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Snippets

Moe South Street Primary School



News from our Principal

I am thrilled to return to school after my recent family leave! I was able to enjoy the last four weeks spending time at home with my family, making the most of the precious time together. The highlight was enjoying midday walks in the sun and introducing Dolcie to our family and friends. I'd like to also thank our staff, students and families for making me feel so welcome upon my return; what a special school community we have!



SCHOOL CLOSURES

Friday 25th August
&
Friday 8th September

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.

News from our Principal



You should have received a letter regarding the Parent Opinion Survey this week (care of the eldest child in each family).

We would appreciate you taking the time to complete this survey.

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. We encourage all families to participate in this survey. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

This year, all families have been invited to participate.

The survey will open on **Monday the 7th of August**, and you will have until **Friday the 8th of September** to complete the survey.

Some important points:

- ♦ The survey will be conducted **online** and only takes **20 minutes** to complete
- ♦ It can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.
- ♦ The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Simplified Chinese, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

When we receive the results, we will communicate them to you via Snippets. It would be great if we could have all families have their say. If you would like any assistance logging in, please Pop into the office – we are here to help!

BULLYING. NO WAY!

Australia's safe and supportive school communities getting to the heart of the matter!

**Friday 18th August
wear Orange as a
reminder to stand up for
those who have been
bullied and bring
safety, respect and
harmony to all our lives.**

News from our Principal

Whilst we have some sunny afternoons and beautiful winter days, it is also that time of the year when illness and sickness become more prevalent throughout the community, with schools no exception.

Attending school on time, every day is essential and a strong indicator of success. However, if, due to illness, your child is absent from school, please make sure you submit an attendance note via Compass and have them return as soon as possible after symptoms resolve.

Likewise, there may be times when your child's classroom teacher is absent due to illness. At these times, we endeavour to appoint a casual relief teacher. However, as you can appreciate, this is also not always possible due to the current teacher shortage impacting all schools.

On these occasions, our team-based approach and consistent practices support the learning and wellbeing of all students.

Our Learning Specialists, Mrs Melissa Pavey and Mr Duncan Ireland are the first point of contact if your child's teacher is absent and along with our team of Education Support staff, support our students on these occasions. If your child's teacher is absent from school and you would like to discuss anything immediately, Melissa and Duncan can be contacted by phone or through the office.



Melissa PAVEY
P-2
Learning
Specialist



Duncan Ireland
3-6
Learning
Specialist

Thanks again for the warm welcome back to school.

Brendan Dawson
Acting Principal

HEAD LICE

We are also seeing some more instances of headlice throughout our school and have recently updated our process to align them with Department of Education policy and best practice.

If headlice are found in your child's hair, you will receive both:

- A **Compass SMS** notification letting you know headlice have been found and treatment is required.
- **Letter** that you must return to school the next day letting us know your child's hair has been treated.

If the letter has not been returned the following day confirming that action has been taken, we will need to ask you to collect your child from school.

We trust that the immediate SMS notification improves the effectiveness and efficiency of our communication, allowing you to be informed immediately, and will enable you to collect appropriate treatment if required.


It will also alert you to the letter in your child's bag. We also have access to treatment packs if needed, and our School Nurse team or First Aid Coordinator can assist families with headlice treatment. Please just ask.

Please note that when your child is collected from school at the end of the school day, they should only return the following day if treatment has started.


Please see a sample note of what to expect in your child's bag.

The bottom half of this note needs to be returned with them to school the following day.

Thanks in advance for your support with this.



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'Be SAFE Be RESPECTFUL Be a LEARNER'



Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer,


Head lice or eggs are suspected to have been detected on your child, and it is very important for you to treat your child as soon as possible, using safe treatment practices.


Please visit www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au and search for "head lice (nits)" for advice on finding, treating and preventing head lice.

The Department of Education policy requires you to complete and return this form to the school to advise us when appropriate treatment has commenced.

It is important to note, that health regulations require that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until the day after appropriate treatment has started. Please note that this refers only to those children who have live head lice and does not refer to head lice eggs. More information about exclusion requirements can be found by searching for "school exclusion table" at www.health.vic.gov.au.

Please complete the below form and provide this to your child's teacher upon the return of your child to school.

Kind Regards

Brendan Dawson
Acting Principal



**Action Taken – Student Head Lice
Parent/Guardian/Carer Response Form**

CONFIDENTIAL

Student's Full Name: _____ Year Level: _____

I understand that my child should not attend school with untreated head lice.

I used the following recommended treatment for head lice or eggs for my child (insert name of treatment) _____

Treatment commenced on (insert date) ____ / ____ / ____

Signature of parent/carer/guardian: _____ Date: _____

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Dates to Remember



Assembly every Friday 2.15pm
in the Gym. All welcome!

Wednesday

16th
August

Grade 6 Lowanna
Transition

Complete consent on
COMPASS asap

Friday

18th
Aug

Wear **Orange!**

District Basketball
(selected students)



Tuesday

22nd
August

Prep - 2 Theatre Excursion
"Possum Magic"



Complete consent
and payment on
Compass! By 14th
of Aug

Friday

25th
August



Fri

8th
September

Student Free Days
No school

Thursday

24th
August

Book Week
Dress up Day



Thursday

31st
Aug



Fathers Day Stall

Bring \$2-10 in loose change on the day

Wednesday

22nd - 24th
NOV

Grade 3/4
Camp

More details and consent forms
to come on COMPASS now!

School News

Welcome Back Miss Stratford

Mrs Stratford has returned to South Street and will be teaching Multimedia for the remainder of the year. We welcome her back to our school



Dress up day as your
favourite book character

read.. grow.. inspire..

