



WEEK 6 TERM 1

Dear Parents & Carers,

Next week I will take Long Service Leave and will return to work on Tuesday the 11th March, hence the early publishing of Week 6's newsletter. In my absence Renae Williamson will be stepping up into the role of Acting Principal.

Questacon Activity Day

On Thursday Coimadai PS will be hosting a students from Balliang East, Lal Lal and Bungaree Primary Schools for a day of fun sporting activities and science sessions. A BBQ lunch will be provided for the 200 students and so we will need lots of assistance from parents *'to help feed the masses!'*

Tasks that need completing are:

- collecting the shopping from Foodworks in the morning.
- cleaning and preparing the BBQ before cooking
- cooking sausages
- placing bread in napkins
- serving lunch
- Cleaning and packing up afterwards.
- Returning the bread trays to Foodworks.

If you are able to help out on the day please let us know.

New Flags

Grade 5 and 6 students recently wrote letters to our local member of parliament requesting a new set of flags. Sam Rae, our Federal Member for Parliament, will be visiting on Thursday. Mr Rae will meet with students, present new flags to the school and will attend a Questacon session with the students.

School Council

On Wednesday we held the 2025 AGM and first meeting for the year. Regan Montgomery was elected School Council President and Blair Delleminjn was elected Vice President. The meeting dates for the year are:

29th April	10th June
29th July	9th September
7th October	11th November
9th December	



Please be aware - We have had 3 cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease.

This is a highly contagious disease. Students may return to school when the blisters have dried up and all symptoms of fever, sore throat and the general feeling of sickness have disappeared.

Moorabool Small Schools Athletics Day

All students will participate in the Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 19th of March.

Permission notes have been sent home. Parents are welcome to come along and cheer our students along. A small coffee cart will be on site with limited food for sale. Students will not be allowed to buy items from the coffee van, only adults. All students will need to bring their own drinks, snacks and lunch on the day.

Parents and Friends

Parents and Friends will hold a meeting on Wednesday the 5th of March at 9:00am in the Library. All are welcome.

Notes sent home

Please ensure that all notes are returned promptly

- Roses Gap Camp permission and medical forms
- Moorabool Sports Day
- Questacon Activity day lunch order



Monday 10th March - Public Holiday

Tuesday the 11th March is a pupil free day

Have a great week, Moira Ross

Message from the Office.

Camp, Sports, excursion Fund

Any parent who holds a healthcare card is eligible for a \$154 grant. Please bring your card into the office and Alice will help you apply for the grant.

School Savings Bonus

Families who wish to use their money to pay for camps or any other excursion, need to login into the portal and transfer funds to school activities. All unused money allocated to uniforms at the end of June will be reallocated to the school so please make sure you use your allocated uniform money before the 30th of June. This money can not be used for uniforms in 2026.

Medical Conditions- Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Allergies and other medical conditions

All treatment plans need to be updated every 12 months, please obtain a new plan from your child's doctor, and provide the school with the latest plan.

Student permission and contact details

Please make sure you return these as soon as possible so that we have the correct information on our system.

Parent Payment contributions- If you would like to make the parent contribution please come and see Alice at the office.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Our Parents and Friends met for the first time last week. Congratulations to the following people who were elected;

President: Joanne Cornish

Vice Presidents: Kyrie Harris and Regan Montgomery

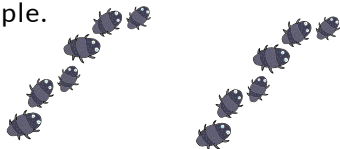
Secretary: Sharon Thurgood

Parents and Friends will meet on the first Wednesday of every month at. Meeting times will alternate from morning to afternoon so that we can cater for working parents.

Minutes of the meetings will be made public so that our entire school community will be well informed.

The group welcomes all contributions that people can make - big or small. Please do not be shy and join the this very supportive group of people.

HEAD LICE



New regulations have come in to force this year in regards to Head Lice. Students who have live head lice detected in their hair may return to the classroom **the day after** treatment has been completed.



Happy Birthday to the following students who had a birthday during last week:
Mark

We hope you had a lovely day celebrating with family and friends.



