GREEN TEAM

Tomorrow a group of 30 students from the Green Team (grades 3-6) will be commuting via public transport into the Sustainable Living Festival in the city - including New Joneses workshop (see link below)


FOUNDATION STUDENTS

Next week Foundation students begin their first week of full time school.

MOONEE VALLEY INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM (MVIMP)

Congratulations to Sofia Room 18 who is this year’s recipient of the Shirl Ramage scholarship for outstanding effort and great attitude in the MVIMP program.

MEET THE TEACHER & INFORMATION EVENINGS

Thank you to each and all who participated in the Meet the Teacher meetings last week. Throughout this week information evenings have taken place. Tonight is the information evening for the 2/3 and 3/4 teams (Rooms 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 19). Tomorrow evening is the information evening for 4/5 & 5/6 teams (rooms 13, 14,15,16, 17, 18 & 24).

CHICKEN POX

This week there have been a few students who have been diagnosed with chickenpox in the junior level. Please see below the following information regarding the symptoms and treatment of chickenpox

Causes and symptoms of chickenpox

Chickenpox is spread by air-borne droplets caused when the infected person coughs or sneezes or from touching the fluid from the blisters on the skin. An infected child is contagious for one to five days before the onset of the rash and remains infectious until the blisters form scabs. The incubation period is around 14-16 days, a few days before the appearance of the rash; the child may feel feverish and have a sore throat and headache.

Children with chickenpox should not go to school until the last blister has dried.

Treatment for chickenpox

In most cases, chickenpox is mild and gets better without the need for specific treatment.

- Bed rest
- Extra fluids to drink – to avoid dehydration
- Paracetamol to bring down the fever
- Cream to reduce the itching

COMMUNICATION

We value your contribution and if you have any questions, queries or feedback please email the school email at moonee.po

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Principals’ Report continued

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

In 2016 we have three Parent Member vacancies and two DET Employee vacancies for a two year term of office. The role of School Council as outlined in the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 is to set the long term future for the school while maintaining an overview of the school’s operation. The Principal is responsible for the management of the school and acts as the Executive Officer of Council.

- School Council Responsibilities can include:
  - Contributing to the development of the School Strategic Plan
  - Approving the annual budget
  - Working with the school to develop, review and update policies
  - Representing the views of the school community
  - Arranging for things required for the running of the school
  - Raising money for the school needs
  - Making sure the school grounds and buildings are maintained
  - Creating interest in the school within the community
  - The timeline for the nomination process is as follows:
    - Nomination forms will be available from the office Friday 13th February
    - Completed nomination forms are to be returned to the Office and receipted
    - Nominations close at 4.00pm on Friday 19th February
    - A list of candidates and nominators will be posted on the School’s Office door by Friday 19th of February
    - If an election is required, ballots will be distributed on or before Wednesday 24th February
    - If an election is required ballots will close at 4.00pm on Thursday 3rd March
    - Any questions can be directed to School Council Secretary Sandra Monaghan via the school office.

Enjoy the week,
Jeff & Fiona
FAMILY ACCOUNTS
Every family will receive a statement of account and fee levy form on Wednesday 17th of February.
On your statement it will have the total levies and amounts payable for user pays such as MVIMP, if you have a direct debit in place it will reduce each term. Our preferred method of payment is by Bpay. On your account it will have your unique family reference. Please quote that on payment. Please notify the Office by email on moonee.ponds.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au if you are paying voluntary contributions so that your payment can be allocated accordingly. Alternatively it will be allocated by the School.
If you are in receipt of a current Health Care Card as at 29th January 2016 please collect an application form for the CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund) and the Moonee Ponds West Assistance Program by the 29th February.
If you have any questions at all regarding your fees or account please contact Sandra Monaghan in the Office.

ROOM 14
This year I will be doing “The World’s Greatest Shave”. The World’s Greatest Shave raises money for Leukaemia foundation and raises awareness. Please support me by assisting me with donation, box can be found in Room 14. Thank you kindly.

Tate Room 14

SOUNDHOUSE MUSIC PROGRAM
Soundhouse lessons are off to a fantastic start with a huge number of enrolments and everyone motivated and excited to be playing music!

If you haven’t yet returned your enrolment form (with completed Direct Debit information on the back) please do so as soon as possible as missed lessons due to late enrolment cannot be made up from now on. Thanks to everyone for your ongoing support of the Soundhouse Program!

If there are any enquiries regarding Soundhouse please feel free to contact Maddie Owen on 0401

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS
Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)
School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.
CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
• $600 for primary school students
• $825 for secondary school students.
On Tuesday the 16th, all of the grade 2/3s and 3/4s had an incursion about First Aid so that if someone gets hurt or becomes unconscious, we would know how to help. Suzie from St John Ambulance came and helped us with the seven letters (DRSABCD) which means Danger, Response, Send for Help, Airway, Breathing, CPR and Defibrillation. Everyone teamed up with partners, and learnt how to do the recovery position on someone who was ‘hurt’. It was fantastic and we learnt lots but hopefully we won’t have to use those skills anytime soon!
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SAVE THE DATE

Friday 18th March

Sausage sizzle from
5:30 pm
Movie starts at
sunset

Paper plane flying
competitions from 5.30
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COMMUNITY NEWS

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