

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

GREATER SHEPPARTON ON THE MOOVE

Twilight Stroll Friday 13th March
Leave Aquamoves at 5.30pm, walk to SPC Ardmona Kids Town.
Free Entertainment and Activities: Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Train Rides, Playground, BBQ, Music.
There will be a 52 seat shuttle bus for the return trip.
For more details phone the Council's Recreation Services Department on 5832 9536 or visit www.onthemove.com.au

Parents & Friends

The Annual General Meeting will be held **Monday 16th March**.
Nominations are now open for the following positions:
President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
Nomination forms are available at front office.
There is a \$1. Cost for membership.

MOOROOPNA HOCKEY CLUB

The Mooroopna Hockey Club is currently looking for new recruits/ team members to join their club. They have teams in every age group from under 12s through to both mens and womens A and B grades. The Under 12s usually consist of boys and girls from the age of 9 to 12 learning the skills of the game. Please Contact Julie Brown on 5820 3800
Mobile: 0438 019 303



GIRL GUIDES

Girl Guides is a wonderful world – wide organisation which offers all girls an opportunity to broaden their knowledge and learn new skills. The aim of Girl Guides is to help young girls become happy, caring members of their community. Activities include, weekly meetings ,outings such as hiking and camps.

Girl Guides is open to any girl that is prepared to make the Girl Guide promise, and is willing to do her best at all times.

If you would like more information on where your local Girl Guides Centre, phone Margret McNeill Regional Leader, on 5821 5031.



Week 4 ~ 26 February 2009

FEBRUARY

25 Ride 2 School
27 **EMA Forms ~ last day**

MARCH

6 Swimming Carnival
9 Labor Day Holiday ~ **no students at school**
10-12 Parent Teacher interviews
11 Community Meeting ~ 7pm
12 School Council AGM
16 P & F Annual Meeting

APRIL

3 Last Day of Term 1

MPPS Values

“Respect – each other and ourselves”

“Responsibility – in everything we do”

“Resilience – we bounce back”

Clean-up Australia Day

Tomorrow we will recognise “Clean-up Australia Day”. The official day for communities is Sunday 1st March. We have beautiful grounds and some of our terrific parent volunteers help us a lot throughout the year to maintain them. Unfortunately, our eucalyptus trees have been dropping a lot of leaves and bark lately. This is partly seasonal and also stress from the extreme heat and lack of rain in the past few months. Our children will spend the last hour after lunch on Friday, cleaning up our grounds and making sure that we do our best to mark ‘Clean up Australia Day’. If you would like to come and join us, you are most welcome. We will commence about 2:30pm and the work should take about ¼ hour. If you have any wheelbarrows, rakes, brooms etc. please bring them along. ‘Many hands make light work’.

School Council Elections

Our Annual General Meeting for school council will be held on Thursday 12th March. At the AGM, we will be appointing a new school council for 2009. Enclosed in the newsletter is some more information about how to nominate and join school council. We have **three vacancies** due to retiring members, so we are actively looking for some new members from our families and the community. School Council is a great way to contribute to your child’s education and learn more about how your child’s school operates. School council meets twice a term and oversees such areas as curriculum, the grounds and the financial operations of the school. If you are interested in joining our school council, or would like to nominate someone, a nomination form is included with the newsletter and can be collected from the front office.

Netball

Due to insufficient numbers of families and students wanting to play in the under 13 netball competition this year, the Mooroopna Park Primary School Netball Club has decided to go into recess for the 2009 season. At a meeting on Monday night it was decided to take the hard decision to not field a team this year. Brett Steel resigned as president, but said that he would continue to support the players and hopefully next year there will be enough players to have an under 11 side.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the families who have showed an interest in netball both this year and last year, particularly the Steel family and the Buxton family. It is hoped that we will have some lunchtime training during school time to develop skills in our juniors and that we will be ready for next season,

I have been in contact with the other local schools, to ask if they have any vacancies in their teams so if you have any questions please don’t hesitate to ask.

