



## MOORAK PRIMARY AND PRESCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### 26th April

ANZAC Day public holiday

#### Tuesday 27th April

Term 2 Begins

#### Tuesday 4th May

P-2 Literacy excursion

#### Friday 7th May

Cross Country

#### 11th-21st May

NAPLAN Online

#### Wednesday 26th May

Sorry Day

#### 27th May - 3rd June

Reconciliation Week

#### Monday 7th June

Preschool Pupil Free Day

#### Wednesday 9th June

P-2 JAM Band excursion

### Term 1

It was been yet another busy and productive term at Moorak and it has been wonderful to finally get back to some form of normal with many exciting things happening. Moorak sports day, SAPSASA events, school band, Better Buddies Day and Pedal Prix are just some of the highlights from Term 1. Students have worked hard in their learning and they should feel very proud of their achievements. We thank all the volunteers and parents who have helped make this term successful. It is great to see so many families taking an active role in supporting their children's learning and supporting the school community. You make such a difference to children's experiences and add to the richness of our school. Thank you everyone for all your efforts this term. We would like to wish everyone a safe and pleasant holiday and look forward to another exciting and busy Term 2.

### Sun Smart Requirements

As Term 1 draws to a close we remind all students and families that our Sun Smart policy requires all students to wear their school hat when the UV reaches 3 or above. So, please remember to bring a hat next term.

### ANZAC Day

Our school captains along with Josh will have the honour of representing our school at the ANZAC Day services during the holidays. These will be moving but significant services to be a part of and we thank them for representing our school.

### Pedal Prix

On Saturday 27th March students from Moorak and Yahl Primary schools took part in their first Pedal Prix event for 2021 at McNamara Park. The day was a huge success and the students enjoyed themselves and represented our school well. Thank you to all the parents who came and supported our team. A huge well done goes to all the students who gave their best and demonstrated outstanding team qualities making sure that all members were valued and appreciated.

### Preschool Upgrade

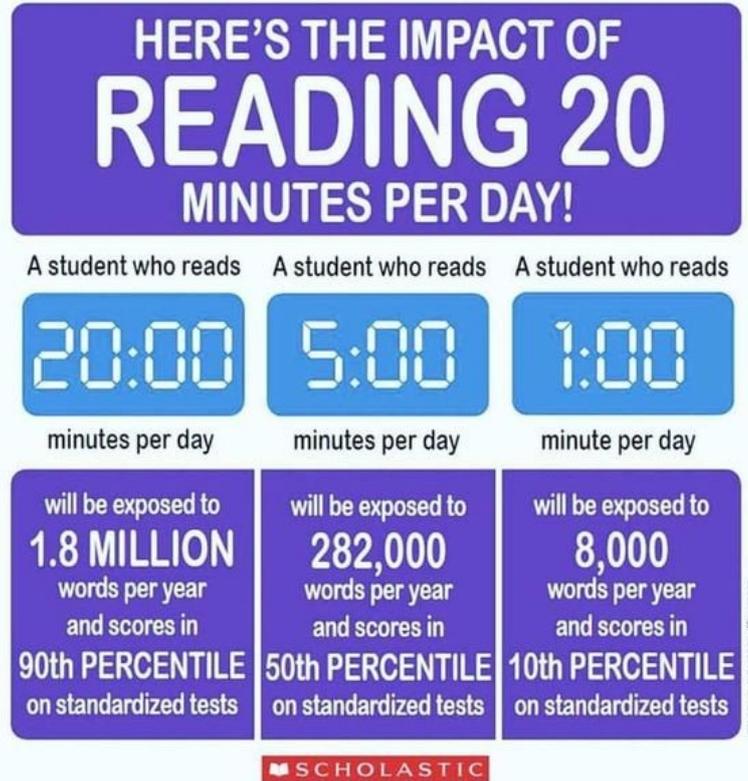
Term 1 has also been busy working with the architect assigned to our new Preschool. This has included meetings with students and staff. The plans have been finalised and the tender process has begun. This is due to end at the end of April and hopefully a contractor will be assigned the project and work can begin on the development. We look forward to watching the space develop and sharing this with the community.

