



Snippets

Moe South Street Primary School

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TERM 1

Mon 13th March
Labour Day
Public Holiday
School Closed

Wed 16th March
NAPLAN starts
Grades 3 & 5
only

Mon 20th March
Athletics
Carnival

Wed 5th April
Last day of
school for
students

Wed 5th April
Parent Teacher
Interviews
3pm - 6pm

Thurs 6th March
Parent Teacher
Interviews
8.30 - 1.30pm



News from the Principal

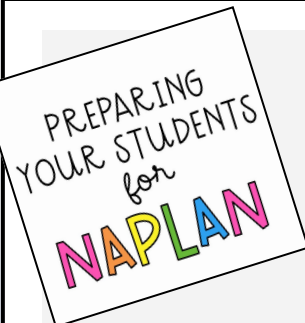


SCHOOL CLOSURE

MARCH

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MONDAY



In previous years, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy or NAPLAN was held in May; however, in 2023, the NAPLAN assessments for all students across the country are being held next week and, for the first time, will be administered online.

NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in Grades 3, 5, 7 and 9. As we approach the NAPLAN testing window, I thought it would be beneficial to share some insights and snapshots about NAPLAN:

- ◆ NAPLAN tests are now administered online.

- ◆ Tests begin this Wednesday, the 15th of March and can be completed up to Fri, 24th March.
- ◆ Students in Grades 3 and 5 will complete online tests in writing, reading, conventions of language and numeracy (the Grade 3 writing test will be conducted on paper)
- ◆ We have been supporting students through our tutor, Julia to be confident and familiar with the test format and different online features of the NAPLAN tests.
- ◆ The intent of these sessions that all students have experienced has been to alleviate any anxieties and provide students with the confidence to do their best.

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.

More news from the Principal....

NAPLAN

As NAPLAN Week approaches, you will likely see and read different articles about the tests in the media. It is important that NAPLAN is kept in perspective:

- ♦ It isn't a Pass or Fail test, although supporting students to be familiar with the tests and what to expect is valuable.
- ♦ Over 1 million students sit the tests.
- ♦ The information gained from the tests helps provide a snapshot of your child's performance at a moment in time. It should be viewed alongside other assessment data.
- ♦ Our school uses the data we get to help drive ongoing improvement in our core key academic areas of reading and numeracy.

We know attendance at school is directly related to students doing well. For NAPLAN week, we want to encourage all students, particularly in Grades 3 and 5 to be at school, on time, every day. If your child is absent on one of the testing days, a series of catch-up sessions will be scheduled throughout the NAPLAN testing period.

There are some more infographics and information on NAPLAN on the next page that help keep NAPLAN in perspective. I encourage you to use these resources to support and reassure your child.

If you require further information or want to discuss NAPLAN with us, please contact our NAPLAN Coordinator, **Duncan Ireland** (Learning Specialist, Grades 3-6) at school on 5127 1512.

*Take Care, Brendan Dawson,
Acting Principal*



Parent-Teacher Interviews

There are more structured opportunities for parents to engage and interact with our school – these are provided through our Term 1 and Term 3

Parent Teacher Student Interviews and Term 2 and Term 4 written reports.

Based on the positive feedback and success of our Parent Teacher Interviews, these will again happen at the end of Terms 1 and 3.

In 2023, parents will book appointment times online via Compass. The dates for our Term 1

Parent Teacher Interviews will be
Wednesday the 5th of April,
3:00pm – 6:00pm and
Thursday the 6th of April,
8:30am – 1:30pm

It is important to note that, as in previous years, students will only be required to attend on the last day for their interview only. There will be no classes running.

More details on how to book an appointment will be released closer to the date, however, we thought it would be important to communicate these arrangements well in advance so that you can make the necessary arrangements.

NAPLAN Info

TODAY'S LESSON:

KEEPING NAPLAN IN PERSPECTIVE

- 1) NAPLAN is about making sure your child is on track in the important areas of literacy and numeracy.

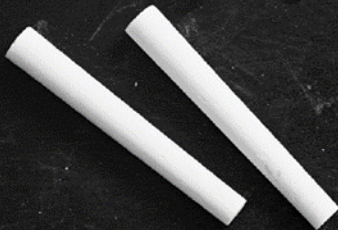
Good literacy and numeracy levels are fundamental to a child's learning and development. If children are not going as well as they should in these areas, then parents and teachers need to be aware of this as soon as possible.

- 2) NAPLAN helps you see your child's growth and achievements

Not only does NAPLAN provide data on your child's achievements in literacy and numeracy, but if they continue with NAPLAN at each opportunity, you can see their growth across a seven-year schooling period.

