

Respect.....Resilience.....Kindness.....Effort

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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Fri 17th Footy Day – Dress up in Footy Colours
Fri 17th On line Footy Clinic
Fri 17th Last day of Term 3 – 2:25pm finish

OCTOBER

Mon 4th Term 4 begins
Sat 9th Bunnings BBQ fundraiser

REMINDERS/NOTICES:

FOOTY CLINIC – Could every student please bring along a thick pair of socks or a small soft ball / toy tomorrow for our on-line Footy Clinic.

A reminder that parents, carers, and visitors can enter school grounds only if necessary. Everyone must check in using the QR codes and wear a facemask.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We've made it! Congratulations to our students and families on a difficult yet successful term. We know the current climate is a challenging one and we'd like to thank and acknowledge the students, parents and families for their ongoing hard work and support throughout the term.

It was a tense time yesterday while we waited to find out if we were back in lockdown, but for once, being in the Moorabool Council was a blessing. It is splendid to have everyone back on-site and complete the end of term.

Today saw the commencement of our school review. What a big but rewarding day in front of a screen. A huge shout out to Mel, who had to endure two long days of the school review. It was fantastic to get a parent perspective on all aspects of school life. The panel spoke to parents, students and staff today to gain knowledge on how well the school is travelling and what areas the school needs to develop in. The reviewer, now that he has obtained all this data will go away and compile his report which will be presented to school council and the wider school community next term. I am feeling very proud of our wonderful little school this afternoon, as the panel had some glowing things to say and I feel very confident that we will continue to grow and achieve over the next four years.

I have my Demons attire out ready for Footy Day. In these uncertain times it is great to know that my beloved football team which I have followed since I was a little girl is now experiencing some success. Hopefully, they will continue on this winning streak in the last weekend in September.



Tomorrow the students will participate in an online footy clinic run by AFL goldfields. This footy clinic was meant to be in person and be the big reveal of our new football oval. But if Covid has taught us anything, its to be flexible and adapt to anything that is thrown our way. We have to make the most of these opportunities. It will be a great day with a special lunch and other footy activities planned.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday break and hopefully you can get away. Please stay safe and we look forward to a normal fourth term if possible.

Take care

Yours In Education,
Mrs Siobhan Gosney, Principal.

EUREKA CLASS – GRADES P – 3

Congratulations to Paige, this week's Class Achiever for being such a great listener and participant in class. Well done also to these children for reaching home reading milestones- Chevy 125 nights, Charlie 150 and Matilda 175.

Lovely Deb from Ballan and her story dog Spencer, who we met on line last week, visited yesterday. It was a thrill for children to see and pat Spencer and it caps off our 'dogs' themed unit. Children will be writing thank you cards to them tomorrow.

You might like to encourage your child to 'read to their dog' during the holidays. Please keep your child reading at home in some way during the holidays by- sharing picture books together, taking an interest in what your child is reading, and ensuring your child is reading books at the right level of difficulty. (I will make sure that younger children have a few books they've read before in their pouches.)

You may like to take incidental opportunities as they arise to practice time and money skills. Younger children are still building concepts about what happens at particular times of day and how we use days of the week, months and calendars to mark the passage of time. Older children are at various stages of telling time on an analogue clock and using units of time to solve problems.

Thank you, parents once again for all the education support you have provided at home this unpredictable term.

We are all so keen for more time at school in term 4. Fingers crossed!

Take care,

Mrs East

LALOR CLASS – GRADES 4 – 6

Congratulations to Patrick, our Star of the Week, for his massive growth in Division.

We had a great week in the classroom together, for which I am very grateful. The students worked on Procedural texts, and we had a variety of topics, from 'How to do a Whip on a Dirt Bike,' to 'How to Write a Murder Mystery'.

On Tuesday morning, our Writing class was videoed for the School Review panel. I was keen to watch the footage afterwards, as the students had been asked individually about their learning. I was very proud of the way they were able to describe their learning experience. We also had five students who were asked to attend a WebEx meeting with members of the panel and be interviewed about their learning. A big thank-you to those students.

During the week, we learnt about life for children on the goldfields in the 1850's. The students were asked to identify differences between those children's experience and the life for most children today. These differences included the fact that life was much more dangerous; children today are not in as much danger of falling down a mine or well. The students were shocked to learn that 50% of children died before the age of 5 from disease back then.

I hope that everyone has a great holiday and that the weather will be pleasant for us to enjoy. A big thank-you to parents once again for their support as we have swung from on-site to remote learning on a regular basis. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing everyone for a wonderful Term 4.

Stay Safe,

Mrs Lyons

What it was like talking to the Review Panel

"The panel wanted to know about our Writing and our goals. I felt a bit shy talking to them at first but then it got easier."

Clare

"I felt a bit of pressure, representing the school, but the weight was lifted from my shoulders when I realised that they were nice. I told them about my learning goals. When they asked me what I thought about the school, I told them that the school was in top shape."

Columbus.

"The panel asked a lot of questions about what we do in class-time and what we liked about the school. They also asked us what we thought could be improved. The people were kind and I enjoyed it."

Adelaide

"The panel asked about my goals and about the feedback we got from our teacher. They asked us what we thought of the school."

Billie

"It was nice being able to show the panel what programs we use for our learning. I found it an interesting experience."

Patrick

Stars of the week

Eureka Class

Congratulations to:
Paige Bamford for being
such a great listener and
participant in class



Lalor Class

Congratulation to:
Patrick Lewis for his
massive growth in Division.



*To those who celebrate their Birthday this week and
during the holidays*



There are no birthdays to celebrate.