READING NIGHTS AWARD

25 Nights Reading

Ellie, Ella, Hayley,
Poppy, Lucy, Benji Rhyder

50 Nights Reading

Eden S



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Oliver - For always having a happy, kind attitude towards everyone.

Mark - For persisting in all activities even when challenged!

Chloe - For your enthusiasm and positive attitude when tackling new tasks.

Isabella - For always trying new tasks and going out of your comfort zone.

Everleigh - For always working hard to finish her work.

Danny - For showing improved concentration when working.



Important Dates

Mark
your
Calendar

March

- 5th Parents and Friends meeting
- 6th QUESTACON incursion
- 11th Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day
- 12th NAPLAN testing begins
- 19th Moorabool Small School's Sports Day - Whole School
- 24-26 Roses Gap School Camp - Grades 3-6

April

- 2nd Parents and Friends meeting
- 22nd Term 2 begins
- 25th ANZAC Day -Public Holiday
- 28th BMPSSA Athletics Carnival Grade 4-6

May

- 7th Mother's Day Stall & parents and Friends meeting
- 9th BMPSSA Cross Country Carnival
- 20-21st Life Education sessions

June

- 4th Parents and Friends meeting
- 6th Winter Sports - Grade 5& 6
- 10th -11th Grade 5 Sovereign Hill Excursion
- 13th Report Writing Day - Pupil Free Day
- 23rd June - 3rd July Whole school swimming program

August

- 4th - 5th Lady Northcote Camp - Grades Prep-2
- 6th Parents and Friends meeting
- 15th Science Fair
- 21st Book Week Parade
- 29th Summer Sports Gr 5 & 6

September

- 2nd - 10th Somers Camp for selected students
- 3rd Parents and Friends meeting

October

- 8th Parents & Friends meeting

November

- 3rd Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day
- 5th Parents & Friends meeting
- 25th Report Writing Day - Pupil Free Day

December

- 3rd Parents & Friends



Information for Parents/Guardians

• Students, staff and visitors are reminded that **personal property** (mobile phones, toys etc.) bought to school are done so at the owner's own risk. DET does not hold insurance for personal property.

• **School speed limits** apply outside every school in Victoria to increase the safety for our most vulnerable road users - children. Speed limits will be reduced to either 40km/h or 60km/h outside schools in the morning from 8am to 9.30am and in the afternoon from 2.30pm to 4pm.

• **No Kids in Hot Cars**—The temperature inside a car begins to rise as soon as the door closes, and within minutes it can be double the temperature outside. So if it is 30 degrees outside, it can be more than 60 degrees inside a car in just a few minutes. With smaller bodies and under-developed nervous systems, young children are at much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks. While the summer holidays may be over, the warm weather continues throughout term one. Continued advertisements about the dangers of leaving kids in hot cars have been broadcast in the general community. Please help spread this important messages with your friends, family and community.

Camps, Sports, Excursion Fund

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Application forms should be completed and lodged with schools by 20th February, as payments are made from March. However schools will be able to accept and process applications up until the end of term two each year. If you have not yet received a form and believe that you are eligible for this benefit, please contact the office.

Working with Chil- dren check

If you are wanting to volunteer at Coimadai Primary working across the school it is essential that you have a current **Working With Children Check**. Please provide a copy of this to the office. If you need assistance obtaining a WWCC please come into the office for support. Applications can be processed online at <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications/>

Conveyance Allowance Program (CAP)

The conveyance allowance is a form of financial assistance to help families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school/campus. The conveyance allowance is available to eligible students travelling by public transport, private car and private bus. The conveyance allowance is also available to eligible students whose nearest school is not serviced by a free school bus.

Eligibility criteria

The eligibility criteria varies depending on the type of school attended and where it is located. Students attending a government or non-government school must:

attend their nearest government or non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible

- reside outside Melbourne's metropolitan conveyance boundary
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended
- be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application) and reside in Victoria.

Payment amounts

Depending on how a student travels to school, an eligible student may be granted a conveyance based on:

- the least expensive public transport fares; and/or
- a distance based allowance when travel is by private car and/or private bus.

Buddy Activities



Remembering Animals who served in Wars.

