

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

SHEPPARTON NEWS / CADBURY EASTER PROMOTION

This promotion exposes students to the newspaper, cover-to-cover, for two weeks, while they hunt for Cadbury tokens 'hidden' within the pages. It encourages team spirit by involving the extended school community to join together for the chance to win 1000's of Cadbury Easter Eggs.

One Cadbury prize pack will be rewarded in each of the following two categories:

The winning school who enters the highest number of tokens per capita of students **with less than 150 students**

The winning school who enters the highest amount of tokens per capita of students **with 150 students or more**

All participating schools have the chance to win.

To enter start collecting tokens from paper the tokens can be from parents, friends, neighbours, and family – everyone connected to your school can collect tokens,

Bring them along to your class room. All tokens will be counted and sent to the School

VOICE OF HARMONY

The 21st March 2009 will be a free event for Harmony Day
Fun for all the family,

Rumbalara Sports Complex, Mercury Drive Shepparton.

- Jumping Castle
- Local Band after the match (6pm)
- African Performance

Sausage Sizzle and refreshments. 1 –2pm Clinics

AUSKICK

Junior Soccer Clinic

1-2.30 pm 5 a –side Jnr Knock out Soccer game

2-45 to 3-45 pm Women's Soccer

4-6pm Three coded football match.(Touch, Soccer,AFL)

Gold coin donations are welcome Please come and support "OUR" community

All proceeds go towards raising money for the UCCE bushfire appeal
Harmony Day celebrates Australia's success as a diverse society and embraces the notion that whilst we are all different we are united by a common set of values and beliefs.

RESPECT
PARTICIPATION
SENSE OF BELONGING

Shepparton BMX Club

On Saturday March 28 we are holding a mini SX Motor Bike event. This is the first time an event like this has been held in Shepparton, It will be a great family day out.

WHERE: Brauman St. Shepparton

COST: Adults \$20. Childrens (Under 15) \$15. Children under 5 free.



Week 7 ~ 20 March 2009 MARCH

17 School Nurse

23/24 School Nurse

20 Bad Hair Day

25 Ride 2 School

26/27 School Nurse

APRIL

3 Last Day of Term1

20 First Day of Term 2

24 School Photo's

MPPS Values

"Respect – each other and ourselves"

"Responsibility – in everything we do"

**"Resilience
– we bounce back"**

M.P.P.S. THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

*Tough times never last, but
tough people do*

Parent- Teacher- Student Interviews

Last week we conducted some informative interviews with families. I was very pleased to see so many people taking the opportunity to catch up with their child's teacher and share some valuable information. The feedback from staff was very positive and I am sure that your child will benefit knowing that we are all 'on the same page'. My thanks go to the parents who made the time to talk with the teachers. We really value your input and the knowledge that you have about your child. If you weren't able to call in last week, we would love you to catch up with your child's teacher soon. Either contact us by phone, or call in at the office to make a time to speak with the teachers.

Visitors to our school.

This week has seen lots of visitors to our school. We have had some past students who are currently at Mooroopna Secondary College back joining us this week on 'work experience' placement. We also welcomed some student teachers from La Trobe University Bendigo Campus. It is terrific to see young people who are thinking about a career in education and we really value their interest and enthusiasm.

As part of our student's learning in emotional intelligence, we are using this opportunity to explain to the children about the 'right' behaviours to have when a visitor or guest comes to stay. I am reminding the children that when a visitor comes they only stay for a short while, so we need to show our guests how **well** we truly can work and behave. We are also using the same language with any replacement teachers we have if our regular teachers are away for the day. I am sure that you do this at home if you have a visitor in your house. I would really appreciate you reinforcing the message with your child please. We know that if our children hear the same message at home and at school it really makes a huge difference to their behaviour and learning.

We had some fabulous comments from some of our visitors and one teacher said, "That was the best senior class that I have taught at Mooroopna Park for many years". Well done students! You are all really working hard to improve your behaviour and learning! Congratulations!

Community Garden

Last Monday night saw a special meeting, at the school, of interested people who want to investigate the possibility of developing a community garden at Mooroopna Park Primary School. Community gardens are a shared space, where people can grow vegetables and flowers, and share things like garden tools and expertise. My thanks to Julie Winch, one of our parents, for organising the meeting. Over a dozen people attended which is an indication of the level of support we have for the project. At this stage we plan to start preparing compost and the garden beds with the children ready for planting in Spring.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Cathy Hair☺



MPPS STARS OF THE WEEK 13 March 2009

A1 GRADE 3/4 MRS DOWN	Drue McEntee	For persisting with her writing this week.
A 2 GRADE 3/4 MS BURDEKIN	Erin Murrell	For offering to help others finish their work when they have problems.
B1 GRADE PREP/1 MRS MAHONEY	Luke Vincent	For persisting with his work in class and for completing all tasks very well.
B2 GRADE 1/2 MRS MARSDEN	Jacinda Mitchell	For persisting with her reading and spelling every night.
E1 GRADE 5/6 MRS DOORNKAMP	Ashleigh Winch	For persisting with her learning even when things got tough.
E2 GRADE 5/6 MS JAMES	Cody James	For demonstrating terrific persistence and completing project research.

