



# Moomba Messenger

*We empower resilient, creative and successful young people who strive for personal excellence and positively contribute to the world.*

*We provide an inclusive, supportive and engaging learning environment for our school community in which students are inspired to become resilient lifelong learners.*

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## *Principal's Message*

Dear families,

I start this week's newsletter on cloud 9 following Carlton's 5-point win against Richmond last night. I know footy season has just begun and anything can happen from here on in, but I will enjoy it while I can!

Our students in Years 3 and 5 participated in some of the NAPLAN assessments this week. I am proud of how they pushed aside some early nerves and did their best. I am also proud of their peers not sitting NAPLAN who ensured that they worked quietly to eliminate any noise or disruptions during testing time.

Thank you to Ms Lisa who has coordinated the process. NAPLAN continues next week.

### **Lateness**

While we embrace a gentle start to our days here at Moomba Park with an 8:40am start, our school day officially commences with roll call at 8:50 am followed immediately by lessons. The first 10 minutes of each lesson is critical to the learning and success of the lesson. It is where teachers recap prior learning, make links to previous lessons and give instructions. When students are late, they not only miss this critical information, it interrupts the learning and flow of the lesson for the rest of the school.

Another impact of lateness is the potential for incorrect attendance information. If your child is late; anytime after the bell- they must go straight to the office. When a child arrives late (after the bell) and they go straight to class, the roll has already been marked, therefore the students comes up as absent on the admin system. Once rolls are marked by classroom teachers, Rachael sends out absence SMS to parents of students who have been marked as absent. This results in a flurry of calls to the office from anxious parents checking that their children arrived safely. Then office staff need to call classroom to check if the child is at school. This is yet another interruption to learning.

This four day week has seen over 100 students be late to class.

If your child arrives after the bell, the need to go to the office first to get their arrival marked correctly before going to class.

We understand that unforeseen circumstances can sometimes cause delays, but consistent lateness or non-attendance significantly disrupts your child's educational experience and the learning of others.

Your assistance with this is appreciated.

### **Ride + Stride**

*We are excited to announce that we are one of five schools selected to participate in Merri-bek City Council's Ride & Stride program for 2024! The program is designed to get more of our children and families moving safely and sustainably, and will deliver a range of activities over the year to enable more of our students to ride and stride to school.*

*Students and families are encouraged to ride, scoot or walk to school next Friday 22nd March. Equipment can be stored safely behind the library or Room 15.*

*Have a great week everyone!*

*Ms Maria Marchionna*

## *Harmony Week with Lisa & Luna*

This week our Wellbeing focus is on celebrating Harmony Week

and in particular Harmony Day on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March –

next week.

Harmony Day is a day to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, based on the successful integration of migrants into our community. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. Held every year on 21 March. The Day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

At Moomba Park Primary School we show inclusiveness and respect for everyone, every

day. Next Thursday though, students can **dress in orange** or their **national dress** to

celebrate harmony and inclusion. Students will complete activities in the classroom that

promote harmony.

Thank you for your support

Lisa & Luna



Student

of the Week

Week 7

Room 1 Ms Laura	Nu'Aymah	What an amazing role model you are to Room 1! You consistently show your love of learning and eagerness to extend and challenge yourself. This has been particularly evident this week during our pizza recount writing. Congratulations Nu'Aymah!
Room 2 Ms Alice	Fatimah	For making a delicious pizza and then you wrote a descriptive recount and used a variety of verbs and nouns. Well done this week!
Room 6 Ms Hana	Teddy	Teddy, in just 6 weeks of school you have shown a MASSIVE amount of growth and resilience by independently completing your morning routine and completing your class job, Water Bottle Monitor! We are so proud of you!
Room 7 Ms Katie	Hussein	What a wonderful week of learning you have had! You have confidently shared your ideas in class discussions and shown motivation towards all learning tasks, at school and at home! Keep up this hard work!
Room 10 Mr John	Na'Imah	Well done Na'Imah on an amazing week. You are kind, respectful and always do your best on every task. You showcased these qualities this week by producing a terrific piece of writing that utilised powerful writing strategies to bring your story to life.
Room 12 Ms Sarah Miss Croft	Houda	For consistently displaying our school values of respect, resilience and responsibility. You model our expected behaviours and give kind and helpful feedback to support your peers to do the same. Congratulations Houda!
Room 14 Miss Kate	Numa	Numa, you truly are a shining star and such a pleasure to have in Room 14. Your positive attitude towards your learning makes you a role model for your peers. You approach any challenge with a smile and come to school everyday showcasing your manners and resilience. Thank you for being the kind and respectful person you are!
Room 15 Miss Nikita Mr Jason	Sofia	Sofia, thank you for your constant positive attitude towards your learning. You are a valuable member of the class who always displays respect towards everyone. Congratulations on being a fantastic role model!
Room 16 Miss Steph & Mrs Georgiou	Marwa	Marwa, thank you for consistently showing our school values. You are respectful to others, you are organised and responsible for your learning and you always strive to do your best. Well done!



