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2018 Term Dates:

Term 4: 8th October– 21st December

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:

Dec. 6th—End of Year Celebration

Dec. 17th—Year 6 Graduation

Dec. 19th—Poolside Picnic (Queen's Park)

Parent's Association Meetings

7.30pm in SPC

13th December

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

PRINCIPAL REPORT

We are not far away from the end of term!

The Year 1/2 BBQ and Year 2 Sleepover was a great night out for the younger students last Thursday night. The BBQ was a big hit and the students enjoyed the games on the oval. Once the year one students left, the year two students enjoyed some supper, a movie and then slept in the Sports & Performance Centre (SPC). The students all got some sleep, although some more than others. This night is a great start to our camping program; to prepare students for being away from their parents during the year three camp. Thank you to Jess, Jenny, Holly, Matt, Maegan for their planning, preparation and running of the BBQ and sleepover. Thanks also to our grade 5/6 helpers: Zedakai, Alexia (and Ellena), Sofia and Lucy for their early morning support on Friday.

The End of Year Celebration on the oval is on tomorrow from 5.30- 8.30pm. Further details are included in the coming pages. We look forward to seeing you all there. A massive thank you in advance to our amazing Parents Association for their organisation of this community event (and all our fundraising and community events this year). They have had a busy year and we appreciate all the hard work in organising fundraising and social events for the school.

The SRC representatives have been busy running the 'Clubs' activities this term. Every Tuesday, each year level was invited to participate in Movie Club (F-Yr2), Drawing Club (Yr3/4) and Table Tennis Club (Yr5/6). These student led events have been a great success. The Foundation and Year 5/6 Buddies excursion is scheduled for Friday 14th December. This visit to Fanny Reserve is sure to be a fun day and a great celebration of the buddies work this year. The MPPS Buddies Program not only supports our new students in their first year of school, but gives our Year 5/6 students the opportunity to learn and practise a range of leadership and life skills throughout the year.

MVIMP 2019

It is now time to begin planning for 2019. All students who are currently in the program have received a note that includes information about end of year arrangements as well as an indication as to whether they will be continuing in the program in 2019. Students in year 2 and those wishing to join the program have also received an expression of interest form where they can indicate their preference for instrument for 2019. Both these notes are available from the office and in the parent download section of the school website. Please return these as soon as possible so places can be allocated for 2019.

Policies

At the November School Council meeting we ratified and approved some updated policies. These include: Camps, Excursions/ Incursions, Yard Duty and Supervision and the First Aid policies. We encourage parents to please check them out at: www.mpp.vic.edu.au/school-council/school-policies/.

PRINCIPAL REPORT (cont.)

Repeated Information: Active Paths presentation

To celebrate the end of Walk to School in October and to launch 'Active Paths' (safe and planned routes to school), on Friday 7th December we will be presented with an Active Paths award at 8.55am in the gym. We encourage all families to attend. Students that walk, ride or scooter to school will be presented with stickers and possibly some on the spot prizes.

A group of interested students and parents last term consulted with the 'Ride2School' group and have come up with safe routes to get to school. You can check out the paths at: www.mpp.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/ActivePathsSchedule-MPPS.pdf

Students and parents are encouraged to walk, scooter or ride to school on this day (or any day) using one of the paths listed below:

- North-West Path: Along Albion St and the Moonee Ponds Creek trail (starting at Montgomery Reserve)
- North-East Path: Along Albion St and the Moonee Ponds Creek trail (but starting at cnr of Albion and Wyall St)
- East Path: along Wilson St (starting from cnr of Victoria and Napperby St)
- South Path: along McPherson, Thomas St and Wilson St (starting from cnr of Dean and McNae St)

Look for the following decals on the ground to signify the paths:



PRINCIPAL REPORT (cont.)

Uniform Shop (Noone Imagewear)

Uniform shop on Tuesday afternoons (from 3-4pm) will cease for the year on December 11th. Uniforms and other clothing will continue to be available for purchase at their store in Niddrie six days a week over the Christmas period (541 Keilor Rd, Niddrie).

eConnect (1:1 device program)

Student in Year 3 should have received the note regarding this program. Please see the office if you haven't received it.

