



# Moorook Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 3 - Friday 16th February 2018

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a great start to the school year we have had! It is wonderful to see our students so engaged and enthusiastic about their learning.

Our first 'Friday Fun' went exceptionally well! The exciting thing is that our students are 'having fun' while developing their *General Capabilities*. The General Capabilities are important skills within our *Australian Curriculum*. The specific capabilities that our students are developing include their *Critical and Creative Thinking* and their *Personal and Social Capabilities*. Examples of these are in the speech bubbles to the right.

#### Some comments from our students:

"I was in the Cooking Group. The pizza was yummy and I liked making it." Freya, Reception

"When you rub your hands on one of the plants it smelt like lemon. I liked planting the plants and I got to take some home. Friday Fun is good." Caleb, Year 1

"It was really fun. We made coloured sand jars by colouring sand and adding glitter and shells." Georgia, Year 6

"Friday Fun was FUN! We had lightbulbs and made them light up with batteries. We talked about how they need a certain amount of power. I'm looking forward to this week." Hudson, Year 4

"It was good. It was better than free time. We learnt how to take better photos and also edit them." Zali, Year 7

Thank you,

*Sonya Warren*

### DIARY DATES...

Thurs 22nd Feb - Pancake Day Fundraiser - ALL WELCOME!

Fri 23rd Feb - Breakfast Club, SAPSASA Swimming

Tues 27th Feb - Whole School Assembly followed by AGM

Thurs 1st March - Swimming lessons start

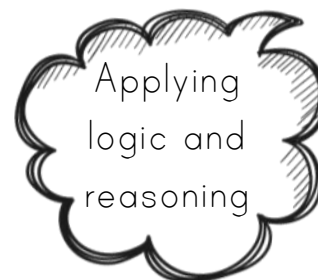
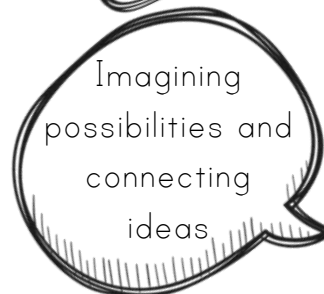
Fri 2nd March - Denim for Deafness (see SRC spot for details)

Friday 9th March - STUDENT FREE DAY



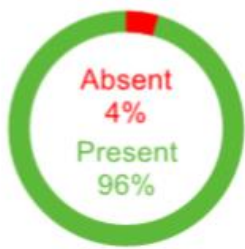
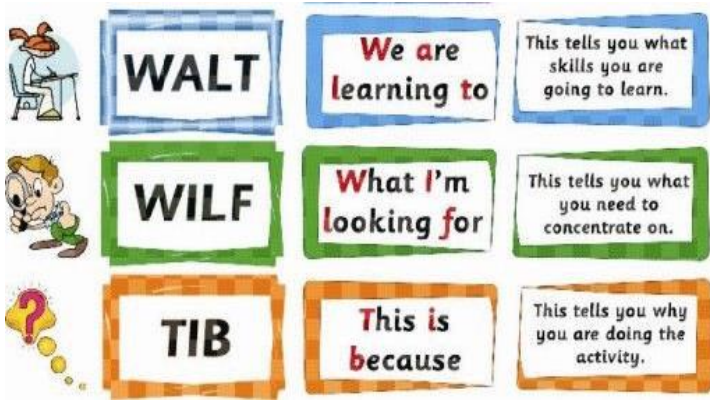
Government of South Australia  
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Child Development

Great place to GROW



# Visible Learning

You may have seen or heard the terms WALT, WILF & TIB around the classrooms. These terms are kid-friendly versions of "Learning Intentions" & "Success Criteria". It's all about letting our students know what they are doing and where they are going with their learning.



## Previous Week

Attendance rate derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 13/02/2018

# Attendance

Please don't forget to contact the school if your child is going to be absent. Contact can be in person, by phone or text message. Thank you.

**Our 2018 Attendance target is 96% or greater**



# BRENTON'S BLOG

Last time I spoke about helping your child adjust to school. How to help them bond with their teacher and other kids at school.

Some other things you can do are:

Give them a way to hold onto you during the day.

For many kids the biggest challenge is saying goodbye to you. Often developing a parting ritual helps, like a hug and saying "I love you, you love me, have a great day and I'll pick you up at 3:15!" Other ideas like having a laminated family photo in their back pack or writing a surprise note on their banana or lunch wrap may also help.

Stay connected.

Take five minutes in the morning to give your child 100% of your attention and when they come home do the same thing asking them about their day. And don't forget kids get heaps of assurance from snuggling and hugging with you.

