

MOIL MIRROR

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

WELCOME BACK

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our families for the start of the 2012 school year. It is pleasing to have several new enrolments and we welcome the children and their families to Moil.

It has been a very pleasant start to the year and I would like to thank the staff for their great preparation prior to the students returning. Classrooms are already looking great and I know as the students complete pieces of work they will continue to look even brighter. The students have returned with a very positive attitude towards their learning and they look absolutely fantastic in their uniforms.

Strong support between school and home is vital for the success of our students and we appreciate the warmth and friendliness shown by you to our staff. Thank you for patience when coming into the front office to purchase uniforms and resource packs. It is so good to have parents who appreciate that the staff does their best to keep the queues moving along while understanding our need to log everything into the Retail Manager System accurately.

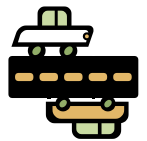


If you haven't used your \$75 Back to School Voucher as yet please drop into the Front Office to do so. We have the forms there waiting for you to take advantage of this government incentive which can be used towards the purchase of school uniforms or the Resource Pack for 2012.



DROP OFF ZONE

It was very disappointing to be told in January that the construction of the drop off zone has been postponed until mid March. It would have been particularly useful during the wet weather to have had the works completed sooner. We wait with patience for the commencement of works in March and we will follow the plans carefully.



STAFF FOR 2012

We are pleased to welcome back Mrs. Lea Wharam after her long service leave. Mrs Wharam is teaching part time in the Intensive English Unit with Mrs. Suyin Mc Donald.



We also welcome Ms. Meagan Hill to Moil School. Ms. Hill is teaching the T/1 class and is a welcome addition to the Early Childhood Team.

Welcome back to Mrs. Jeanie Sawyer who is taking Ms Peta Costello's Year 3/4 class for the first four weeks. Ms Costello is recuperating from surgery, she has however been in and set up the room and prepared her program. She is looking forward to return to work once recovered.

COOL ROOM IN THE CANTEEN

Lunches brought from home are placed into a large crate in the classroom each morning and are then taken across to the cool room in the canteen in order to maintain freshness. Recess is left in the student's bag in the air conditioned corridors. Please ensure that your child's recess and lunch are packed

separately to avoid confusion, especially for the younger students.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL BELONGINGS ARE LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

The cleaners place any lunch boxes and bottles found outside at the end of the day on the ledge above the bubbler at the end of the Early Childhood corridor. All other Lost Property is placed into the storage box underneath the seating just outside the Principal and Assistant Principal offices. Parents and students are welcome to check for lost belongings.

PICKING UP CHILDREN EARLY

Please ensure that if you need to collect children who are enrolled in Transition to Year 6 prior to 2:45pm that you report to the Front Office Staff first. This will avoid any confusion in the event of an Emergency Evacuation and at the end of the day as the Front Office Staff will enter the time of the student's departure into the SAMS system which keeps our records up to date and assists us in keeping your child safe.

MEDICATION REQUIRED AT SCHOOL

It is timely to remind families at the beginning of the year of the need to have any medication your child requires stored at the front office and for the relevant forms to be filled in. Teachers cannot administer medication to students nor is it safe for students to keep medication in their school bags or desks. School Staff are happy to assist with medication but all protocols must be followed please.

I am looking forward to the excitement that the new school year presents. Teaching staff will be working very hard to unpack and learn the rigours of the Australian Curriculum over coming weeks during our meeting times.

Kind regards

Pam Erfurt

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PRINCIPAL



LIFE EDUCATION VISIT

The Life Education Van will be coming to Moil Primary School in Week 3 commencing Monday 13 February. All classes will be involved by visiting the van and experiencing a program designed for their year level. The cost of the program is \$5 per student. This will be covered by the 2012 Resource Pack funds, so no money is required to be sent to school.

Below is a newsletter article from Life Education Australia. If you need any more details about the program please contact Sue Rae.



FOR A SAFER, SMARTER LIFE.



Harold is coming!

Life Education is a not for profit organisation that aims to provide a comprehensive and contemporary resource in support of Health and Drug Education within the Top end community. Our developmentally appropriate programmes cover areas of body knowledge, healthy eating/life style choices, safety, negotiation skills, self esteem, risk taking behaviours and drug education. All modules presented in the van are aligned with the Northern Territory Curriculum Framework. Put simply the Health and PE aspects of the program link in with your child's classroom studies.

