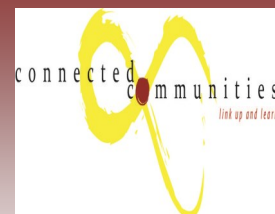




# MOREE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL



**Term 1 Week 5**

**Friday 2nd March, 2018**

## OFFICE HOURS

**Monday-Friday**

**8:10am to 1:45pm**

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## SCHOOL HOURS

**Monday-Friday**

**8:30am-1:45pm**

## UNIFORM SHOP

**Wednesday & Thursday**

**11:30am to 12:00pm**

- Cash Only
- Layby available
- Sorry no Centrepay

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Weekly Assembly**

**3H performance**

**Monday 5th March**

**8:45am**

## EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Yaama!

It's hard to believe that we are already at the end of Term 1 Week 5 and half way through our school term. Easter is almost upon us and the April school holidays very near.



Our after school activities are well underway with PCYC places now full and some places available for Thursday T20 Cricket. Mrs Cork is also providing fun activities in the afternoon to support and engage our students. I have included a few a photos of our students playing cricket last week whilst having fun in the sun.

Our first community yoga session went well with staff and two community members supporting this. Please

note that this fun and relaxing initiative will now be held on Tuesdays from 2:00pm - 2:45pm and we hope that more of you will take up this opportunity to finish the day on a relaxing note. We thank Ms Jukes and Mrs Yates for supporting this initiative and giving their time to run these sessions.



I have also included in this newsletter the Approaching Our School document which provides a guideline for our community on the best ways to organise speaking to staff about enquiries or concerns. We look forward to continuing working together to maintain a harmonious school environment and hope you find this document helpful.



Congratulations to our students who have been trying hard to work as a team to all reach Pink level on the PBL chart by the end of the school day. 2G have been excited to reach this on several occasions and their smiles say it all in the photo attached! Also please visit our foyer to look at the wonderful work samples our students proudly display.

Finally, as per last fortnight's newsletter, we invite our parents/ carers and community for a school planning afternoon on 15<sup>th</sup> March. This planning afternoon is to give you another opportunity to express your thoughts on planning future initiatives for our school for the next 3 years. We have used parent/carer information from the Tell Them From Me Surveys and other ideas you have given us over the last 12 months to draft a plan for your consideration.

A final session to join in discussions with our whole staff will also be offered on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March from 2:00pm-3:00pm. We look forward to working together on this important planning document and hope to see as many parents/carers as possible. We value working with you as partners in education.

#### Quote of the week:

*The future is not a place we are going, it's a place we are making. - John Schaar*

Have a great week, everyone!

Lorinda Potter

**Executive Principal**





# Library News

Congratulations to Jardie Smith-Brown in 4C and Alkira Weatherall-McGrath in 6MC for received the library award in week 4. A wonderful effort!





K-2 Class Awards

Week 4



3-6 Class Awards



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K-2 Class Awards

Week 5



3-6 Class Awards





K-2 PBL 100% Attendance Awards

Week 5



3-6 PBL 100% Attendance Awards



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Coles Sports for Schools is back to help Aussie kids stay fit and healthy. When you shop at Coles, you'll receive Sports for Schools vouchers that our school can exchange for sports gear. The more vouchers you collect, the more sports gear we'll receive. Start collecting today because the race is on!

### *How does it work?*



## Step 1

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



## Step 2

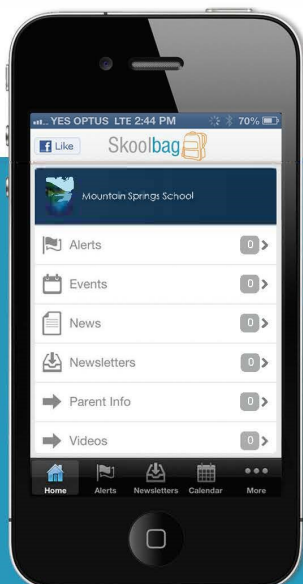
You then put the vouchers in our school collection bins at Coles or at our front office.



