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## NEWSLETTER

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**THINK Excellence THINK Respect THINK Resilience THINK Community**

### MOSSFIEL SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

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### DIARY DATES

Thu	24 Aug	9am	Book Parade – Whole school in gym
Mon	28 Aug		Karobran kinder visit to Mossfiel
Mon	28 Aug		District Athletics
Thu	31 Aug		Premiers Reading Challenge Closes
Thu & Fri	31 Aug/1 Sept		Fathers/Special Person Day Stall
Fri	1 Sep	2:30	Assembly in gym
Mon	4 Sep		FA visit to Karobran kinder
Mon	4 Sep		Year 1/2 Living Things Incursion
Tue	5 Sep		Mossfiel kinder visit to Mossfiel PS
Wed	6 Sep	7pm	School Council meeting
Mon	11 Sep		Mossfiel kinder visit to Mossfiel PS
Mon	11 Sep		56 incursion Start Smart
Tue	19 Sep		Footy Lunch Day
Wed	20 Sep	3:30 – 6pm	Parent- Student – Teacher Conferences
Thu	21 Sep		STUDENT FREE DAY – NO CLASSES THIS DAY – STUDENTS ONLY ATTEND CONFERENCE
Thu	21 Sep	12:30 – 8pm	Parent- Student – Teacher Conferences
Fri	22 Sep		FOOTY DAY
Fri	22 Sep	8:45 - 2:30	Last day of term 1:50 Assembly 2:30 DISMISSAL

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### MOSSFIEL VALUES

**THINK Excellence**  
**THINK Respect**  
**THINK Resilience**  
**THINK Community**

### CHOCOLATE DRIVE

This week we are finalising the chocolate drive. **Please return money and unsold chocolates to the office.** Thank you to all Mossfiel families who bought [and hopefully enjoyed some] chocolates for our school. We are putting our chocolate profits towards paying for the asphaltting.

### BOOK FORTNIGHT

**Fair** Last week we held a most successful Book Fair in Block D with many families selecting books before and after school. We sold so many books for our children to read at home that we have earned over \$1000 worth of books for our school and class libraries. WIN WIN!

**Author visit** On Monday, Nicky Johnston visited our school and shared her tips for illustrating with our students. Her sessions were very popular with our young illustrators.

**Library visit** Our Foundation students were visited by librarians from Wyndham Library as part of Book Week. Their story-telling session captivated our Foundations.

**Parade** This morning we were invaded by book characters both big and little. The parade held in the gym showed that Mossfiel families got really involved in dressing up as a book character. Thank you to our families who helped and congratulations to all our students who were involved.

### ENROLLING STUDENTS STARTING SCHOOL IN 2018

We are already involved in planning for 2018 and remind all Mossfiel families to enrol your child to start school NOW. If your child turns 5 before 30 April 2018, he or she is eligible to start school. Contact the school to make a time to enrol. We will need a copy of proof of residence, proof of birthdate and immunisation statement.

### PARENT SURVEY

This year, the annual parent survey is online and closes on Sunday. If you were selected and have not completed the survey, could you please find the time to do so in the next couple of days? We have been informed that we do not have enough completed surveys so far. Thank you so much to those parents who have completed the survey. We do appreciate your opinions.

## PST CONFERENCES – 20 & 21 SEPTEMBER

In the last week of term, we are holding our Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences. During these conferences, our students are proud to share their best learnings with their parent/s and say how well they have achieved their goals for the term. It is also a time to discuss any other issues about your child and school. For year 3 and 5 students, we will be issuing the NAPLAN reports to parents. Online bookings will be open in a couple of weeks.

We are having a **Reporting day on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September** when there will be no normal classes for the day. Students ONLY need to attend during the conference either on the Wednesday or Thursday.

*Keep Smiling  
Maureen Price*

## SMS MESSAGING

WE ARE PLANNING TO INTRODUCE AN SMS MESSAGING SYSTEM SOON AS ANOTHER MEANS OF COMMUNICATION TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES WITH RECEIVING AN SMS MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL, CAN YOU PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL OFFICE IN WRITING?

