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2018 Term Dates:

Term 2: 16th April—29th June

Term 3: 16th July—22nd September

Term 4: 8th October—21st December

Dates to Note:

June 15th—School Disco

25th-29th June—Year 5/6 Camp

13th-15th Aug.—Year 3/4 Camp

21st-28th Aug.—MVIMP Camp

Parent's Association Meetings

7.30pm in SPC

14th June

9th August

13th September

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or

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[http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/our-school/
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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

The last fortnight has again been a busy one! We have had a group of students represent the school in the district cross country yesterday. Results will be published in the next newsletter. We also had students today participate in the 18th National Simultaneous Storytime where schools around the nation all read the same book together. This year's book is 'Hickey Dickory Dash' written by Tony Wilson and illustrated by Laura Wood. Further information regarding the event: www.alia.org.au/nss

Congratulations to all the Year 3 and 5 students who completed the NAPLAN testing last week. Results will be forwarded to families later in the year. Thanks also to Linda Di Florio and the team of fathers that assisted with the Mother's Day stall.

On Thursday we have the Year 1/2 students participating in the Travelling Kitchen incursion focussing on learning the food groups, making good food choices and how to prepare food safely and hygienically. The University of NSW Science competition will be held next Tuesday—for those who have registered.

Working Bee

Our first working bee for the year will be held this Sunday (27th May) from 10am- 12pm. We have a range of items that need to be achieved including starting our new Outdoor Maths Garden project and replenishing playground soft fall. A small morning tea will also be provided and we would love to see you there. If you can't be there we invite you (if you haven't already) to contribute to our \$50 Working Bee levy (in lieu of attending working bees). The money raised here goes to playground maintenance, supplies like sand and soft fall to ensure our facilities are kept in good condition.

Are your Student and Family Details correct?

Just a reminder to families to please ensure that your contact and family details including emergency contacts are valid and correct. If your circumstances have changed please let the office know ASAP as we often find out that numbers or addresses have changed or that emergency contacts are not even available to assist in an emergency. If you are unsure, please contact the office to check.

Active Paths

In conjunction with the Moonee Valley City Council and Bicycle Network the school is holding a workshop for students and parents who walk or ride to school. The aim of the workshop is to identify the routes students currently use and any issues we need to take into account as they get to and from school. Ten selected students (identified by walking or riding to school in the past month) will receive a note regarding attendance to the workshop. I am still looking for two parents who regularly (at least four times a week) walk to school to participate. If you are interested and available next Wednesday (30th may) at 2.30pm please let Kaye or Matt in the office know.

PRINCIPAL REPORT (CONT.)

Repeated Information:

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. From the end of Term 2 2018, 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.**

What is your responsibility?

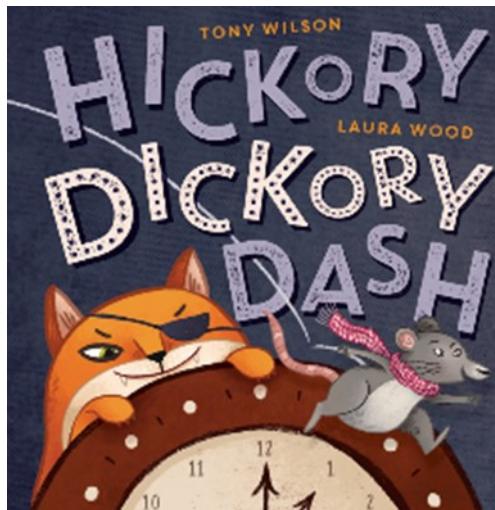
You are legally required to ensure your child attends school every day or you must provide an explanation for their absence. You should let the school know in advance of any upcoming absences or let them know the morning if your child won't be at school. In order for schools to implement the same day notification requirement (from term 3), 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?

From the start of term 3 the school must notify you of an unexplained absence in relation to your child as soon as practicable on the same day.