## IMPORTANCE OF READING

We know the holidays are a great time to relax and unwind however, we cannot stress the importance to continue to read to and with your child/children during this time.

Continuing to read over the break will continue to foster a love of reading in your children and help to consolidate the learning they have been doing in their class.

Why not pop into the Mount Gambier public library and borrow some new books to read and share together. The library also offers activity sessions throughout the holidays (see program attached to this newsletter).



## PARENT CLUB NEWS

### **Sports Day**

Thank you to everyone who ordered lunch or bought items through the canteen on sports day. Your contributions and support helped to make the day a huge success and to raise money for the school and students. Thank you also to the Parent Club members who donated their valuable time (before and on the day) to ensure that everything ran smoothly.

On behalf of the Moorak Primary and Preschool Parent Club, we would sincerely like to thank the following businesses for their support and/or kind donations towards our sports day...

**She's Apples**

**Baker's Delight**

**Coles**

**Woolworths - Market Place**

**OK Pie Shop**

**Mount Gambier Frozen Foods**

**JO Berkfeld**

# ENROL NOW IN PRESCHOOL



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

As we eagerly anticipate construction beginning on our brand new preschool, it is a timely reminder to enrol your child for the 2022 school year or beyond. We know there will be lots of interest in our new preschool from families and members of the wider community, so we urge Moorak families to get in ahead of the rush.

To register your child please call in to the front office and collect a 'registration of interest form' and a parent information pack. Please return your form to the office once completed.

Later in the year Lauren, our preschool teacher, will be in contact with families regarding enrolment offers, and further information about transitioning into the preschool.

At the Moorak Preschool we value relationships with children and families, so please feel free to contact us at any stage with enrolment enquiries or any other questions you may have regarding your child and our preschool.

We look forward to discussing your child's enrolment with us.

- The Moorak Preschool Team



### MONDAY 12 APRIL: Personal memory boards

10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library

Using six photos of family/friends/pets, children will create a personalised piece of art that they will be proud of! Bring photos on the day for photocopying or email in advance to [publiclibrary@mountgambier.sa.gov.au](mailto:publiclibrary@mountgambier.sa.gov.au) for pre-printing.

Ages 6-9

FREE

### MONDAY 12 APRIL: New release movie

2:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library

Come along and make yourself comfortable in a bean bag and watch a movie with us. PG rated – title to be announced on the day due to licencing requirements.

All ages

FREE

### TUESDAY 13 APRIL: Maths is fun - Session 1 of 4

10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library

A parent-child based program exploring mathematical concepts through play, stories and hands-on activities. Attendance at all for sessions required. Developed by The Smith Family children's charity.

Ages 3-5

FREE



everyone's family

### TUESDAY 13 APRIL: Polymer clay bowl making

10:30am - 11:30am @ The Riddoch

Roll, twist, knead and shape oven baked clay into a little dish suitable for small trinkets such as jewellery, keys or spare change.

Ages 6+

\$10

### TUESDAY 13 APRIL: Polymer earring making

2:30pm - 4:00pm @ The Riddoch

Roll, twist, knead and shape oven baked clay into one-of-a-kind earrings.

Ages 12+

\$10

### WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL:

#### Tween crochet – Wrist bands - Session 1 of 2

10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library

Learn the basic technique of crocheting and create a funky wrist band. Attendance at two sessions required. Delivered by a local volunteer.

Ages 11-14

FREE

#### THURSDAY 15 APRIL: Maths is fun - Session 2 of 4

10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library

A parent-child based program exploring mathematical concepts through play, stories and hands-on activities. Attendance at all four sessions required. Developed by The Smith Family children's charity.

Ages 3-5

FREE



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#### FRIDAY 16 APRIL: Feather & leaf crown making

10:00am - 11:00am @ The Riddoch

Start collecting feathers and leaves you find while out and about. Bring them along and we will create a beautiful crown.

Ages 4+

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#### FRIDAY 16 APRIL - SUNDAY 18 APRIL:

#### Outdoor Living Room: Youth market stall & busking

10:00am - 1:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library

A chill out space just for you! Let's take the couch outside, practice your music in front of a crowd, sell your products to the community, come and hang out, play games, enjoy! Bring some coin for spending!

