



# MEREDITH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 2018

ISSUE

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## Calendar



### February

#### Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

Book Club Orders & Money Due

#### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>

Preps not at school

#### Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

School Council Meeting – AGM

MARC Van

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Curriculum day – No Students

#### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> /Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup>

Parent-teacher interviews

## Principal's Report

What another great week has been at school. This week was the start of our MAPPEN program. You may recall last year that this was one of our key changes we were making for 2018. MAPPEN is a well-structured and guided inquiry program that integrates many different key learning areas such as History, Geography, Science and Civics and Citizenship. Students will cover all the different themes over a two-year cycle. This term our theme is 'Identity'. MAPPEN currently runs every hour after lunch, excluding Fridays. During this time students will be split into three key learning groups – (prep-2, 3/4 and 5/6). We certainly are looking forward to showcasing the projects the come from this program.

This week has also been a big week for our grade 6 students as they have been working hard on their leadership speeches. They will have a chance to convince the school community about why they should be chosen for a leadership position during our school assembly this Friday. I am certainly looking forward to hearing what they have to say.

### Change in office hours

Just a reminder our school office hours are:

Monday 8:30am to 4:30pm

Tuesday 8:30am to 4:30pm

Thursday 8:30am to 4:30pm

Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm



### Mini Golf

Wow! Check out our brand new mini-golf course. This project was funded through a sponsorship grant from the Moorabool Windfarm. Similar to the soccer pitch, this will certainly be a popular play area. Make sure you come and check it out.



### Food Handler Training



### Food Handling Course

If you are interested in gaining a food handling qualification, please let us know. The Meredith Community Centre will look at running it locally if they can get at least 10 people.

## Student Achievement Awards

### Prep/1

*Lilly Connor, Jacob Dickson, Ned Bubb, Jai Geminiano, Damon Scott*  
*For a wonderful start to school. Welcome!*

### 2/3

*Michael Lazovic, Natasha Henderson, Violet Patti, Vinnie Knight*  
*For a wonderful start to school*



### 4/5

*Tiana Corstorphan*  
*For enjoying school and making lots of new friends*  
*Lorilai Henderson*  
*For making a great effort to settle into our school*  
*Mitchell Patti*  
*For settling into our school easily*

### 5-6

*Brodie Wells*  
*For being a fantastic helper during the start of the week*  
*Nathan Winter*  
*For having a super start to the school year*

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## Principal's Report continued

### Contacting teachers



If you would like to speak to your child's teacher, they are available between 8:30-8:45am and 3:20-3:30pm every day without an appointment. If you require an appointment, please arrange this through the school office. Any urgent matters should be directed to the Principal. It is important we avoid class time, as we want to maximise the learning time for students. Thankyou.

### School hours of operation

Just a reminder we have a slight change to our school times as well. The school day will now conclude at **3:20pm**.

**School Session 9.00am – 3.20pm daily**

*Morning recess 11.00am – 11.20am*

*Lunch break 1.30pm – 2.20pm*



### MARC Van

The MARC van had its first visit this week. We are certainly very excited to have Mrs Walker working with us this year. There are still a few overdue books from last year. Can families please return these back to classroom teachers.

## Interested in being a parent-helper?

If you would like to assist with the learning program at school as a parent helper, please let the school know.

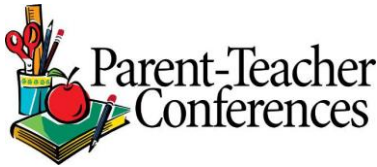
## Parent Helpers



## School Photos



School photos this term will be held on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**.



On **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February** and **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> of March** we are holding our first parent/teacher interviews. This is a great opportunity for your child's teacher to meet with you to discuss their learning goals for the year ahead. We will provide some more detail about this in the next couple of weeks.

## School council elections.

A great way to be involved in school is to be a member on school council. If you are interested in joining our school council, nomination forms will be available from the school office tomorrow.

### School Council Election information:

The timeline for the election is as follows:

- Nomination Forms distributed **Friday, 9 February**
- Nomination Forms to be returned **Monday, 19 February**
- List of Candidates Displayed with Nominators & Seconders **Friday, 23 February** (if a ballot is required)
- Ballot Papers Distributed **Tuesday 27 February** (if a ballot is required)
- Closure of Ballot **Friday 2 March**
- Votes Counted & Ballot Declared **Wednesday 7 March**
- The first meeting of the new Council (chaired by the Principal) will be held on **Wednesday 14 March 2018** to elect office bearers. Meeting and will be chaired by the newly elected Council President.
- Self-nomination forms can be collected from the school office.

## Coles Sports for Schools

We are excited to announce that we have registered for the Coles Sports for Schools program. The program gives schools across Australia the opportunity to earn sports gear just by collecting vouchers from Coles.



### How does it work?



#### Step 1

For every \$10 spent at Coles, customers will receive one Sports for Schools voucher.



#### Step 2

Your school's families can then bring vouchers to your school, placing them in the collection bins provided.



#### Step 3

Every voucher received by your school will go towards your tally to help you order sports equipment.

That is it for this week.

**Shane Sachse**  
Acting Principal



## CASUAL STAFF REQUIRED

MacPherson Egg Farm requires casual staff to assist with general egg handling duties. Approximately four hours daily with very flexible hours and days. **Please call Cheryl on 0409026446** for more information.

## REMINDER

Full payment of school fees is due by Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March of \$180 per child.

If you have yet to pay the \$30 deposit, please do so asap to ensure your child receives their mental maths and writing book. Students will be expected to start using these next week.

If you are unable to make payments by the due dates please see Shane or Belinda to discuss a payment plan.



Grade 6 2018 presents...

# Pancake Tuesday Fundraiser

TUESDAY FEB 13TH

\$2 for pancakes

Small range of  
toppings available

Profits going  
to Eat Up!

[eatup.org.au](http://eatup.org.au)



## Golden Plains Soccer Club

# OPEN DAY

### Sunday February 18th 10am - 2pm

*Bannockburn Recreation Precinct, 132 Milton St.*

Come along check out the club, meet the coaches and enjoy games, skills, information, food and fun! All ages welcome.

For more information contact Anthony on  
0419 811 858 or email [goldenplainssc@gmail.com](mailto:goldenplainssc@gmail.com)

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## HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM

Come along to our

# BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

Parents and carers of children aged 0-12 are welcome to attend

Over 3 weeks

Tuesday 20 March  
Tuesday 27 March  
Tuesday 3 April

- Session will be run by Helen Diamond from Centacare in Ballarat. *\*childcare may be available, but needs to be booked in advance*
- A fantastic resource for all parents with information that can help you to raise happy and confident children, and be more confident yourself.
- Using ideas of mindfulness and reflection to support families and enhance their interaction and connection with their children.

**WHEN** Begins on Tuesday 20 March running for 3 weeks - 10am-12pm

**WHERE** Lethbridge Playgroup Building –  
Recreation Reserve Hall, Stephenson St

**COST** Gold coin donation

**RSVP** **Lyndall Galbraith**  
**Email:** lgalbraith@gplains.vic.gov.au  
**Phone:** 5220 7230 *\*childcare may be available, but needs to be booked in advance*

To register interest for future 'Healthy Families Events' or to stay up to date please check out our Events Calendar:

[goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events)

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