## Step 3

Every voucher you donate to your school can be redeemed for leading brand sports equipment.

Thank you for all the families who have already started collecting!



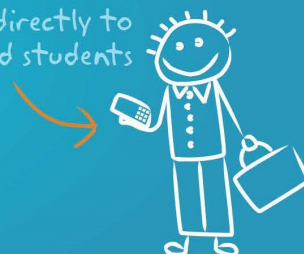
# Skoolbag

Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



## How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

### iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type MOREE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



### Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in MOREE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
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Don't forget to like us on Facebook! 

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## **MOREE JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION (MJSA)**

**SOCCER PLAYERS - 4.5 years to 16 years**

**(Preschoolers are welcome to play but must be turning 5 in 2018)**

**Commencement Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Duration:** 16 WEEKS, finishing 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018 for Division 4,5 & 6  
(excluding Holidays and Public Holidays)

Grand Final 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018 for Division 1 & 2

**Registration:** Saturdays 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Ron  
Harbourne Oval - Soccer Canteen from 9am to 12noon

**Cost:** \$130 (Accepting Active Kids Vouchers and a \$20 refund at the  
end of the season when you return your shirt)

**Further information please contact:**

**Terry-Anne Sharples:** 02 67 528 152 or email tasharples@bigpond.com

**Bec Bridge:** 0427 059 166 or email becbridge@hotmail.com



# Compulsory School Attendance

## Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.







**If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.**

### **My child won't go to school. What should I do?**

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

### **What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?**

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

### **What age can my child leave school?**

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

### **Working in Partnership**

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

### **Policy, information and brochures:**

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

### **The school leaving age:**

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

### **Do you need an interpreter?**

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 512

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# AUTUMN WORD SEARCH

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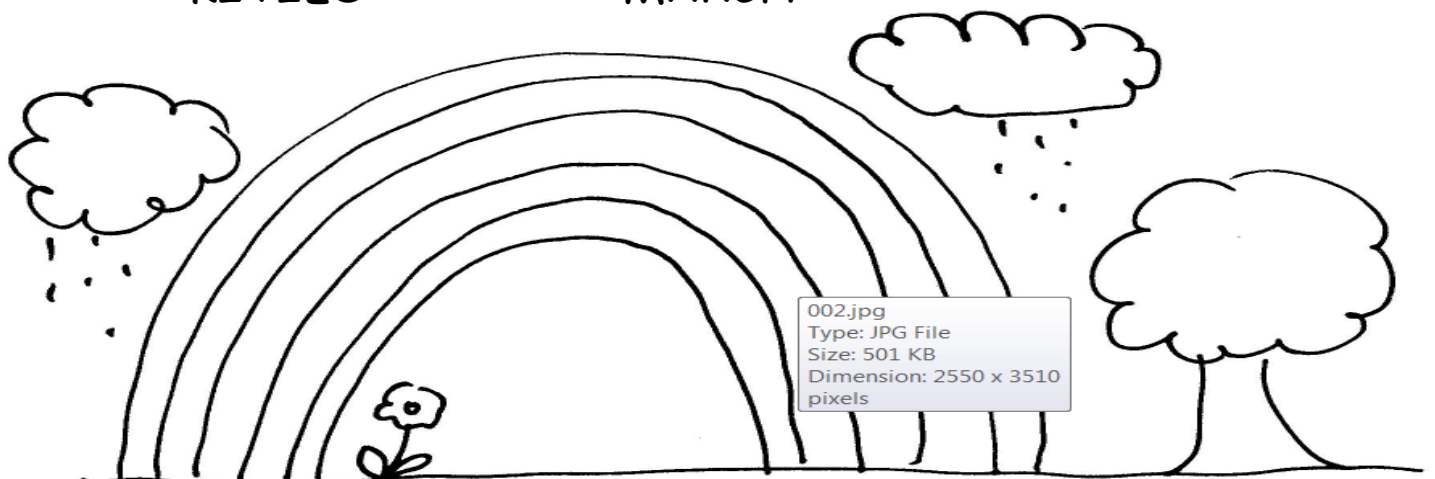
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