

Moe (Elizabeth St) Primary School

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km/h

Please remember to keep our students
safe when driving in our school zones.

BREAKFAST CLUB: 8:00am–8:20am

21st March, 2025
Term 1

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

RESILIENCE



Harmony Day



Harmony Day at ESPS.

You will see from the beautiful pictures from every classroom, that we have taken pride in celebrating Harmony Day at our school. The words and actions associated with this celebration, show respect to all of the children and families of different cultural backgrounds. I would also like our school community to know that this theme of 'pride', occurs not only on Harmony Day, but every other day of the year. We are very fortunate at this school to have such a variety of families that have deep cultural connections within Australian society and also in other parts of the world. We are indeed very lucky.

Ian



DATES TO
REMEMBER:


12th–24th March
NAPLAN

1st April
Out of Uniform
(Easter theme
donation)

4th April
Easter Bonnet
Parade
Easter Raffle Draw

4th April
Last day of term.

22nd April
First day of term 2

 We acknowledge the traditional Aboriginal owners of country throughout Victoria and pay our respect to them, their culture and their Elders past, present and future.



So many different countries were represented today.

Thank you to all who contributed to making today such a great day. We had Parents Cook food, staff Cook food, and students cooking food.

How lucky are we to experience such diverse cultures at our school.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING AT SCHOOL AT THE START OF THE DAY.

Dear School community,
Just a gentle reminder about the importance of your child being at school before 8:45am. As a school we understand the difficulties you may have occasionally or even on a daily basis, in getting your child or children to school. I am not identifying individual families in this newsletter item, however I have noticed an increase in student numbers arriving after 8:45am, even 5 minutes after the bell.

Arriving late can work against all of the positives that we see on a daily basis for arriving either on time or early. They are:

- Re-establishing positive connections between children and children before the start of the day
- Re-establishing positive connections between staff and children, which can then be built on throughout the day
- Reduced anxiety for children who will be informed of any changes
- A chance to each child to participate in Morning Circles in their classroom, which is always a positive, learning experience for children.

So, please consider this a chance to continue school attendance on time in the morning or even a chance for a conversation for support or reboot into the future.

Let's please have more children, more often on time at the start of the school day.

Many thanks as always.
Ian



Harmony Day is celebrated in Australia on March 21st to recognise the country's diverse cultures and Indigenous Australians. It's a day to promote respect, inclusion, and social cohesion.

- Wearing orange to symbolize unity, respect, and meaningful conversations

AWARDS



Week 8

Lindsay, Zac, Jaxon, and Adam all received awards for their resilience, with Chloe being the only student who was awarded the responsibility award this week.

Note: no awards were given out in week 7 due to the public holiday.



**LEHP-Australia
Lions Eye Health Program**



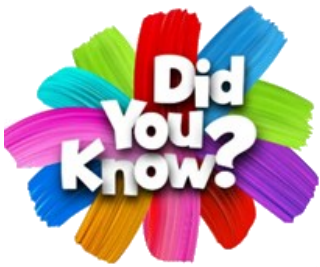
A Lions Eye Health Program consent form has been sent home in regards for permission to have your child's eyes tested. Please ensure that you have returned the signed form ASAP.

This is a great program, screening for any potential eye problems.

Students from our Foundation class and those students who already wear glasses or are under an optometrist are exempt, therefore will not need a consent form.

**Forms should be returned by
Wednesday April 23rd.**

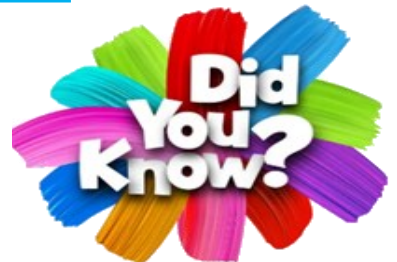
SCREENING MONDAY 28th APRIL



1. Television interferes with the students' ability to focus. The immediacy and speed with which television delivers information is known to shorten their attention span. When students come to school fresh from watching morning cartoons, it's more challenging for them to begin the work of the day. Settling down to a chosen task, even if they desire to do so, doesn't come as easily. I can vouch for this one personally!
2. Television can overstimulate children and makes the tamer, cerebral aspects of their education seem "hard" and "boring."
3. Television is fun because it's not reality. On the other hand it's, well, not reality. When children begin the day immersed in the world of fantasy, it can be a struggle to shift to the real world.
4. A no-television in the morning rule might actually make things easier. If the rule is no TV in the mornings, *ever*, then there can't be any arguing when it's time to turn it off or over who wants to watch what.
5. Television isn't active. It doesn't ask the person watching it to engage, except perhaps emotionally. Throughout the school day, parents, siblings, teachers and friends will all be asking children to engage, to be active in a multitude of different ways. Why, then, begin the day with a passive activity like watching TV?

VIDEO GAMES

Reduced attention span: The fast-paced and stimulating nature of many video games can train the brain to process information quickly and react impulsively, potentially making it harder to maintain focus on less exciting tasks like schoolwork.



Difficulty with sustained attention: Students who become accustomed to the constant stimulation and quick rewards of video games may struggle to focus for extended periods, which is crucial for learning and completing tasks in a classroom setting.



HOT CROSS BUN ORDERS



Don't forget to get your Hot Cross Bun orders in by Tuesday
25th March.

No forms will be accepted after the 25th March.



Thank you to all of those parents who attended our coffee and cake session held earlier this week.

PREP 2026 ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSION

**Wednesday 26th March
9:00am–10:00am**

We invite parents of prep aged children in 2025 to come along for an information session of our school on Wednesday 26th March at 9:00am.

If you would like a tour of the school, please contact Sharon on 5127 2607

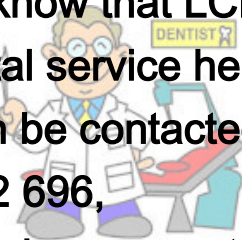
Please pass on this information if you know of anyone interested in enrolling their child at our school in 2025.



We all need help from time to time.

Available 8am to midnight, 7 days a week including public holidays

Did you know that LCHS offer a free dental service here in Moe? They can be contacted on 1800 242 696, select 4 when prompted. See below for the link to their website.



Call 13YARN (13 92 76)

- ✓ 13YARN is run by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- ✓ Free and confidential service available 24/7 from any mobile or pay phone
- ✓ Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporters to yarn to

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

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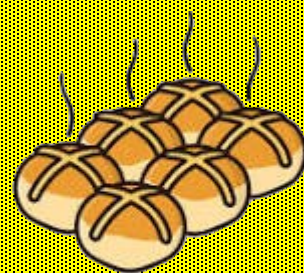
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<https://www.lchs.com.au/services/general-health/dental/>

March 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6 Student 1st Aid Sessions	7
10 Public Holiday No School	11	12 NAPLAN	13 NAPLAN	14 NAPLAN
17 NAPLAN	18 NAPLAN	19 NAPLAN School Photos Coffee/Cake Catchup	20 NAPLAN	21 NAPLAN
24 NAPLAN	25  Hot Cross Bun Orders Due	26	27	28
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Orders due by
Tuesday 25th
March





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April 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 Out of Uniform (Easter theme donation)	2	3	4 9:00am Easter Bonnet Parade Easter Raffle Drawn Last day of Term 2:30 finish
				
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22nd April

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