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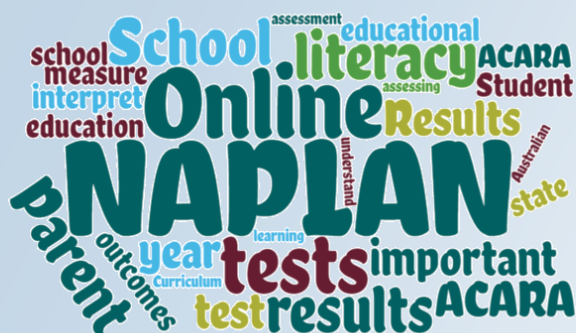
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Moe South Street Primary School



News from the Principal



Over the past two weeks, our Grade 3 and 5 students have participated in online **NAPLAN** assessments – the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy.

There are many benefits of transitioning to an online testing platform, including tailored tests that adapt to student responses and increased confidence from students who reported that they preferred completing the assessments using technology.

Before the assessments, our students had the chance to build their confidence with their laptops and explore the functions and features of the online platform, including how to navigate through the system and the different types of test questions.

Mr Duncan Ireland, our Senior Learning Specialist, led the coordination and administration of **NAPLAN** and did a tremendous job ensuring students were prepared and each assessment was conducted in line with test guidelines.

There is an opportunity to reflect and learn from our first attempt at **NAPLAN** online and carry these lessons into future years to support students to achieve their best.

I also want to acknowledge the positive attitude and approach our students applied to these point-in-time assessments and thank Duncan, Julia Marchionne (Tutor Learning Initiative) and the entire staff across our Grade 3-6 team who coordinated and administered **NAPLAN**.

When results are released later in the year, they will provide a snapshot of your child's progression in literacy and numeracy against the national standard.

Our school utilises the information to provide us with feedback on the impact of our improvement strategies, and our teachers use the information to support them with their professional judgement of student progress.



We have been excited by the positive responses our transition to **Compass** has received, and we are committed to providing support each time a new feature is released.

Our office team have set up a '**Compass Support Station**,' where you can pop in and access the internet and **Compass** via an iPad.

We also encourage families to drop in and access individualised support.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

At South Street Primary School we grow people who:

Are creative, curious and independent learners. Are resilient and problem solve when faced with challenges. Respect and care about themselves, each other and the world in which we live.



We acknowledge the Gunaikurnai people as traditional owners of this land and pay our respects to elders both past and present.

Principal News continued



I also wanted to draw your attention to our
Parent Teacher Student Meetings.

Our **Student Parent Teacher Meetings** are happening on:

Wednesday 5th April, from 3:30pm – 6:00pm

Thursday, 6th April, from 8:30am – 1:30pm

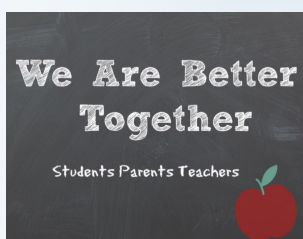
Book Now

Students are expected to attend for their meeting time only to be part of the conversations.

There will be no classes running.

If you haven't already done so, please make a booking in **Compass**. **Parent Teacher Meetings** are an excellent opportunity for you to learn more about your child's academic, emotional and social development, meet and get to know your child's teachers and help your child's teachers understand more about your child. Your child **must attend** for their time with you.

Remember our office team have set up a '**Compass Support Station**,' where you can pop in at any time and access the internet and **Compass** via an iPad.



*Take Care,
Brendan Dawson, Acting Principal.*

how to
make a booking
on Compass
for
parent/teacher
interviews



1. Click Conferences (in menu).
2. From the list of parent- teacher conference cycles.
 - Select the relevant cycle you wish to book for.
 - Select the student you wish to place a booking for.
 - Select the class or interview group.
 - Click on a time slot to make a booking and confirm.





Assistant Principal News

It has been fantastic to see and hear our students at SSPS modelling and promoting our school values of “Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be a Learner”.

Below are some Student Spotlights from the last few weeks with examples of how we model our values during the school day.



This is Nicki! Nicki is in Prep and is a fantastic example of how to “be Respectful” at school. Nicki speaks respectfully to all of her peers and our staff, she goes out of her way to make people feel happy and supported at school and makes sure she greets people with a HUGE smile every day. Nicki is a terrific role model for all of our SSPS community and has made a fantastic start to her time at SSPS! Well done Nicki!



Meet Kourtney. Kourtney started her schooling at SSPS at the start of the year and since beginning has adopted our school values seamlessly.