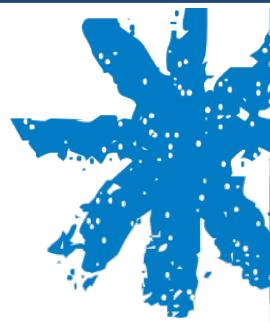
Schools will let you know either by SMS, phone call or email. If you can't be reached because the school does not have your correct contact details (i.e. changed phone number, SMS/email failure notification received etc.), the school will attempt to make contact with any emergency contact/s nominated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

Due to this updated attendance requirement the school is updating attendance marking processes and as such the Attendance Policy will be available for parents later this term.



Matt Bott
Principal

insights



Helping children who struggle with learning

by Michael Grose

Parenting is easy when you have a child who is talented and finds learning relatively easy. You can marvel at their performance and feel some measure of parental pride.

On the other hand it's frustrating and, at times, heartbreakingly to watch your child struggle to attain even mediocre levels of success at school, in sport or in leisure activities. It's even more difficult if your child repeats a year of learning.

When your child has difficulty at school, your approach as a parent makes huge difference to their self-esteem, the relationship with their teachers and their attitude to learning.

Here are some ideas to keep in mind if you are parenting a child for whom success at school, or in other high-status areas such as sport, just doesn't come naturally.

1. Avoid using other children as benchmarks

Benchmarking your child's progress against that of other children is not a wise parenting strategy. Inevitably it will lead to frustration as there will always be a child who performs better than your own on any scale you use.

Each child has his or her own developmental clock which is nearly impossible to alter. There are slow bloomers, early developers, bright sparks and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom. It's the first group that can cause the most concern for parents who habitually compare the slow bloomer to siblings, friends' kids and even themselves when they were in school.

The trick is to focus on your child's improvement and effort and use their results as a benchmark of progress and development. "*Your spelling is better today than it was a little while ago*" is a better measure of progress than "*Your spelling is the best in the class!*"

2. Focus on your child's talents

Be mindful that many successful people including Bill Gates, Richard Branson and Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg struggled at school. Traditional learning wasn't for them. However they each had supportive adults in their lives who helped them find their interests and fostered their talents. Help your child see beyond any limits they put on themselves ("*I'm hopeless at school*") to see the many other talents and strengths they have.

3. Develop a growth mindset

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Recent research shows that people who believe they can increase their intelligence through effort and challenge actually do get smarter and do better in school, work and life over time. It's exciting to know that your child's talent and smarts aren't fixed. Their brain can always learn more, continue to grow and be stretched. Communicate a growth mindset to your kids by focusing your praise more on their level of effort rather than on their natural abilities of talents. Praise the strategies they use and look for opportunities to stretch their capabilities.



4. Be your child's cheerleader

Kids who have to work really hard to achieve need someone in their lives who is able to boost their self-confidence, particularly when they are struggling. Make a fuss over small successes so your child can puff up their chest every now and then. Many adults find it easy to encourage the kids who do well but baulk at encouraging kids who struggle or find learning difficult. But it's these children who really need encouragement. As much as humanly possible, comment favourably about your child's effort, contribution and improvement in all areas of life. You can do it!

5. Increase their time in activities where they experience success

As a young teacher I remember when a father banned his son from playing football as his school results were poor. I was incensed. This boy found school learning very difficult and football was one area where he was able to shine. I suggested to the father that his son should spend more time, not less, playing football, as this was the activity where he experienced the most success. Children who struggle at school benefit from spending more time in environments where they feel confident and capable, as those feelings can eventually transfer over to other areas – including the classroom.

6. Be mindful that persistence pays off

Children who have to work hard and persist learn an important life lesson: that success in most endeavours takes effort. Those kids who sail through their childhoods without raising a sweat can struggle when eventually they do have to work long and hard to succeed.



Raising kids who find life a breeze is easy. However, parenting kids who take longer to mature, or kids that must put in a 110% effort to achieve, is challenging for any parent. Parenting a child who struggles, or has to repeat a year level, requires you to develop a growth mindset, focus on kids' strengths, be liberal with encouragement and have realistic but positive expectations for success.



