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STAFFING NEWS
We have 6 new teachers joining the Mossfiel family this year. We have Kate Anderson and Amy Farnsworth in Foundation, Nadia McComb in 1-2s, Tina Hansen in 3-4s and Tara Anwyl and Melissa Meaney in our 5-6s. We are fortunate to have them teaching our students and we welcome them to Mossfiel. A full list of Mossfiel staff is included later in this newsletter.

Foundations Start School
70 Foundation students starting school at Mossfiel this year and they have had a fabulous, settled beginning to their school life. Well done parents for preparing them well for school!

This week and next week they will attend from 8:45am to 12 noon and from 8:45 to 2pm for the following 2 weeks [15 – 26 Feb]. Then from Monday 29th February all students will attend the full school day from 8:45am to 3:05pm.

START OF SCHOOL DAY FOR PARENTS
An important part of parent’s and teacher’s roles in the children’s development is helping them to become independent. Some children find this easier than others. Our aim at this stage of the year is for all parents to say goodbye to their children at the line-up before the bell so that all students can walk into class together and settle into the first learning activity. Foundation parents also are asked to say goodbye at line and not go into the building.

SCHOOL TIMES
Our school day starts at 8:45am and ends at 3:05pm. Students need to be at school between 8:30 and 8:45 to allow some time with friends before school. Our yard is supervised only from 8:30am to 8:45 before school and no students should be at school before 8:30 unless for a specific school activity. Students are supervised after school from 3:05 till 3:20pm.

STUDENT FREE DAY FRI 19TH FEBRUARY
Our School Council has endorsed a Student Free day on Fri 19th Feb for staff training. We are excited to be part of the world-renowned Visible
Learning program with Melbourne University as well as sharing excellent practice with other schools.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Today I am declaring the annual school council elections. Our school council consists of 9 parents, 1 community member and 5 staff including the Principal. Each year half of the members end their 2 year term. This year we have 5 parent positions and 2 staff positions vacant.

Our School Council decides on school policy within the Education Department regulations and priorities. They monitor our finances and serve on sub Committees including Buildings & Grounds, Education and Finance. School Council meets on Wednesday evening at 7pm to about 8:30pm

If you are interested in nominating, please complete a form sent with this newsletter and return to school before next Thursday 11th Feb.

CAMPSES SPORT EXCURSIONS FUND [CSEF]
Parents who hold an eligible current Centrelink card can apply for $125 per primary school student to help pay for camps, sports incursions and excursions. Forms were sent home earlier this week. Eligible parents are encouraged to complete the form and bring it to the office with your card so we can make a copy. You can also send along a copy of your card with the completed form if you wish. These funds will be offset against any camps, excursion, sports or incursion until $125 is expended.

STAFF LIST 2016
Amy Farnsworth
Catherine Foundalis
Kate Anderson
Kaela Diquattro
Frances Sutherland
Jenny Graymore
Nadia McComb
Craig O’Donnell
Rob Steinman / Lauren Maslen
Diane Delapa / Catherine Wojtas
Jacqueline Drew
Nicole Ferencak
Galah Preece
Tina Hansen
Sue Said / Joanne Maclean
Tara Anwyl
Tino D’Agostino
Jason Simpson
Melissa Meaney
Deryl Sonay
Meredith White
Rick Granato
Jayson Fry
Andrew Morrison
Joanne Maclean
Jenny McArdle
Heather Clift
Carmen Morrison
Peter Cashin
Sandra Chan
Kym Langfield
Jenny Wilkins
Anastasia Foster-Brady
Christina Iannaccio
Louise Price
Mary Cois
Penny Densley
Lorna Elliott
Lis Laycock
Rhonda Holdsworth
Viv Hollingsworth
Bev Smith
Kaitlin Smith
Meagan Widders
Joe Pitakpanaprai
Barb Murphy
Shelley Stretton
Jan Williams
Maureen Price
Dennis Osborne
Speech Therapy
Social Work
Education Support
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Library Tech
Multicultural aide
Office Manager
Office Team
Principal
Assistant Principal

MOSSFIEL WEBSITE
Mossfiel Primary has an awesome website, full of information about our school. The website is regularly updated each week. Under the “Parents” header there is section for downloading and printing school notes. The school Newsletter is also able to be viewed through the website. So if your child has misplaced a note, visit the website to print the required note off. The website can be viewed on all internet devices.

