DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb 20th: Year 4-6 Bike Ed
- Feb 20th: Blue Light Disco
- Feb 23rd: Parents Club meeting 7pm
- March 9th: Labour Day Holiday

WEEKLY EVENTS

- Tuesdays 9.00am onwards: Bookworm
- Thursdays 9.30am: Playgroup
- Fridays 9.30am: Mother Goose

SWIMMING SPORTS

Congratulations to all students who participated in the House Swimming Sports on Friday. It was fantastic to see all students trying their hardest and having fun. An excellent effort from all house teams, well done to our winners McLennan.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

You may have read in the press that the Victorian Auditor-General has released a report on school costs for parents. In response to the report’s findings, the Minister for Education has asked the Department of Education and Training to review its parent payment policy. As a result of any changes to the Department’s policy, we will work with our school council to update our own policy.

We don’t expect any changes until later in 2015 and we will let you know well in advance.

The Department’s parent payment policy is what we use to guide us in deciding what we will ask you to pay each year. We review our own parent payment policy, in conjunction with our school council, on a yearly basis and notify you of any changes through our newsletter. Our aim is to ensure our policy meets parents’ expectations, while also ensuring that all of our students are able to participate in the programs we offer.

Our policy sets out what we ask you to pay for to support your child’s learning, such as books and stationery, and what we ask for optional extracurricular activities. Our policy also sets out what we ask parents to make voluntary contributions to, and where these funds will be directed (for example, to assist with new building and grounds works, or purchasing library and sports equipment.)

As always, if you have any queries, or would like to discuss how the school can support you in financial matters, please contact the school.

WELCOME BBQ

Thank you to everyone who attended the BBQ on Monday. It was a great opportunity to catch up with families, students and staff. Thanks to Dan & Daniel for cooking the barbeque.

HOT SHOTS

It is great to see so many registration notes coming back for the Hot Shots Program. Please note all sections of this form need to be filled out. If sections are missing students will be sent home with their note and missing sections will be highlighted. If this occurs please correct the information and return to school by Friday 27th February.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Billy’s Bakehouse for the continued support of our Bee Awards. This year each Billy’s Award winner will receive a donut and a small milk drink or juice.

Steve Rogers

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEK’S BEE AWARDS WINNERS:

Year 5/6
Keely Madgwick for demonstrating our school values of motivated, persistent and successful.
Chloe Vickery-Salter for demonstrating our school values of motivated, persistent and successful.
Joshua Ponteras for an excellent start to Year 6.

Year 4
Xavier Bulger for managing distractions effectively in Mathematics.
Asher Dempster for persisting in the Bike Education program.

Year 3
Nehemiah Clark for making good choices in the classroom and completing all of his work.
Xavier Chandler for working hard during writing time and creating a wonderful story.

Year 2
Mya Falla for bouncing back and demonstrating real character and resilience.

Year 1
Margrethe Calinao for working hard at all tasks.
Sebastian Guseli for settling into Year 1 nicely.

Foundation
Room 5 for learning to Stop, Look, Listen and Link.
Room 6 for learning to Stop, Look, Listen and Link.

Art
Year 4 Cheetahs for their great efforts in the Art Room.

Music
Year 3 Zags for being Motivated, Persistent and Successful in the Music Room.

PARENTS CLUB NEWS
On behalf of the MPS Parents Club I would like to welcome all new and existing families to the 2015 school year.
For those of you who are not sure what the Parents Club do; we are a small group of parents or caregivers who meet regularly to plan a range of fundraisers and activities to help benefit the school. We plan things such as the Easter and Christmas Raffles, Mothers Day & Fathers Day Stalls, BBQs, Hot Dog Days, Raffles, Book Fairs, Book Club and the very popular Family Fun Night.

Parents Club works closely with Mr Rogers, the School Council and the School Community to ensure the fundraisers and activities will not only benefit the school but be enjoyed by your children.

Not only is Parents Club a fantastic way to be involved in your child’s school it is also a great way to meet other parents and enjoy something a little more ‘social’.

We would like to encourage any parents or caregivers who might be interested in being a part of Parents Club or to volunteer some time to assist with the fundraisers/activities to attend our first 2015 meeting on Monday 23rd Feb @ 7.00pm. If you are unable to make it but still interested in joining then let the ladies know in the office and one of the Parents Club members will contact you directly.

I look forward to seeing you around school.

Kind Regards,
Apryl Smith
MPS Parents Club Chairperson

GUITAR & KEYBOARD LESSONS IN 2015
Cliff Doornkamp will be conducting both guitar and keyboard lessons at the school in 2015. Lessons are held each Tuesday with individual lessons lasting 20 minutes. The cost is $17 per lesson (payable at time of lesson). For more information, please contact Cliff Doornkamp on 0474 769 963. Please complete details below and return to the school office to express your interest.

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Guitar ☐  Keyboard ☐  Parents Signature

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Hi everyone

**Twitter is now up and running**
The Mooroopna Kids Hub now has a Twitter account –Mooroopna Kids Hub @Mooroopnakidhub. It would be great to have parents following tweets and provide feedback.

**Bike Ed – how amazing are all our great riders**
The Bike Education program is for the Year 4, 5 and 6 students. All the students are learning new skills, as well as being provided with safety information.

**Recipe of the week – pancakes** as usual it is easy to make – have a go and let me know how yummy they are!

1 3/4 cup milk 1 teaspoon vanilla essence 2 eggs
2 cups self-raising flour 1/3 cup caster sugar

Step 1
Whisk milk, eggs and vanilla together in a jug. Sift flour into a large bowl. Stir in sugar. Make a well in the centre. Add milk mixture. Whisk until just combined.

Step 2
Heat a large non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Spray with cooking oil. Using 1/4 cup mixture per pancake, cook 2 pancakes for 2 minutes or until bubbles appear on surface. Turn and cook for a further 1-2 minutes or until cooked through. Transfer to a plate. Cover loosely with foil to keep warm. Repeat with remaining mixture, spraying pan with cooking oil between batches.

Very VERY yummy with banana’s or fresh strawberries.

Di Bolton
Community Development Officer
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Come along and make your own puppets with Vileena
- popup puppet in a cup
- finger puppets
- paper bag puppets
Or you can play with some of our ready made puppets.
Help us decorate the puppet theatre and lets put on a show.

Mooroopna Education and Activity Centre, 23 Alexandra Street, Mooroopna.

FREE ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS
23rd February 9.15—10.45

Bookings are essential on 5825 1774