It was fantastic to see so many parents attend our Three Way Interviews Tuesday afternoon. The partnership between home and school is a vital one for your child’s educational success. In a study conducted by Houtenville and Conway (2008) it was determined that the positive impact “Parental Effect” had on educational outcomes was equivalent to more than $1000 in per pupil spending per year. The interviews allow our teachers to gain an invaluable insight into their student’s lives and will further strengthen the relationship our teachers have with all of their students. This is a vital piece to ensuring we tailor an individualised program to every child’s needs.

Our level 5 and 6 school leaders attended the GRIP Leadership program on Wednesday. Students were required to meet Ms King and Ms Turner at the station at 7:25am to travel into the Melbourne Convention Centre in the city. They joined about 500 students from across the state to learn about what being a leader is about. I have been very impressed with the quality of presentations our students have conducted in their quest to become School Captains, House Captains, Environment Captains, and Junior School Council representatives. They have thoroughly deserved the roles they volunteered for and are a major influence on expectations and behaviours throughout the school. A big thank you to Nila Blennerhassett who accompanied our students on the day. We are looking forward to our leadership assembly on March 8th. Tony Smith MP. will be attending to present our leaders with their badges. I do need to apologise to Joshua Fife for incorrectly announcing a different Joshua as the Vice Captain for Bluegum. Luckily there was no confusion from Josh who rightfully took his place with the captains at assembly last week. Congratulations Josh Fife on being voted the Bluegum Vice Captain.

There was also some confusion this week around Crazy Hair Day that will be held on the 15th March. It is fantastic that so many people are willing to support such a wonderful cause. It makes me very proud to be part of such a supportive school community that always rallies around each other in times of need. This is one such occasion. I have been extremely impressed by our level 6 students who have taken on the responsibility to do something about supporting the fight against cancer. We are aiming at raising $1000 for the “Shave For A Cure/Crazy Hair Day.” Three male staff have already put their hand up to have their heads shaved if we can reach the $1000 target. I’m sure with a little more persuading the fourth may also bend.

We are trialling new bell times this week. We have changed the length of both recess and lunch times to 45 minute blocks. This will accommodate a dedicated eating time for both recess and lunch whilst still allowing adequate time for the students to burn off some of that excess energy during outside time. So far the students have been positive about the change. Recess eating time begins at the usual time of 11:00am. Students then go out to play between 11:10 and 11:45am. Lunch has been pushed back 15 minutes. Eating time now begins at 1:15pm and students are outside from 1:25 – 2:00 pm.
From the Principal’s Desk Cont…

I have had many parents ask me about the ability of the school to send group texts as emergency notification. We do have the technology available via our Cases administration system. A note went home with the ICT user agreement requiring parents to tick the box stating that they would be happy to receive text messages. We do have a large number of requests returned, but we do require nearly all to be returned to action the service. If you have not filled in the form or require another one please collect them from outside the front office.

We will be holding our first working bee for the year on Sunday the 6th March from 10am-12pm. We will be inviting our new foundation families to help us out doing numerous jobs around the school but primarily in the Foundation playground area. We will require, wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, blowers and trailers if people have them. Please save the date. The more help we get the better the grounds are for your students.

Peter Jenkins
Principal

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<td>For using a growth mindset in Maths. Keep up the fantastic work and challenging yourself.</td>
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Excellence
Violet - For her work in maths.
Cohen - Excellent work

Rubbish Free Lunch
Isabelle 4E
Alicia 4E

Inspire, Engage, Achieve
Declan and Tristan spoke about recycling old and unused mobile phones. They will be coming around to each classroom collecting them. There will be a prize for the class that collects the most. Please ask family and friends if they have any hiding in their house.

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LOCK
Don’t let people you don’t know have access to your profile. Use the highest privacy setting on the site to control who can see your photos and posts.

PROTECT
Always keep your password secret, don’t ever share it with your friends. Make your password hard to guess – use a mixture of letters, numbers and symbols.

CHECK
Check your friends list and privacy settings. You don’t want your friends to post inappropriate or offensive content.

REPORT
Report abuse, harassment, bullying or inappropriate content to the website. If necessary, your school or police. You could prevent someone else from becoming a victim.

Inspect, Engage, Achieve
Parents and Friends Association

Welcome Morning Tea

has been brought forward to Tuesday 23rd February.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, Morning Tea is provided.

☐ Come along and join us for Morning Tea in the open area after assembly next Tuesday and welcome in the new school year.

☐ Our AGM is coming up shortly so I thought I should perhaps quickly outline the PaFA. We are a committee formed to raise funds for extra things needed around the school, that funding may not cover, or extra things the school believes to be beneficial to the Children. We also aim to provide a social network for the parent community as a whole. Although fundraising is an important part of the PaFA, we also believe it should be helpful, fun and interesting. So we hold activities and events to facilitate this. But to do this we need..... a committee. This is where YOU come in!

