**Dates to Remember**

- **December 10th & 11th**: Water Safety Program
- **December 17th**: Year 6 Graduation
- **December 18th**: Last Day for Students (3.30pm finish)
- **January 29th**: Students return to school

**Weekly Events**

- **Thursdays 9.30am**: Playgroup
- **Fridays 9.30am**: Mother Goose

**From the Principal's Desk**

**Bushfire at-risk register (BARR)**

Our school has been placed on the BARR. As a result, our school will be closed on any declared Code Red Day for the Northern Country Fire Region. More information contained in this newsletter.

**Class Structure 2015**

Student enrolment are still being finalised. At this stage, the following class structure will be in place for 2015. Please note in some areas we continue to use co-teaching where 2 or 3 teachers jointly share responsibility for a group of students.

- Prep - 2 classes in Room A5 and A6
- Year 1 - 2 classes co-teaching in Room A7 and A8
- Year 2 - 1 teacher in Room A9
- Year 3 - 2 teachers co-teaching in Room A1 and A2
- Year 4 - 2 teachers in Room B4 and B5
- Year 5/6 - 2 teachers co-teaching in Room B2 and B3

I remind parents that a very successful co-teaching model allows teachers to plan together to cater to your child's individual educational and social needs and provides higher levels of support for students and staff.

**New Staff Appointments**

Whilst 2015 staff is still being finalised it is with pleasure that I announce the appointment of 3 new teachers: Samantha Gill, Rachelle Hannam & Biannca De Angelis. I will provide more information in next week's newsletter.

**Year 6 Graduation**

The Year 6 Graduation is on Wednesday, 17th December at 6pm at Westside. There is a Graduation Dinner planned at the Mooroopna Golf Club following this event. Numbers for the Dinner need to be provided by tomorrow.

**Last Day Term 4**

The last day for students for term 4 is **Thursday, 18th December**. School will finish at **3.30pm**.

**Family Fun Night**

The Family Fun Night last Thursday was a really great family night. The numbers seemed to be up on last year and once again we were really lucky with the weather. There are many parents and people who deserve a big thank you. To our Parent and Friends Committee, School Councillors and all the other people who volunteered their time- thank you for your efforts, your contribution helped to make our Family Fun Night a wonderful success. The money raised from the Family Fun Night $3,500 and the Raffle $1,700 will be used towards the cost of outdoor furniture for our students.

**Technology Raffle**

The lucky winners of the raffle were:

1st  Tegan Nicholson
2nd  Annette Prendergast
3rd  Lyn Scott

**Bendigo Excursion**

Last Wednesday the Year 3 and 4 students had their Major Excursion to Bendigo. The students had a wonderful time at the Central Deborah Gold Mine and the Science & Discovery Centre where they got to experience a variety of activities. The day was enjoyed by everyone and well worth the trip over to Bendigo.

**Sponsor of the Week**

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Email: mooroopna.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Website: www.mooroopna.vic.edu.au
Principal Steve Rogers  Assistant Principal Karen Goodwin
NEW SCHOOL LEADERS
The Greater Shepparton Mayor, Dennis Patterson came along to assembly on Monday to present School Leader badges to Liam Hall and Sienna Sleeth. Congratulations to Liam and Sienna for demonstrating great leadership skills.

COMMUNITY SAFETY MONTH PRIMARY SCHOOLS COMPETITION
Congratulations to Mya Falla, Xavier Chandler, Byron Saunders, Olivia Myrtle, Sophie Brown and Quinn McCarron who were all winners of the Primary Schools Community Safety Month Poster Competition. Well done!

BILLY’S BAKE HOUSE BEE-ING MPS AWARDS
Congratulations to the award winners for the last week:

Year 5/6
- Jarrod Van Someren for being a positive learner.
- Tori Prest for being a positive learner.
- Caitlyn Glasson for her wonderful efforts during mathematics.
- Sarah Miller for putting a lot of effort into the writing of her key story.

Year 3/4
- Monique Duncan for continually displaying our school values of being “Motivated, Persistent and Successful”.
- Ashanti Besim for her positive attitude and willingness to assist her peers and teachers.
- Scarlett Condon for participating enthusiastically in activities on the excursion.

Year 2
- Xavier Chandler for working hard at making the right choices in our classroom and for continuing to work hard on his writing.
- Cooper Child for his fantastic work with his reading and comprehension skills.

Year 1
- Jodie Handley for being a good role model for the Prep students.
- Bindi Moor for being a good role model for the Prep students.

Prep R
- Celestine Tuaopepe for writing with confidence in her journal.

Prep Y
- Jessica Church for reading her take home books with confidence.
COMMUNITY MEALS PROGRAM
Throughout the semester Year 6 students have attended the MEAC lunch program each week helping prepare and serve meals. The Christmas Luncheon was held on Tuesday and students who had participated and their parents, were invited along.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

2015 Primary School Education Scholarships
Applications open 9 February – 20 February 2015
School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children’s services listed on the DEECD Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and TiQIBIZ notification. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan — on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family’s bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by using TiQIBIZ and by talking to your child’s teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you’re planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family’s bushfire survival plan.

For up-to-date information on this year’s fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.