Kourtney is a great example of how to “Be Safe” at school. She is always looking out for her peers when in the playground and is supportive to both students and Teachers when outside. Kourtney ensures people are happy and safe at school and is a great promoter of fun at SSPS.

Thanks for your support
Kourtney!

Meet Chelsea and Ridhi. Both are in grade 6. These girls have been modelling and showing other how to “Be a Learner” with their help and support in DigiTech and Proactive Play.

The girls have been giving up their snack and lunch to support and teach our younger students how to log in properly on the computers, the correct way to treat technology and how to ask for help when needed.

Well done girl for being great role models for our younger students!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 1

Fri 24th March

Harmony Day
Wear Orange

Tue 4th April

"Fun Food Day"
Hot Cross
Buns

Fri 24th March

Ride Your Bike
to School Day

Wed 5th April

Last day of
school for
students

Thur 6th April

Parent Teacher
Interviews
8.30am—1.20pm

Wed 5th April

Parent Teacher
Interviews
3pm—6pm

Term 2

Mon 24th April - First day of Term 2

Fri 19th May - Student Free Day Professional Practice Day all Staff

Athletic Sports Carnival



School News



Hot Cross Buns

On **Tuesday the 4th April** we are having a **Hot Cross Bun Day**.

Please have your orders in by **11.45pm on Sunday 26th March**.

Online orders only through **Compass**.

Please see the office if you would like assistance with ordering through **Compass**.

Hot Cross Bun Take Home Pack orders will be sent home Tuesday with eldest in the family.
Individual Hot Cross Buns and Combos will be given to students at recess.



HOW TO
ORDER
FOLLOW THESE EASY STEPS



To order go to the **CANTEEN** section on **COMPASS** and select Place an Order.
Then select the date of **27th March**.

**** No late orders will be accepted ****

Canteen News



Our school Canteen (Snack Attack) is currently seeking volunteers.

Currently we have lunch orders on Fridays.

Hours for volunteering are
10am until 2pm approx.

If you are able to assist please let the Office know and we will pass your details onto Mrs Wiggins our Canteen Manager.

School News

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS.....

Lost minutes mean lost learning!

When your child misses just.....	that equals.....	which is.....	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12 is.....
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ an hour a day	½ a day of learning each week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour a day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a whole term	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

School starts at

8.40am

DON'T BE LATE!

Being on time for school is important

Late Arrivals to School

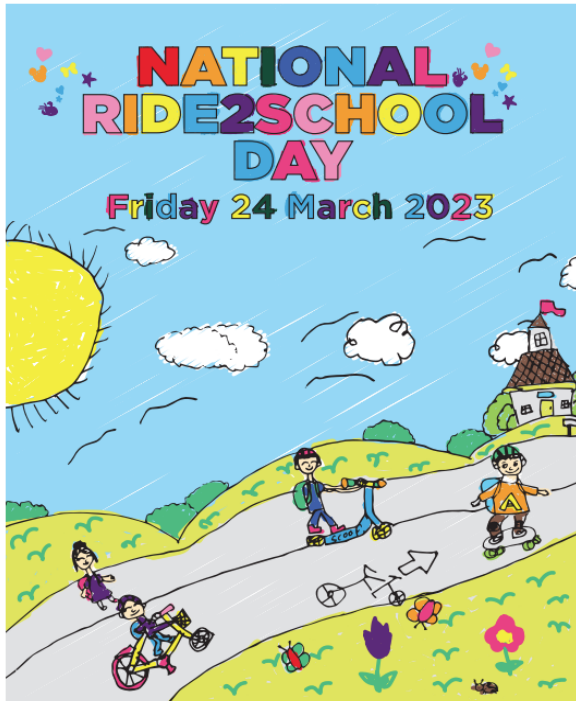
It is extremely important that students arrive on time each day so as not to miss organization for the day and vital literacy/numeracy learning. It would also be appreciated if any appointments for children could be made outside of school hours where possible. We value learning time and want to make the most of all the time we have. A table outlining the impact of missed learning has been included above for your information.

Entering an Attendance Note

- 1 From the Compass home screen (or from your student's profile), click the **Add Attendance Note** item.
- 2 From the pop-up window
 - ➡ Select the reason
 - ➡ Enter a brief description of the absence
 - ➡ Select the start and finish time
 - ➡ Click the 'Save' button



School News



RIDE2 SCHOOL
ride2school.com.au

VICTORIA
GOVERNMENT



This year we our school will participate in the
National Ride to School Day on

Friday 24th March

Students are encouraged to ride to
School making sure they practice **safety** by
wearing a helmet and **obeying road rules**.

Don't have something with wheels? You can still
get active by **walking** to school on the day.

