

## **MOE SOUTH STREET PRIMARY**



## News from our Principal



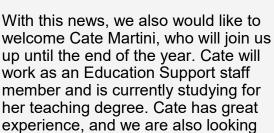
Yesterday was a morning full of excitement and anticipation as our Grade 3/4 cohort ventured off to camp at the picturesque location of Coonawarra, near Bairnsdale in East Gippsland.

This outdoor adventure camp is a great opportunity for all students to develop their self-confidence and establish stronger connections as a group. I look forward to seeing the photos and updates as the week progresses.



This week, we farewell Marcelle Anderson, who has been at South Street for the best part of the last decade. Marcelle leaves us to take up an opportunity to work in the canteen at Lowanna Secondary College. Marcelle has formed many great friendships with our staff and connections with our students and families, and we wish her all the best on this next adventure.





forward to utilising her skills across our 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 liv





## News from our Principal cont...

At our School Council meeting this week, our Parent Payment Policy was officially endorsed, and in line with our approach of working alongside and supporting families with the cost of living and making sure all students have the required materials and items needed to participate fully in their education, we will not be seeking any parent contributions towards the cost of stationary or booklists.

I am incredibly pleased to be able to promote this substantial relief for our families, particularly at this time of year. As a school, we are committed to providing excellence in education and working with our families in partnership. The change in our approach is one of many benefits of South Street.







#### **Uniform Launch a Big Success**

A massive thank-you to our families for the uptake and positive response towards our online uniform shop.

For any families placing an online order, please make sure you fill out all the questions so that our office team has everything needed to get the items to you. We also currently have some items on back order and will send these home as soon as the delivery arrives. We are also working with our suppliers to get appropriate sizes for all students in all style ranges. Your initial feedback has been helpful in making these adjustments, so thank-you!

If you would like your child to try on sizes, then please let us know by phone or email and we can support this to make it happen.

The online store will be live up until the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, before closing and reopening in the new year.

## **Uniform** Supports



POLOS \$8

WE HAVE A RANGE OF SUPPORTS AVAILABLE TO FAMILIES TO ASSIST WITH THE PURCHASE OF UNIFORM ITEMS



JUMPERS \$20



UNIFORM EXCHANGE



ALL UNIFORM ITEMS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE VIA COMPASS TIX SIMPLY SEARCH SOUTH STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## INTERNAL TRANSITION PROGRAM BEGIN THIS WEDNESDAY



As we near the end of one school year, our school-wide transition programs become an important priority across our school.

Most notably communicated is what happens between Kindergarten and Prep and then again between Year 6 and Year 7. However, the internal transition between year levels and teachers is also just as important and provides students with the opportunity to begin each new year on a positive note.

Our internal transition process at South Street is facilitated by our leadership team and supported by our teaching and educational support staff, who are dedicated to ensuring these opportunities are successful for all students.

Our staff prepare detailed information about student wellbeing, engagement and achievement and document this using class placement software, which along with student preferences of friends and peers they would like to be with and the expert knowledge of our staff, supports the development of classes.

Our internal transition program consists of the following:

**1**<sup>st</sup> **Transition Session** – on the afternoon of Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of November, where teachers will take grades for two 30-minute sessions to establish connections, strengthen relationships and observe students interacting with each other.

Team and Leadership meetings occur where feedback on class dynamics, student friendships, and gender balance are considered with revisions made.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Transition Session** – on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of December, where teachers will take revised class grades for another two 30-minute sessions to establish connections, strengthen relationships and observe students interacting with each other.

Team and Leadership meetings occur to finalise grade placements.

**Statewide Transition Day** – Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of December – students will spend time with their 2023 teacher and classmates, in their 2023 classroom.

We will also be adding to our approach in 2023 by including student information sessions tailored to each cohort of students. These sessions will highlight key processes such as our Uniform expectations, our Positive Play process for recess and lunchtime, whilst reinforcing other key information such as hats and our mobile phone policy.

