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2019 Term Dates:

Term 2: 23rd April - 28th June

Term 3: 15th July - 20th September

Term 4: 7th October - 20th December

Dates to Note:

Student Free Day – 26th April

School Athletics— 8th May

Curriculum (Student Free) Day – 10th May

F-4 Intensive Swimming Program —
29th July– 9th Aug

Yr 3/4 Camp – 18-20th September

Parent's Association Meetings

7.30pm in SPC

Thursday 9th May, 13th June, 8th August,
12th September, 10th October,
21st November

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School App now!
or

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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

Welcome back to all families. Term 2 will be an eventful 10 week term with lots happening across the school. A reminder that this Friday there is no school for students and staff. This is a student free day in lieu of the 100 Year celebration day held in March.

At the last School Council meeting the committee approved our next Student Free Curriculum day which will be held on Friday May 10th. During this student free day staff will be completing professional learning around our School Strategic Plan goal of Reading. We will be focussing on the assessment of reading and the range of assessments we use along with focussing on student goal setting. OSHClub will running vacation care on this day, please ensure you book in early to arrange your child's spot if needed.

On Friday 5th April, Jess Buerckner and her husband Geoff welcomed Teddy David Zach into the world. All are doing well!

Good luck to the Foundation students who will begin visiting Doutra Galla Aged Care facility on the 1st May. Our Whole School Athletics day is scheduled for Wednesday 8th May. We welcome any parents and carers who are able to help out on the day. Information will also be sent home soon regarding the Premiers Reading Challenge. This is a great initiative to encourage our students' love of reading.

Year 3/ 4 Camp

Unfortunately we have had to change this year's Year 3/ 4 Camp due to our provider (Kingslake Ranges Wilderness Camp) changing the intended itinerary and they are not able to run the comprehensive program our students and curriculum requested. We have sourced a new camp location and provider (Alexandra Adventure Resort) but the dates have changed. The new dates for the Year 3/ 4 camp are September 18-20th and students will be back at school on September 20th by 2pm. A note with further details will be sent home with students next week.

School Council Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our School Council met in the second last week of term one for the AGM. At this meeting the office bearers for School Council were finalised. I would like to thank them for accepting their nomination and congratulate the following office bearers:

President - Scott Cutler
Vice President - Juergen Reitz
Treasurer - Mike Holtz

We also have two Parent Association committee member positions that are yet to be filled. If anyone is interested please do not hesitate to contact me or Linda Di Florio (Parents Association President).

For further information regarding the School Council meeting, see the report later in the newsletter.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

School Policy Update:

The following policies are being reviewed by school council this month and we welcome your feedback:

- ◆ Asthma Policy
- ◆ SunSmart Policy
- ◆ Uniform Policy
- ◆ Asset Management Policy

Copies of these policies can be found on the school website at <http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/school-council/school-policies/>

To provide feedback, download the above policy and enter in your feedback directly onto the document and email this or any other feedback to the Education Policy subcommittee at [moon-ee.ponds.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:ee.ponds.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au), with the subject "Policy Feedback" or alternatively submit any written feedback directly to the office.

2018 Annual Report to the School Community

Our annual report has been approved by School Council and is available for families to view on the website <http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/school-council/strategic/>

The annual report informs the school community of what has been achieved and how the school is performing. This is a great opportunity for us to reflect as a school and ensure we are planning accordingly for the future. If anyone has any queries or questions regarding this document, please contact me.

National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

The NAPLAN Literacy and Numeracy tests for students in Years 3 and 5 are scheduled for May 14th – 24th 2019. Students will complete tests in language conventions, writing, reading and numeracy. Further information regarding these tests will be given to students in years 3 and 5 to take home.

The school will be supporting students to familiarise themselves with the type of questions and related functionalities of NAPLAN Online. Students and parents can access the public demonstration tests also at:

www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site

Any parent wanting to see past school results can view information on the parent download section of the website and in our Annual Report to the School Community.

Attitudes to School Survey (Year 4/ 5/ 6)

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School survey is an annual survey for Years 4 to 12 students offered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's experience at school.

Students in Year 4, 5 and 6 will participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period 29th April to 7th June. The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

2019 Foundation enrolment

Our school tours are in full swing and enrolment forms are coming in. I encourage all current families with children ready to start Foundation next year to please get a form and hand it in to the office before the end of May to ensure that we hold a place for your child.

