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Newsletter

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Principal's Report

To all Families and Students,

This term has been a very busy one for all the students and staff at MNPS. As the first term draws to end, most families should have had contact for the Parent/Teacher interviews. If you were unable to make a time or missed your appointment, could you please contact the school ASAP to make an alternate time. These interviews are a valuable way for staff, students and parents to share and present goals, concerns and aspirations for the rest of the year.

We have noticed over the past few weeks that some the student absence data is starting to increase again. Last year we had an amazing drop in the number of days students were absent from the school, with students having on average 14 days away per child. We have been comparing this data to schools similar to ours, and those schools still have a lower absence rate. A very achievable goal for our students would be below 10 days on average per student. Currently we are averaging 16 days per student. Whilst we don't want sick or unwell students at school, we are trying to lower the number of student's absences due to student refusal, family holidays or just general days off. Your support in this area is much appreciated.

Our school is currently undergoing a school review. Students and staff have been surveyed at school and we have been trying to catch as many parents as possible to be surveyed about 'what you like about the school, Areas for improvement and any other suggestions you may have. Your feedback, as always, is valued as it may help to shape the future of the school as we map our new 4 year strategic plan. Please take the time to fill in the survey and return it to school when it comes home, if you haven't done so already.

This year we are re-starting our journey with School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports. Part of this, is staff, students and the school council examining the Student Engagement Policy. Once finalised, we will share the policy via the website and in the newsletter/app. Please take the time to read through it carefully with your children as it will clearly explain the student, staff and parent rights and responsibilities. All government schools have to have a Student Engagement Policy.

Tuesday the 2nd April is the school sports at McEwen Reserve (athletics track near the basketball stadium in the north end of Shepparton). Like most years, we are in charge of running the sprints and I am calling out for parent volunteers for the day to help manage the timers and ribbons. If you are available to help during the day, we would really appreciate your support. Like most years, parents are responsible for getting students to and from the athletics day and we will not be running a bus on this day. If you have any issues getting your child/ren to the athletics day, please contact the school. The sports will start at 9.45am and scheduled to finish at 2.45pm, although history would say that this is usually more like 2pm.

Have a great week!

Les Walsh
Principal

Important Dates

March

Monday 25th- School Council Meeting

April

Tuesday 2nd- Athletics Day

Thursday 4th- Assembly

Friday 5th- Term 1 Ends

Tuesday 23rd – Term 2 Begins

Thursday 25th- Anzac Day NO SCHOOL

Awards

Showing the three R's

Respect- Connor
Ricardo

Resilience- Mason
Kendall-Dighton

Responsibility- Trey
Joyce

Awards

Congratulations on going up reading levels to

Arion, Mason, Xander,
Elliott, Trey, Nikiiah and
Patrick

Well done!!

Reminders

No Hat, No Play the students are still encourage to be wearing their school hats.

Nude Food

Just a reminder to families that “Nude Food” is an initiative Junior School Council has implemented, to reduce the rubbish content our school produces. “Nude Food” encourages students and families to be mindful of individually wrapped items and to consider buying items in bulk (a 1kg tub of yoghurt rather than individual squeeze pouches). In addition to minimising waste, buying in bulk can often be cheaper per 100gs as outlined below.

We understand that at times, “Nude Food” can become an obstacle, which we have overcome by implementing a REDcycle bin at school. This allows students to recycle their soft plastics that can’t be put into curb side recycling. “Nude Food” correlates with our “No Food Outside” Policy, but we’re always happy to make exceptions where necessary.

EVERY DAY



Yoplait Passionfruit Yoghurt

\$4.00
1kg \$0.40 per 100G

Add 1 for **\$4.00** ▼

DOWN DOWN



Yoplait Petit Miam Squeeze Blueberry Yoghurt Pouch

\$1.00
70g \$1.43 per 100G

Add 1 for **\$1.00** ▼



There is to be no parking in front the blue gates at any time. This is our schools emergency access entry and exit. In the event of an emergency this area must be easily accessible, so it would be much appreciated if parents could please refrain from parking in this area. Thank you.



No parking, dropping off or picking up students in the bus pick up/drop off zone in front of the schools entrance. It is unsafe for cars to be in this area.

We encourage all parents, guardians and visitors to park in the designated parking spaces. Thank you.

SHEPPARTON EDUCATION PLAN

MEET THE EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

As you may be aware work is underway for the four secondary schools in Greater Shepparton (Shepparton High School, Wanganui Park Secondary College, Mooroopna Secondary School and McGuire College) to merge as of **1 January 2020**.

There are two key aspects of this merger that we encourage you to participate in:-

1. FORMAL SCHOOL NAMING PROCESS

As part of the formal naming process the new secondary school has been given an interim name: Greater Shepparton College.

We are now asking the community to formally name our new school. Read here for more details: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/management/Pages/nameschool.asp>
[X](#)

Submissions for the new school name must be emailed by **Tuesday 16 April 2019** to Shepparton.Education.Plan@edumail.vic.gov.au.

2. MEET THE NEW EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

Ms Genevieve Simson has been appointed as the Executive Principal for the new secondary school. Genevieve has hit the ground running and begun shaping what the Greater Shepparton College (interim name) will look like for 2020.

Genevieve joins us after having lead the establishment of Victoria University Secondary College in Melbourne which involved the merger of three schools.

Meet Genevieve, hear about her vision, and learn more about the new educational approach for the new school.

This session will be particularly valuable to parents and carers who currently have students in Year 6, and will be transitioning to Year 7 in 2020.

The opportunities to meet Genevieve will take place at the following locations and times.

Tuesday 26th March 2019		Wednesday 27th March 2019	
9.00am		Mooroopna Primary School 16 - 18 O'Brien Street, Mooroopna	
2.20pm		Tatura Primary School 33 Service Street, Tatura	
7.00pm	Grahamvale Primary School 85 Grahamvale Road, Grahamvale		
Thursday 28th March 2019		Friday 29th March 2019	
9.00am	Gowrie Street Primary School 1 - 19 Gowrie Street, Shepparton		Bourchier Street Primary School Balaclava Rd and Bourchier Street, Shepparton
2.40pm	St. Georges Rd Primary School 120 St. Georges Road, Shepparton		Wilmot Road Primary School 84 - 90 Wilmot Road, Shepparton
4.30pm	Shepparton High School Assembly Hall 31 - 71 Hawdon Street, Shepparton		
6.30pm	Wanganui Park Secondary College Visy Stadium Parkside Drive, Shepparton		

Please note: we have worked to select a number of different locations and times to provide you with an opportunity that works for you and your family.

School community members are welcome to attend any session, at any school, at any of the above times.

To hear from Genevieve before the event please [click here](#).

Regards,

Cord Sadler

Area Executive Director, Goulburn

North East Victoria region

Department of Education & Training