## Woolworths Earn & Learn Promotion

Hi everyone, just a quick reminder that we are still collecting the Safeway Earn & Learn stickers until September 19<sup>th</sup>. Please keep collecting the stickers from your Safeway stores after your shop. You can then either drop the loose stickers off at the collection box near the school office, hand them to your child's classroom teacher or simply drop them into the collection box at the Safeway store marked Mossfiel Primary School (Please remember we are collecting the stickers loose without sticker sheets this year to simplify the process)

## Book Club

Issue 6 is due Friday 1 September. You can download the LOOP app from the app store and order online or send in your order to school with cash via the classroom teacher or the office

## COMMUNITY NOTICE

**FERGUSON PLARRE** Bakehouse Hoppers Crossing is helping raise funds for MPS through its Babycino program. For every Babycino sold, Mossfiel gets 100% of the funds raised when you say that you are from Mossfiel

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

### THINK Excellence

### THINK Respect

### THINK Resilience

### THINK Community

3/4J	Ella Brown	Resilience	Working hard to finish her information report after coming back from holidays
	Yla Bongco	Community	For always being a supportive member of the classroom
3/4A	Jasmine	Community	For excelling at converting units of measurement and assisting others to do the same
	Luke	Community	For ensuring the classroom is a safe and clean learning environment
3/4S	Jett	Excellence	For working hard on his writing and creating silly stories with double letters
	William	Excellence	For working hard on his information report
3/4H	Ryder	Excellence	For his outstanding effort in class this week and trying his best when writing
	Julian	Community	For settling in well into 3/4H
3/4D	Marie	Excellence	For working really hard on her info report
	Raynell	Community	For always helping others in the classroom



- We have only 1 weeks left of the 2017 Reading Challenge.
- All books must be lodged online by August 31 so that the PRC team has time to verify books.
- For any PRC information and booklists please go to; [www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc)
- If you require another log sheet they are available from the office and usernames and passwords can be obtained from your class teacher.

## Congratulations to these students who have completed the challenge;

Shelby 5/6W	Laurelee FP	Quade FP	Charlotte FP	Gracie FP
Abdul FP	Pauline FP	Issa FP	Joel 5/6H	Taylor FP
Joel FP	Melody FP	Lucas FP	Hana 1/2V	Harley FP
Ruben FP	Akaysha-Rose FP			

# Fathers Day/Special Person Stall

## Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August & Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September:



All students will have the opportunity to purchase items on these days during school time.

Our stall will have a range of gifts available from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Children may purchase gifts from the stall, for fathers, grandfathers and/or loved ones. If you wish your child to purchase items, please send **money** (in a named sealed snap lock bag if possible) and a **carry bag** (recycled shopping bag). This will help them take gifts home on these days.

The stall will also be open on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> from 2:30pm to 3:30pm for families & friends to purchase items.

**If you can spare some time on, Thursday or Friday morning to help please come by the stall.**



## What's on at Wyndham City Libraries

**Leigh Hobbs Drawing Workshop** Ages 6+ Thursday 28 September 10am - 11am

Meet author and illustrator Leigh Hobbs in this fun interactive drawing workshop. Learn to draw the characters from Leigh's books: *Old Tom*, *Horrible Harriet* and *Mr Chicken*. Bookings required. Bookings open Friday 1 September. Plaza Library (details below)

**Wyndham Learning Festival** Friday 1 September to Friday 8 September

Discover new skills and ideas at the Wyndham Learning Festival. Come along to watch demonstrations, try new things and learn new skills. There will be over 100 different free events across Wyndham. For more information go to [www.wynlearnfestival.org.au](http://www.wynlearnfestival.org.au) ; facebook/wynlearnfestival or email Meg Cotter [megco@wyndhamcec.org.au](mailto:megco@wyndhamcec.org.au)

**Science Week** Saturday 12 August to Sunday 20 August

Join us as we celebrate a love of science and learning during Science Week at Wyndham Libraries. With fun activities including science experiments, Edison Robots, Lego technics and more, your family is sure to find something exciting to explore.