School fees: Essential Education Items

Next week statements will be sent home to families highlighting outstanding school fees and charges. The Essential Education Expenses Fee is now overdue and we would appreciate payment as soon as possible. Payments can be made at the school office or by Bpay, credit card, cheque or cash. If you have any queries or wish to discuss a payment plan please contact the office.

Matthew Bott

Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT FOR AGM & MARCH 2019 MEETING

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the School Council was held on Wednesday, 27 March 2019. The Council welcomed its new councillors - Nicole Stewart (parent), Paul Italia (parent) and Christine Caminiti (Department of Education).

The Council thanked the outgoing school councillors Jason Blakely and Nicole Macrae for their many years of dedication and support to the school. Their input and enthusiasm has been greatly appreciated by the Council and school community.

The following councillors were elected as office holders: Scott Cutler (President), Juergen Reitz (Vice-President) and Mike Holtz (Treasurer).

Following the AGM, the March meeting of the School Council was held.

March Meeting

After welcoming the new 2019 Council and introductory matters, Matt Bott presented the Principal's Report which included a briefing on:

- School Council election results;
- Annual Report draft (subsequently approved);
- NAPLAN transition to online;
- Attitudes to school survey for years 4 and 6; and
- Moonee Valley Race Course Development.

Other reports of the various council committees were also presented and discussed:

- Finance Report (presented by Mike Holtz - Treasurer): budget in order;
- Education (presented by Rebecca McMahon): approval of policies including the Financial Internal Controls Policy and discussion of draft policies including the Asthma, SunSmart and Uniform policies;
- Parents' Association (presented by Matt Bott): report as to fund raising activities; and
- Facilities (presented by Matt Bott): discussion as to the various building and maintenance activities taking place at the school (including updates on the maths garden and contracts for groups using school facilities after hours).
- Council members were assigned to the various committees for 2019.

100 Year Anniversary – The Council also expressed its gratitude to the organising committee, teaching and support staff, students and the volunteers from the broader school community for their support in making the 100 year anniversary such an incredible event.

The next School Council Meeting will be held on 22 May 2019. The various committees will meet on the allocated dates before this meeting.

Scott Cutler

School Council President

Please come along to our working bee on Sunday
26th May between 10am—12 noon



MINDFULNESS AT MPPS

Tips to engage your child in mindfulness

This month I thought I'd share 3 tips on how you can engage your child in mindfulness at home. I think the real key for engagement is doing it together, so you can model and share the moment together. It can just be for one minute a day.

- * Share a **minute of mindfulness** at some point in the day (*whether it's when you get home from school, in the morning or before their bedtime*) with your child, focusing on your breath or what you can see or hear around you.
- * At a mealtime, take a minute to silently focus on the smell and appearance at your food, before finally **tasting mindfully**.
- * Do a **body scan** where you start at your toes, focusing on one part of your body at a time, all the way to your head. I think lying down is the best position for a body scan, but you can do it standing or sitting.

I hope you give one of these ideas a try. Let me know how it goes!



Hi all,

Welcome back to term 2, we hope you had a fantastic Easter break. Vacation care for OSHClub was a success, and we could not be more proud of the attentive and well mannered group of children that attended each day. Our group is ever-growing and we are still receiving new enrolments every week, which is great!

We will be offering Care this Friday (26th April) for the PFD and bookings will need to be made before **Thursday** to ensure that we have adequate staffing to meet child ratio (1:15).

Moving forward, the Kidsoft program now requires you to book 24-48 hours prior to the session commencement. If you are unable to book, please text or call us on our work mobile. If you need to make a last minute booking on that day, please make sure you contact us directly before **9am** to ensure your child receives a place. Please understand that we require notice to ensure we are able to meet Government regulations in regards to staff-to-child ratio and to also have qualified and consistent staff providing high quality supervision and care during your child's time here at OSHClub.

Office Hours are **7am -9am & 1pm-6pm** Monday to Friday and our number is 0448043164.

