

NEWSLETTER 6 September 2024 Issue 26

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

"I'd like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land upon which we meet today, the Gunai Kurnai land and pay my respects to elders past, present and emerging as well as any Aboriginal people here with us today"

| Dates to Remember Term 3 2024 | | | | |
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| 2 September | 3 September | 4 September | 5 September Footy Day Lunch order day | 6 September |
| 9 September | 10 September | 11 September Grade 3/4 Camp | 12 September Grade 3/4 Camp | 13 September Grade 3/4 Camp |
| 16 September | 17 September | 18 September Prep zoo excursion | 19 September Footy day LUNCH rescheduled from 5 Sept | 20 September PJ day 2.30 dismissal time |
| 23 Sep School Holidays | 24 Sep School Holidays | 25 Sep School Holidays | 26 Sep School Holidays | 27 Sep School Holidays |
| 30 Sep School Holidays | 1 Oct School Holidays | 2 Oct School Holidays | 3 Oct School Holidays | 4 Oct School Holidays |
| 7 Oct Term 4 commences | 8 Oct | 9 Oct | 10 Oct | 11 Oct |
| 14 Oct | 15 Oct | 16 Oct | 17 Oct | 18 Oct |

A word from Mrs Skee

The power of team work!

It is quite ironic that Thursday was our Footy colours dress up day and parade. Footy is one of the major team sports in Australia – and being a vibrant team is such an important part of our NEPS culture. This week we really had to pull together as a team as the weather gods once again challenged us. With no power, heating, phones or internet on Monday and Tuesday things looked a little bit different at school. We had reduced numbers of students and staff and teacher's and ES had to improvise and be creative in the way they delivered learning for those in attendance. I would again like to take this opportunity to thank **EVERYONE** in team **NEPS** who supported this week. I think it is also very important to also acknowledge and thank the people outside of NEPS who support. The power workers who worked tirelessly to return vital services, the places that did have power offering support where they could, Lowanna bus coordinators

A word from Mrs Skee continued

who worked outside their normal hours to communicate the bus situation as well as Their Care who kept us in communication regarding their service. I know there was some frustrations brought on by external factors that we had no control over, but your patience, understanding and ability to go with the flow was greatly appreciated. If you are still without power please reach out and we will support you where we can. If you are aware of anyone who still has no power please check in on them and ensure that they have all of the school communication that is being shared.

A **HUGE** thankyou to Mr Mike Pullar who coordinated our footy colours parade. Thank you also to Ms Ange Jackson & Mrs Fiona Dunn who took some great photos of the day.

School Saving Bonus

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- **Complete enrolment:** If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).
- **Check your contact information:** Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus and access to an online system.

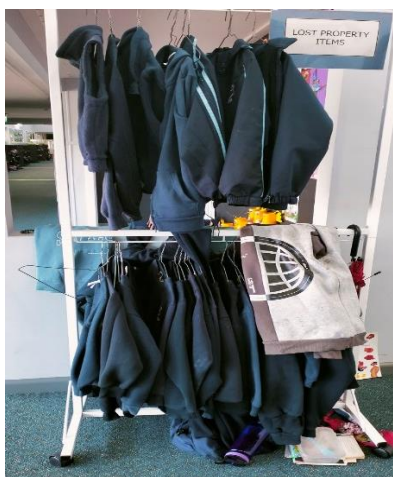
Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, download the [School Saving Bonus Information sheet for government school parents and carers](#) or visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus.



Phonics In preparation for our increased teaching of phonics in 2025, the funds raised earlier in the year from our annual *Splatacular* event have been used to begin purchasing Decodable Readers for our junior school.

The P-2 staff and students have begun incorporating Decodable Readers into class reading time. The purchase of decodable readers will assist in the teaching and learning of phonics and decoding. Decoding is knowing the letters, or groups of letters, that represent the sounds that we hear and the more sounds a child can recognise, the more words they are able to read. We are very excited about exploring our new books !