The PaFA cannot run without the support of parents and the general school community. At the AGM all current committee positions will become vacant.

If you would like more information regarding the positions available you can pick up a list outside the Uniform Shop or drop us a note via the office and we will send home the info.

Don’t forget to get your Book Club orders in by this Friday 19th February or order online and your books will be delivered to the school.

Rubbish Free and Healthy Lunchbox Tips

Bento Box style lunch boxes (with separated internal compartments) are a great way to pack a lunch without wrappers.

A compartmentalised lunchbox also lets your child choose what to eat first.

Some parents find it easier to pack in the morning too - it breaks lunch preparation up into small chunks.

Some of the items that can be included are: breakfast cereal, broccoli florets, carrot or cheese sticks, dried fruit, crackers, sandwiches, cold sausages, cold roast potato, cut fruit.

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Term 1 Week 3 / 9
17th February, 2016

Celebrate Mooroolbark - March 19, 2016
Movie Mayhem

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Dear Principals,

An Invitation to be part of the Celebrate Mooroolbark Festival

When: Saturday, March 19, 2016
Where: Mooroolbark Community Centre, Bruce Avenue
Times: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Festival’s theme is “Movie Mayhem”. This theme gives us scope to celebrate classic and more modern cinema. We wish the children to focus on and recognise this theme.

The Festival begins with a Talent Quest on Friday evening, March 18, with an Open and Under 15 competition. Participation in the competition is free. This is enthusiastically supported, with a great variety of entries from all age groups and very much enjoyed by all! The winners will again be given the opportunity to perform on the Community Stage at the Festival the following day. Entry applications can be made via the web: https://celebratemooroolbark.com/competition/

How can your school become involved?

Street Parade

The Street Parade is a growing feature of the Festival and continues to be a popular and fun way for all community groups to be involved. Your school can march along with the participating street bands and other community groups. Participants will parade along Bruce Avenue to the Community Centre. Schools are encouraged to pick up the theme and march in appropriate costumes. Entry is also via the web: https://celebratemooroolbark.com/participate/streetparade/

Costume Competition

Groups participating in the Festival Parade are invited to dress up in costume appropriate to the theme of “Movie Mayhem”. Entries will be judged after the completion of the parade and a prize of $500 will be provided for the best dressed group with a second prize of $200 offered to the runners up.

Writing Competition for Students

One Writing competition is based on this year’s theme – “Movie Mayhem” – Students should explore the world of movies. Entries may be a plot placed themselves in a movie, or making a movie or imaginatively retelling a story with the children from a movie. We are looking for stories with imagination, memory and adventure. The entries are to be three sections, “I would not Grade 7”, “Grade 6 – Grade 8” and “Year 7 – Year 12”. Could be a short story or a story board.

Suggested ideas to get you started: “I wish I had brought my camera when...” “I wonder who that person is in my blueprint and how did they get there?” “I wonder what would happen if Donald Duck (or other character) came to Mooroolbark? My school has my heart”. Entries will be judged based on correct spelling, grammar, story flow, style (e.g. comedy, horror script, spy story, poems, etc.), imagination and originality.

The school prize of $100 will be awarded to the best performance overall. (Totaling points to determine winning school as follows: 1= 5pts, 2= 3pts, 3= 2pts, 4=1pts. In the event of a tie, there will be a second judging where more entries in the winner). Entry is a Gold Coin and entries should be submitted to the Mooroolbark Community Centre no later than Tuesday, March 8.

Celebrate Mooroolbark Inc.
PO Box 66 Mooroolbark VIC 3137
celebratemooroolbark@gmail.com
http://celebratemooroolbark.com/

PARENTS

NAB AFL Auskick is a great way for kids to have fun, make friends and learn skills! Auskick is FREE!

When: Friday Nights 5 – 6.30pm
Where: Croydon Blues Auskick, Barongee Reserve
Starts April 15

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**OSHC 2016**

This week's activities include:

- **Thursday**: Beads
- **Friday**: Games night
- **Monday**: Rock Cakes
- **Tuesday**: Free choice
- **Wednesday**: Gaga ball

Remember New Enrolment forms are required for 2016.

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  - Tomato
  - Mayonnaise
  - BBQ
  - Mustard

- **Wrap**
  - Ham
  - Cheese
  - Capscium
  - Lettuce
  - Tomato
  - Cucumber
  - Carrot
  - Tomato
  - Mayonnaise
  - BBQ
  - Mustard

- **Salad Bowl**
  - Ham
  - Cheese
  - Capscium
  - Lettuce
  - Tomato
  - Cucumber
  - Carrot
  - Tomato
  - Mayonnaise
  - BBQ
  - Mustard

- **Drinks**
  - Apple
  - Water
  - Chocc Milk

Please note: This order form is submitted to Subway.

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