



Moorook Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 1 - Friday 2nd February 2018



We enter the 2018 School Year with lots of exciting changes happening at Moorook Primary School!

Firstly a warm welcome to our new Receptions Freya Beames, Belle Hogg, Malik Lovegrove, Evie Scott and their families. We are so pleased to have you as part of our school community! (picture to come in next fortnight's newsletter.)

In Week 2, we will begin our Literacy and Numeracy blocks and student support groups three days a week.

Every Thursday we will have an early finish at 2:15pm so that staff can meet for planning, assessing and training & development opportunities at our site and other schools.

We are also excited to be introducing a whole school 'Friday Fun' programme each week from 2:15-3:15pm. Our intent is to reward our students for their great learning and behaviour during the week. Each teacher has devised with student's input, a list of classroom expectations that need to be met in order for them to participate in 'Friday Fun' activities. (Please see classroom newsletters for these expectations). We have ensured that all student's individual learning and social needs have been considered in these expectations as our goal is for all students to achieve the reward.

Thank you,

Sonya Warren

thank
YOU

Thank you to Taelor Meyers and her family who recently donated some books. They have been really appreciated in our Junior Primary Class!

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO
TAKE GROUPS FOR FRIDAY FUN!
DO YOU HAVE SOME SPECIAL
SKILLS / HOBBIES YOU COULD
SHARE WITH OUR STUDENTS?
LET US KNOW!**



Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development

Great place to GROW



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1.	29 th January	30 th January	31 st January	1 February	2 February Newsletter
2.	5 February	6 February	7 February	8 February	9 February
3.	12 February	13 February	14 February	15 February	16 February Newsletter
4.	19 February	20 February	21 st February	22 nd February	23 rd February Breakfast Club SAPSASA Swimming in Renmark
5.	26 February	27 February 6pm Light Tea 6:30pm Assembly 7:00pm AGM	28 th February	1 March	2 March Newsletter SAPSASA PRO Tour come and try Tennis @ Berri
6.	5 March	6 March	7 March	8 March	9 March Proposed STUDENT FREE DAY
7.	12 March Adelaide Cup PUBLIC HOLIDAY	13 March	14 March	15 March	16 March Newsletter Yr 7 GRIP Leader- ship Conference SAPSASA T20 Blast@ Berri
8.	19 March	20 March	21 March HARMONY DAY	22 March NAPLAN Online Practice Test	23 March Breakfast Club Sonya on Leave
9.	26 March Sonya on Leave	27 March Sonya on Leave	28 March Sonya on Leave	29 March Sonya on Leave	30 March Good Friday PUBLIC HOLIDAY
10.	2 April Easter Monday PUBLIC HOLIDAY	3 April Sonya on Leave	4 April Sonya on Leave	5 April SAPSASA Netball and Football@ Berri	6 April Newsletter
11.	9 April Three Way Interview Week	10 April	11 April REWARDS DAY	12 April	12 April Last Day of Term 1 Profile Books to go home

PLEASE NOTE: There may be some changes and/or additions to the above calendar through-out the term, but you will be kept up to date through newsletters and our Facebook page, thank you.



STAFF TEAM FOR 2018

TIMES	DAILY ORGANISATION
8:30-8:50	Morning Yard Duty
8:50-11:00	LESSONS
11:00-11:30	Recess
11:30-1:00	LESSONS
1:00-1:40	Lunch
1:40-3:15	LESSONS
3:15	Dismiss students
3:15-3:30	After school duty

Name	Title	Role	Time
Sonya Warren	Principal PC01	Principal	Full-time
Paulene Dawe	Teacher	Year R-2	Full-time
Terri Miller	Teacher	Year 3-7	Full-time
Nadia Clarke	Teacher	NIT Teacher	Wednesday
Brigit Frazer	SSO	Finance and Admin	Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Chris Jantosik	SSO	Library, Classroom Support	Wed - Fri
Jacey Koop	SSO	Admin , Classroom Support	Monday-Friday
Betty Hedley	SSO	Play Centre Co-ordinator	Mon and Wed mornings
Brenton Poole	PCW	Pastoral Care Worker	Monday & Thursday

Early Dismissal on Thursday's	
2:15pm	Dismiss students
2:15-2:30pm	After school duty
2:30-4:30pm	Staff Meeting - Training & Development

SCHOOL CARD

School card forms can be picked up from the Front Office

School Card is available to families with children aged four years and over who attend a school full-time.

The tables below list the income limits for applications lodged in 2018 – based on the family's combined gross income in 2016/2017. To qualify for school card, your family's gross income must be below a certain limit. This limit depends on how many dependent children you have. You will need to provide proof of income – eg payslips or Centrelink information.

