' must be filled in at the General Office and taken to the class teacher. This is a safety precaution for your children.

### **Late Arrival**

Please ensure the teacher knows if students are late. The roll is marked electronically by the teachers each day, therefore the office does not need to be notified; please just take your child straight to their classroom and the teachers will mark them as late.

Matthew Bott  
Principal

## WALKING SCHOOL BUS

The Walking School bus will be operating again this year. There will be a route travelling from West Brunswick down Wilson Street to the school— as yet the day has not been finalised. The aim is to begin in March.



Training is available for any new coordinators looking to start a new route that suits them. Please contact me if there is any expression of interest I will link you up to the Co-ordinator at Moonee Valley council

Margarita Williams (Parent of Reuben Williams 1/2A- 0428 532 010)

## ART NEWS

Hi everyone!

Welcome back to a new school year. Please stay up to date with what is happening in Visual and Performing arts this year by subscribing to the Arts Blog. You can do this by clicking on the link below and pressing the subscribe button on the bottom right hand corner of the page.

<http://mppsarts.global2.vic.edu.au>

Thank you so much!

Christine (Visual and Performing Arts teacher)



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Celebrating 100 Years  
1919 - 2019

**FOOD**

**FREE RIDES**

**FUN**

**SUNDAY  
3rd  
March  
2019**

**Moonee Ponds Primary School  
100th Birthday Celebration**

**Time: 10am - 2pm**

**87 Wilson Street, Moonee Ponds**

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*See you  
there!*



# Moonee Ponds Primary School

Celebrating 100 Years  
1919 - 2019

## 2019 Information Nights & Parent-Teacher Exchange

Dear Parents,

**The information nights** for families in years 1-6 will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

Year Level	Time	Location
Year 5/ 6	6pm	Library
Year 3/ 4	6.30pm	Room 6 (Candice's Room)
Year 1/ 2	7pm	Library

Following this, on **Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** we will be holding our first **Parent-Teacher Exchange** Evening for the year. This evening will be an opportunity for you to come and meet your child's teacher and pass on information regarding your child. As teachers have just begun the year, they will be keen to gain as much academic information about your child, their interests and hobbies and any other educational information you feel would be relevant.

**The booking system is online.** The link to the school interviews site can be found in the "Communication" section of our website or directly at <http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/our-school/parent-teacher-exchange/> Bookings open today, Tuesday 5th February from 3pm.

On the reverse of this note are instructions on how to book. For parents who do not have access to the internet at home, there will be access available at school between 8:30am and 9:30am. Alternatively parents are able to send a note to the classroom teacher with the approximate times requested.

Please note: if you are unable to make a time on this day, please contact your classroom teacher to schedule an alternative time/date to meet.

The duration of each interview is 10 minutes. **Interview time slots will begin at 3:30pm for foundation students and at 2:00pm for years 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6 students. All students will be supervised until the normal school finish time at 3.20pm.** Year 1/2 students will be supervised as a group in the library. Year 3 – 6 students will be supervised in the SPC. Should you wish to collect your child early; students can be signed out and collected from 1:30pm (Foundation students – in their classrooms, Yr 1/2 Students – Library, Yr 3-6 students – SPC/Gym).

With thanks,

*Rebecca McMahon*  
**Assistant Principal**



# THE EASY WAY TO BOOK SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

## Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February**:

- Foundation Students: 3:30pm – 7pm
- Year 1 – 6 students: at 2:00pm – 7pm

For parents that do not have internet access, computer kiosks will be available at the office from Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February for parents to make their own bookings. Parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 93752511. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY AT 9AM**

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit *your family*.

Go to [www.mpp.vic.edu.au](http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au), in the “Communication” section and select the link on the “Parent Teacher Exchange” page and follow these simple instructions. Alternatively go directly to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

Simply enter the code and press "Go"



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see  
Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately –

**Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly**



You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close.

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 9375 2511

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school's name and suburb.