Lost Property

We have a growing number of items found around the school. Please come and check out the vast array of goodies you may not even know your students are missing! At the end of term all items will be donated. Can all families PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE label **all** items of clothing, so all these very costly items can be returned directly to the students.

Student of the week award winners



House Cup Winners Well done Yellow!!!



Mr Greys Garden award



Footy Day Celebration & Parade





Basketball

School basketball was a great day. The girls all played amazing and represented our school with pride. They won 3 out of 4 games and lost in a close contest to St. Gabriel's.



Beleza SCHOOL UNIFORMS

ALL BELEZA RETAIL STORES
Will be closed for first week of School Holidays

- All Retail Stores will close at **2pm on Friday 20th of September**
- Stores will be closed from **Saturday 21st of September to Sunday 29th of September**
- All Stores will resume regular trading days & hours from **Monday 30th of September**

Shop online at beleza.com.au/online-store

Mid V FREE holiday fun!

WEEK ONE

Footy Handball Competition
 Monday 23rd to Friday 27th September
 11am to 2pm daily, located near Rivers

Join in Mid V's AFL footy handball competition with lots of AFL footy merchandise prizes up for grabs!

NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED. MOST SUITABLE FOR AGES 4 TO 12 YEARS. PARENTAL SUPERVISION REQUIRED.

Catch a movie during the holidays at Village Cinemas!

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For more information visit: www.midvalleyshoppingcentre.com.au/whats-on/

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WEEK TWO

LEGO® Building
 Monday 30th September to Friday 4th October
 10.30am to 1.30pm daily, located near Rivers

Kids can embrace their creativity building awesome creations with LEGO®, LEGO® Technic and Motorised Technic. Plus, Duplo fun for the little ones!

Finished creations cannot be taken home so snap a photo to cherish!

*NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED. DUPLO FOR PRESCHOOL AGES, LEGO® FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGES. PARENTAL SUPERVISION REQUIRED.

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MORWELL CRICKET CLUB
EST. 1879

First cricket session is from 4.30pm starting on **Tuesday September 10th** at Keegan St Reserve, Keegan St, Morwell

NEW ALL GIRLS ONLY UNDER 14 COMPETITION ON FRIDAY EVENINGS, SUITABLE FOR 10-13 YEAR OLDS, NEW AND EXPERIENCED PLAYERS ENCOURAGED.
 Under 10s, under 12s, under 14s, under 16s
 First games are in Mid October

IF THESE EXACT DAYS ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR YOU, BUT YOU STILL WOULD LIKE TO PLAY, PLEASE CONTACT US AS THERE ARE FLEXIBLE OPTIONS, WE WILL MAKE CRICKET WORK FOR YOU!

Under 10s mixed play on Tuesday nights – softer type ball used for beginners
 Under 12s mixed play on Mondays
 Under 14s mixed play on Wednesdays
 Under 14 Girls only play on Fridays
 Under 16s play on Fridays

Encouragement for all
 Inclusive, Family Orientated, Fun Environment, Positive Supportive Coaching

No cost for the season, just insurance.
 All Equipment, Free Cap, Shirt Supplied.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
 Mark Smith on 0438 870 790
 or email mdsmith72@bigpond.com
 or via Facebook
www.facebook.com/MorwellCricketClub

SCAN ME

GAMEFEST

Test your skills with our gaming challenges!

FOR PLAYERS AGED 8 TO 20 YEARS



- ⇒ Console and board games
- ⇒ Leaderboards and prizes
- ⇒ Snacks!

Competitions start at 1pm.
Competition registrations open at 11am.
Competitions will be organised by age range.
Players can drop in any time between
12noon and 4pm to play casually.

**WIN
Fun
prizes!**

Moe Library: PS5
Tuesday 24 September
12noon to 4pm

Traralgon Library: XBOX
Thursday 3 October
12noon to 4pm

*Bookings preferred but
walk-ins welcome.
Children under 12 years
must be supervised
by an adult.*



Scan to book or visit your local library.

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