Dear Parents,

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you have had an enjoyable time with your children over the school break, despite some very cold weather. Painting in the Junior School building, portables and toilets is almost complete, with the majority of work finished during the school holidays.

Our parent community has been busy working on the enormous mural on the back of the Junior School toilets and the giant caterpillar in the courtyard garden. Thank you to the parents involved in these projects.

We are all looking forward to another busy term, with several incursions and excursions already planned, and our Portfolio sharing session later in the term.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers...
from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There will be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box at the store or here at school. The box will be located near the office. The school will then be able to redeem the stickers for resources for our students.

**Sport**

This term grade 4, 5 and 6 children will be practising in readiness for the Athletics sports to be held later in the term. This means that each Friday afternoon (weather permitting) children will practise sports such as hurdles, high jump, long jump, running, discus and shot put. For their own safety and comfort we ask that children come to school dressed appropriately in suitable clothing and footwear on Fridays.

**Student Absences**

As part of our ongoing care for students, teachers will be contacting parents, should a child be absent without explanation for two or more days. This will also apply to late arrivals for the same period. Please understand that this is part of our duty of care.

**Enrolments for 2016**

Enrolments for next year are now being accepted for all grade levels.

If you have a child commencing school next year please drop by the office and collect an enrolment form. Please also support our school by ensuring that all friends, neighbours or acquaintances are aware of our school and what it has to offer. All parents wishing to see our school in operation can do so by simply ringing the school and arranging a tour.

**New Assembly Time!**

Don’t forget our new assembly time tomorrow at 3.00pm! Assembly will be held at this time each week, with our regular items, including Pupil of the Week and news updates.

**Emergency Contact Information**

Have you changed jobs, addresses, telephone numbers or purchased a mobile phone lately? If you have we ask that this information be passed on to the office so that our school contact information can be updated.

On a number of occasions it has been extremely difficult to contact parents when a student has been sick.

Notification of changed circumstances ensures that our school database of telephone numbers for home, mobile, work and secondary contact people

**Before and After School Care**

The YMCA offer both Before and After School Care for students in the multi-purpose room. For your information, this program operates each school day from 7.30am until 8.45am and then after school from 3.30pm until 6.00pm. The program is run by the YMCA and offers a large range of interesting activities for children.

Forms are available from the multi-purpose room or office or you can call 0425788434 for further information. For the many children arriving at school very early when the grounds are unsupervised this service provides a much safer alternative.

**Reminder**

Should you need to speak to a teacher about your child, it is best to make a time when it is suitable for you both to do so. Before school, teachers are often busy preparing for the school day and unable to allow you the time required to discuss your concerns.

**Parking Reminder**

Moonee Valley City Council regularly patrol parking areas around the school. Council officers take photos of any unsafe or illegal parking and issue fines. Please ensure you abide by parking restrictions when dropping off or collecting children. These fines are usually quite hefty and can be avoided by simply doing the right thing.

Kind Regards,

Greg

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**A BIG THANK YOU**

This week is National Diabetes Awareness Week. I would like to thank everyone who purchased JDRF fundraising items from me last term. Our wonderful community raised over $300 dollars. One day I hope my son can say,, I used to inject about 1500 injections a year I used to prick my finger 2000 times a year. I used to have to eat even when not hungry. My parents used to worry about me going into a coma or worse. I used to have a bad immune system. I USED to have diabetes.

JDRF raises funds to research a cure for TYPE 1 diabetes and they and I thank you for your support.

Thanks,

Tracey
Teach Your Kids About Time and Place
By Michael Grose

My mum used to tell me, “There’s a time and place for everything Michael, and this is not the time and place to behave like that!”

My mum’s words came back to me as I watched three kids (tweens and early teens) try to out-wrestle and out-shout each other while they waited in an airport queue with their parents. Their noise and wrestling quite obviously disturbed and interfered with fellow travellers, but their parents made no attempt to rein in their behaviour.

I couldn’t help thinking that there is a time and place for this type of behaviour and THIS WAS NEITHER OF THOSE!

Time and place is a brilliant socialisation lesson for children of any age or era to absorb. It starts by asking yourself as a parent: “What does this social situation reasonably require of my children at their age and stage of development?”

In the above case it’s reasonable to expect tweens and teens to be able to stand in a queue without disturbing others for the ten minutes that it took to get service. It’s should be easy for that age group to show some self-control and consideration for others.

That timeframe maybe a stretch for under fives, but some parental attention to distract them from being bored may do the trick. The principle is the same regardless of age or a child’s developmental stage, but the application varies.

Socialising kids
It’s a parent’s job to socialise your kids. That is, it’s your job to develop a sense of OTHER so that they become aware of how their behaviour impacts on others. Many kids have L Plates when it comes to behaving in public so they need your assistance to behave according to the requirements of the situation – or according to the time and place. You do this by:

1. Giving your kids social scripts
There are times when kids don’t know what to say or how to act in different social situations. “Here’s what you can say when you meet Mrs Smith...” is the type of pre-emptive social scripting that benefits most boys, kids on the autism spectrum as well as kids who need extra help to get on with others.

2. Regular behaviour rehearsal
Practise appropriate social behaviours at home so kids know how to behave around others. For example, you can role-play a restaurant situation by serving your kids’ meals at the dinner table and expecting them to use their manners.

3. Just-in-time prompts
It helps to remind in positive terms how kids should speak and act around others before entering a social situation or a special place such as a church, airport or restaurant. “In church most people...”

4. Teaching good manners
Manners are social guidelines that teach kids how to behave around others. While some conventions change over time, basic good manners such as saying ‘please’ and ‘thank you’ never change. They are the basis of a civil society. Kids are never too young to start learning manners.

5. Respectful use of consequences
While the best discipline happens before an event (through behaviour rehearsal, prompts and teaching manners) there are times when the only way to get a message across about time and place is to DO something if the kids’ behaviour thoughtlessly or deliberately impinges on the rights of others. And the best action may be WITHDRAWAL from the place or activity that they are doing. That may mean that the kids (and you) miss out on an activity or being in a special place but such lessons are rarely forgotten and reinforce your important messages.

Time and place is a great parenting message for kids to learn. It’s about consideration for others; it’s about self-control and above all else, it’s about fitting into different social situations.

High Tea for a Cause
On Sunday, 26th July, between 2 and 4pm, Lisa da Silva (NPS mum) will be hosting a high tea to raise funds for birthing kits to send to Uganda. This is in conjunction with Vision Sisters, a World Vision initiative. A minimum donation of $40 is requested. This will purchase 8 birthing kits and the required education (and you get a delicious high tea!). High tea will be in the school hall. If you would like to attend, please let Lisa know on 0419 504 512.

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