# The Moonee Ponds Stars



*Written By: Mariana Galanopoulos on behalf of all the team members*

How do you summarize two teams that started from humble beginnings and grew in leaps to bounds? In mid-2017, **Stephanie Barnard**, who we affectionately call 'Steph', started to train netball after school on the school grounds to girls who were interested. It started off as a small group and then slowly grew as more girls took an interest and joined the after-school training. The popularity of the training then led to creating two groups: the P-2 trained by **Kate Baker, Emma Rundle, Katrina Hopkins** and the Grade 3-6's by Steph. The team isn't run by the school but led by MPPS parents. Every Monday after school Steph, Emma, Kate & Katrina taught us the positions and basic rules of netball. At the beginning of this year, we registered one team in the Victorian Netball Membership and we started competing with other teams at Parkville Netball and Hockey Centre (The Vixens home ground). Lots of girls wanted to take their Netball to the next level so we had enough players to form two teams!

We have loved this whole experience of competing with other teams. We just can't wait for Saturday mornings to get out there and play some Netball. We have all really enjoyed playing together. We have evolved and fine-tuned as a team. Playing competitively week by week has sharpened our skills. We have developed confidence in each other, we have learnt from each other, we understand the power of a good team and the importance of recognizing our strengths and the areas we need to work on. We have collaborated and communicated these skills on the court to get the ball across the court. We have now become two very strong teams winning game after game.

Without the commitment of all the trainers who have given their time to coach the teams we would not have made it this far. We also need to thank **Sally Siega** for umpiring many of the games.

It gives all the Netball girls great sadness to say goodbye to Steph and her family who will be leaving our school community for the next 3 years. We would all like to thank Steph for her passion, dedication and hard work in establishing the Netball Team. Steph has taught us a lot and has encouraged and motivated us to reach our potential. She has helped us improve our individual and team gameplay on the court. We will continue to work hard and be an inspiration to the younger girls who are training and to everyone who would like to join in. We wish Steph all the very best on her next journey and we hope she settles in well to her new life in Western Australia.

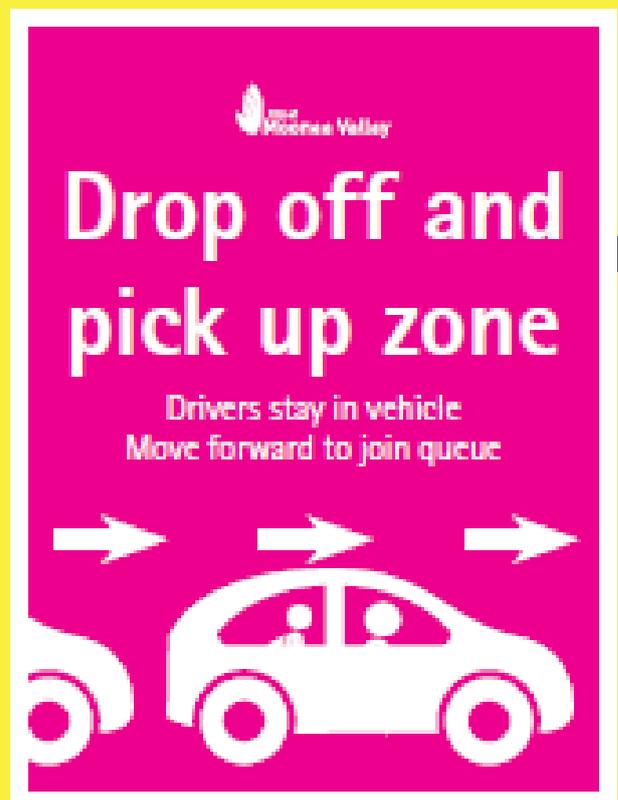
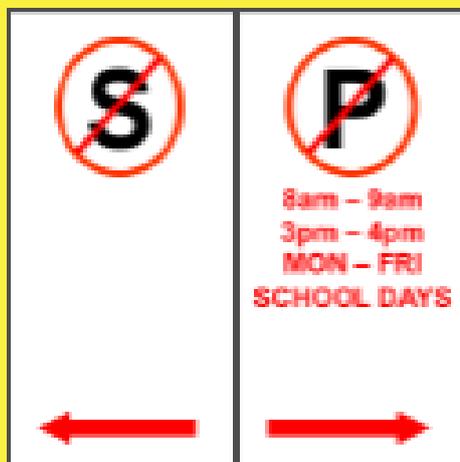
Thank you Steph for all that you have given to our school community. You will be greatly missed!