BOOK WEEK

Dress up day
Thursday 24th August



School News

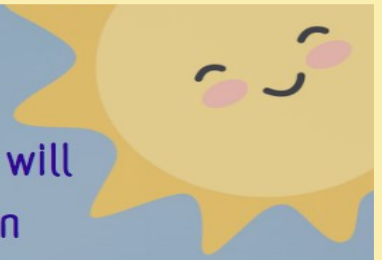
SUN SAFETY



Our SunSmart policy will
come into effect on
Monday 14th August.

ALL students will be required
to wear a bucket or wide
brimmed hat.

Buckets hats are available at the
Office for purchase for \$7.



Father's DAY STALL

Thursday 31st
August

Gifts ranging
from \$2 to \$10

News from the School Nurse

NDIS at South Street Primary Friday August 18th

- ◆ Does your child have an NDIS plan?
- ◆ Are you unsure how to use your funding to access services and support?
- ◆ Have you been asked to apply for NDIS funding for your child?
- ◆ Do you have questions about where to start?



Delivering the NDIS in your community

Workers from the NDIS will be at school on **Friday August 18th between 9am-2pm** for parents to drop in, ask questions, seek support, and receive information. If you would like to speak to a worker, please email our school nurse Ainsley to confirm ainsley.james@lchs.com.au

Monday August 21st from 8.30am-9.30am
Please arrive at school reception to be directed to the clinic room through the library

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



South Street Primary School will have a 'walk in clinic' with a visiting Continence Nurse from Latrobe Community Health Service at school to chat with parents/carers who have concerns about their child.

If you would like to see the Continence Nurse, please let our school nurse Ainsley or Katelyn know via email

ainsley.james@lchs.com.au

or

katelyn.somerville@lchs.com.au

or feel free to drop in during the clinic.



CALL US
1800 242 696



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Chaplaincy Chat

Understanding and attending to my grief



Experiences of loss and grief can be very challenging. This factsheet offers some guidance to help you understand your grief response. It also provides ideas on how you might care for yourself as you navigate the changes in your life.

What is grief?

Grief is a normal and natural response to the hurt we feel following a major change in our lives, such as the death of someone we love. It affects our emotions as well as having a physical impact on our bodies. Grief challenges the way we understand ourselves and the world, including our relationships and spirituality. The experience of grief may require us to embark on a personal journey of learning new things about ourselves and different ways to view life.

How do we express grief?

Grief is experienced in unique and personal ways. Some of us openly express our hurt, while others withdraw. It is important to remember that there is no right or wrong way to grieve. Here are some common grief reactions:



Behaviours I may show ...

- Searching and calling out
- Difficulty concentrating or undertaking usual tasks
- Restless over-activity
- Absentmindedness
- Visiting places and carrying mementos
- Avoiding reminders



Physical reactions I may experience ...

- Sleep and appetite changes
- Tightness in chest and throat and breathlessness
- Lack of energy

The grief process

In our Seasons for Growth work we have found J. William Worden's grief theory very helpful for making sense of the journey through grief. Worden has identified that the grief process involves four key tasks. We have adapted these slightly to take account of the wide range of losses we experience in life in addition to bereavement:

- To accept the reality of the loss
- To process the pain of grief
- To adjust to a changed world after the loss
- To find an enduring connection with what has been lost while embarking on a new life

The four tasks are not steps or stages. Although time is an important healer, we do not passively move through the tasks. Actively acknowledging and engaging with each task may help and it is likely that you will revisit and reprocess these tasks over time.



Emotions I may feel ...

- Anxiety, fretfulness and feeling emotionally overwhelmed
- Anger, frustration or disillusionment
- Sadness



Thoughts I may have ...

- Disbelief
- Confusion
- Sense of presence or detachment
- Preoccupation



MacKillop celebrates and draws strength from diversity and respects the dignity of all people. We value an inclusive culture where lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, gender diverse, intersex and asexual people (LGBTQIA+) have the right to be safe.

A small Aboriginal flag icon.

MacKillop Family Services acknowledges the Traditional Custodians and their Elders in each of the communities where we work.

Dear Parents & Guardians

Over the next few newsletter additions I am including some information to assist you in giving support with any Grief and Loss situations you may be faced with.

The Resource is published through the McKillop Institute and is indicating what I am covering at School through their program 'Seasons For Growth.'

New Groups of students are starting up with me on Tuesday August 15th. I look forward to working alongside your child and journeying with them through difficult times. The students involved have been handed their personal invitations with date, time & group they are part of.

Please contact me at school with any questions you may have.



Regards,

Val Hemmings School Chaplain



SOUTH STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

FINAL REMINDER

*2024 ENROLMENTS DUE
BY 28TH OF JULY*

- ✓ **ENROLMENT PACKS**
Can still be collected from the office
- ✓ **SCHOOL TOURS**
These are still available.
Call to book a time and date
- ✓ **TERM 4 2024 TRANSITION PROGRAM**
Dates and details to be released soon!



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO
ORGANISE A SCHOOL TOUR PLEASE
PHONE OUR OFFICE

5127 1512



Award Winners



BE SAFE

BE A LEARNER

BE RESPECTFUL



Ethan 56B



Rose 56B



Millie 56C



Nathan 12A



Kayla 56A



1/2B



Malakhi P 1B



Jasmine 34A



Zoe 34B



Jyhe 34C



Makayla P 1B



Lilly 12C



Alley p 1B



Lysa 12A



Dustin 34B