Is your child getting enough sleep?

About school-age sleep- *By Raising Children Network*

Getting a good night's sleep is important for your child's health, growth and development. It helps your child become more settled and ready for school the next day.

Children aged 6-9 need **10-11 hours sleep** a night.
 Bedtime is usually from about 7.30 pm.
 It is important to have a bed time routine.
 Keep the bedroom dark, cool and quiet.
 Sleepwalking is nothing to worry about.
 Bedwetting is something your child will grow out of: 20% of children wet the bed at age five, only 5% by age 10.
 Night terrors usually disappear by age six.
 Up to 50% of children aged under seven have nightmares.
 Children have a 40-minute sleep cycle of light sleep and deep sleep, followed by brief waking.

School mornings

How things go at home in the morning can set the tone for the day.

Children who arrive at school calm, relaxed, fed and ready can make the most of the first few hours of the day (also the best learning time).

Getting up an extra 15-30 minutes earlier might help things run more smoothly.

Mornings are easier if your child can do things for him/herself. Prepare a list of things your child can do to help. Your child may be slow and make mistakes at first but will get the hang of it with practice. Once your child is really good at it, it will be one less thing you have to do.

SCHOOL LEVIES

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.

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.

Attendance: Parents must provide a note explaining any absences their child has from school.

Wide brimmed hats are compulsory when students are outside in terms 1 and 4
Please return pink forms, EMA applications.
Grade 5/6 camp deposits of \$60 are required by this week.

Please supply a box of tissues for your child
School Uniform is compulsory at our school, It gives the students a sense of belonging.
We have a full range of uniforms available around at the front office.

HEADLICE

Just letting parents know that we have had headlice reported in all rooms again this week, Please make sure that you check your child/childrens hair on a regular basis.

FREE Fun Program for kids to become fitter,healthier and happier!

Do you have children 7 to 13 years old? Are you worried they might be unhealthy or even overweight? The mend Programme gets kids healthy and fit in only 10 weeks—helps them stay that way!

The Programme consists of 18 sessions (twice a week for 2hrs/sessions). Programme highlights include:
Weekly games, activities and swimming for kids. Learning that being active can be a lot of fun, Fun, interactive discussions that will teach you easy, effective ways to improve his/her self-confidence.

Practical demonstrations, games and tips about healthy foods, label reading and portion sizes.

There is even a fun supermarket tour and a chance to try delicious new foods.

We will need to assess whether your child qualifies based on age weight and health.

For more information call: 8606 3500.

MOOROOPNA BLUELIGHT DISCO

WHERE: Mooroopna Hub (Seniors Hall)

WHEN: 27th March 2009

TIME: 7pm to 10pm (doors do not open till 7pm)

COST: \$5 per Child

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 please call Pam on 040056691.

“Mooroopna Blue-Light Inc reserves the right to refuse entry”

MOOROOPNA EDUCATION & ACTIVITY CENTRE

The Mooroopna Education & Activity Centre is holding a Mooroopna Community Bazaar, On the 21st of June 2009. At the Hub, 23 Alexandra Street Mooroopna.

The aim of the Bazaar is to provide an alternative community event to celebrate who we are, to meet and join with one another, to share what we know and to build community connections. This event will be a chance to explore what the Hub has to offer and check out the facilities and services available.

We are also inviting local people to perform, present workshops, information and demonstrations.

This events is suitable for families and aims to cater for people of all ages.

If interested please contact us as soon as possible on: 58251774

Examples of ways you and your group mat be able to participate:

- Hand Craft items for sale at the bazaar
- Present a workshop eg. Felting, knitting, bike repairs,percussion,singing
- Demonstration eg. Wood turning,spinning
- Food stalls eg BBQ, cakes, soups etc.

Red Cross Good Start Breakfast Club-

ALL WELCOME

Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 8.30-8.45am at the canteen.Cereal, toast and Milo is offered- No cost.

HOUSE POINTS WEEK 6

MENZIES	2409
NORTON	2137
CHANDLER	2133
GEMMILL	1901

To help your House score points remember to bring water in your drink bottle, fruit, vegetables, food in small containers, wear correct school uniform and by showing others members of our school community the "right thing" to do.

