DATES FOR THE DIARY 2016

Tuesday, 23rd February - School Council Meeting at 7.00pm.

Tuesday, 8th March – Whole School Athletics

Tuesday, 15th March – School Council Meeting at 7.00pm.

Wednesday, 16th March – School Photos

Thursday, 24th March – End of Term 1

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Principal’s Prattle

Farewell to Mrs. Fenech
Mrs. Lisa Fenech will be finishing with us at the end of next week as she begins maternity leave. We wish her and her husband all the best for this very exciting stage of their lives. I will keep you informed when the baby arrives. Lisa is going to be sadly missed at South St. We know she is going to make a great mum and we all wish her the very best.

Parent Contacts
As a part of our emergency management process we are checking the accuracy of all Parent contact details, so that they can be contacted in an emergency.

Thank you to all parents who have sent these forms back into the office. If you haven’t completed the form yet, could you please review your information? If they are correct please tick and return. If they are incorrect please update your contact details, including your address. We are also asking for you to list 3 emergency contacts. This is important as there are times we are not able to contact parents or the numbers are incorrect.

Change of details can also be completed through the Skoolbag app.
Please return these green forms to your child’s classroom teacher.

School Council Elections
We have four vacancies open for parent representatives on our School Council. Parent representatives provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help to shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on school council find their involvement rewarding and feel a greater sense of belonging to the school community. Interested parents can collect nomination forms from the school office.

Nominations close at 4pm TODAY. If you are interested and have not got the form, please come and see Mr Tactor.

School Council Meeting
Our next School Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 23rd of February at 7.00pm.
The new School Council (after nominations and elections) will convene at the March meeting. Office Bearers will be elected at this meeting as well.
Absences

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school, the student will have missed over ONE YEAR of school, over their schooling years!

We all want our students to get a great education and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, reading and writing.

There is no safe number of days for missing school—each day a student misses, puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

FOUNDATION SCHOOL TIMES

Our Foundation children attend school Monday – Thursdays all day (8:45am – 3:15pm). The children do not attend school on Fridays, but they will be coming in for individual testing with their classroom teacher. Please see class teachers regarding a timetable if you cannot remember your time.

REMARK: Whole school Athletics Carnival—8th MARCH at Joe Carmody Reserve.

Well done to the South Street District Swim Team 2016. This will be held on 23rd February at the Moe Outdoor Pool. A list of swimmers is on the Sports Notice board.

MOE LIONS FOOTBALL CLUB FOOTY CLINIC

Next Monday the 22nd of February, the Moe F.C. will be holding a free footy clinic for all grade 3-6 students. It will be held at the Joe Tabuteau Reserve (Moe Racecourse). All students between grades 3-6 will walk down to the reserve with their grade at 9.00am for a 9.30am start. The clinic will go for an hour, after which the students will return to school for recess.

MESSAGE FROM LATROBE VALLEY BUSLINES

Latrobe Valley Buslines would appreciate it if parents would refrain from parking in the bus stop on Bealiba road after school hours. The drivers are on a time schedule and if parents are parked illegally, causing buses to wait for their departure, it puts them behind their time schedule. This has been brought to the school’s attention. A by-laws officer will be patrolling the area.

SCHOLASTIC (BOOKCLUB)

In the past, students were receiving book-club leaflets to suit individual age groups. (In other words, each student in the school received a leaflet). Now that the leaflets have been modified to one whole book covering all age groups, I will be distributing one book per family. (Eldest in the family). You will still be able to purchase items suited to your individual needs. When filling out the order form, I would appreciate it if you would clearly put the child’s name, grade and room number on it as this will allow me to find the right classroom for that particular child with out any hassles. If you are a first time book-club purchaser and are having a little trouble filling out the forms, please don’t hesitate to come and see me. Thankyou, M. Aquilina

GUITAR AND DRUM LESSONS

This year we have time slots available for students in grade 2-6, who are interested in guitar or drum lessons.

Lessons are conducted at school, and are a private arrangement between families and the instrumental teachers. Payment for these lessons is required, as this is separate to the classroom music program.

If you are interested in either of these instrumental lessons, please contact Belinda Johnson at school for more details.
MOE LIONS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

MLJFC are looking for players for Under 10s, Under 12s and Under 14s for season 2016.

Normal football training will commence on **TUESDAY 1st MARCH** at the racecourse between 4.30pm-5.30pm. Training will be Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the football season.

All enquiries to Andrew (MLJFC president) on 0429 149 553.

Please note: To be eligible to play, you must have turned 7 before 30th April 2016.

Hope to see you for the Footy Season 2016.

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S.R.C. REQUEST

The S.R.C. are looking for anyone who is able to edge a small garden area and concrete four furniture items into the ground. If you are able to assist, please contact Mrs. Luxford or Mr. Rilen.

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SPARGO PHOTOGRAPHY

School photos will be taken on Wednesday, 16th March, 2016.

To ensure that your photos are returned as quickly as possible, please follow these quick and easy guidelines.

- Please write clearly on your child’s envelope (Block letters preferred).
- If possible please don’t use small change as this can break or fall out of your envelope. If this is not possible, please tape up the sides or put the money in a freezer bag then inside your envelope.
- For on-line orders, complete an envelope and record the Order Number in the “online Order#” section on the envelope.
- All children must have their own envelope with them when being photographed.
- Do not use one envelope for multiple children.
- Children without an envelope when having their individual photos taken will not have an order placed against their name.
- For Family/Siblings & Friends Portraits please see your school office for an information flyer and red family envelope.
- Do not place a family envelope inside another envelope or an individual envelope.

We will only photograph family/siblings with a completed family envelope.

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ON LINE PRE-ORDER

We now provide you with the flexibility of pre-paying your child’s photos online. Simply follow the links below to place your order. Once completed, print out your confirmation invoice and include this in your child’s envelope.

To order click on the following links:
- Individual Photograph Packs
- Family Photograph Orders

If you have any inquiries, please contact us on (03) 59425234.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Photo packages range from $20.00—$50.00 in price.

All photo forms and envelopes will be handed out next week (25th February) with the snippets. If you require a family envelope, they are available from the office.

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MOE UNITED SOCCER CLUB

**Where:** Olympic Park soccer ground on Vale Street, Moe (next to the swimming pool).

**When:** Training will start on Thursday, February 18th at 5.00pm.

For more information please contact Andrew Shearing on 0407060048 or Tony Koppen on 0423821753.

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AWARD WINNERS

S.R.G. REPRESENTATIVES