From: P-2 training group, Division 1: Amelia Grbac, Charlotte Ristig, Emily Ross, Erika Digney, James Barnard, Lilly Rundle, Liv Talko, Mariana Galanopoulos, Sophie Aldridge, Tilly Baker, Division 2: Anna Dona- doni, Charlotte Segar, Chloe Italia, Isabella Brockman, Isabella Ferraro, Isabella Whitehouse, Juliet Viljoen, Lilliana Grbac, Matilda Therhag, Tommy Barnard



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# THE DROP OFF AND PICK UP ZONE



You might have noticed our new signage and line markings on Bent Street for our drop off and pick up zone. Here are some tips to help you use the zone safely.

Parents or guardians should always drop off or pick up their child/ren from the designated area.

In this zone, drivers should:

- remain in your vehicles at all times
- move forward to join the queue so that other cars can get into the zone
- use the hand brake when the vehicle is stationary
- not double park
- not park across a pedestrian crossing
- not undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school

Students should:

- keep your seat belt on until the vehicle has stopped in the zone

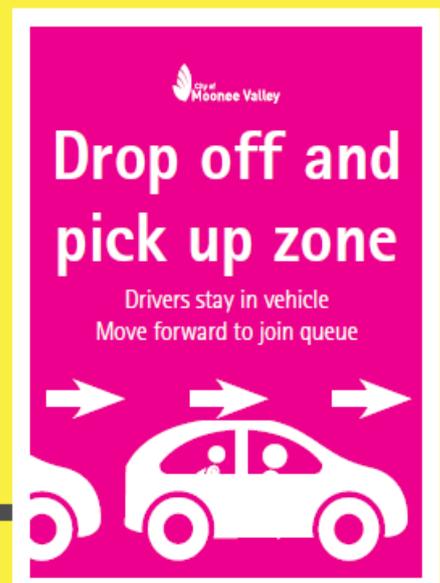
- have your school bag and other items in a safe position on the floor and ready for you to take with you when the car has stopped
- always get in and out of the vehicle through the safety door (the rear footpath-side door)

#### What does the no parking sign mean?

Quite simply, it means that you cannot park in the zone during the times identified on the sign as the zone is to be used to pick up or drop off only during those times.

Drivers can drop off or pick up passengers in the zone, so long as they do not leave the vehicle, and drive on as soon as possible after stopping.

If you overstay the time limit of 2 minutes or park across a driveway or access point you could receive an infringement notice.





# Safety around schools

Providing safe school zones for all children

## Keep children safe in a school zone by:

- walking or cycling to school to decrease traffic congestion
- adhering to the 40km zone when travelling in an operated school zone
- checking the restrictions set by the regulations and parking signs in the area and abiding by them
- not stopping or parking illegally. Illegal parking actions will not go unnoticed; parking infringements will be issued by Council

## You should:

- always let your child out on the kerb side of the road
- never call your child from across the road. Teach them to wait until you walk over to get them or to use the school crossing
- talk to your child about what they should do if you are not there on time

A children's crossing is a legal crossing when two flags are in place.

## Teach your child to:

- always stand one step back from the kerb
- wait for the Crossing Supervisor to go out onto the crossing and blow their whistle (two short blasts), then cross the road
- not ride bikes, bounce a ball, fight, muck around or run across the crossing
- always stay within the lines of crossing and walk in front of the supervisor (never behind them)
- always be alert and listen to what the Crossing Supervisor says

## Parking near a school

- Do not park on or near a school crossing
- Do not double park and let your child out on the road
- Many schools have adopted a 'drop off and pick up' zone. This zone is not for waiting in. In the afternoon, your child has to get out of class, get their bag and walk to the zone. Plan to leave home once the school bell has rung so they're waiting for you in the zone.



## Infringements

Council regularly patrols schools within the municipality as part of our school crossing program. Infringements near schools will be issued if you are not adhering to the regulations or signage. Infringements can be affixed to the vehicle or posted to the registered owner of the vehicle.