Be alert for signs about why your child is worried.

Most of the time kids do fine after a few weeks. But, if not there could be another issue like: being bullied or can't see the whiteboard or doesn't understand anything and is afraid to speak up. If this is the case it's time to see the teacher.

Make sure you are a few minutes early to pick your child up.

This is crucial. Not seeing you immediately will exacerbate any anxiety.

Hope these ideas help.

Cheers *Brenton* - Pastoral Care Worker

# 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 parents and caregivers are invited to attend this special evening.

# SRC NEWS



Our 1st SRC meeting was last week.

Our representatives for this term are: Zali, Phoebe, Cohen, Kaden, Tony, Anise, Emma, Sofie & Charlotte.

Items discussed were:

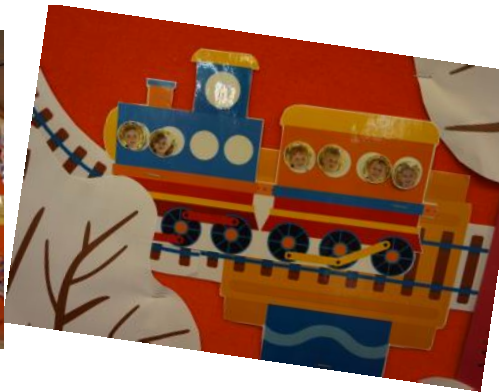
- ✓ PANCAKE DAY - for Special lunch next week we will be holding a Pancake Day fundraiser. The \$2.50 for lunch will go to the Uniting Care organisation. Parents and Caregivers are welcome to join us.
- ✓ DENIM FOR DEAFNESS DAY - students will be encouraged to wear something denim and bring along a gold coin donation. All proceeds to go to The Deafness Foundation.
- ✓ Our first BREAKFAST CLUB will be held next Friday morning at 8:30am. Hope to see you there!





# CLASSROOM Talk

Welcome to our new Reception students that have started at Moorook Primary School this year! We wish Evie, Freya, Malik and Belle all the best as they begin their school journey with us and we can't wait to get to know them better!



## Achievement Wall

Did you know reading development is not just about what level you are reading? The Junior Primary students are learning about all the reading behaviours that help their reading to improve.

Have you seen our Reading Express display? This display breaks down all the reading behaviours – some of them cross over different reading levels. When a student demonstrates a constant reading behaviour, their photo is added to the train at that station. All Aboard!

Around the Reading Express Track is our forest of Achievement Trees. You will see we already have trees flourishing with leaves. Each leaf represents an achievement – it can be academic or for showing kindness or working hard (especially when we are in the learning pit).

By the end of the year we hope to have a magnificent forest for our fully loaded Reading Express Train to travel through.

Thank you, Paulene Dawe.

## FRIENDLY REMINDER

We would like to remind our parents and community members that there are speed limits in place around the school area. Driving into our school, we ask that you are very mindful of our suggested limit of 10km. Thank you.







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### What We Do

#### Support through Separation

Quick access to help, advice and counselling if you have separated or are thinking about separating from your partner.

#### Family and Relationship Counselling

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

#### Family Dispute Resolution

Assists separated families to make plans for their children and property after separation.

#### Children's Counselling

For children whose parents are separated or at risk of homelessness.

#### Children's Contact Service

A safe, supervised transfer of children from one parent/carer to another. We also offer supervised visits.

#### Parenting Support

A service for parents and caregivers to develop simple and effective parenting strategies.

#### Gambling Help

Counselling and support for individuals and families affected by gambling.

#### Courses and Workshops

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

**Yes!** Our services are confidential

**Yes!** We can see you in your town

**Yes!** We offer after hours appointments

**Yes!** Our services are *free of charge*

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## Barmera Junior Netball Association

**- Net Set Go - U9 - U11 - U13 -**  
**Notice for the forthcoming AGM**

**Monday 19th February**

**7pm**

### Barmera Hotel Oasis Room

You are invited to attend our AGM ahead of the 2018 Junior Netball Season.

The new committee for the upcoming season will be formed, where all positions will need to be filled.

All are welcome to attend.

*Apologies to Tamara on*

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Jodie Moore  
President

Barmera Junior Netball Association

COMMUNITY NOTICES & INFO

# PAN-CAKE DAY!



UnitingCare

[pancakeday.com.au](http://pancakeday.com.au)



Where

When

Moorook Primary, Thursday 22nd Feb at 1pm

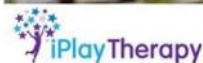
## Tacker Attack!

### Kids obstacle course

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

**At Loveday 4x4 Adventure Park at Barmera**

**Unlimited fun for only \$20 per child**



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