



IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY—It's Great Not to be Late as well.  
Think "I can do it!" Confidence is the key.

**Thursday**

**13/08/09**



"Achieving Together"

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## Calendar of events

### Tomorrow

Fri Aug 14<sup>th</sup> Special Lunch Orders Due  
JSC Jeans, Nose & Hair Day

### Next Week

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Morning Muffins 8:45 – 10am  
Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Special Lunch Day

### Coming Events

24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Aug Scholastic Book Fair

## CANTEEN

**Mon** M.L.S.  
**Tues** **No Canteen**  
**Wed** M.L.S.  
**Thur** **No Canteen**  
**Fri** M. Ashworth

## Students of the Week

Holly	For being a star!
Danielle	For being an ace dancer.
Canacia	For helping out with spelling spot.
Jessica	For thinking carefully about her work.
William	For showing initiative and getting a job done.
Matt	For doing some great writing.
Lara	For being a quiet achiever.
Connor	For being polite to Miss McLeish & making me welcome.
Chloe	For being a reliable, friendly student.
Daniel	For an excellent 'My Discoveries' poster.
Rhodes	For working really hard during his writing.
Connor	For a great interactive writing session.
Jack	For being an excellent bush dancing partner.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Hello Everyone*

### Staffing

We have a few new staff members to welcome to our school this week.

Emily Haesler and Michael Mendez are first year undergraduate education students from Monash University who are working as Integration Aides for a few hours each day except Wednesdays. Emily is also a keen sports person who coaches and umpires basketball for the Morwell junior competitions. Michael enjoys performing arts and is a member of the Warragul Theatre Company. As pre service teachers, both Emily and Michael will bring great expertise to these positions.

Jeffic Ye is also an International Monash student teacher completing her Graduate Diploma in Primary Education. She speaks Cantonese and Mandarin and has been employed for English as a Second Language (ESL) support. Jeffic will also be completing her professional placement at the school during this term and term 4.

Liza Marino is a second year undergraduate Monash student who has commenced her 3 week placement in P/1 Douglas Ireland. Liza will be planning and implementing classroom activities for small groups and the whole class. As well as attending specialist classes with the children.

Thank you to Erin Ridley who has been assisting in the office during the past 2 weeks whilst Karen has been on leave.

### Working Bee;

Lindsay King (President School Council) and the Buildings and Grounds committee members will be meeting with me on Thursday 20 August at 11am to discuss details of our first working bee this term. A list of repair and maintenance jobs will be discussed as well as a suitable date. We welcome all interested parents, grandparents and carers to participate in this meeting; you will find us in the staffroom.

### School's Webpage & Newsletter;

Thanks to Donna Edwards who has taken on the task of rejuvenating the school's webpage. She is currently consulting with me and experimenting with fonts, images and restructuring. Our webpage can be accessed at [www.aspsmoe.vic.edu.au](http://www.aspsmoe.vic.edu.au). This newsletter is a weekly feature on the webpage. If you prefer to receive your school newsletter electronically rather than as a hardcopy, please complete the attached form and return to the office.

### Interschool communication

This week 2/3 Murphy had an opportunity to communicate with their friends at South St Primary School. Kathryn Murphy and the children used "Skype", an interactive whiteboard and a webcam to chat with ? and her children. An excellent use of technology as a learning and teaching tool.

### Monday Assembly and Gala Performances

Well done to Molly who provided a solo rendition of Advance Australia Affair on her flute this week.



On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August two dance groups will be performing at assembly.

The junior dance group who have been working with Ms Carla Stirzaker will be performing their jazz dance. This will give you a sneak preview of their Eisteddfod performance on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Children in grades 2-6 will also be performing their Hip Hop dance that they have been working on with Ms Jessica Mathison. This will be the finale for the series of dancing sessions that Jess has taken at the school. Please come along to support these performers. Remember that parents are invited for a cuppa and a chat in the staffroom after assembly.

### Library Borrowing;

Please note that Anne Muirhead will open the library for children to have extra borrowing time. Monday, Wednesday and Friday children can borrow before school at 8:35am. Parents are welcome to browse and assist their child with their selection. Tuesdays and Thursdays children can borrow during recess.

### Poster Presentations

Congratulations to the children of 3/4 Tim who presented aspects of Aboriginal culture that they had researched this term. The children had a formal opportunity to develop their communication skills by presenting their posters and dioramas in a 3 minute talk to parents and friends in their classroom this week. Many thanks to all who were able to attend to support the children.

### School Canteen

Another reminder that the Canteen is now only operating on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for lunch orders and window sales. A new canteen roster has been forwarded to volunteering parents.

### Head Lice

They're Back! Please note that head lice have been reported in the school. A notice has gone home with the grades that have been identified as a reminder to check and treat children. Please remember that consistent checking and treatment using a comb and conditioner will help to control the problem throughout the school. If you have any further concerns please contact Mandy Mooney, our Welfare Officer.

*Monique Osborn*

### SPECIAL LUNCH

A Special Lunch Day is to be held on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Children will have a choice of sausages in bread, jam tarts, muffins (from the bakery) and flavoured milk. **Money and lunch orders are due tomorrow, Friday August 14<sup>th</sup>. Please note the canteen will not be open for sales on August 20<sup>th</sup>.**

### CHOCOLATE DRIVE

Our chocolate drive is going well, we do have some boxes left. Money and any unsold chocolates are due back at school by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of August.

### JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

**Tomorrow, Friday August 14<sup>th</sup>** Albert Street JSC are raising money for Children's Medical Research, Cystic Fibrosis and Sids for Kids by having a combined ...