### Offence and penalty when committed in an operating school zone

Offence	Offence description	Fine
Stopping on or near a children's crossing	A driver must not stop on a children's crossing, or on the road within 20 metres before the crossing and 10 metres after the crossing.	\$159
Stopped in a 'no stopping' area	Drivers cannot stop, even briefly.	\$159
Stopped on a footpath	You cannot leave your car standing on a footpath, it obstructs the path of pedestrians and is also very dangerous.	\$95
Stopped in a bus zone	Only public buses can stop here.	\$95
Parked for longer than indicated	This is when you have overstayed the time limit indicated on the sign.	\$79
Stopped on or across a driveway or other way of access	You cannot deny access to other vehicles wanting to leave or enter, even briefly.	\$95
Stopped in a parking area for people with disabilities	You need a special disabled parking permit to park here. The permit number and expiry date must be visible from the outside.	\$159
Stopped on a nature strip	A driver must not stop on a nature strip as it can obstruct the view of oncoming traffic and cause damage to infrastructure.	\$95

Correct as at 1 July 2017

#### Moonee Valley Language Line

عربي	Arabic	0280 0738	Ελληνικά	Greek	0280 0741	Español	Spanish	0280 0744
中文	Cantonese	0280 0739	Italiano	Italian	0280 0742	Türkçe	Turkish	0280 0746
Крватски	Croatian	0280 0740	Сомали	Somali	0280 0743	Việt-ngữ	Vietnamese	0280 0748

All other languages 0280 0747

National Relay Service 13 36 77 or [relayservice.gov.au](http://relayservice.gov.au)

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 Email [council@mvcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@mvcc.vic.gov.au) | Website [mvcc.vic.gov.au](http://mvcc.vic.gov.au)





## Chess-Ed.

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### Moonee Ponds Primary School Chess Club – Term 1, 2019

Chess is one of the most powerful educational tools available to strengthen a child’s mind. Most 6-7 year olds can follow the basic rules and some children as young as 4 or 5 can play. Whatever a child’s age, chess can enhance concentration, patience and perseverance as well as develop creativity, intuition and memory. Most importantly, children can develop the ability to analyse and deduce from a set of general principles, to make tough decisions and to solve problems flexibly.

The chess classes will continue to take the children through a structured chess course with the dual aim of achieving the maximal educational benefits the game offers and providing an enjoyable learning environment.

If your child would like to participate in the Chess Club during Term 1 please fill out the form below and **return it to the office before the end of Week 3. Class numbers are limited to 25. Enrolments will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Chess Club is only available for Year 1-6 students during Term 1.**

- When:** **Thursday Lunchtimes 1:30 – 2:20pm**  
 There will be **9 classes** in Term 1. Chess club will be on Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup>, March 21<sup>st</sup>, March 28<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Where:** Library
- Cost:** **\$72.00** (includes chess materials) per child for Term 1. **Please make any cheques payable to ‘Moonee Ponds Primary School’ and give to the office.**
- Enquiries:** Please feel free to contact Nick on (03) 9387 4503, 0402 33 9600, or via email at [info@chesseducation.com.au](mailto:info@chesseducation.com.au)
- MPPS contact:** Holy Coleman

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**Moonee Ponds Primary School: Chess Club Enrolment Form – Term 1, 2019**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE USE THE OPTIONS BELOW TO INDICATE YOUR METHOD OF PAYMENT:**  
 I enclose CASH  or CHEQUE  to the value of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for **MPPS CHESS CLUB**

NAME OF STUDENT/S: .....

ALTERNATIVELY: PLEASE CHARGE THE AMOUNT OF \$\_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE: \_\_\_\_\_ **MPPS CHESS CLUB**  
 (Name of Excursion/Camp)

TO MY: MASTERCARD  VISA   
 (Please tick one option and provide details below)

My full card number is: \_\_\_\_\_ (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Valid from: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_



# ENGRAVED BRICKS ORDER FORM

Moonee Ponds Primary School Celebrating 100 Years – 1919-2019

**OFFER: \$35**

**JOHN, LISA & MARY  
CUNNINGHAM**

Your donation of \$35 entitles you to have your name engraved into a brick facing as a lasting record of your valued support. The facing will be permanently installed at the Front of the school proudly showing your donation.