There are prizes our school can win for
participating in this event, so let's get
as many children involved as we can.

On Friday 24th
March we will be
celebrating
Harmony Day.

It is a day to celebrate all
the different cultures that
are a part of Australia.

It is also an opportunity to
pay tribute to the original
inhabitants of the country,
the Indigenous Australians.
Harmony Day was inspired
by the United Nations'
International Day for
the Elimination of Racial
Discrimination.

Students are invited
to wear orange
clothes to celebrate!

HARMONY DAY

Everyone Belongs

Friday 24th March

**wear
orange**





News from the School Chaplain

THE **SEASONS FOR GROWTH PROGRAMME** FOCUSING ON GRIEF AND LOSS WILL BE COMMENCING

**FRIDAY 24TH MARCH
WITH 2 GROUPS OF STUDENTS.**

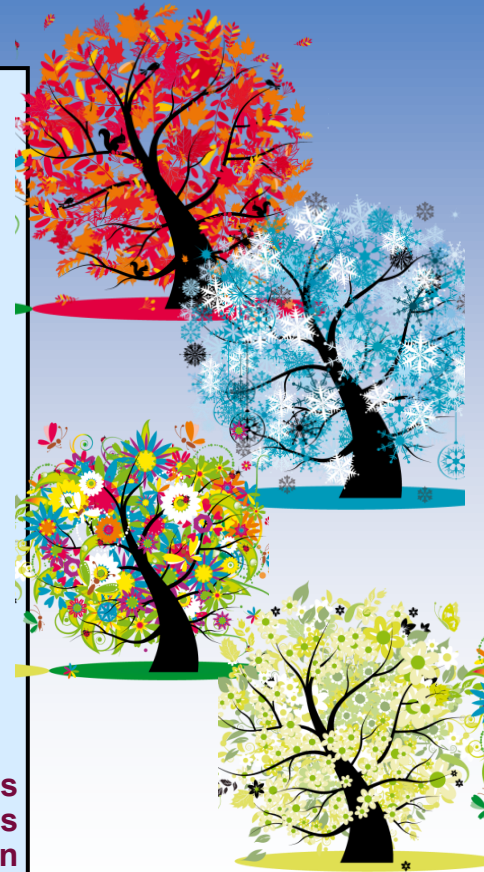
Other groups will commence next term as more time becomes available.

Each group will have 8 weekly sessions. Regular attendance by students will assure they get the most out of the programme.

Programmes will be held every Friday at this stage.

Thank you for supporting this programme.
Please do not hesitate to contact me at school for any details.

Regards
Val Hemmings
School Chaplain



Student Free Days 2023

STUDENT FREE DAY

**Thursday
6th April**



STUDENT FREE DAY

**Friday
19th May**



STUDENT FREE DAY

**Friday
25th August**



STUDENT FREE DAY

**Friday
8th September**



Community News



2023 KEY TRANSITION DATES

WEDNESDAY
MAY 3RD

Open Day- Grade 5 & 6 students attend with their primary school.

Information Evening - 7pm in the Lowanna College Auditorium.

WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 16TH

Transition Day- Grade 6 students attend with their primary school.

TUESDAY
DECEMBER
12TH

Statewide Transition- Grade 6 students who are enrolled at Lowanna for 2024 attend.

FRI. MARCH 31ST

Blue Light

LATROBE BLUE LIGHT DISCO

6-8PM | \$8 ENTRY

YEAR 4, 5 & 6

GREY STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL
30-34 GREY STREET, TRARALGON

CONTACT
KELLY.HICKS@POLICE.VIC.GOV.AU

LATROBE BLUE LIGHT BLUELIGHT_VIC



Trafalgar High School Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program

Part of the Victorian Academy of SEALP Schools

Information Evening Year 7, 2024

5pm-6pm, Thursday 23rd of March
Sports Centre, Trafalgar High School

PLEASE NOTE: Information regarding testing requirements will be provided on the night.

Further Enquiries:

Amanda McQualter, SEAL Program Coordinator
5633 1733



Moe Golf Club Free Family Fun Golf Day

Sunday March 26th - **11am** onwards

- **Beginners golf instruction**
- **Opportunity to play 4/5 holes**
- **Mini golf set-up for juniors**
- **Putting competition**

- * Sausage Sizzle
- * Drinks for all participants
- * All equipment supplied

Please register your interest - Phone: 51 272731
Or email womenscaptain@moegolfclub.com.au or ph
Kathy on 0407 505 661

News from the School Nurse

Children's continence

Does your child often wet the bed, wet their pants, or experience loose bowels or constipation? Many children go through the same issues, and luckily there is help available.