Craig O’Donnell

2016 Term Dates
Term 1  Friday 29 January to Thursday 24 March
Term 2  Monday 11 April to Friday 24 June
Term 3  Mon 11 July to Friday 16 September
Term 4  Monday 3 October to Tuesday 20 December

Office News:
No payments WILL BE taken after 2.00 pm on Fridays.

Book Club Issue 1 – 2016 is due back at school on February 11.
OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Needing your child looked after before or after school? In our program children are well cared for and engaged in safe, healthy activities. Children find fun, games, laughter and stimulating activities in OSHC. They love to socialise and make new friends in the program.

Is there a cost?

OSHC do charge a fee, however all families are eligible for a government rebate through Childcare benefits.

Permanent bookings - $16 mornings & $20 afternoons.
Casual bookings - $19 mornings & $22 afternoons

All families intending on using the program must fill out a 2016 enrolment form before attending.

Any questions don’t hesitate to call Bev on 0497 476 186

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club starts Monday 8 February. All students welcome.
We need some extra helpers so if you can spare some time on Monday mornings, please come in and see us from 8:15am

From the School Nurse

KEEPING TEETH HEALTHY

Dental problems, such as dental decay and caries are largely preventable. However, many young children suffer pain from and complications associated with dental decay. Healthy Primary or baby teeth are important as they:
- Are part of a child’s general health and well being
- Assist in the development of a child’s eating ability and speech patterns
- Are a guide to positioning of permanent teeth
- Impact on a child’s physical appearance and self-esteem.

Dental Health Services Victoria advises that dental checks start with toddlers and then dental reviews should be on a regular basis as advised by the dental professional. If there is a problem, there should be no delay in seeking treatment to prevent the onset of pain and complications.

Dental professionals are either private dentists or dental therapists at the School Dental Service.

The location of the School Dental Service in your area is:
- ISIS Primary Care
  117-129 Warringa Crescent
  Hoppers Crossing 3029
  Ph: 8734 1400

This service is free for parents who have a valid health care card. For non-card holders the cost is approximately $32 per child.
Source: www.dhsv.org.au
FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX
SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP 1-6!

FRUIT

1. Fresh fruit
   - Apple
   - Banana
   - Mandarin
   - Orange
   - Pear
   - Kiwi
   - Plum
   - Raspberry
   - Blueberry
   - Mandarin
   - Strawberry

VEGETABLES

2. Fresh crunchy veggies
   - Corn
   - Carrot sticks
   - Cucumber sticks
   - Broccoli
   - Capsicum
   - Tomato
   - Mushroom
   - Red bell pepper
   - Celery

MILK, YOGHURT AND CHEESE

3. Milk
   - Milk
   - Calcium-enriched and plain
   - Yoghurt
   - Cheese

GRAIN AND CEREAL FOOD

4. Grain and cereal
   - Rice
   - Pasta
   - Wholemeal bread
   - Cereal
   - Oatmeal

MEAT OR MEAT ALTERNATIVE

5. Meat or meat alternative
   - Tinned tuna
   - Chicken
   - Chicken breast
   - Beef
   - Pork
   - Ham
   - Tofu
   - Veggie mince

WATER

6. Water
   - 1-2 glasses
   - 800-1000ml
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   - 800-1000ml

FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX
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TIPS:
- Take a water bottle (filled throughout the day)
- Freeze overnight to keep foods cool in lunches

Sweet and savoury snack foods (e.g., muffin, fruit bar, biscuits, chips, cookies, nuts, chocolate) should be limited in lunches. They can lead to excess energy intake if consumed in large amounts.

Sugar sweetened drinks and confectionery should not be provided in lunches. They can lead to excess energy intake and tooth decay.

For more information about healthy eating and for many tasty recipes, visit the Healthy Eating Advisory Service:
www.healthycareers.vic.gov.au