Thanks!
OSHClub Team

2019

SCHOOL CAFÉ / CATERING
9383 1400 (MON-FRI)
0411 858 214 CATERING
WINTER MENU (Term 2 & 3)

2019

SANDWICHES: All \$4.50 (Rolls +\$2.00)**GF SANDWICHES \$5.50**

Cheese /Honey/Vegemite	\$4.50
Egg and Lettuce	\$4.50
Tuna and Salad	\$4.50
Chicken and Salad	\$4.50
Ham, Cheese and Salad	\$4.50
Salad Sandwich	\$4.50

HOT FOOD (home made)

Sausage Rolls	\$3.00
Chicken Tender	\$3.00
Tomato Sauce	\$0.50

TURKISH ROLLS : - All \$7.00

Ham, Cheese & Salad	\$7.00
Cheese Avocado & Salad	\$7.00
Chicken Avocado & Salad	\$7.00

MONDAY SPECIAL – ALL PIZZA’S \$5.00**GF PIZZA - \$6.00**

Hawaiian – Ham, cheese, pineapple	
Margarita – Cheese, tomato & basil	
Vegetarian – roasted vegetables & cheese	

TUESDAY SPECIAL - SUSHI

Tuna	\$3.00
Chicken	\$3.00
Vegetarian	\$3.00

WEDNESDAY – SOUP OF THE DAY- ALL \$6.50

Hearty Soup of the day with buttered Sandwich	\$6.50
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THURSDAY – CASSEROLE - \$6.50

Chicken & Veg. on bed rice	\$6.50
Vegetarian Casserole on a bed of rice	\$6.50

FRIDAY : PASTA – ALL \$5.00

Beef Lasagne	\$5.00
Macaroni & Cheese	\$5.00
Spaghetti Napolitana	\$5.00

SNACKS

Popcorn	\$1.00
Cheese & crackers	\$1.50
Mini cupcake	\$0.50
Mini cupcake iced	\$1.00
Water	\$2.50

DRINKS

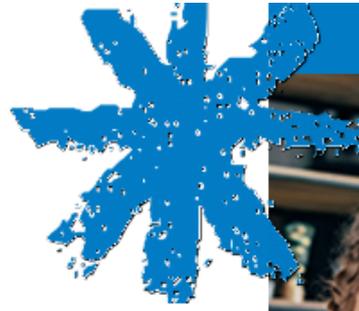
Fruit Juice	\$1.70
Water	\$2.50
Chocolate Milk	\$2.50
Fruit Box	\$1.70
Noodle Snack	\$1.00
Choc Chip Cookies	\$2.50
Lamington Bite	\$0.50
Jelly Cup	\$1.00

TOMATO SAUCE – \$0.50**BROWN PAPER BAG - -\$0.50**

Please provide paper bag with name, grade & order clearly marked
Correct change would be appreciated

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insights



Helping children achieve sustained school success

by Sharon Witt

The new school year is well and truly underway and thousands of kids (and their parents) across the country are settling in for a full year ahead. For some children, this year marks their first step into their school journey, while for others it is a chance for new opportunities, friendships and educational experiences. Here are some tips to help your child navigate the school year ahead:

1. Communicate with school

Communication with the school is important in aiding a successful school year for your child, whether they have just started at the school or have been there for several years. Familiarise yourself with your child's class teacher. If your child has any specific learning or behavioral issues it is important to communicate these with their teacher early on in the year. Don't assume that all relevant information will be passed on from previous teachers. It is well worth sending an introductory email to a new teacher outlining any information that would be helpful in relation to your child, including any strategies that have been successful in the past. Far from initiating 'red flags', this information is actually much more helpful for teachers than having to find out themselves.

Be sure to communicate any early concerns regarding your child's experience at school to the class teacher as soon as you become aware of them. Teachers can only deal with information you share with them, so by all means, call or email the school and make an appointment to discuss any issues. Avoid trying to have a serious discussion with the teacher at the beginning or end of the school day as this is often the busiest time for teachers. Booking an appointment time is desirable unless it is an urgent matter.



2. Give organisational tools to support success

Children thrive on routine and being able to visually see what is happening in the school week ahead. Creating a family calendar, whiteboard or wall chart that is visible to your child is helpful. Include important events such as camps, sports days and excursions.

It is also helpful to set up a communication tub or tray in the home where your child can place any notices they bring home, forms that need signing or books that need to be checked or worked on for homework. When children have a place for things it creates an environment that supports them gaining organisation skills and increased independence. Having a place to put their school bag each afternoon and encouraging them to empty out their lunch box and unpack notices is important.

3. Provide support with homework

Homework can be a struggle for both your child and yourself as a parent, especially when you are exhausted at the end of a working day. To enable your child to complete any set homework, ensure your child has a well-lit space where they can complete tasks, with the correct tools on hand – pens, rulers, whiteout, paper, etc. (a stationery tub or set of small drawers is helpful for the home).