The eConnect program is a non-compulsory 1:1 mobile device program for all students currently in years 4, 5 and 6. This program provides the opportunity for our students to enter a new world of curriculum possibilities, enhancing students' engagement and involvement in their learning by having their own mobile device to take to class and home each day. As discussed, all Year 3 students will have received their note inviting them to be a part of this program for 2019. These details can also be found at: <http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/our-school/community/> (Password: mpps).

Booklists & Parent Payments

These notes (with student names on them) were sent home last week. If you have not received them you can download them from the school website in the parent download section (<http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/our-school/community/> password: mpps) or contact the school office. We encourage families to complete the booklist order before December 3rd 2018. Payments of fees and voluntary levies can be made through the office at any time with a range of payment options. The updated Parent Payment policy can also be found at: <http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/school-council/school-policies/>. If you are paying via BPAY please ensure that you notify the school via email/phone so the funds can be allocated accordingly.

Matthew Bott—Principal

Absences

Just a reminder to please let the office know if your child is absent. If you are emailing please ensure you include the school email (moonee.ponds.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) as staff do not check emails during the day (due to teaching). I have included the following excerpt from the schools Attendance Policy on the school website.

Parents should notify Moonee Ponds Primary School of absences by:
Unplanned Absences- Contact the office- in person, phone or email (school email and teacher) before 9am on the day of the absence.

Planned Absences- inform the classroom teacher (note/ diary or email) or phone as soon as possible.

If a student is absent on a particular day and the school has not been previously notified by a parent, or the absence is otherwise unexplained, Moonee Ponds Primary School will notify parents by SMS (or push notification message email). Moonee Ponds Primary School will attempt to contact parents as soon as practicable on the same day of the unexplained absence, allowing time for the parent to respond.

Source:www.mpp.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/MPPS-Attendance-Policy-2018.pdf

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE—WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28th

The agenda for the meeting included a discussion of the various committee reports. Matt Bott presented the Principal's Report which included a briefing on:

- Planning and preparation for the 2019 school year
- School Review & new School Strategic Plan
- Parent Survey and

Year 2 Sleep Over/ Camp 2018

Matt thanked Scott Siega and highlighted the efforts of all those who volunteered to support the Election Day BBQ.

Other reports were also presented and discussed:

The Facilities Committee report was reviewed including the status of project and maintenance activities; it was noted that the planned DET rolling facilities evaluation was taking place on Monday 3 December; Math Garden activities are continuing.

The Finance report was presented by Mike Holtz (Treasurer) - budget in order; the 2019 indicative Finance budget was reviewed and approved.

Matt presented the Parents Association report; the fundraising schedule for 2019 was presented.

The OSH Club report was reviewed; attendance numbers continue to increase; Aisling has started as the new OHSC supervisor with Jack moving to a Regional coordination role.

Rebecca presented the Education Committee report and draft School Policy updates which have been reviewed by the education committee; policies will undergo a wider review cycle prior to being approved.

Mike Holtz provided a brief update on the Moonee Valley Racing Club development with activity increasing in the early part of 2019.

The school review was discussed and the three key goals and targets of the School Strategic Plan were outlined.

The next School Council Meeting will be held on 13 December 2018. The various committees will meet on the allocated dates before this meeting.

Paul Pafumi
Parent Rep
School Council

MOONEE VALLEY PARK 2018 ANNUAL UPDATE



MVRC, Hostplus & Hamton Invite you to attend our Annual Update event and the release of the first annual community survey results.

The Annual Update is an opportunity for all members of the local community and organisations to come and meet the development team, hear about Moonee Valley Park and ask questions.

Date: Wednesday December 5th

Time: 6pm - 7pm

Location: Moonee Valley Racing Club

RSVP: For more info and to ensure we are able to cater appropriately, please ask your members to RSVP to Jules at juliet.israel@bastionengage.com.au

We hope to see you there.



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insights

Help kids develop impulse control

by Michael Hawton



How many of you have been in a situation where, after being on a diet for a few days, a colleague comes to work selling chocolates for a fundraiser? Do you give in and buy a chocolate? It's for a good cause after all. Or do you resist?

