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Snippets

Moe South Street Primary School



News from the Principal



It has been a pleasure to be back at school, interacting and continuing to get to know students across our school community during the first week of Term 2.

Last week, I also had the pleasure of accompanying our School Captains, Eva, Zoe, Abbi and Marley and students Cooper, Joyce, Mark, Layla and Abel at The ANZAC Day ceremony and march last Tuesday.

Each year, I'm impressed with the turnout at these events and the respectful way young people engage and pay their respects to the spirit of the ANZACs.

This year was no exception, and I was incredibly proud of our South Street Primary School students who proudly represented the school community. A special mention to Mrs Wiggins, who came along and supported the organisation of the event.

See feature page in Snippets.



ANZAC DAY

As I mentioned in last week's Principal's Message, school attendance each and everyday is so important to overall academic success and personal growth.

The first stage of our approach to attendance (the same as all schools across Inner Gippsland) is ensuring that attendance benefits are promoted and attendance data is accurately recorded within the school.



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 Gunai Kurnai people as traditional owners of this land and pay our respects to elders both past and present.



News from the Principal *cont....*

We accurately record student attendance at South Street Primary School by:

- Marking the roll twice daily at **8:40am** and **12:20pm**
- Ensuring contact is made with families after consecutive days absent from school
- Ensuring students arriving late (**after 8:40am**) or leaving early (**before 3:00pm**), sign in or out using our **COMPASS** Kiosk, located at the office window.
- Our Wellbeing Officer reviews all attendance notes submitted by parents/carers

Parents and carers can also support us to accurately record student attendance by:

- Utilising **COMPASS** to submit attendance notes when their child/children are absent from school, and
- Ensuring students sign in at the office when they are late from school

When you are adding an attendance note in **COMPASS**, please add a clear description in the Details/Comments section. This provides us with a clear understanding of why your child is away and can be used by us to change the note to the correct code or provide support if needed.

Adding an attendance note to **COMPASS** can be done via the app or any internet-connected device.

There are different notes you can select:

Medical / Illness - your child is absent from school because they are sick

Medical Appointment - your child is absent as they are attending a medical appointment, it might be the doctors, dentist, physio etc – Please try and book medical appointments outside of school hours.

Bereavement – your child is absent due to a death, attending a family funeral

Truancy – you support your child to attend school, but they refuse – if this is happening, our Wellbeing Coordinator will be in touch to provide support

Family Holiday – you are on a family holiday. If you are planning a family holiday, please contact your child's teacher so we can provide support, work tasks etc, whilst you are away

Religious / Cultural Observance – absent due to a religious or cultural reason

However, the most common absence type is **Parent Choice**. This is used for any absence that doesn't fit into the above categories and includes absences that are not approved by the Department of Education, such as being late, sleeping in, going shopping, spending a day at home etc. It is our goal to eliminate and reduce instances of Parent Choice absences.

Finally, if an absence reason is not provided, it is entered as **Unexplained**. Unexplained absences need to be followed up and explained into one of the categories above. You can help us by making sure that any absence by your child is explained by adding an attendance note in Compass and including a comment.

I hope that this overview of how we track and record attendance data provides you with more insight into our approach and how you can support us. It really is important that students attend school every day, on time, and that missing school isn't a regular occurrence.

Take Care,
Brendan Dawson, Acting Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2

Fri 5th May

Latrobe Valley Cross
Country

(selected students,
permission to be completed
on COMPASS)

Thur 11th May

Mothers Day
Stall Gifts

\$1 to \$10

(Students to bring in
small change)

Tue 9th May

Prep - Year 2
Mothers Day
afternoon 2pm to
3pm

Fri 19th May

Student Free Day
Staff Professional
Development

(Office & Phones Closed)

Wed 10th May

Winter School
Sports

(selected students, permis-
sion to be completed on
COMPASS)

Fri 30th May

Student Show
Case

3pm - 4.30pm

more info to follow in next
weeks Snippets

Mon 12th June

Kings B'day
Public Holiday

No School

Fri 23rd June

Last day of
Term 2
Early dismissal

2023 Enrollment

South Street Primary School INFORMATION TOURS

Join us to learn about
your child's first year of
school, our learning
programs and to view
our facilities

Wednesday 17th May, 2023

9:00am & 6:00pm

To book, please phone 5127 1512



SOUTH STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

Now accepting Enrolments for 2024



THE ENROLMENT PROCESS IS CHANGING

Here is what you need to know...