**Jeans for Genes, Red Nose, Crazy Hair Day.** Bring a gold coin donation to be a part of the fun while we raise money to help other children. Come to school dressed in jeans, red clothes and do something amazing with your hair!

### BIRTHDAYS

The following students will be celebrating their birthdays during the week.

Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	Blake
Aug 19 <sup>th</sup>	Chelsea
Aug 20 <sup>th</sup>	Shae

We wish them all the very best on their special day. Happy Birthday.

### SCHOOL RELIEF FUND

Term 3 – Week 4

The total raised last week was \$12.25. The trophy winner this week was Room 12 – 1/2 Perikentis with a total of \$4.80 just beating Room 6 who raised \$4.05.

Congratulations on a great effort keep up the good work.



### FATHERS' DAY STALL

It is almost Father's Day again and time for our Fathers' Day stall. Donations of suitable gifts such as mugs, soaps, small tools, lollies/chocolates etc. can begin coming in now so that our fundraising committee can prepare.

### CAMPS

The time to complete camp payments is drawing closer and notes will be sent home. Payments for the 5/6 camp need to be completed by September 1 and the 3/4 due date is September 19<sup>th</sup>.



### BREAKFAST CLUB

- Entry between 8:00 and 8:15
- There will be no entry after quarter past 8 (8:15)
- Food and drink will be put away at 20 past 8 (8:20)
- Students must be out by half past 8 (8:30)



### School-age children at play

**By Raising Children Network**

**School is a great new adventure for most children. Play is one of the keys to working out how to get along with other children and how to fit in.**

Between the ages of six and nine your child will mature and develop markedly. Just by playing together, you encourage and enhance this process. Your child's day is now more structured to fit around school, with lots of rules to follow. Having free time to play and ponder is very valuable, as children still need time to let their thoughts roam, to explore ideas and to just run around for fun.

Research shows that sometimes parents can worry that their child is not doing enough structured activities, but often the time spent on self-directed play can be the most valuable.

Playing gives your child time to create, think through ideas and imagine. Playing board games

helps to consolidate maths skills and teaches taking turns.

Reading together continues to extend reading skills and vocabulary.

Your older child may revel in being independent. Playing together can keep you close – just kicking a footy in the backyard helps to strengthen your bond and also helps your child's physical skills.

**School is a great new adventure** for most children. Even though your child will probably enjoy this adventure, he will still need nurturing and support to deal with any new anxieties or concerns that come up.

New **hobbies or interests** may develop now. These can be a great basis for self-directed learning. Your child might start to devour books and magazines on any subject that she gets interested in, whether it is motorbikes or horses or bugs.

Your child becomes **more responsible and independent** at this age, and can be trusted with one or two jobs around the house.

Your child's social skills are also increasing. By the age of nine your child may have formed special friendships with one or two other children, probably of the same sex.

As with play at any age, **the focus is on having a good time rather than learning**, and on letting your child take the lead with play. Learning follows naturally when play is fun.

**Play ideas for school-age children**

- School sports and games – you might want to discuss physical play activities with your child's school
- Bikes (with trainer wheels), and other [wheeled toys](#)
- Threading beads and string, and other simple crafts
- Home-made puppets
- Dress-up games and pretend play
- Jumping and dancing to a favourite piece of music
- Interactive [computer games and educational CD-ROMS](#)
- Puzzles and jigsaws
- Cubby houses
- Playing with musical instruments
- Gardening together
- Helping to prepare dinner, or simple [cooking ideas](#)
- Trips to the local playground
- Painting and making prints with sponges or toothbrushes
- Simple card games or board games

**CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK COMPETITION**

The competition requires children to draw a poster or picture of their favourite story or about the theme which is "Book Safari". There are 3 age group sections; they are 5-6 years, 7-9 years and 10 – 12 years. The main prize in each section is a \$50 Coles/Myer gift voucher; runners up will also receive a prize. Entries close on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August.

**NEWBOROUGH GIRL GUIDES SUPPORT GROUP TRIVIA NIGHT**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7 pm  
Yallourn Golf Club, Golf Links road  
Newborough.

\$10 per person – Tables of 10  
BYO Nibbles - Drinks at bar prices  
For bookings or enquiries phone  
Maree 5127 6425 or 0439 341 302  
Rebecca 5127 5830 or 0402 490 528

**NETBALL TWILIGHT SEASON**

Season commences September 3<sup>rd</sup> for a 9 week season, 2 weeks final.

Team fees \$120 Open & Mixed \$130 (lighting surcharge)

Teams must supply their own umpire upon registration.

For more details contact Kylie on [twilightnetballmoe@wideband.net.au](mailto:twilightnetballmoe@wideband.net.au)

Registration Night Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup> 5:30 – 7pm Netball Clubrooms, Saviges Road.

Team Fees and VNA must be paid on this night.

**HIP HOP CLASSES**

Jess Mathison, who helps us out with classes in our PE program, also runs her own dance school. She has a Diploma in Classical Ballet as well as a Diploma in Performing Arts.

Jess competed in 'So You Think You Can Dance' where she made it to the top 100.

Hip Hop classes run on Mon – 4 to 4:30.

Tues – Boys 4 – 4:30pm

Girls 4:45 – 5:30pm

For enquiries in dance please phone 0432 507 351.

**NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL**

I would like to have the newsletter sent by email each week.

Name: ..... Student's Name: .....

Email Address: .....

- Watching a favourite TV show or video