Week 7

Italian/Art Mrs Milonopolous & Jimbo	Archie (Rm 3)	For showing your awesome love of learning character strength and remembering so much information about 'Carnevale'. You joined in discussions and helped saying the colours in Italian. You are a superstar! Keep up your 'can do' attitude! Eccellente!
Physical Education Mrs Gerdtz	Archie (Rm 3)	Archie, you have been displaying very good leadership during PE. You are focused when completing activities and showing fairness when playing games. Keep up the great work of being such a Resilient, Responsible & Respectful student. Well done!
Drama/Music Ms Peny	Gigi (Rm15)	For showing your love of learning and bravery character strengths in class. You jumped right in to creating a mini performance with your partner and displayed enthusiasm and creativity. Well done Gigi.

CONGRATULATIONS
   
**STRENGTH SIGNAL**
  
 AWARD WINNERS

**TEAMWORK**

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ABDURAHMAN

**PERSEVERANCE**

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**RESPECT**

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**RESPONSIBILTY**

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**LOVE OF LEARNING**

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# important dates

Moomba Park Primary School

DATE	EVENT
<b>March 18th to 22nd</b>	<b>NAPLAN</b>
Monday 18th March	<b>Foundation Parents 2025 tour</b>
<b>Thursday 21st March</b>	<b>Harmony Day Celebration Bakers Delight Orders Close</b>
<b>Friday 22nd March</b>	<b>Ride + Stride to School Day</b>
<b>Monday 25th March</b>	<b>Foundation Parents 2025 tour</b>
<b>Tuesday 26th March</b>	<b>PictureProducts Orders Close 3pm Bakers Delight Collections</b>
<b>Thursday 28th March</b>	<b>End of Term One, School finishes at 2.30pm</b>
<b>Monday 15th April</b>	<b>Term Two begins at 8.50am</b>
<b>Monday 22nd April</b>	<b>Grade 3/4 Swimming begins 2025 Parents tour 6.45pm</b>
<b>Thursday 25th April</b>	<b>ANZAC Day Public Holiday</b>
<b>Friday 3rd May</b>	<b>Grade 5\6 Interschool Sport</b>



# Food Drive

## Items to donate to help people doing it tough

### MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- Canned meals, veggies, fruit, soup and fish
- Oats and cereal
- Longlife milk, inc. non dairy
- Tea & coffee
- Pasta, rice & noodles
- Baked beans
- Pasta sauces
- Flour & bakery mixes
- Spreads & jams
- Meal bases
- Whole grains, pulses & legumes
- Nuts & seed mixes
- Vegetable oils
- Washing products
- Nappies
- Sanitary items
- Toilet paper
- Dental products

### A FEW DOS & DONTs

- No confectionery, salty snacks or beverages (other than water)
- Non-perishable items within expiry date
- Unopened packaging
- Labelling intact
- No damaged/dented cans



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# MOOMBA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL



## TOURS WELCOME FOR 2025

Please contact the office for a school tour  
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# School Holiday Program

Don't miss our jam-packed School Holiday Program with themed in-house days, fun excursions and incursions. Activities could include cooking masterclasses, mad science experiments, model making, learning to skateboard and a trip to see Kung Fu Panda 4.

Tue 2 April - Fri 12 April



*Book online*



# Frequently Asked Questions

School holidays are a fun way for your child to create new experiences, make friends and learn from experienced Educators. Below are some commonly asked questions, for more information visit our website.



## How do I book a place?

You can book a place through [My Family Lounge](#) app (our online booking and enrolment system). We have a step-by-step guide on our website on how to enrol using the app. Please note that bookings cannot be made by phone or email and all bookings made less than seven days prior to the activity incur an additional charge.



## What to wear (clothing)

To ensure your child feels comfortable and can engaged in all activities, we ask they wear:

- Comfortable clothing
- Closed shoes and socks
- Hat for sun protection (all year round)
- Warm clothing for cooler months
- Clothing that is suitable for art activities – leave the good clothes at home!



## What to bring (food, safety gear)

We ask that your child brings the following items each day:

- Pack a healthy, nut-free, morning tea and lunch,
- Drink bottle for water,
- Some spare clothing (just in case)

Your child may need to bring additional items for specific activities. Please refer to our website via the QR code.



## Activity types and arrival times

Our School Holiday Programs offer the following types of activities:

- In house: Children remain on-site for a fun day of activities.
- Incursion: We are visited by an incursion provider to undertake an activity with the children
- Excursion: A day outside of the service where we visit an exciting destination.
- Arrive by: 9:00am for in house and incursion days, 8:30am for excursion days unless your booking advises otherwise.



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