1

Grab a South Street Enrolment pack from
your child's kinder, our website or school
office

2

Gather all the required documents and
submit the enrolment form by **Friday the
28th of July**

3

We will contact you via email on the 11th
of August to confirm your enrolment and
let you know about our Get Set @ South
Street transition program in Term 4

4

WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY

JOIN US FOR OUR INFORMATION TOURS

9:00AM & 6:00pm

To book, please phone our office on
5127 1512

Enrol
now
for 2024

South Street Primary
School Moe

School News

**SNACK
ATTACK**

**Lunch
Orders**

Starting tomorrow, Friday 5th May

lunch orders will only be available for order through **COMPASS** Canteen.

Please refer to information on **COMPASS** which sets out the new ordering process. If you need any assistance please contact the Office and one of the Office staff will walk you through the new system.

We will **no longer** be accepting **CASH ORDERS** or orders through **QuickCliq**.

Should you still have credit in **your QuickCliq** account please call them on **1300 11 66 37** to arrange a refund.

We cannot arrange this for you.



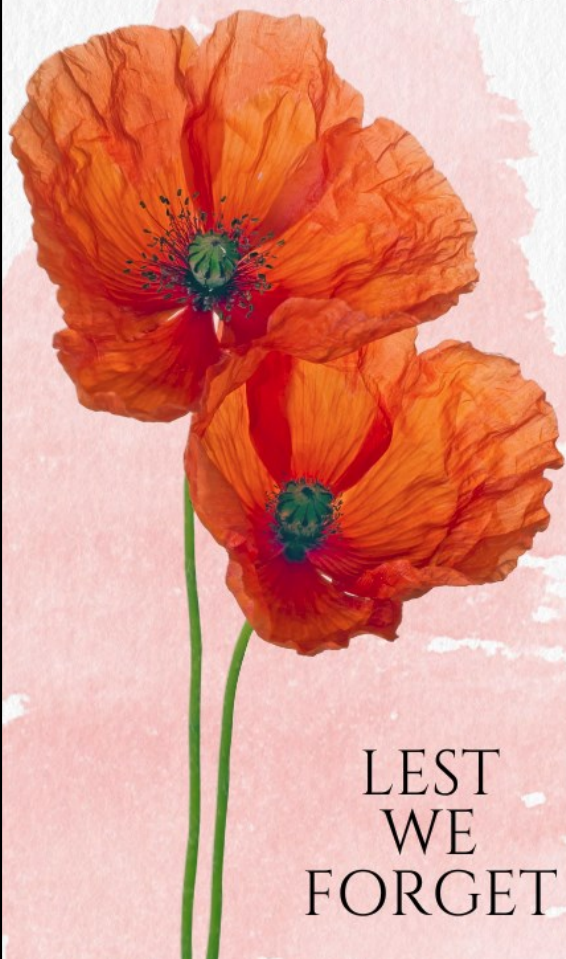
**SOUTH STREET
CLASS OF
2023**

Our suppliers have advised there will be a short delay of approximately 2 weeks for delivery of our *Grade 6* merchandise.

We will keep you informed.

ANZAC Day

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LEST
WE
FORGET

South Street Primary School students attended the ANZAC day march on 25th April. Our School Captains layed a wreath on behalf of the school Community.



South Street Primary School students also completed some ANZAC Day colouring for the Moe Racing Club. Two of our students won prizes for their beautiful colouring.

Congratulations Ruby & Shannon.



Mother's Day Stall



Mothers Day **STALL**

will now be held on

Thursday 11th May

Gifts range from
\$1 - \$10



We are calling for volunteers to help with set up of the stall on Wednesday 10th May from 3pm and on Thursday from 9am to help sell items to the students. If you can spare some time to help, please let the Office know and we will pass it onto our Fundraising Committee.



News from the School Chap-

Term 2 is well and truly up and running with lots of exciting things happening in our school programmes.

From my perspective Seasons for Growth (Grief and Loss) programme is still continuing with groups that commenced in Term 1. Sessions are held weekly on Fridays. In addition two new groups have been added for Tuesdays.