- 3) NAPLAN isn't high stakes testing and it amounts to less than 16 hours over 7 years of schooling.

Parents and teachers should place NAPLAN into context and reassure children about its purpose – to identify, as early as possible, a child's strengths and areas for development to make sure they are progressing in literacy and numeracy.



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What is in those NAPLAN tests?

WHICH ONE OF THESE
EQUALS 564?

- A) $5 + 6 + 4$
- B) $50 + 60 + 4$
- C) $500 + 40 + 6$
- D) $500 + 60 + 4$



The question above - taken from an example Year 5 NAPLAN numeracy test - asks students to demonstrate their understanding of *place value*: that is, to partition, rearrange and regroup numbers to assist calculations and solve problems. It's a concept most of us take for granted but one that enhances a child's understanding of mathematics.

Students learn about *place value* in the Australian Curriculum: Mathematics in Years 3 and 4, so by the time they reach Year 5, they should be able to answer a question like this one above. And if they can't, then parents and educators need to know about those gaps in learning as soon as possible.

So if you've ever wondered what is in those NAPLAN tests, rest assured that what students learn in the classroom is what they are tested on in NAPLAN. And if you'd like to see example tests or Australian Curriculum content for yourself, visit nap.edu.au or australiancurriculum.edu.au.

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NAPLAN Info

NAPLAN: a snapshot in time

Your child will spend **less than 4 hours,**
4 times in their life, **NAPLAN**
over 7 years of schooling.

That's a small investment, considering the information can be used to track a child's progress in the important areas of literacy and numeracy and to see how they fare against other students around the country.

Find out more at www.nap.edu.au.

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Why NAPLAN?

"NAPLAN's strength is in the broad identification of students with needs or indeed who need to be challenged more." - *Principal*

"We analyse the data and set directions for the school in terms of literacy and numeracy to ensure that we progress..." - *Teacher*

"It's given us a benchmark of comparison with the rest of the country and also the rest of the state in relation to how we are performing as a school." - *Teacher*

"We are a small rural school – we want to know how we are achieving, not only achieving against like schools but how we fit into the big picture." - *Principal*

"...provides a benchmark with which we can look at our students." - *Teacher*



These testimonials were collated from various sources in May 2014. See a full list of testimonials (including source information) at www.acara.edu.au/news_media/testimonials.html.

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News from our Assistance Principal

This week our students in Active Play have been focusing on TEAMWORK and FAIR PLAY.



With the support of our Active Play Duty staff members, students have been engaged in positive play activities such as soccer and basketball.

By engaging our students in competitive sports whilst at school, we can help them build their knowledge and understanding of how effective teams work, how we respond to winning and losing and how we can support others.

It is fantastic to see our students and staff having fun and all enjoying our Positive Play Process!



Nic Quenault, assistant Principal

Blue Rock Open Water Safety

Water Safety

Grade 3/4's & 5/6's had a fabulous afternoon at Blue Rock last week learning how to be safe in open water.

Big thanks to Surf Life Saving Australia for conducting this course for us.

All students are to be congratulated on their respectfulness, attentiveness and positive participation.

Thanks Ms V for organizing such a great informative day.



Sports Round up

Athletic Sports Monday 20th March

Permission and details will
soon be uploaded
on Compass

ALL

W E L C O M E

South Street Primary School
**WHOLE SCHOOL
ATHLETICS
CARNIVAL**

Monday 20th March

Joe Carmody
Athletics Track
Parent Helpers
Needed

Please email
moe.ps.south@education.vic.gov.au or
contact PE Teacher Ash Vuillermin via
Compass

Western Valley District Swimming Sports

On Thursday the 2nd of March, Miss V took 9 swimmers to the Moe District Swimming Carnival.

The students competed against Albert Street, St Marys, St Keiran's and Newborough East Primary.

Although points wise we came 2nd last, our children swam incredibly well and represented the school with pride.

The results for each student were:

- Bella received 2 firsts in freestyle & backstroke and a second in breaststroke
- Elyse came 2nd in freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke.
- Serenity came third in backstroke.
- Nate came 4th in freestyle
- Mary came 2nd in freestyle and 5th in backstroke.
- Jarvan came 5th in breaststroke
- Wundarra came third in breaststroke and 4th in freestyle
- Sophie came first in breaststroke and freestyle.

Congratulations to Bella, Elyse and Sophie who made it through to the Latrobe Valley Division Swimming Carnival to be held, Wednesday the 8th March!

Watch this space for results.

Ash Vuillermin



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.

GIPPSLAND YOUTH THEATRE'S
production of

Disney
FROZEN JR.