Prioritise time to sit with them and guide them through their homework. If homework is becoming burdensome in your home and causing extra stress to your child, communicate this to their class teacher.

4. Prepare for a successful day ahead

Ensure your child gets plenty of sleep. Children should be averaging around 8 to 12 hours of sleep each night. Make sure they have a regular bed time and stick to it wherever possible. Reading before bedtime can be a helpful way to end the day and set the scene for a good night's rest.

The best way to set up a successful day ahead is for your child to eat a healthy breakfast and take a nutritious and balanced lunch with them, including plenty of snacks to keep their brain focused throughout the day.

5. Make time to chat about school

Keep the lines of communication open with your child. Ask them questions about their day and look for any signs that they might be experiencing any concerns, particularly social issues. Remind your child that you are always available to listen. At the end of dinner time each evening you could ask each family member: "What went well for you today?"

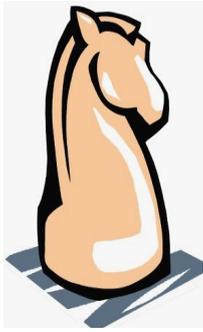
6. Assist with friendships

Making and maintaining friends is an important aspect of your child's school life. Ask your child regularly about the friends they are making at school, who they are playing with and how they are interacting with others. Get to know your child's friends where possible and look for opportunities to grow your child's social experiences, particularly if you have a shy child. If there are social concerns at school, make sure you communicate these as early as possible to the class teacher.



Sharon Witt

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Moonee Ponds Primary School Chess Club – Term 2, 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 coaches, David Beaumont and Phil Dragic are experienced chess teachers and two of Victoria's leading chess players.

The chess classes will 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.

**** NEW ENROLMENT PROCEDURE ***

You may now register and pay for your classes online at www.chesseducation.com.au

Using an email address you can create an account to book and pay for your classes. Once you register with your email address you will be sent a confirmation email – when you click on this you will be taken back to the website where you can enter some basic details allowing you to book in for the chess classes. Make sure you select Moonee Ponds PS as your school. You will also be able to download the puzzle sheets each week from the website and a copy of the Introduction to Chess booklet is also available for download from your account.

When selecting your child's level just select the one you think is appropriate. As a general guide:-

Learners: just starting out and needs to learn the rules

Beginners: knows the rules and is ready for the basic strategies

Intermediate: knows how to perform most basic checkmates and keep control of their pieces

Advanced: ready for tournament play

We use these levels to give us a general idea of your child's chess ability and it also helps us when placing the children in different groups.

At the moment the following payment options are available online:

Pay Cash: if you select this option your class is booked and you can leave the payment in an envelope at the school office with your details on it (especially your order number) and you'll receive a receipt via email once we've collected and processed your payment

Paypal: you can use your paypal account or a credit card to make your payment – a receipt will automatically be emailed to you if you chose this option

Pay by Direct Deposit: this option provides you with details to do a Direct Bank Transfer. It is very important you put the correct reference number in when making your Bank Transfer. Once the transfer has come through (this may take a few days sometimes) we will confirm it and a receipt will be sent to your email.

Note the website has a feature for putting in pro-rata payments. If you know of any classes you will be missing you can adjust your fee when booking by un-checking the box that says "This child will be attending all sessions this Term".

When: Thursday lunchtimes, 9 classes in Term 2 on
2/5, 9/5, 16/5, 23/5, 30/5, 6/6, 13/6, 20/6 and 27/6.

Where: Library

Cost: \$81 per child (9 lessons - \$9 per class, includes GST).

Enquiries: to Nick Speck on 0402 339 600 or email at info@chesseducation.com.au



Moonee Ponds Primary School

Celebrating 100 Years
1919 - 2019

100 YEAR MERCHANDISE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE

COFFEE CUP—\$15



KEY RING—\$5



TOTE BAG—\$5

Moonee Ponds Central School merchandise with the MPCCS logo is available to order at the office.