We have just had our first sessions which were very positive. The aim of the programme is to;

1. Accept the reality of any loss
2. To process the pain of grief
3. To adjust to the changes in life
4. Develop skills for coping, problem solving and decision making.

An 8 week programme is offered. Consistent attendance is recommended for students to get the most out of it.

We all need assistance from time to time to help us cope with daily needs. Food Hampers with basic items to suit families are available. Please see me at the School if you need assistance.

We also have restocked our School Food Pantry for Students who forget recess snacks or lunch items. Please let us know if you require assistance at any times.

I am still continuing with the Care Bags for students or families who need to leave home because it is unsafe. Any one wishing to donate any items such as toothpaste, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and face washers would be most appreciated.

The weather is getting quite chilly so another recycled clothing sale would be appropriate with jackets and warmer clothes available.

Val Hemmings
School Chaplain



Does your child need
extra uniform?



Mrs Hemming's

Second Hand Sale!
Friday 26th May

Strictly from 2:30 - 3:30pm **ONLY**

A wide range of second hand uniform and casual clothes will be on sale.

Everything will be



per item!!



Sorry, no EFTPOS available.

We will only accept cash.
Please BYO carry bags.

Where:

Undercover grass area around
the 3/4 building

School Nurse News

Hygiene Session

On **Monday 15th & 22nd of May**, grade **F1A & F1B** will be participating in an interactive hygiene session with the School Nurse.

The sessions will include interactive videos and hand hygiene activities to encourage the students to practice healthy hygiene habits each day.

The topics covered in the sessions will include:

- **Oral hygiene– teeth brushing and flossing**
- Clothing
- **Showering & bathing**
- Hand hygiene
- **Toileting**
- Feeling unwell



The students will also receive hygiene packs which include basic hygiene products.

We encourage parents/guardians to ask questions regarding what is covered in the sessions and have conversations around the information provided to the students.

If you would like any further information on these sessions or have any questions, please contact **Katelyn (School Nurse)**.



Recently your child may have brought home a care back supplied to our school by Smile Squad.

Smile Squad is **the Victorian government's free school dental program**. Smile Squad delivers free oral health promotion, dental check-ups and treatment to Victorian government school students at school. We hope to have Smile Squad visit later in the school year.



First Aid Schools Program

St John Ambulance Australia is committed to promoting the importance of first aid in the community and believes that there is no better place to start than in our schools. Every child in Australia should have access to vital first aid knowledge and with the First Aid in Schools program this is possible.

The First Aid Schools Program is a **FREE** program run by St John Ambulance Australia providing basic first aid training to school students across all states and territories in Australia.

When: Monday May 8th 2023

Where: At school

Who: All students

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school nurses, Katelyn or Ainsley

Community News



Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

Jade or Sharon

enquiries@berrystreet.org.au

1300 610 355

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

DELIVERED BY



Find out more at saverplus.org.au



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.

Dads Tuning in to Kids Group program

Are you a dad with a child between 3 and 12 years old?

We are running a free parenting group for men!

YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- Help your child manage tough situations
- Manage parenting stress
- Connect with your child



Program Details:

Details: Dads Tuning in to Kids Group Program

When: Term 2 Group will run each Tuesday for 7 weeks, commencing Tuesday 9th May - Tuesday 20th June.

Evening sessions from 7pm - 9pm

Where: Online via zoom

To register interest or for any enquiries, please contact Berry Street by Ph: 03 5134 5971 or Email: TuningIntoKids_Teens@berrystreet.org.au

<https://www.berrystreet.org.au/>



To register, visit vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge
The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is led by the Premier with the support of former premiers.





Award Winners



BE SAFE

BE A LEARNER

BE RESPECTFUL



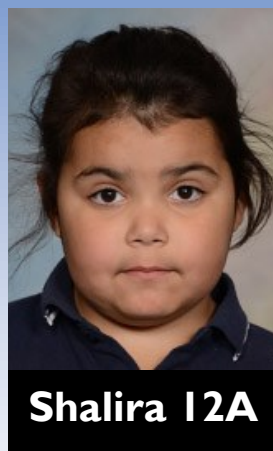
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Tehya 56A



Faith 56C



Shalira I2A



Arik P1B



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Tye 34A



Jyhe 34C



Marlee P1A



Charlotte I2B



Kowan 34A



Zack 34C