



MOORAK PRIMARY AND PRESCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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National Reconciliation Week

In Week 5 we will be focusing on National Reconciliation Week (NRW) which is held each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorates two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey.

May 27 - Marks the anniversary of Australia's most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation's history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census.

3 June, 1992 - The High Court of Australia delivered its landmark Mabo decision which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land - that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights called Native Title.

As part of our learning around this, the students will look at our shared histories, cultures and achievements and explore how each of us could join the national reconciliation effort.

Foils

Could I please remind all parents that if you are sending food for lunch that needs warming up it **must either be wrapped in foil or in a foil container** with your child's name clearly written on it in permanent marker. Recently we have had food arrive in plastic containers that cannot be put into the pie warmer.

Beginning and end of school day

Thank you to all parents who are making the drop off and pick of children so smooth. I believe that the current process of limiting parents on site is likely to continue throughout term 2. I have been very impressed and proud of the manner that our students (particularly our younger ones) have independently managed the 'school gate' drop offs and collections. I have seen a huge growth in our students and their ability to unpack / pack and organise themselves for their learning day. It has also been a wonderful experience for me as I get to greet each student individually each morning and have a chat with some of them as they arrive.

Pick up/drop off zone

Just a reminder that once you have left the pick up/ drop off zone, you **MUST** only turn around at the designated turning point just past the school. Recently there have been instances of parents doing U turns at the front of the school which is putting other parents and children at risk. Can all parents also please reverse into the car park space as it ensures that you can clearly see children and parents walking by the cars as you pull out onto the road.

Thanks, Peter Mitchinson

Parent Club News

School Jackets

Parent Club are looking to purchase a new style of school jacket to be introduced as part of the school uniform. They will be holding a short session where there will be samples on display and you can register your interest in purchasing one.

Monday 18th May
3:00 - 3:30pm
Moorak Hall

Bank Payment

Hi everyone,

The Commonwealth bank have confirmed that a payment was made over the counter at our local branch into our school account recently.

If you have made a payment to the Moorak PS recently at the Commonwealth bank, could you please contact the school.

Can I ask that no payments be made to us through this process as it is impossible to tell who has made the payment and for what purpose.

Payments can be made at our site with cash or card or via bank transfer. Our bank details are as follows : - BSB: 065504 Account No: 10366327.

Preschool Enrolment

Do you know of any children who are due to start kindy / preschool next year? We encourage all families to contact the school now as offers will start being sent out early in Term 3. Families new to Moorak are welcome to come for a tour of the preschool and school and discuss their child's enrolment with staff.



Going to preschool helps your child to learn new things, make friends and develop confidence.

Children who turn 4 before 1 May 2021 can start preschool at the beginning of the year before they start school.

Families are encouraged to register for 2021.

For more information
www.education.sa.gov.au



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Head Lice

We have had several cases of head lice recently within the school community. Can all parents please ensure that they are regularly checking their child's hair. If any head lice or eggs are present please treat appropriately, ensuring all eggs have been pulled from the hair and all bedding, brushes etc. have also been treated. The following information from SA Health is one of the most effective ways to check for and treat head lice.

How to get rid of head lice using the wet combing technique

Use this method to check for and treat head lice

5 things you will need:

- hair conditioner
- a wide toothed comb
- a fine long toothed head lice comb
- bright light or sunlight
- tissues or paper towel.



20 Minutes

Conditioner stuns head lice for around 20 minutes and makes hair slippery, making it easier to remove lice from the head.



7 steps to remove head lice:

Work quickly as the effect of the conditioner starts to wear off after about 20 minutes.

Step 1

Generously apply conditioner to dry hair to cover the scalp and the full length of the hair.

Step 2

Untangle the hair with a wide-toothed comb.

Step 3

Put the fine-toothed head lice comb flat against the scalp and draw the comb through each section of hair from the roots to the ends.

Step 4

Wipe the comb after each stroke onto white tissue or paper towel, checking each time for head lice and nits.

Step 5

Comb each section of hair at least 5 times.

Step 6

Wash the hair as normal.

Step 7

Scrub the comb with an old toothbrush to remove any eggs or lice that may be present.

REPEAT. If you find live head lice, repeat steps 1-7 every 2 days until no lice have been found for 10 days.

Wet combing using conditioner should be avoided for at least one day before and after chemical treatment, or as per the manufacturer's directions.

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/headlice

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