Michael Grose

*Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 10 books for parents including *Thriving!* and the best-selling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*, and his latest release *Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children*.*

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RATING AN ASSESSMENT

Towards the end of Term 1, Moonee Ponds OSHClub underwent our National Quality Rating and Assessment, this was the first time OSH has been assessed under the "OSHClub" banner. We received and overall rating of Meeting the National Standard, which is an over improvement, as the previous rating was Working Towards the National Standard.

Some feedback from the Assessors final report included *"Moonee Ponds OSHClub has been rated as Meeting National Quality Standard. The service performed well across all standards and quality areas and educators has developed strong relationships with children and the school community. The children at Moonee Ponds OSHClub were continually engaged in activities both indoors and outdoors and it was evident that they felt comfortable in their spaces and had a sense of belonging as they moved freely and spoke to educators with ease and comfort."*

This improvement in our rating is a great result, so a big thank you to Philippa, Jyoti, Shannon and Rosanna for their hard work, and to all the children and families who use OSH throughout the year.

VACATION CARE

Towards the end of the week, the Vacation Care program will be emailed out to all families, and will be open for bookings, I encourage those who wish to attend to book early, as our numbers last holidays grew substantially! Excursions will include the National Sports Museum, IMAX, and indoor play-centre and Gymnastics, with heaps of other fun activities at OSHClub too, such as; Party Party OSHClub Party, Candle Making, Parkour and more.

Jack & The Team

Moonee Ponds OSHClub

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Important Information about your Payment Details

We recently upgraded our enrolment and booking system (iParent Portal) to make it easier to manage your OSHClub account and to ensure we are ready for the new Child Care Subsidy that starts on 2 July 2018.

It's important that you enter your payment information into the new system as soon as possible. Due to the confidential nature of payment records, we cannot enter this on your behalf.

What you need to do:

The Primary Account Holder can update payment details using the steps below.

1. Access the iParent Portal via the link in our email or the OSHClub website [<https://www.oshclub.com.au>]
2. Click on the Payments section in the navigation bar along the top of the page.
3. Click on + Add a new Payment Detail.
4. Fill in the required information in the pop up box and accept the terms & conditions before clicking Save.

Once saved, all future debits will be processed against your preferred payment details.

Please ensure you update your details within 7 days otherwise your bookings may be removed. Thanks for your cooperation.



2018 School Disco



Friday 15th June

Held in the SPC

**Prep - Year 2 - 5.30pm to 7.00pm
Year 3 - Year 6 - 7.30pm - 9.00pm**

**Tickets \$10 - return your order form
as soon as possible**

MOONEE PONDS PRIMARY SCHOOL - DISCO ORDER FORM

DISCO: FRIDAY 15th JUNE 2018

- PLEASE RETURN TO OFFICE BY 8th JUNE
- TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED MONDAY 11th JUNE

NAME OF STUDENT/S ATTENDING:

Name of Student (first and surname) & Class

1. _____ Class: _____ 2. _____ Class: _____

3. _____ Class: _____ 4. _____ Class: _____

Qty _____ Total: \$ _____

(Tickets @ \$10.00 each)

Any Known Allergies / Medical Condition:

Emergency Contact Name for event: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number for event: _____

Person Picking up Child after event: _____

SONG REQUEST YOU WOULD LIKE TO HEAR ON NIGHT:

SONG NAME ARTIST / SINGER

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

PARENT HELPERS: Great school events can only occur with the assistance of parent volunteers so we look forward to making this a memorable night for our children

I CAN ASSIST DURING: Prep to 2 disco Year 3-6 Disco BOTH

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I would like to assist with:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorations/set up of Disco (on the 15 th June during the day) | <input type="checkbox"/> Snack Hand out |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student sign in and out | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In Disco (Supervising/Dancing) | <input type="checkbox"/> End of Night clean up (approx. 15 mins) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outside Security | |

MPPS HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Wednesday 2nd of May the annual MPPS House Athletics Carnival took place at the Moonee Valley Athletics Track. This was a whole school event with students in all grades given the opportunity to participate in both track and field events. Students were in high spirits and did a wonderful job cheering each other on. A big thank you to all the wonderful parents and staff who assisted with this carnival. The results and House Champions are as follows.