Austrian psychologist Walter Mischel conducted an experiment in 1965 involving four-year-olds and marshmallows. Mischel invited individual children into a room where a marshmallow was on the table. The man who brought the child into the room explained that he had to step out for a couple of minutes and if the child wanted to, he or she could eat the marshmallow. However, if the child could wait until the man returned before eating the marshmallow, they would be given an extra marshmallow – so two instead of one. Sure enough, some children couldn't wait and ate the marshmallow before the man returned, while others were able to resist the temptation in order to earn the reward.

Mischel followed the subjects of his experiment into adult life. He discovered that those who had displayed the ability to delay gratification as young children grew to be more socially competent, self-assertive and dependable. And they performed better at school.

Other studies have shown similar results: individuals who had self-control when young later do better on a whole range of variables.

Mischel initially believed that the ability to delay gratification was a result of a certain personality type. However, in a subsequent study with Albert Bandura, Mischel placed children who had not shown the ability to delay gratification in contact with adult role models who demonstrated some delaying tactics. The adults engaged in some kind of self-distracting activity or put their heads down for a nap. The children who observed these adults later showed the ability to delay gratification themselves. That is, they had *learnt* the ability to resist temptation from their experience with the adult role models.

Impulse control is a skill

The implications for parents are clear. If our children display characteristics such as impulsivity, we can help them learn more beneficial ways to deal with the world. Parents can role model the appropriate behaviours and talk to their children about the strategies they used.

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Two main factors seem to influence the ability of both children and adults to delay gratification. Both are more likely to delay gratification if they trust they will eventually get the better reward. That is, they will be more inclined to hold out if they believe the person or organisation that is offering the reward is likely to follow through.

Second, people will generally only display delaying behaviours if they have the skills to turn what might be tedious waiting time into a more enjoyable (or at least tolerable) time. In the original experiment, children who delayed eating the marshmallow showed a range of behaviours including turning their chairs away from the table, singing, inventing games with their hands and feet and talking to themselves to help them pass the time.

Emotional intelligence is the key to impulse control

Parents can help younger children delay gratification by distracting them. Many parents find themselves doing this instinctively. When four-year-old Holly nags for snacks just before dinner, they give her a job to do. However, be aware that children younger than about four generally haven't yet developed the parts of the brain that allow them to delay gratification of their own accord.

Older children need to learn how to distract themselves by redirecting their emotions. This is more likely to happen if children understand that emotions don't always need to be acted upon. Older children who are able to focus on the bigger picture will be able make choices that allow them to achieve their goals.

In the book *Influencer*, the authors contend that many social skills, including the ability to delay gratification, can be learnt. This is good news for most of us! They maintain that while we accept that practice improves performance in sport, music and technical areas, few people would think to practice the skills needed to delay gratification, be a better team member or to negotiate with a boss. However the authors say we should. They claim that with the right kind of practice, we can all learn to be more socially competent.

Note: *Influencer* by Kerry Patterson, Joseph Grenny, David Maxfield, Ron McMillan and Al Switzler is available through Parentshop.

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Grade 2 Sleepover

We had a BBQ and sleepover at school. All the grade 1/2 teachers were there. First they told us to get our sleeping bags and our pillows. Then we watched a movie called Home Alone 2. Then we had hot Milo and biscuits. Then we went to bed. The teachers were in the gym putting everyone to bed. I loved it.
By Ambre Coruble



More stories in
next week's
Newsletter.

CHICKEN CARE—SUMMER HOLIDAYS

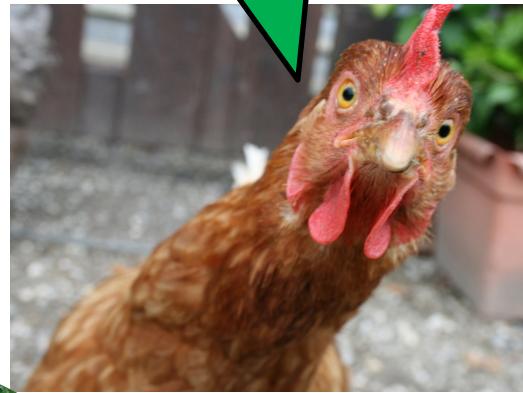
Are you able to help out with the care of our chickens over the summer holidays?

