Yesterday as part of the Morwell Regeneration Project, Engagement and Wellbeing staff members from the three primary schools had the opportunity to visit Doveton College. Doveton College caters for children from birth to Year 9 and is an exemplar school across the state of Victoria regarding community engagement and partnerships.

Their mission is very clear. They will provide high quality programs for the children and young people of Doveton in partnership with their families and the community. They believe in the potential of every child and young person to learn, be their best and to achieve.

The college educational model and learning environments take into account the latest research on child development and provide a seamless transition from an early learning centre to early secondary years. It is an integrated model of education and community support where families are included in many learning opportunities as well.

It was an amazing opportunity to observe such a setting. What clearly stood out in my mind were the high expectations of every person within the college, the pride shown within the learning community and the way in which students, teachers, parents and community members all support each other and learn together.

We have the opportunity to learn from Doveton College as our new school begins to take shape. It will be very important to engage with everyone to help establish a new vision, belief and core expectations about how students, teachers, parents and the community can learn in partnership together. This is really exciting and I look forward to the beginning of this journey.

SUN HATS

Speaking about high expectations, our school expects all students to be wearing a school approved hat from September to April. There are no exceptions. Please ensure your child has a hat at school.

The goal of our policy is for every student to be sun smart independently. Part of this is remembering on their own to put a hat on before going outside. Like all behavior, this must be learnt through practice and repetition. Therefore, teachers will support students with reminders with the expectation this support will become less and less as they progress through school.

Any student without a hat will need to play in a designated undercover area. The yard duty teacher will direct the student to one of these shade areas. To avoid this simply remember to wear a school approved sun hat!

Be sun smart and safe.

Regards
Melissa Rock
Last week we conducted a very IMPORTANT lollipop experiment. We wanted to test which flavour lollipop dissolves the quickest.
Fun in the sunflowers
Last Friday at our school assembly, our Grade 6 students gave speeches as to why they would be a good school leader. On Monday our Grade 6 students presented their speeches again to all the students in grades 3, 4, 5 & 6. Each student then voted for who they thought should represent our school as School Captain and Sports Captain. All of our students spoke really well and we are very proud of their efforts.

The Tobruk Street staff and students would like to congratulate the two students chosen to represent our school this year in a leadership role:

**SCHOOL CAPTAIN** - Chloe Collyer

**SPORTS CAPTAIN** - Moni Eliaser
**Important Dates**

**Monday 15th February**
Permission forms DUE—AFL Clinic Excursion & Apology Day excursion

**Monday 22nd February**
Grade 1 & 2 students—AFL Clinic excursion

**Wednesday 2nd March**
National Young Leader’s Day

**Friday 4th March & Saturday 5th March**
P&F Fundraiser-Kidshotz Box Photos

**Thursday 24th March**
School Breaks Up @ 1:15pm

**Monday 11th April**
Term 2 commences

**Thursday 28th April**
School Photos

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**Happy Birthday to all students who celebrated a birthday in February!**

**Emin Eliaser 01/02**
**Taryn Robinson 13/02**
**Brielle Leech 18/02**
**Ebony Corti 18/02**
**Ella Shields 20/02**
**Decklin Hawkins 22/02**

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**Breakfast Club 2016**

We offer cereal, oats and tinned fruit every morning from **8:00am** until **8:30am**, all completely free of charge.

A nutritious, balanced and consistent breakfast has been proven to aid students in concentration and promote an eagerness to join in on class activities at the beginning of the school day.

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**Reminder:**

It is School Policy that when a student brings any electronic device/s to school they are to be handed in at the office prior to classes commencing for the day. This policy includes iPads, iPods, any mobile phone, game boys etc. Items are locked in a safe in the office and can be collected at the end of the day. It is advised that such items are left at home as the school does not offer insurance for student’s personal items should they become damaged or stolen.

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**Our Vision...**

At Tobruk Street Primary School we aim to foster happy, successful learners who are confident, resilient and independent. We value and respect each others’ abilities and individuality.