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LEARNING STAR AWARDS—4/4/2019



<i>CLASS</i>	<i>LEARNING STAR</i>	<i>REASON</i>
Foundation A Melanie	Mahlia Stewart	For writing lots of sentences on her own! Well done!
Foundation B Alice	Jasper Siega	Well done for learning so many letter sounds so quickly!
Foundation C Leigh	Rosemary Mendo	For always using her learning time well and not being afraid to shine.
1/2 A Matt	Logan :Holtz	For putting so much effort into his home writing journal and recounts at school.
1/2 B Mae	Eve Rundle	For working hard on her understanding of place value and expanding four digit numbers. Well done!
1/2 C Holly	Aubrey L'Estrange	For writing an interesting and detailed recount about the school cross country.
1/2 D Jenny	Unal Ceylan	For practising recording and building 2 digit numbers, and talking about their place value.
1/2 E Antony	Andy Bhandula	For always working hard to do the best work you can do and being a wonderful example and helper to others in our class.
1/2F Maegan	James Grozos-Wishart	For his tremendous improvement in reading and demonstrating his knowledge of picking just right books.
3/4 A Nicole	Kobe Johnson	For showing improvement in telling the time to the minute and checking the clock in class!
3/4B David	Eva Eleftherakis	For showing a strong understanding of rounding numbers.
3/4 C Candice	Krystal Wu	For showing her understanding of expanding, renaming and round numbers in maths.
3/4 C Lee	Indiana Griffiths	For working hard to create a detailed and convincing persuasive text
5/6A Libby Haigh	Hanna Greenbaum	For some outstanding work in math demonstrating your understanding of area and decimals.
5/6B Chris Mizis	Emily Vostri	For working hard at all tasks and approaching task with a growth mindset.
5/6C Stef Lipoma	Amelia Grbac	Taking on feedback to improve her writing.
Arts - Visual Christine	Archie Edwards	For responding well to feedback about his pet portrait. You worked so hard on your artwork this lesson and your drawing skills have developed. Well done!
Italian Nancy	Matthew Italia	For always doing his best and trying things. Ben fatto!

ROCC STAR AWARDS—4/4/2019



<i>CLASS</i>	<i>ROCC STAR</i>	<i>REASON</i>
Foundation A Melanie	Xander Davidson	For always showing optimism and bringing sunshine to the classroom with his big smile and friendly attitude!
Foundation B Alice	Paige Kreuzer	Taking care and focusing during writing.
Foundation C Leigh	Annabel Mezo	For showing increased optimism in writing tasks.
1/2 A Matt	Rueben Williams	For consistently showing the school values in his attitude towards school and in his interactions with others.
1/2 B Mae	Thomas Keenan	For showing respect while listening on the carpet and working hard at his table.
1/2 C Holly	Angus Siega	For showing care by helping his classmates with their work.
1/2 D Jenny	Alessia Gangemi	For being such an optimistic class member who is always reading to take on learning challenges.
1/2 E Antony	Charlotte Rawther	For always looking out for and caring about others in the class and in the playground, and for the bright optimism you bring to our class every day.
1/2F Maegan	Owen Lamb	For being a thoughtful and kind classmate who always tries his best.
3/4 A Nicole	Nadya Goonetilleke	For showing ROCC star values all the time!
3/4B Dave	Luke Leventis	For being positive and optimistic when learning something new.
3/4 C Candice	Evie Baker	For supporting and encouraging other students in the classroom.
5/6A Libby Haigh	Aleyna Khabbaz	For demonstrating an amazingly positive and optimistic attitude in all areas.
3/4 C Lee	Roji Kandel	For showing respect and collaboration by helping out in all areas of the classroom
5/6B Chris Mizis	Charlie Di Florio	For being a caring and respectful class member and having a positive attitude.
5/6C Stef Lipoma	Matilda Baker	Being a caring and respectful class member.
Arts - Performing Christine	Akshaj Sheela	For collaborating really well with is group when creating a drama performance. Awesome work!
Italian Nancy	Hayley Cocks	For being an enthusiastic and positive student in Italian classes. Ottimo!

TERM 2, 2019 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
April 22 Easter Monday Holiday	April 23	April 24 NEWSLETTER	April 25 Anzac Day Holiday	April 26 No Students in lieu of 100 Year Celebration
April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2 Assembly 3pm	May 3
May 6	May 7	May 8 NEWSLETTER Athletic Sports	May 9	May 10 Curriculum Day No Students
May 13 Naplan Week #1	May 14	May 15	May 16 Assembly 3pm	May 17
May 20 Naplan Week #2	May 21	May 22 NEWSLETTER School Council	May 23	May 24
May 27	May 28 Primary District X Country	May 29	May 30 Assembly 3pm	May 31

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/>