Size: 230 x 76 x 14mm

## ENGRAVING DETAILS

Please print clearly in block letters. Each box represents a character (letter, number, punctuation mark or space). Max 18 characters per line, three lines per brick facing. (No hand drawings).

**NAME BRICK  
FACING**

LINE 1	<input type="text"/>																
LINE 2	<input type="text"/>																
LINE 3	<input type="text"/>																

Simply fill out this form and return along with full payment by cash, cheque or money order to:  
(Alternatively, call 9375 2511 to make a credit card payment over the phone).

Moonee Ponds Primary School,  
87 Wilson Street, Moonee Ponds  
Victoria, 3039

For Credit Card details please complete over page.

Contact Name

Street

City

State

Post Code

Phone

 ( ) 

Our Donation

Offer closes on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2019

Please copy and pass on to any friends & family.

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

**SIGNATURE**  
— ENGRAVING —

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**MOONEE PONDS PRIMARY SCHOOL 100 YEAR BRICK PAVER  
ORDER FORM**

**CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS**

PLEASE CHARGE THE AMOUNT OF \$35.00 TO MY :    MASTERCARD     VISA   
(Please tick one option above)

My Card Number is \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print clearly)

Valid from : ..... Expiry date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CCV No. \_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Name.....

Address : .....

Suburb : ..... Post code: .....

Mobile No: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Cardholder : \_\_\_\_\_

**Working Bee  
Sunday 24th February 10am-12noon**

Our next working bee will be held at school on Sunday 24th February at 10am. T

he job list will include items to get the school grounds ready for our 100 Year Celebration and we would love to see you there to assist with ensuring our school grounds are in great condition. We will be mulching garden beds, planting, spreading playground soft fall and doing a general clean up.

If available, parents attending are encouraged to bring garden utensils and a wheel barrow labelled with you family name. Alternatively families can opt to contribute to the Working Bee Levy (\$50 per family) through Esther in the office.



Thanks,  
Facilities Committee

## 2019 MPPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Students in grades 1-6 will be participating in the MPPS Swimming Carnival on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**. The event will be held at Queen's Park Swimming pool.

The year 3-6 students will begin racing at 10am, with the Year 1-2 students joining us at 11.30am. All events will be concluded by 2pm.

All children are encouraged to wear their house colours and bring plenty of food and water for the day. Please return the note and money back to your child's classroom teacher ASAP.

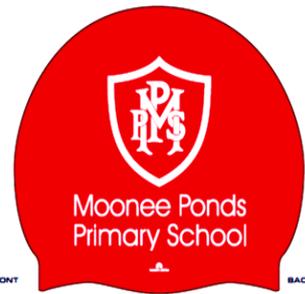
Parents are more than welcome to help cheer the students or help out with events. **If you are willing to assist please add your name and number to the 'Parent Helpers Sign Up' list outside the office.**

We look forward to seeing you there.

Emma Grant  
Physical Education Teacher



MPPS  
SWIMMING  
CAPS



\$8 each  
Available at the  
Office



## 6 ways to encourage kids to be problem-solvers

When parents solve all children's problems we not only increase their dependency on adults but we teach kids to be afraid of making mistakes and to blame themselves for not being good enough.

**Here are six practical ideas to get you started:**

**1 Turn requests into problems for kids to solve**

'What can you do to make her stop annoying you?'

'What's the best approach to take with your teacher?'

**2 Ask good questions to prompt problem solving**

'Can you handle this on your own?'

'What help do you need?'

**3 Coach them through problems and concerns**

Help your child find the right words to use and discuss the best way to approach another person when they have problems.

**4 Prepare kids for problems and contingencies**

Remember the Boy Scouts motto - be prepared! Discuss different scenarios with children whenever they enter new or potentially risky situations.

**5 Show a little faith**

"You can do it" goes a lot further than "Don't make a mess of it."

**6 Applaud mistakes and stuff-ups**

Encourage kids to have a go and don't make a big deal of errors.

