

	2009 TERM DATES
TERM 1	February 2 to April 3
TERM 2	April 20 to June 26
TERM 3	July 13 to September 18
TERM 4	October 5 to December 18

SHEPPARTON PAINTING SERVICE

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Art Room Supplies

The Art room is in need of smaller size boxes, cardboard rolls (not toilet) and any egg cartons you may have. They can be dropped off at the Art Room. Thank you.



Shepparton South Netball Club

Shepparton South Netball Club is currently seeking expressions of interest for the '09 season.

All Netballers are welcome. Juniors include: 13&U, 15&U, 17&U and 19&U.

Seniors include (mixed ages) Open division 1&2 (Saturday) and A grade (Tuesday Nights- depending on team entries).

Trials will be held on the following nights at the Shepparton Netball Association Courts Brauman Street. Tuesday 17, 24 Feb. And 3 March from 6.30pm to 8pm (courts 7&8)

Enquiries to Kim Pettie on 5831 1085 or Melanie Crosier on 5823 2146.

Week 2 ~ 12 February 2009

FEBRUARY

- 12 School Council Meeting
- 13 Out of Uniform Day ~ proceeds to Bushfire Relief Fund
- 17 Prep Photos
- 17 Hello House Night ~ 6pm start
- 27 **EMA Forms ~ last day**

MARCH

- 6 Swimming Carnival
- 9 Labor Day Holiday - **no students at school**
- 10-12 Parent Teacher interviews
- 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"

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

The Fires

I am sure that you were all as shocked as I was with the incredible devastation from the huge bushfires this week. Our thoughts and prayers go with all those families who have been affected. Our children have been coming to me asking about ways that they can help, which is terrific. We will hold some fund raising activities over the next few weeks, but if you want to help with a cash donation, please contact the following:

*State Schools' Relief ph 9888 8722
 Westpac Bank*

K- Kids

As part of developing leadership skills in our children, we are investigating the possibility of starting a junior Kiwanis Club at Mooroopna Park Primary. Many of you will remember last year when some men from our local Kiwanis Club helped us with the 'build a bike' program. Their group has decided to assist us with the new venture and investigations are under way to start a junior club here at our school. It will be for students from grades 3 up to grade 6 and will replace the junior school council that we have run in the past. I have been speaking with Jim Douglass, a local member of the Mooroopna Kiwanis Club and we will let you know about developments. I encourage you to talk about the project with your older children and will give you more details soon.

Playground

Naturally, this week we are keeping all those children with Asthma, or breathing problems indoors. However, it is wonderful to be able to let many of our students spend their playtimes outside now that the temperatures have improved. Please remind your children to play safely in our playgrounds, to wear their hats and that they need to keep the playground tidy. We will be reminding them of these rules at school, but if they hear the message at home and at school, it makes a great difference.

School Council

Tonight is the last meeting of our current School Council. This year, we will have some vacancies on School Council and next month, March, we will hold School Council elections for 2009. Nomination forms will be available from the office if you would like to nominate someone for School Council. It is a great way to get involved with our school, learn what's happening with your child's education and really make a difference. Call at the office if you want to know more about becoming a school councillor.

Thank you for your continued support, Cathy Hair©



MPPS STARS OF THE WEEK 6 February 2009

A1 GRADE 3/ 4 MRS DOWN	TANIKA STEEL	For a great start to the year and for offering lots of help.
A 2 GRADE 3/4 MS BURDEKIN	DANIEL COLE	For settling in at MPPS so well.
B1 GRADE PREP/1 MRS MAHONEY	BRODIE COLE	For making a great start at MPPS.
B2 GRADE 1/ 2 MRS MARSDEN	BALRAJ SINGH	For the wonderful way he has settled into his new school and classroom.
E1 GRADE 5/6 MRS DOORNKAMP	DYLAN WRIGHT	For his good start at his new school.
E2 GRADE 5/6 MS JAMES	TAMSYN UNDERWOOD	For showing outstanding personal qualities.

PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

MPPS would love to encourage our parents and grandparents to come along to the school and become involved with some of our various school programs. Students receive enormous benefit from interacting with members of the community.

These could include:

- reading in the classrooms in the morning
- typing students stories
- covering books,
- reading stories to children in the library at lunchtime
- breakfast program
- small craft groups eg: knitting, cross-stitch, patchwork, calligraphy
- gardening

If you would like to become involved, please call in at the school office or phone 5825 3856.

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.

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.

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.

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, BBQ attendance slip,
- Please supply a box of tissues for your child

PREP PHOTOS FOR SHEPP NEWS: Photos for our prep students will be taken next Tuesday morning, 17th February. Please make sure your child is in full school uniform on that day (they may like to put a comb/brush in their bag so that they are looking their best). If you have any concerns about your child's photo being taken and published in the paper, please contact the school office or Mrs Mahoney.

Mooroopna Blue Light Bushfire Benefit Disco

Where: Mooroopna Hub (Seniors Hall)
When: 13th February 2009
Time: 7pm to 10pm (doors do not open till 7pm)
CHILDREN MUST BE DROPPED OFF, SIGNED IN AND PICKED UP BY PARENT/GUARDIAN
Fully Supervised with Police presence, No alcohol, No drugs, No passouts.
Any Queries phone Pam on 0400596691
All profits to go to The Bushfire Appeal.
Mooroopna Blue Light Inc reserves the right to refuse entry.

2009 Town Bus Fares

As of Monday 9th February, bus fares will be as follows:

- Single Concession \$0.90
- Return Concession \$1.50
- Weekly Concession \$6.50

Weekly fare's can be purchased of a Monday. It would be appreciated if students have the correct fare for the drivers.



GUITAR & KEYBOARD LESSONS IN 2009

Cliff Doornkamp will be conducting both guitar and keyboard lessons at the school in 2009. Lessons are held each Tuesday with individual lessons lasting 20 minutes. The cost of lessons is \$15 per lesson (payable at time of lesson). For more information, please contact Cliff Doornkamp on 5831 4270. Please return the form below to express your interest.

Name

Grade Room.....

Parents Signature.....

Contact Phone

Guitar

Keyboard

Strikers Hockey Club Inc

Strikers is a Family based club seeking players in all age and grade levels:

Juniors (combined teams of boys and girls)

Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16

Senior Men and Senior Women

SIGN UP NIGHT

Thursday February 19th from 5.30 – 6pm onwards at the Hockey Fields – Brauman St Shepparton

There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks (gold coin donation), a fun game or two of hockey bring your friends a hockey stick, a mouth guard and shin guards.

Training will begin on Thursday February 26th at the hockey fields

For further information phone Tim Scholz - 5831 8314,

Evan Collins – 5821 4800 or Sue Daws – 5865 5211

Email: strikers@mcmedia.com.au