Music/Art

Many of you will have seen some of the terrific art that is on display around our school. They are pieces that have been produced by our students this term while they have been working with Mrs. Aitken in the art room. Mrs. Aitken is doing her bit for recycling by collecting old boxes for some construction activities. The children are thoroughly enjoying the hands on approach and really engaged in producing some interesting pieces. Mrs. Aitken has also taken on our music program. The children have been exploring rhythm through the use of the percussion instruments and learning about beat and sound. Mrs. Aitken is looking for a parent, or grandparent who plays the piano. We have a lovely instrument which Mrs. Aitken would like to incorporate into her lessons with the junior classes. If you know of someone who can help us out, please contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support.
Cathy Hair☺



MPPS STARS OF THE WEEK 23 February 2009

A1 GRADE 3/4 MRS DOWN	CHELSEA WEBB	For her extra effort in class and her lovely art work.
A 2 GRADE 3/4 MS BURDEKIN	MATTHEW STEDDAR	For his positive attitude and terrific work ethic.
B1 GRADE PREP/1 MRS MAHONEY	SCHYLA SAVAGE	For her beautiful manners and kindness to others.
B2 GRADE 1/2 MRS MARSDEN	ALISHA BROWN	For always showing kindness to her friends and others on the class.
E1 GRADE 5/6 MRS DOORNKAMP	COURTNEY TURNER	For really 'SHINING' through her storywriting.
E2 GRADE 5/6 MS JAMES	HAYLEY MEYER	For always being a positive role model and being kind to others.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

This **free** program will not be able to continue running if we cannot get enough children to participate. The sports and activities on offer are all conducted by professionals in their chosen sport. We offer a wide range of sports, including:

Gymnastics, Cricket, Basketball, Baseball, Martial Arts, Calisthenics, Dance and a whole lot more. This term we are conducting Circus/gymnastics activities, on a Wednesday night and is open to all those children from grades prep to 3. On Friday nights we are conducting Basketball, which is for all those children from grades 3 to 6. Please encourage your child/children to come along and join in. Afternoon tea is provided. It is fully supervised and it is a great way for kids to learn new skills. The times are: 3.20 to 3.45 afternoon tea. 3.45 to 4.45 the activities conducted. Children must be collected no later than 4.45pm.



SCHOOL LEVIES

Unfortunately there are some costs in education. MPPS strives to provide necessities for students at a reasonable cost to families. We bulk purchase stationery requisites so all students have the same materials and to keep costs down. However, just as families would have to pay for these items in a shop, we must pay our suppliers. Families that hold a current Health Care Card or Pension Card are eligible to apply for the EMA benefit which can be used to cover these costs. The school levies for 2009 are \$185 per student (this includes all school programs, stationery and excursions) which is due for payment by the end of term 1. Please make an appointment with Mrs Hair if you have any concerns regarding payment of the levies.

EMA FORMS: The closing date for EMA applications is Friday 27th February. **If you hold a health care card or pension card**, please call into the office and complete an application asap.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES & IMMUNISATION FORMS:

All new students are required by the Department of Education (DEECD) to present their child's birth and immunisation certificates. Please provide this information if you have not already done so.

REMINDERS

- **Please check your child's bag each night for important notices.**
- Wide brimmed hats are compulsory when students are outside
- Please return pink forms, EMA applications.
- Grade 5/6 camp deposits of \$60 are required by the 28th Feb.
- Please supply a box of tissues for your child

HEADLICE

Just letting parents know that we have had headlice reported in **all** rooms again this week, so please make sure that you check your child/childrens hair.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Next Friday 6th March we are having our Swimming Carnival at the Mooroopna Pool. Parents, family and friends are all welcome to come along and cheer on the children. The cost of admission to the pool and the bus is covered by your school fees. However, parents who haven't yet paid the fees will be required to pay the cost of this excursion.



PARENTS AND CARERS

Do you have a child in years 5 to 8? (11-14 years)
Would you like to know more about-
The changes that take place in adolescence?
Your child's need for increased independence?
Setting boundaries and consequences?
Dealing with risk taking?

Then come along to the

ABCD: PARENTING Young Adolescents Program
WHERE: Goulburn Valley Community Health Service 399

Wyndham Street Shepparton.

WHEN: Friday 6th March 2009.

TIME: 10.00am to 12.30pm

COST: \$10 per person \$15 couples

FACILITATOR: Meredith Plunkett

Bookings are essential.

To book or for more information contact Meredith on

Telephone No. 5823 3215

Light refreshment will be provided

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STUDENT - PARENT - TEACHER INTERVIEWS 2009

Student /Parent / Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th March.

All interviews will be held in your child's/childrens rooms.

A day/time list is included in today's newsletter. Please complete and return to the office as soon as possible, Timeslots will be allocated, **from tomorrow**, on a first back, first allocation of day and time preference basis.

HOUSE POINTS WEEK 3

MENZIES	1358
NORTON	1315
GEMMILL	1229
CHANDLER	1197