

## 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

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**Week 8 ~ 26 March 2009**

### **MARCH**

**26/27 School Nurse**

### **APRIL**

**3 Last Day of Term 1**

**20 First Day of Term 2**

**24 School Photo's**

### **MAY**

**5/6 Book Fair**

### **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*

### **Wacky Hair Day**

Last Friday saw our staff and students raising some funds for Cystic Fibrosis, through a Wacky Hair Day. Lots of students came to school with interesting hair dos. From crazy colours to just messy hair, our children really got into the swing of things with some fantastic hair make-over's. I know that behind the scenes many parents really helped by purchasing hair accessories and doing some wonderful hair styles in those busy hours before school. So thank you very much for assisting your children to participate in a very worthwhile fund-raising project. We managed to raise \$52.70 Not only were the children dolled up, but many of our staff dusted off those old wigs and joined in the spirit of the day.



### **Policies and Programs**

This week I attended two very important meetings on behalf of the school. One was the annual Wannik Indigenous Learning Conference held in Melbourne. I gained quite a lot of information, in relation to indigenous education, which I will share with you over the coming weeks. The main thing that I did learn was that our Region and Mooroopna Park in particular is leading the way and using some of the best practices to help our indigenous students engage with schools and learn the skills that they will need in the future. Our Koorie Individual Education Plans were a highlight of the day and I gained some interesting ideas that I will share with parents, staff and students over the coming weeks.

The other important meeting that I attended was the Regional Director's day. All school principals attend these meetings once a term. The focus for the meeting was "Effective Schools are Engaging Schools" with lots of information about teaching professional behaviours to students and making schools safe, interesting and engaging.

Attendance is a key aspect of this work with the philosophy that students can't make the important gains in literacy and numeracy learning if they are frequently absent from school. Please try to ensure that your child is at school on time each day and that they only stay home if they are unwell.

Although I learnt some interesting things to share with everyone, I felt that again we are on track and in some incidences 'leading' with our strong focus this year in developing emotional intelligences in children.

Our cultural work in Art and Music coupled with our "Build a Bike" program with the Kiwanis Club (which will be run again later this year) and proposed community garden are all aspects of school life that children find engaging. The wonderful work that Mrs. Marsden and Ms. James do with sport and P.E. ensures that those children who excel in sport have every opportunity. Having a variety of programs means that students who excel in different areas have an opportunity to experience success and want to come to school. We are working hard this year to make school engaging and learning fun and interesting. We value your input and support. Through our new School Council we will be developing a Student Engagement Policy that reflects our work and guides us into the future. If you would like to have input into this, please call at the school, or contact one of our School Council members.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.  
Cathy Hair.



## MPPS STARS OF THE WEEK 20 March 2009

A1 GRADE 3/4 MRS DOWN	<b>Jeffrey Harris</b>	For beginning to display the qualities of a strong role model.
A 2 GRADE 3/4 MS BURDEKIN	<b>Liana Trazzera</b>	For her positive attitude when the work gets tougher
B1 GRADE PREP/1 MRS MAHONEY	<b>Bailey Wilson</b>	For continuing to try hard even when the work gets harder
B2 GRADE 1/2 MRS MARSDEN	<b>Blair Steddar</b>	For the improvement in his self – control of his behavior.
E1 GRADE 5/6 MRS DOORKAMP	<b>Christian Hearn</b>	For showing resilience when really tested.
E2 GRADE 5/6 MS JAMES	<b>Tristan Harrison - Drake</b>	For his excellent resilience and coping strategies when the class had a guest teacher.

### Single parents and child support:

Participants are sought for a Deakin University research study. This study will explore the social, health and financial impact of single-parents receiving or not receiving child support. It will involve completing a questionnaire every nine months and a financial logbook each month for 18 months.

In appreciation of your time, you will receive a \$20 Coles Myer voucher each time you complete the questionnaire.

If you are:

- a single-parent over 18 years of age
  - eligible to receive child support
  - receiving Centrelink benefits
  - have a child at primary school
  - are interested in participating
- please contact (local call) 1300 760 809 or email: ruth.heading@deakin.edu.au for further information.