Our continence nurse advisor can assess your child, help you manage their condition, provide education, and arrange referrals to specialists if necessary.

You may want to see the continence nurse if your child is:

- Six years and older, and wets the bed
- Four years and older, and wets their pants during the day
- Experiencing constipation, soiling, or loose bowels

Where can I access this service?


Our children's continence service is available for children aged older than two and younger than 18 years. We deliver this service for Latrobe residents across Latrobe Community Health Service sites Churchill, Moe and Morwell. Some outreach visits in the home or school setting may be available on request.

How do I access this service?

Phone us on 1800 242 696

Email enquiries: PYHadmin@lchs.com.au



 **CALL US**
1800 242 696

 **Latrobe Community Health Service**



Gastro Outbreak

Parents and carers are urged to keep students home if they are unwell due to a rise of Gastro at School.

1.

Symptoms can usually last 1 to 2 days, sometimes longer and include vomiting and diarrhoea.

2.

Washing hands with soap helps prevent spread. Be vigilant and reinforce hygiene measures.

3.

Do not attend school until at least 48 hours after symptoms have disappeared.

Student & Staff safety is our priority. Thank you.





Feature Article



STUDENT SLEEP HEALTH



Over the next few weeks we will be featuring some articles and tips around

Sleep Health for Students.

1. Establish a regular sleep pattern

Regular hours of sleep are important. It will help your child understand when it is time to sleep. Also, your child will have better sleep. Bed time shouldn't vary by more than an hour across all days of the week – whether your child has an early start the next morning or not. The same goes for getting up time.

2. A consistent bedtime routine

It is good to have the same routine before bed each night. This will help prepare for sleep. Quiet activities are good, such as reading a book or being read to or having a bath or shower. In the half hour before bed, there are some things you don't want your child to do. These are more active games, playing outside, TV, internet or mobile phone social networking and computer games.

3. Make sure the bedroom is comfortable

The bedroom should be quiet, comfortable and dark. Some children like a night light. This is fine. Make sure your child sees the bedroom as a good place to be. You can help do this by not using it as a place for punishment.

4. Bed is for sleeping, not entertainment

TV, computers, mobile phones and other things that distract your child are not good for their sleep. Keep them out of the bedroom. "Needing" to watch a screen to fall asleep is a bad habit. This can easily develop, but you don't want it to happen. It's also better if you can check on what your child is watching.

5. Some foods can disturb sleep

A high intake of sugary or fatty foods has been linked with more restless sleep. Avoid sugary or high fat snacks before bedtime, as well as large meals. A small healthy savoury snack before bed would be fine.

6. Caffeine is a stimulant

Caffeine is found in many popular drinks. These include coffee, tea, cola soft drinks and some chocolate products. It can make it harder to get to sleep. Your child should have as little of these as possible, and certainly not after lunchtime.

7. Take care with daytime naps

It is normal for young children to nap during the day. As your child gets older, they will need less sleep. This means they will need to nap less. The number and length of naps depends on your child. If your child naps after 4pm (except for the very young) it can be harder to get to sleep at night.

8. Exercise and time outside

Daily exercise is an important part of healthy living. It also promotes good sleep. Time spent in bright daylight does the same. Outdoor exercise achieves both these things. However, it is best to steer clear of vigorous activity in the hour before sleep.

9. Work with your doctor

If your child is sick or isn't comfortable, their sleep will suffer. Some children suffer from specific sleep problems such as frequent nightmares, snoring or sleep apnoea. It is important that these problems are dealt with. If you think ill health is involved, discuss this with your family doctor.

10. Specific sleep-related issues in children

The Sleep Health Foundation has a range of helpful fact sheets for children with particular sleep problems. These include tips on sleep issues for children with ADHD (see [ADHD and Sleep in Children](#)) or autism (see [Autism in Children and Sleep](#)), as well as more general topics such as bedwetting (see [Bedwetting](#)), childhood snoring (see [Childhood Snoring and Sleep Apnoea](#)), behavioural problems with settling to sleep (see [Behavioural Sleep Problems in School Aged Children](#)), nightmares (see [Nightmares](#)) and sleep terrors (see [Sleep Terrors](#)).





Award Winners



BE SAFE

BE A LEARNER

BE RESPECTFUL



Audrey 12B



Hazel 34C



McKenzie 12B



Miranda 34A



Aria 12C



Noah 34C



Ridhesh 56C



Luna P1A



Zane P1B



River P1A



Billy PE



Noah 12A



Sasha 56A



Katie 34C



Jason 34B



Aurora P1B

Congratulations
Award Winners



Charlotte PE