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For more great ideas to develop independence visit [www.parentingideas.com.au](http://www.parentingideas.com.au) and **subscribe to our regular parenting blogs and articles**. Plus, for a limited time only, we'll give you **a free Parenting for Independence course**.

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# SUMMER SCORCHER CLINICS 2018

- Fun clinics in a safe and non-competitive environment
- Boys and Girls at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels
- Ages 4 - 12
- 55 minute tuition throughout the school term
- FEE: \$110 per child, including a gift!
- Certificates are awarded to all players upon completion and trophy is presented to those who have completed 4 or 8 seasons of the same sport

**THIS SEASON, SOCCER WILL BE OFFERED  
BEGINNING 9TH FEBRUARY, 2019  
8:30AM - 9:30AM**

**ALL CLINICS TAKE PLACE AT STRATHMORE  
SECONDARY COLLEGE, PASCOE VALE RD,  
STRATHMORE**

For more information, call Mike on 0418303432 or  
email us at: [viccric.northwest@gmail.com](mailto:viccric.northwest@gmail.com)

**LOYALTY DISCOUNTS  
AVAILABLE!**

# ENROL NOW!

**TERM ONE CLINICS BEGIN ON  
SATURDAY 9th FEBRUARY**

Saturday morning clinics run during the school term and involve 55 minutes of personalised tuition. There is an age and skill appropriate curriculum focus on the fundamentals of the games, as well as an encouragement of social interaction to build skill levels and grow self esteem. Soccer will be offered at the Strathmore venue for Summer 2018. We ensure an approximate rate of one coach to ten players to allow each participant individual skills development.

#### SESSION TIMES

SOCCER will be running from  
**Saturday 9th February 2019  
8:30am - 9:30am**

**FREE  
SOCCER BALL  
FOR EACH  
PARTICIPANT**

#### METHOD OF PAYMENT

**Pre-pay CHEQUE \$110** (to secure your place)

Please mail with completed application form to:  
VIC CRIC, 28 SPENCER ST ESSENDON, 3040.

**OR**

Payment on first day of clinic,

**FEB 9th 2019, CHEQUE/CASH \$110**

Please note, registration and payment must be completed before commencement of clinic.

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make all cheques payable to Vic Cric

Participant/s information:

Name(s) : \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Clinics previously completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I do  do not  give permission for my child to be photographed and for photos to appear on Vic Cric Social Media.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Family discounts apply as well as combination discounts for 2 disciplines. Ask VIC CRIC team for more information. Disclaimer: Children play at their own risk. Vic Cric Pty Ltd accepts no liability.

# TERM 1, 2019 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
February 4	February 5 Prep Information Night	February 6 NO PREPS NEWSLETTER	February 7 Assembly 3pm	February 8
February 11	February 12 Yr. 1-6 Information Night	February 13 NEWSLETTER NO PREPS	February 14	February 15
February 18	February 19 Parent Teacher Exchange	February 20 NO PREPS NEWSLETTER Yr. 1-6 Swimming	February 21 Assembly 3pm	February 22
February 25	February 26	February 27 NEWSLETTER NO PREPS School Council	February 28	March 1 Yr. 5/6 Gala Sports (Day 1)
March 4	March 5 School Photos	March 6 NO PREPS	March 7 Assembly 3pm	March 8

**Sunday March 3rd– 100Yr Celebration 10am– 2pm (see flyer for details)**

## Newsletter

The newsletter will be published each week during February and then published fortnightly thereafter. The newsletter is the main source of communication from the school and I urge everyone to read it! It will be sent home in hard copy today for all families but will be published on line as of next week; this will help minimise our paper usage and protect the environment. Families will be able to access it on the school website, school smart phone application or by signing up to have it emailed to your inbox when published. **Sign up for the newsletter today!** <http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/our-school/newsletters/>  
Limited copies will be available at the office or Out of School Hours Care.

How to access the school newsletter:

1. Visit the school website: <http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/our-school/newsletters/>
2. Download the Moonee Ponds Primary School application from your relevant smart phone app store (search for: Moonee Ponds Primary School)
3. Sign up for it to be sent to your email address on the school website:  
<http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/our-school/newsletters/>

