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### 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

### 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, Playgroud, 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](http://www.onthemove.com.au)

### MOOROOPNA LAWN TENNIS CLUB INC TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

**WHERE:** Sir Ian McLennan Centre  
**WHEN:** Saturday 21st February  
**TIME:** 7.30PM Start  
**COST:** \$10 PER PERSON  
Tables of 8 to 10, Light supper provided, Drinks at bar prices.  
Contact Dot – 58251045 or Sue – 58252607  
If you don't have enough people for your own table phone Dot and she will put together a table for you.

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### Thankyou

A big thank you to everyone that got behind our fundraising efforts for the bushfires last week. You might have seen some of our students in the Shepp. News when they had their photo taken for the State-wide 'out of uniform day' to raise money for the bushfire appeal. I know that many of our families are already struggling with the draught and economic climate, so a big thank you for digging deep for those less fortunate than us. Our Children were fantastic.

### Hello House Night

We always start the year by welcoming new families to our school with a special night. This year was no exception. However, it was terrific to see so many families supporting the school on Tuesday night by coming along and joining in the picnic tea and House games. I was very impressed again by those students who have been chosen to represent their Houses, Gemmill, Chandler, Norton and Menzies and gave their winning speeches once again on Tuesday night. They did very well, considering that they had only spoken in front of their classes last week. What leadership!! It was lovely to see so many families joining in our fun house games and getting involved in the true spirit of the evening which was having fun with your children and being a part of our whole school community. Thank you for your contributions.

### School Website

For those of you who don't know, we have a new website. It featured recently in the Shepp. News (which we have been proud of again). The address is [www.mpps.vic.edu.au](http://www.mpps.vic.edu.au) and you will see our newsletter there too. Our plan is to start putting some of our children's work on the site, so please check it again soon.

### SparkL Program

I had the pleasure of travelling to Melbourne this week with our new Leading teacher, Mrs. Doornkamp to accept a very special award that she has gained for our students. It involves linking Art with literacy. At this early stage, we are not sure exactly how this will develop, but we know that our children will truly benefit with some special cultural events in the coming months. These events won't cost the school or families as Mrs. Doornkamp has won a grant to cover all expenses. Congratulations Mrs. Doornkamp and well done. Our children can only benefit from your hard work!

### Kindness

As part of our focus on teaching children about emotions, this fortnight the children are developing deep learning about Kindness. What better way than to develop a close link with one of our state schools who have been in the front line of the fires? In the next few weeks, our children will be sending e-mails and letters to One of the schools in the fire area. I think this is a fantastic way that our children can connect and show compassion and kindness to other children who have been affected by the fires.

### Netball.

As you know we have traditionally had some terrific Netball teams representing our school. 2008 was no exception. This year, a number of our students have signed up for our netball team. However, we can't run a team without the support from parents and families. Netball takes place on the weekends and although our school support the program, we can't attend all the matches. We urge you to get behind the team and get involved in our netball program.

Thank you, Cathy Hair

### Week 3 ~ 19 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  
12 School Council Meeting  
16 P & F Annual Meeting

#### APRIL

3 Last Day of Term1

#### MPPS Values

“Respect – each other and  
ourselves”

“Responsibility – in everything  
we do”

“Resilience – we bounce back



## MPPS STARS OF THE WEEK 13 February 2009

A1 GRADE 3/4 MRS DOWN	<b>BEN HEARN</b>	For listening and working hard to stay on task.
A 2 GRADE 3/4 MS BURDEKIN	<b>BRITTANY MITCHELL</b>	For her enthusiastic approach to her work.
B1 GRADE PREP/1 MRS MAHONEY	<b>LOWANA DRAKE</b>	For settling to the task quickly and doing beautiful work.
B2 GRADE 1/2 MRS MARSDEN	<b>MATHEW MACANSH</b>	For the great reading he did Mrs Wrigglesworth.
E1 GRADE 5/6 MRS DOORNKAMP	<b>KRISTIAN STEDDAR</b>	For his quiet assured and measured enthusiasm for learning. You're a good listener.
E2 GRADE 5/6 MS JAMES	<b>CHARLIE WATTS</b>	For showing the strength to make positive decisions.



2009 SCHOOL LEADERS

Jack Lewis Korver, Tamsyn Underwood (Norton), Liam Ralph, Emily Corish (Menzies), Jade Buxton, Tahlia D'Amore (Chandler), Christian Hearn and Hayley Meyer (Gemmill).

### 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.

### 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.
- Please supply a box of tissues for your child

### 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.

### HOUSE POINTS WEEK 3

NORTON	343
CHANDLER	193
MENZIES	168
GEMMILL	108

### MPPS NETBALL 2009

TEAM FEES-\$70.00 VNA JUNIOR -\$38.00  
NETTA AND UNDER 9  
MODIFIED -\$28.00  
COURT FEES -\$16.00 NETTA -\$2.00 PER WEEK

- ROUND 1 ~ 2ND MAY 13 UNDER, 11 UNDER AND 9 UNDER
- ROUND 2 ~ NETTA, 6TH July

4TH JULY - 11TH JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- ROUND 5 REGRADING
- ROUND 12 AUGUST 8TH 2009 NETTA PRESENTATION

### 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.

### BUSH FIRE APPEAL

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb the Shepparton Chamber of Commerce is conducting an attempt at a new record with the Guinness Book of Records which is the Longest continuous line of skateboards. It will start at 9.30am to 12.30pm at the intersection of Maude & Fryers streets We are requesting the participants in this record attempt to donate, all proceeds will go to the Bush Fire Appeal.

The Red Cross will be in attendance to supervise the collection of donations, volunteers will co-ordinate the participants names and all skateboards will be numbered for the event.

### Bargin Books

Next Saturday morning February 21st the Friends of Mooroopna Library will be holding a second hand book stall outside the Mooroopna Bakery. (near the Post Office)

All books are priced to sell at \$1 or .50c. Come along and get yourself a cheap read.