No. of dependent children	Gross annual School Card income limit
1	\$57,870
2	\$58,903
3	\$59,936
4	\$60,969

STUDENT ABSENCES

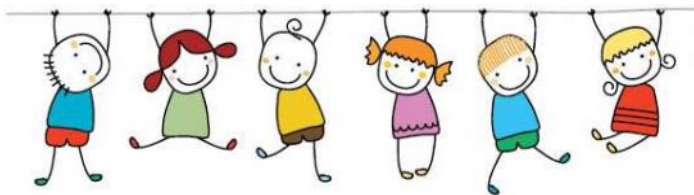
Our External Review identified the need for us to improve some aspects of our attendance procedures. For improved communication, if your child is going to be away could you please contact the school on either the previous day or the morning of absence. Contact can be in person, by phone or text message. If we haven't heard from the parent/caregiver by 11:00am on the day of the student/s absence we will send an SMS message asking for the reason why they are away. DECD policy requires that we record the reason for a student's absence. We would really appreciate it if you could reply to our SMS text with the reason eg. family, illness, sport etc. This will help us keep our records up to date and ensure that our students are safe at all times. Thank you!

Visible Learning

Do you know what it means to be in
"The Learning Pit"?

Our students do.... Come in and check out our display and find out what it means...





PLAY CENTRE

Don't forget...

Our Play Centre operates on Monday & Wednesday morning's. Lot's of making, craft and learning through play!

With both organised and free choice activities, each session is jammed packed with fun and laughter.

Spread the word!

GOVERNING COUNCIL NEWS

On Tuesday 27th February we will be having a light tea & whole school assembly which will be followed by our AGM. All parent's and caregivers are invited to attend this special evening.

SRC NEWS



Our SRC will have their first meeting on Friday 9th February. All of our Year 7 students will be on the SRC, with a representative from both classes to join them. This year the Yr 3-6 Upper Primary SRC members will be elected through an application process. If you have any agenda items you would like addressed by the SRC, please let Jacey know.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Catalogues are being sent home today. Orders are due to the front office by Friday 16th February.

Thank you!



BRENTON'S BLOG

Welcome back to school for 2018, and for those having their FIRST WEEK, welcome TO school! Here are some tips to help your child adjust to school.

So he's / she's off to school every morning now, like a big kid. But instead of the excitement you expected, you find many days...especially Monday...starting with tears, or maybe a tummy ache. He isn't faking. Anxiety affects the body, and can result in an actual upset stomach, especially in children. But don't worry, it's not unusual for kids to need a little help adjusting to the start of school. Here are some tips that will help.

1. Facilitate your child's bonding with the teacher.

Kids need to feel connected to an adult they think will keep them safe. So when they aren't with their parents, they need to transfer their attachment focus to their teacher or they will be too anxious to settle down and learn. If you notice that your child doesn't feel good about school, contact the teacher immediately. Just explain that he/she doesn't seem to have settled in yet, and you hope she can make a special effort to reach out to him/her so they feel at home.

2. Facilitate bonding with other kids.

Kids need to feel bonded with at least one other child. Ask the teacher if she's noticed who your child is hanging out with. Ask your child which kids he'd like to invite over to play. I know when my kids were young, my wife and I often became close friends with our kids friends parents! A win - win for everyone!

Cheers *Brenton* - Pastoral Care Worker





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Our counselling services promote respectful and positive relationships for individuals, couples and families.

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We regularly offer education programs to strengthen relationships or to learn positive parenting strategies.

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TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER EXPERIENCE FRANCE AT HOME HOST FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES

In June each year, students aged 15 - 16 years from France will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 12 weeks. Opportunities are available to become a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity.

Host families help provide each student with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to practice your French, share your stories, learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.



Our students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance, a wonderful attitude and desire to learn about their new host country. Your extended family and friends will grow and learn as you all get to know your new 'son' or 'daughter' from another land. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, we would love to hear from you...

For further details, please contact Jenny Hanson (SPANZ SA Placement Co-ordinator)
Ph: 08 8323 0973 / Mob: 0409 890 184 / Email: info@studentplacement.com.au

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February 10th
10:00am - 2:00pm

Sail training will be every
Saturday after, at 10:00am.
\$5, first lesson Free

Come and try sailing at Lake Bonney Yacht Club
on Saturday, February 10th. Canteen will be open

For more details contact Dorothy: (08) 8588 7186

Lake Bonney Yacht Club
Sailing Come & Try



Kids obstacle course

Sunday Feb 18th - 8:30am to 12pm

At Loveday 4x4 Adventure Park at Barmera

Unlimited fun for only \$20 per child



In recent years Jayne McDonough OT for Riverland Kids has been fully booked and our capacity to see new clients has been extremely limited. Due to some older children "graduating" from our service and the recruitment of new staff we are now in a position to accept new referrals. If you know a family who has a child aged 0 - 12 years who would benefit from Occupational Therapy services from Jayne McDonough OT for Riverland Kids please encourage them to contact us as soon as possible to discuss their child's needs and secure an appointment space.

School, home or clinic based assessment and therapy services to support these important skills:

- Sensory processing
- Fine motor
- Prewriting
- Handwriting
- Daily living tasks
- Social skills

To refer your child to this service or if you have any queries please contact
Jayne McDonough OT for Riverland Kids

Phone: 0428 399 379

Email: ot.jaynemcdonough@aapt.net.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES & INFO