Individual House Champions

Banks: JAMES BARNARD & BRIDGET MIHULKA

Lawson: BYRON MAIOTTI & LILLIANA GRBAC

Macarthur: GEORGE HOLDERHEAD & MATILDA BAKER

Chisholm: JOSH KROGER & EMILY ROSS

Overall Athletics Champion Girl: Bridget Mihulka

Overall Athletics Champion Boy: George Holderhead

F-2 Overall House Champion

CHISHOLM

8/9/10 Overall House Champion

BANKS

11/12/13 Overall House Champion

CHISHOLM

Overall House Winners

1st **CHISHOLM**

2nd **LAWSON**

3rd **BANKS**

4th **MACARTHUR**

HOCKEY 7'S



Each year the Essendon District Primary Schools Sports Association send a Hockey 7s team to represent the district at the regional winter sports level. Even though we don't play hockey as a part of our district's winter sport program, the offer go out to any school who wants to send either a mixed or girls team. If more than one school is interested we hold a play off.

Traditionally Moonee Ponds Primary School has been the only school to take up the offer. In part this is due to the name of club hockey players we have amongst our students.

While the regional event doesn't occur till term 3 we will be conducting try outs and training this term.

An initial meeting will be held for all interested students at the start of recess on Friday the 18th of May in the SPC.

Year 5/6 Canberra Camp

A reminder to parents of year 5/6 students that the second instalment payment of \$180 for the Year 5/6 camp is due this Friday 25th May. The 3rd and final instalment of \$180 is due on Friday June 15th.

Esther Cross
Business Manager



Please pop into the school to check the lost property, which is located in the main office area outside Sick Bay. There is a huge amount of clothing that has been sitting in lost property for quite a long time. As the weather is getting cooler, children will no doubt be looking for jackets/jumpers—which may be in lost property. Please remember to name all items of clothing.



Shaping the future for Autism.

Amaze is hosting a series of workshops with the support of Moonee Valley City Council, which aim to increase the capacity of people with autism and their families to exercise choice and control in working under the new National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) which comes into effect on 1st October, 2018.

FOUR free workshops will cover the following important topics:

- The NDIS
- Pre-planning
- Writing a carer and participant statement
- Setting and writing goals
- Effective communication
- Advocacy
- Community connections and peer support



(PLEASE NOTE: All Four Workshops must be attended)

- Please note workshop 3 is a different day and time.

Workshop 1: Tuesday 31 st July, 2018	10am – 12pm
Workshop 2: Tuesday 28 th August	10am – 12pm
Workshop 3: Monday 17 th September, 2018	12.30pm – 2.30pm
Workshop 4: Tuesday 30 th October, 2018	10am – 12pm

Address: Sam Merrifield Library
762 Mt Alexander Road
Moonee Ponds.

To register your place at the workshops by 25th July, 2018

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/amaze-ndis-information-session-moonee-valley-tickets-45883138703>

TERM 2, 2018 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
May 21	May 22 District Cross Country	May 23 Foundation C— Doutta Gala Newsletter School Council	May 24	May 25 5/6 Winter Sport (Home)
May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31 Assembly 3pm	June 1 5/6 Winter Sport (Home)
June 4	June 5	June 6 Foundation A— Doutta Gala Newsletter	June 7	June 8 5/6 Winter Sport (Away)
June 11 Queens's Birthday Holiday	June 12	June 13 Foundation B— Doutta Gala	June 14 Assembly 3pm Parent's Association Meeting	June 15 5/6 Winter Sport (Away) School Disco
June 18	June 19	June 20 Foundation C— Doutta Gala Newsletter	June 21	June 22 5/6 Winter Sport Bye
June 25 5/6 Camp	June 26 5/6 Camp	June 27 School Council 5/6 Camp	June 28 5/6 Camp Reports sent home	June 29 5/6 Camp Assembly 2pm End of Term 2.20pm Finish

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.

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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:
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