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### LAST DAY OF TERM

The last day of term Friday 3rd April will be an Out of Uniform Day, to raise money for the Grade 5/6 Camp. The activity is \$1 per student if children wish to dress up they can come as a movie character. Just a reminder that **school finishes at 2.20pm.**

### 5/6 CAMP

A reminder to families that the next installment of \$60 is due by the 27th of March. Families were expected to pay \$120 by the end of this term. Currently we have 25 students making payments for camp but this is still 5 short of the required 30. Hopefully more money will start being paid before the end of term.

### SECONDARY COLLEGE 2010

#### INFORMATION NIGHTS

Shepparton HS	Tuesday 28th April	7.00pm
Wanganui Park SC	Wednesday 29th April	7.00pm
McGuire College	Thursday 30th April	7.00pm
Mooroopna SC	Tuesday 12th May	7.00pm

#### OPEN DAYS

Shepparton HS, Wanganui Park SC & McGuire College  
Tuesday 5th & Thursday 7th May at 9.15am and 11.15am  
Mooroopna SC Wednesday 13th & Friday 15th May 9.15am  
(other times by appointment)

#### INFORMATION BOOKLETS NOW AVAILABLE

Contact any of the schools listed to get a free copy.

#### STATE SCHOOLS ARE GREAT SCHOOLS

**HEADLICE:** A number of students were sent home with head lice this week. Please be vigilant in checking and treating your child's hair. Follow up treatment will be necessary also to be rid of these persistent creatures. Please also ensure that if your child has long hair that it is tied back. If required to treat your child's hair, a follow up treatment is required 7 days later.

The Australian Head Lice Treatment Centre will be opening within the coming months, it will be located in Shepparton. You can bring in your child/ren and your child will be professionally treated for head lice with an Australian All-Natural product, which is NOT available in stores or pharmacies.

**The treatment the company uses treats not only the lice but the eggs too. Also very minimal combing is required, as the eggs will fall out upon brushing.** Please take a moment to complete a survey in which gives me an idea on how to best help and assist families in need throughout the Goulburn Valley.

Survey forms can be collected from the front office.

**Remember head lice is not dirty! Everyone is susceptible to it and we are here to help!**

#### Frank Pullar Visit

On Wednesday 25th March the School Leadership team visited Frank Pullar Children's Centre. The students played with the children outside enjoying the sand pit, trikes and buildings. This will be the first of many visits to the centre this year.

#### HOUSE POINTS WEEK 7

MENZIES		4148
NORTON	4107	
CHANDLER		4079
GEMMILL		3542

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.

### PREMIER'S 30 MINUTE CHALLENGE!

Take the Premier's Active Families Challenge and you could win a \$200 Rebel Sports voucher!  
30 minutes of activity a day for 30 days between 8 March –19 April 2009

Encourage your school, students and their families to get involved. Register now!

Visit [goforyourlife.vic.gov.au](http://goforyourlife.vic.gov.au) or call 1300 73 98 99



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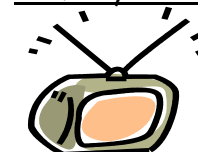
**SHEPPARTON MIDWEEK NETBALL:** commences on Thursday 23 April. Games at 9.30 or 10.30 am. Baby sitting provided free on a roster system for teams that are not playing at that time slot. Enter as a team or as an individual. Registration on Thursday 2 April at 10am, clubrooms in Brauman Street. Enquiries to Kim Pettie, Midweek convenor on 5831 1085.

**FREE JUNIOR GOLF at Hill Top Gold & Country Club:** starting 29 March from 10am-12noon. Please contact Hill Top on 5824 1689 during business hours to register your interest.

### ART ROOM

If you have any unwanted buttons at home the Art Room would appreciate them. Please ask Grandma's neighbours and friends if they would like a home for their spare buttons. Thanks. Mrs Aitken.

Go for your life



**Turn off the Screen Switch to Play**

Screens mean T.V. Computers, Hand Held Games