Music & Lyrics by
Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez


Book by
Jennifer Lee

Based on the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee
and directed by Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

SATURDAY 29TH APRIL 2023
1PM, 4PM & 7PM
Morwell Central Primary School Performing Arts Centre
McDonald Stret, Morwell

All Tickets \$25.00
Purchase ONLINE: <https://www.trybooking.com/CEZPW>



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



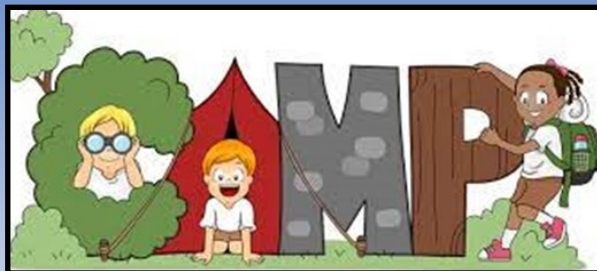
Moe parents, guardians and caregivers, we want to hear from you.

Shape future work done in the community to help improve engagement
and support for children in relation to their education.

An Early Childhood Development project hosted by



CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)



The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

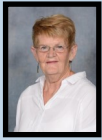
If you applied for ***CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year***, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances including a new student enrolling with us.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 03 5127 1512 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.





News from the School Chaplain



Thanks to those parents/guardians of Grade 3/4 students for your prompt consents for your child to attend the Seasons for Growth (Grief and Loss) programme.



The response has been overwhelming. I am waiting for all the handbooks to arrive and then we will be ready to start.



The students have been allocated a group but due to the demand some groups will start later than others when I have finished other programmes.



I will keep you informed as much as possible.



It was a pleasure to be part of the BBQ team last week. For 'Games on the Lawn'.



The community cooking team had great praise for the good manners and polite behaviour of students while waiting to be served their food.

Well done all students.

Does your child need extra uniform?



Friday.



SALE

\$2

select marked items

**Undercover
area in front
of the
3/4 building.**



News from the School Nurse



Calm Kids Central Free Webinar Series - for parents/caregivers with children with big feelings or life challenges

(Clinical Child Psychologist Kirrilie Smout)

Learn to support your primary school aged child with worry, managing frustration, feeling more co-operative and managing tricky issues.

Webinar 1: ***"Calm and Confident Kids"*** - learn to help children with a tendency towards worry, stress or anxiety. **Monday 6th of March 2023 at 7pm (ACDT), or 7.30pm (AEDT)**

Webinar 2: ***"Calm and Co-operative Kids"*** - learn to support children with big feelings - to manage frustration and feel more co-operative. **Monday 20th of March 2023 at 7pm (ACDT), or 7.30pm (AEDT)**

Webinar 3: ***"Calm and Connected Kids"*** - learn to help children to develop positive friendships and manage peer difficulties **Monday 27th of March 2023 at 7pm (ACDT), or 7.30pm (AEDT)**

To register (you can attend 1 or all 3) please go to: <https://developingminds.net.au/webinars>

Are you a **child mental health professional or educator**? Please join us and STAY for 15 minutes at the end of the parent/caregiver webinar for 15 minutes for a few essential ideas for working as a professional with children with these concerns.



Presented by clinical child psychologist Kirrilie Smout. Kirrilie has had 25 years experience in working with children and families, is the author of two books about children and mental health and regularly consults with national bodies about child mental health concerns. She is the Director of Developing Minds Psychology and Education Services and Calm Kid Central programs. CKC is an online program of courses and games for children to help them manage emotional health challenges.

www.calmkidcentral.com

Any questions please contact Sandra on: sandra@developingminds.net.au

Calm Kid Central is supported by Gippsland Primary Health Network Victoria, Adelaide Primary Health Network, CAMHS Central Coast NSW, and WHIN NSW.

International Women's Day

Today we celebrated *International Women's Day*. Staff dressed in pink and we enjoyed some yummy pink sweets for morning tea.

International Women's Day celebrates social, economical, cultural & political achievements of women all around the world. It also focuses on gender parity.





Moe South Street Primary School Weekly Awards



BE SAFE

BE A LEARNER

BE RESPECTFUL



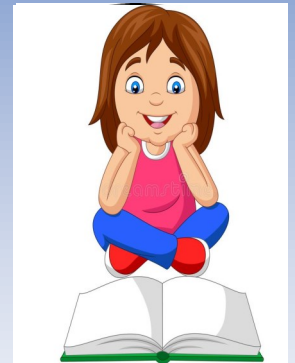
Patrick 56A



Phoenix 56A



Zoe 12C



Skyla 12A



Jayden PIB



April 56C



Zoe 34B



Kaiden 56B



Oscar 56B



Layla 34B



Talia 34C



Isabella 34C

Congratulations