**Whizz Kids - Science Week** Tuesday 15 August 5.30 - 6.30pm

Ages 8-12 Explore the mysteries of science and technology during this special Science Week session of Whizz Kids! Bookings required Plaza Library (detail as below)

**Kids Club - Science Week** Tuesday 14 August 4.00pm - 4.45pm or Thursday 17 August 4.00pm - 4.45pm

Ages 8-12 Celebrate all things science in Kids Club this week as we conduct fun scientific experiments. Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by a parent or carer. Bookings required. Julia Gillard Library Tarneit (details below)

- ❖ PLAZA Pacific Werribee Shopping Centre Shop MM11, Level 1, Derrimut Road Werribee Ph: 8734 2600 Ph: 9395 7966
- ❖ WERRIBEE 177 Watton Street Werribee Ph: 9742 7999
- ❖ WYNDHAM VALE 86 Manor Lakes Boulevard Manor Lakes Ph: 8734 8930
- ❖ JULIA GILLARD LIBRARY TARNEIT 150 Sunset Views Boulevard Tarneit Ph: 8734 0200
- ❖ [wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries](http://wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries) JOIN NOW – FREE

# PLAY - Article from Kidsmatter

## Daniel's story

Four-year-old Daniel was playing by himself in the sandpit. He had lots of dinosaurs. Lucy came along and asked if she could play.

Daniel hugged all the dinosaurs to himself and said: "No, they are all mine!" Daniel's grandfather who was sitting nearby said to Daniel: "You know Daniel, if you give Lucy some dinosaurs you will still have plenty to play with and you will have a friend to play with as well."

Daniel gave some dinosaurs to Lucy. They played with the dinosaurs in the sandpit for a short time, then both went off to play together with some cars.

## What is play?

Play is children's language, children's work and children's relaxation. Children need to play for healthy development. Children's play belongs to children. It is for all children, all ages from babyhood on, and all abilities. Children decide what to play and how to play. Play is their time to be free and to enjoy. Play can be pretending, learning a new skill, dressing up, being active or being quiet. Play can be with other children or alone. Adults can join in if they are invited, in fact young children often love best to play with parents, but children should make the rules (except rules for safety).

All children have a right to play. In our busy world, where parents and children are rushing from one thing to another, it is essential to make time for children to play.

## Developing children's social and emotional skills through play

- Play is a way children can express their feelings even before they have the words to say how they feel.
- In play children are in charge of what they do. Being in control in play helps them to learn to manage their feelings.
- When children make or build things in their play, they are building skills and confidence in themselves.
- In play children learn about the give and take of relationships with their friends. They learn to lead and follow and to care for others.
- Play helps children to think about what they want to do, to plan and to be patient.
- Through play children learn how to mend mistakes and to feel better after things go wrong.
- Indoor and outdoor play helps to reduce children's stress.
- Play is a way children make sense of their world and practise for their future of being mummies, daddies and workers.
- Play is for imagination and creativity. In play you can enjoy magical worlds of joy.
- Play is something children can own in a world where most things are organised by adults.
- Play is a time when adults and children can have fun together.
- Play is for pleasure. You play what you enjoy and you stop when you want to.

## Adults can support children's play

- By arranging safe places for children to play, indoors and outdoors, in parks and playgrounds.
  - By arranging time for play and not scheduling too much in a child's day.
  - By providing children with some playthings (e.g. dolls, building blocks, playdough, paints.) and also allowing children to find their own playthings both inside and outside (e.g. fabrics, boxes, leaves, gumnuts and puddles).
  - By reading and storytelling with children.
  - By playing with children when invited and stopping when children want to play their own games. Babies communicate through their expressions and body movements whether they want you to play or when they are tired and have had enough.
  - By following the child's lead and resisting the temptation to criticise, direct or turn play into a lesson.
- Children learn and develop their social and emotional skills though playing on their own, with other children and with adults, and importantly, **play helps children feel good about themselves.**