The classroom teacher is provided with a manual to assist with a huge array of follow-up activities. The students will complete these activities in the complementary work booklets also provide.

All sessions are conducted in the magical Life Education Van with our qualified Drug and Health Educator Suzi Spedding. Suzi is of course assisted by none other the Harold the Giraffe...

Sue Rae

Senior Teacher Early Childhood



MUSIC – NT MUSIC SCHOOL

Just a quick reminder that instrumental music lessons with the Northern Territory Music School are beginning again shortly. All students who are continuing on from last year, need to make sure they have returned their registration form and paid their \$50 to the Music School. If you do not have one of these forms, please contact the NTMS on the number listed below.

All new students should have received a letter of acceptance into the program early in January, based on the information collected from the Expression of Interest forms that went home last year. If you did not receive this letter, or missed the demonstration at the end of last year, please contact the NTMS to see if there are places still available. If you have any questions about our programs, please contact the NT Music School on 89850877 or visit the website www.ntms.net.au

Dates to Remember



- Life Education ~ Mon 12 Feb
- School Photos ~ Tue 27 Mar
- Pre School Photos ~ Tue 28 Mar



**If your contact details have changed.....
Please advise the Front Office**

**Found at Preschool
Small Pink Bike
"Petal Power"
Phone Wendy Darwin 89206870
Or collect from Moil Preschool**

Commencing Friday 17 February

Community Engagement Group

- When:** Every Friday after our School Assembly
- Time:** 9 - 10am
- Why:** We need help in our Library to cover new books
- Who:** Parents & Friends of our Moil School Community (children welcome)

Refreshments: Coffee/Tea & biscuits



Saint Mary's Hockey Club

RECRUITING PLAYERS
~ ALL AGES ~ ALL GRADES
COME & PLAY FOR THE GREEN & GOLD

Sign - On Day for Juniors & Seniors
Saturday 10 March
9.00am ~ 12.00pm
Marrara Hockey Centre
For more information contact
Sue Auld 89206868
Or at the Front Office



**PLEASE ENSURE
YOUR CHILD
BRINGS A
NAMED WATER
BOTTLE TO
SCHOOL.**

Remember



Student banking is **every Friday**.

If you do not have an account new account application packs can be collected from the Front Office.



Services to children are generally provided by Dental Therapists and Oral Health Therapists, who are health professionals that are specially educated and trained to provide oral health services to children. (Oral health therapists are also educated and trained to provide some services to adults). In some cases your child may be referred to a Dentist or Specialist if more complex or specialised treatment or advice is needed. The Therapist works with a Dental Assistant, who provides chair-side assistance, and helps run the clinic.

All children attending dental appointments will be required to be accompanied by a parent or carer. Being present during your child's appointment helps you to understand what treatment is required and how to keep your child's mouth and teeth healthy.

It is recommended that children start having regular dental visits as early as one year of ages to detect early signs of tooth decay and encourage a positive attitude towards dental treatment.

For further information visit the Oral Health Services website:

www.health.nt.gov.au/oral_health

SCHOOL DENTIST



ORAL HEALTH SERVICES –NT

Provisions have been made for our students to attend the Dental Clinic at Anula Primary School where a full range of assessment and treatment services are available.

Please contact the Anula Dental Clinic to arrange appointments on 89453173. If this is not convenient, or in case of emergency, parents should contact the Darwin Dental Clinic on 89226475.

Children attending all dental appointments must be accompanied by a parent or carer.



School Screening Services



Information

School Screening is the ongoing screening of health and development of children, performed by community health nurses from the Department of Health and Community Services. It involves an assessment of height and weight, vision, ear health and hearing. It is available to all students in transition, (and year 1 for those not previously screened the prior year.).

These tests are not compulsory. They will only be attended if you have ticked and signed that you consent to the program on your child's enrolment form, or have signed the School Screening consent form.

Please contact the School Front Office for further details

CHILD ORAL HEALTH INFORMATION

Oral Health Services – NT provides free dental services to eligible children from infancy to the completion of senior school. Services can be accessed through Community Dental Clinics at Darwin, Palmerston.



HOCKEY
Sign On Day for all Clubs
Saturday 10 March
Marrara Hockey Stadium
9.00am – 12.pm