Ages 15+

FREE ENTRY

\*To be a stall holder or a busker, register now by calling Terasa on 8721 2540 or message the Mount Gambier Library Facebook page.

#### FRIDAY 16 APRIL: Come and try – Tech arvo

2:00pm – 3:30pm @ Mount Gambier Library

Discover our cool range of robotics and technology equipment. BYO device (iPad/iPhone/tablet/smartphone) to drive some of the robotics.

Ages 7-12

FREE

#### MONDAY 19 APRIL: New release movie

10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library

Come along and make yourself comfortable in a bean bag and watch a movie with us. PG rated – title to be announced on the day due to licencing requirements.

All ages

FREE

**MONDAY 19 APRIL: Eat a rainbow – Make cold rolls**  
2:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library 📖  
A healthy and nutritious food session making delicious cold rolls.

Ages 8+

FREE

**TUESDAY 20 APRIL: Maths is fun - Session 3 of 4**  
10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library 📖  
A parent-child based program exploring mathematical concepts through play, stories and hands-on activities. Attendance at all four sessions required. Developed by The Smith Family children's charity.

Ages 3-5

FREE



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**TUESDAY 20 APRIL: Youth screen printing**  
10:30am - 12:00pm @ The Riddoch 📖

Come along and try screen printing! We will have calico bags, or you can bring a new clean t-shirt to print on. Learn how a cricut machine works and then, using prepared vinyl cut outs in funky themes, we will guide you through the process of screenprinting.

Ages 12+

\$25

**WEDNESDAY 21 APRIL:**

**Tween Crochet – Wrist bands - Session 2 of 2**  
10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library 📖  
Learn the basic technique of crocheting and create a funky wrist band. Attendance at two sessions required. Delivered by local volunteer.

Ages 11-14

FREE

**THURSDAY 22 APRIL: Badge making**  
10:00am - 11:00am @ The Riddoch 📖

Our popular badge making workshop is back! Choose your favourite picture from our art magazines to make into a unique button badge you can wear or give to a friend. Drop-in session (bookings not required).

Ages 5+

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**THURSDAY 22 APRIL: Maths is fun - Session 4 of 4**  
10:00am @ Mount Gambier Library 📖

A parent-child based program exploring mathematical concepts through play, stories and hands-on activities. Attendance at all four sessions required. Developed by The Smith Family children's charity.

Ages 3-5

FREE



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**FRIDAY 23 APRIL: Posca art with Jeremy levins**  
10:00am - 4:00pm @ The Riddoch 📖

Ages 12+

\$45

Want to express your art and personalise your very own surfboard, helmet, skateboard, shoes or piece of clothing? Bring along your own item to work on and local artist Jeremy levins will share tips and techniques on how to bring it to life using Posca pens.

**FRIDAY 23 APRIL: Baking: ANZAC biscuits**  
2:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library 📖

Ages 6-9

FREE

Learn the history behind the famous ANZAC biscuit and make your own to take home.

**SAT 24 & SUN 25 APRIL: Pipe cleaner Poppies**  
10:00am - 2:00pm @ The Riddoch 📖

Ages 5+

FREE

Pick up your pipe cleaners from the front desk, bend your poppy and then leave in the foyer on display for all to see, as the weekend progresses the amount of poppies will grow!

**MONDAY 26 APRIL: ANZAC Day - Poppy painting**  
12:00pm - 2:00pm @ Mount Gambier Library 📖

All ages

FREE

Honour the ANZAC service men and women by creating your own memorial piece. Self-sufficient activity not facilitated by staff.

### IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

- Bookings are essential for all workshops and events (unless otherwise stated).
- To book for a session at **Mount Gambier Library**, please call 08 8721 2540 or book online via our website: [mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library](http://mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library) (under 'programs & events'). **Bookings do not open until Tuesday 6 April.**
- To book for a session at **The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre**, please call 08 8721 2563 or come in and speak to one of our friendly staff at reception. Open 10:00am-5:00pm Monday to Friday and 10:00am-2:00pm Saturday & Sunday.
- Parents and guardians **must remain with children under the age of 12** during sessions.
- If you can no longer attend your booked session please call to cancel.

### Mount Gambier Library

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### The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre

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