Take Care Brendan Dawson, Principal

# Dates to Remember



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

Wed 22nd - 24th **NOV** 



Grade 3/4 Camp

Fri

24th

No School Buses Running today



28th

Tue

Year 5/6 Victorian Institute of Sport Visit

Check out COMPASS

Mon

4th - 7th

Prep - Gr 2 Swimming



15th



Year 6
Graduation

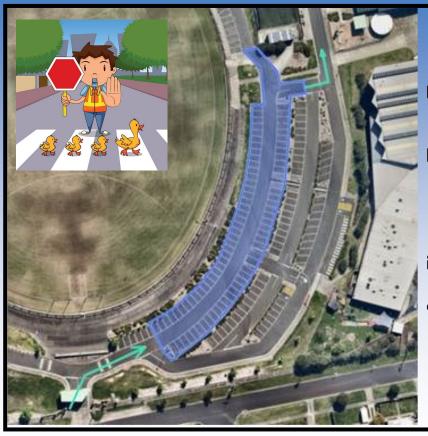
Payment via COMPASS due by 1st December.

Mon, Tue, & Wed 18th, 19th & 20th **DEC** 

No School Buses Running today



#### School News



We have been notified by the Council that works will be taking place on the Ted Summerton Reserve playing surface on 18th & 19th December 2023. These works will generate a lot of debris which will be being removed from site on these days.

To ensure this is carried out as safely as possible, Council will be installing some traffic management measures to ensure the safety of individuals. Pictured left is a map showing the section of the car park which will be closed on those days and the direction the requesting heavy haulage to flow through the reserve.







Mon 29<sup>th</sup> January Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April

### **Bowls Tournament**











to the SSPS **Bowls team** on a terrific performance today.

Our team placed 5th overall!!

Thankyou so much to the Moe Bowls Club for their continued support of our kids!!!



We are you! of you!

## Chaplaincy Chat

Due to the sad recent bereavement events in our community which has also touched many of our school staff members and families I wanted to share some thoughts with you by way of support and encouragement.

Just as being born is part of the natural cycle of life so too is dying. Bereavement is not only a loss in itself, but it often sets a chain reaction for other losses and stirs up memories of personal loss.

How severely we experience grief and for how long depends on a number of factors such as what the lost person meant to us, what role we played in his/her life, our state of mind wellbeing and resilience. What's happening in our lives at the time of their passing.

We can all (adults and children) feel different things as we go through that period of loss.

Confusion/ Worry/ Anger/ Numbness/ Sadness/ Helpless/Loneliness and even relief. Things can be hard to talk about especially for children who can suppress things and act out of the ordinary. Feelings of grief can be felt for an extended period of time and the pain can intensify over time.

The important thing is to give ongoing support to the adult/child and allow them to talk.

Share stories and memories of the person or pet. Look at photos. Talk about what has happened in an appropriate way with simplified language they can understand (children have so many questions). They want answers to clear their minds and help them understand.

It's ok to feel upset. Its normal. Feelings are not to be ashamed of. Reassure them they are not alone.

Grief is a journey that demands a lot of patience, effort and energy. It calls for courage to walk a new path and to adapt to new challenges but with hopefulness for the future. Healing will come. Everything eventually is going to be ok.

Val Hemming **Chaplain** 

## Community News





### STATEWIDE

#### TRANSITION DAY

TUESDAY DEC 12 2023

8.45AM - 3.00PM

LOWANNA COLLEGE COME ENJOY A FULL DAY IN YOUR 2024 CLASSES

**BRING YOUR PENCIL CASE** 

WEAR YOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH

MEET OUT THE FRONT
OF THE AUDITORIUM

The Victorian Government & Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Fund, Little Angler Kits for Grade 5's have arrived and been distributed to our Grade 5 students.

The free kits provide a wonderful school holiday activity for children and their families and help ease the cost of living, providing a fun activity close to home.

Grade 5 students at all Victorian schools, including ours, were offered the opportunity to receive a FREE Little Angler Kit. Grade 5 students have been selected based on the Victorian Curriculum focus, movement and motor development, and safety considerations.







Pictured are some of our Grade 5 students with their new fishing rods.





## **Get Set @ South Street** 2024 Transition Program

9:00am - 11:30am

Fri, 13th Oct Our transition sessions will allow

your child to experience the Fri, 27th Oct

routines and daily activities of a

Fri, 10th Nov 🕢 Prep student.

Fri, 24th Nov

Fri, 8th Dec

They will need their play lunch, drink, hat and a bag. They will need this for all sessions.

### STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY

Tuesday, 12th Dec 9:00am - 2:00pm

> Your child will spend the day with their 2024 classmates and teacher. They will need their play lunch, lunch, drink, hat and bag.



## Award Winners



#### **BE SAFE**

#### **BE A LEARNER**

#### **BE RESPECTFUL**

