If you are free and available over the holidays to look after our girls for any period, please email me at Richardson.leigh.m@edumail.vic.gov.au the dates you are available and we will put together a roster.

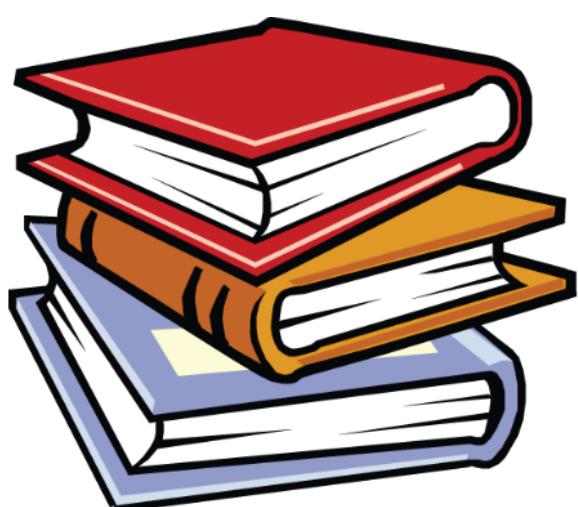
Thanks in anticipation

Leigh Richardson

Can you look
after us??
...please



LIBRARY BOOKS



As borrowing has ceased for the year, please ensure that all library books are returned as soon as possible.

There are a large number of overdue books to be accounted for.

Your help in this matter would be appreciated.

Thanks,

Kim

End Of Year Celebration Night*

JOIN US ON THE OVAL

THURSDAY DECEMBER 6TH
5.30PM - 8.30PM

FOOD VANS ONSITE INCLUDE

STONE BAKED PIZZAS
SOUVLAKI
BURGERS
HOT CHIPS
ICE CREAM VAN
COFFEE CART
OR BYO PICNIC

OSH CLUB

Hi everyone,

Thank you all for welcoming me on board as the new coordinator for OSHClub I apologize if I haven't had a chance to meet you yet as I have been busy settling in and finding my way around.

We have been busy preparing for the end of year and starting on some Christmas crafts and displays which you will see growing over the next couple of weeks. The children have been getting very creative with their ideas and we love the enthusiasm they put into their work.

As we head towards the end of year we are busy planning and preparing for vacation care which will be held from the 7th January- 25th January, during this time we have some great excursions and incursions booked as well as plenty of fun themed activities and experiences. If you haven't already booked your days for vacation care we please ask that you do so ASAP as we have limited spaces available.

OSHClub will be closed for the Australian day public holiday on the 28th January then reopening for two pupil free days on the 29th and 30th before opening back up to before and after school care for the first day of Term on the 31st January with bookings now open for the 2019 period.

Just a reminder that the last day of term is the 21st January with an early finish time of 1.20pm. If you are needing after school care for this day we will be opening from 1.20pm and ask that you book this in now as once again spaces are limited.

If we haven't had a chance to meet yet or you have anything you wish to ask please feel free to pop in and say hello between the hours of 7-9 and 1-6. You may also get in touch via text or call to the OSHClub phone number which is 0448043164.

I look forward to getting to know you all.

Aisling

OSHClub Coordinator



In primary school, some students **MISS** on average **3 weeks** of school per year. That's **half a year** of school by the end of **year 6.**

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary school attendance



It's Beginning To
Look A Lot Like
Christmas



TERM 4, 2018 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
December 3 Yr. 3/4 Legoland Excursion	December 4	December 5	December 6 End of Year Celebration	December 7 8.55am Active Paths/ Walk to School Presentation
December 10	December 11	December 12	December 13 PA Meeting Prep Movie Night	December 14 End of Term Lunch (P.A)
December 17 Reports sent home Year 6 Graduation	December 18	December 19 Whole School Picnic School Council	December 20	December 21 End of Term 1.20pm Finish

TERM 1, 2019 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
January 28 Australia Day Holiday	January 29 Curriculum Day Student Free	January 30 Curriculum Day Student Free	January 31 Students First Day	February 1
February 4	February 5 Prep Information Night	February 6	February 7	February 8

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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