# Moyston Primary School

## School Information Booklet

*Meeting the learning needs of your child, their success begins here!*

We are a committed team that provides a caring environment, supporting students to thrive, learn and grow. The partnership between students, parents and the wider community is focused on maximizing each student's individual potential.

Our curriculum reflects a high regard for Literacy and Numeracy with Information and Communication Technologies integrated across all curriculum areas. Many of our enrichment activities focus on student health and well-being, this supports the significant sporting culture that exists in our local community.

Active participation is encouraged from our parents in all aspects of school life. We work towards establishing a school culture that demonstrates an effective 'Learning Community'. Our school offers an attractive, stimulating learning environment where interpersonal relationships, child safety and individual well-being is a key priority.

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Our Primary School is located in the township of Moyston, 15km West of Ararat at the foot of Mt William and the Grampians.

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# School Administration Hours

Office hours are Monday—Friday from 8.30am until 3.20pm. Office Administration staff are available in the School Office at the front of the main building .

# School Hours

Children are permitted in the school grounds between 8.30am and 3.45pm

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| Morning assembly: | 9.00am (Monday only) |
| School begins: | 9.00am |
| Morning recess: | 11.00am—11.30am |
| Lunch: | 1.15pm—2.00pm |
| School Dismissed: | 3.20pm |

# Fees

$150 First child, $140 2nd child, $130 3rd child, 4th child FREE. Early bird discount on first child if paid before END OF TERM 1.

Families are also able to make a lump sum payment to the amount of their choosing e.g. $300 at any time. From this balance, the school can deduct fees, uniform, excursions and any other charges from the balance as they arise.

# Conveyance Allowance

Conveyance Allowance is a payment made by the Department of Education to families who live further than 4.8kms from the nearest school, providing they are attending the closest school to their home and not riding on a government provided school bus.

# Parent helpers

Parents are encouraged to participate in all areas of our school program. We welcome parents in the classroom to assist with reading, maths, cooking or any other area of interest. Parents are also welcome to join us during our morning walks and on various excursions throughout the year.

Moyston Primary School also has an open door policy. Parents are welcome to come in at any time to talk to staff about their children or any other school matters.

# Communication

## Newsletter

The Moyston Primary School newsletter is given to students fortnightly.

The newsletter has all current information for parents and students regarding excursions, school activities, uniform, lunch orders, school council, community notices, projects, working bees, book club, student achievements and photos.

The newsletter is also uploaded to our school website each week.

www.moystonps.vic.edu.au

## Facebook

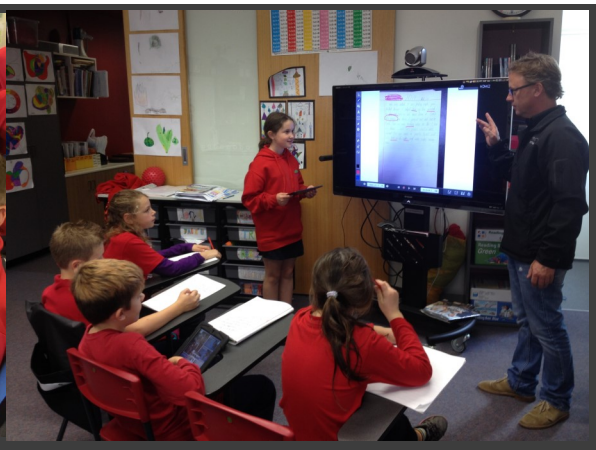
The school also has a Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/moystonprimaryschool

On this page you will find a lot of the latest news and photos from Moyston PS, as well as links to the website. This is a fantastic way to share news from our school with extended family and friends.

# Reporting

Student reports are issued at the end of Term 2 and 4. Parent/teacher interviews will be held throughout the year in conjunction with individual learning plans that will be sent out each term.



## SUN SMART

Moyston Primary School is a Sun Smart school and wide brimmed hats must be worn at all times when outside during Terms 1 and 4. Each student's wide brimmed hat is kept at school to avoid them being lost elsewhere or accidentally left at home.

## Bullying

Moyston Primary School uses the eSmart program for Internet safety education.

The Better Buddies bullying program is also used along with a zero tolerance for bullying.

# English

Literacy is the key to learning and success in later education and in everyday life. Literacy skills underpin success in all other areas of the curriculum.

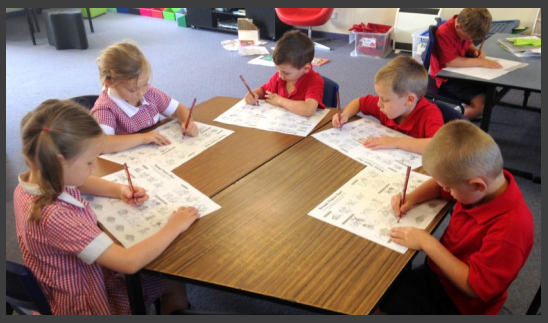
Our English program encompasses all forms of communication: listening and speaking, reading, writing with ICT integrated across all disciplines.

The early years of schooling is an important time for development of basic literacy skills, so the Early Years Literacy Program is implemented from the start of their school life.

In the middle and upper years we use strategies to challenge and extend our students to become independent speakers, readers and writers.

Our English program aims to develop:

- Knowledge of the ways in which language varies according to context, purpose, audience and content, and the capacity to apply this knowledge.
- Knowledge of the linguistic patterns used to construct different texts and the capacity to apply this knowledge in all areas of their learning.
- Experience in all areas of ICT to prepare students for new technologies needed for success in a technology driven global society.



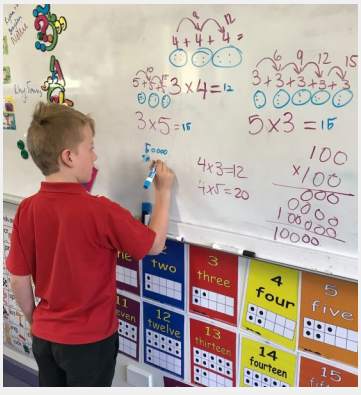
# Maths

Mathematics is an integral part of daily life.

We believe that given sufficient time and support, all of our students are capable of learning the mathematical ideas and skills that underpin everyday life.

Effective mathematics teaching relies on knowledge of students' pre-existing ideas and the implementation of effective strategies to support students to develop more sophisticated mathematical understandings.

Mathematics is an integral part of our classroom activities. Our students participate in learning experiences that facilitate mathematical understandings and encourage a positive attitude towards mathematics that will support them in their development as real life problem-solvers.



# Science

Our Science program is designed to help encourage students to:

- Develop knowledge and skills central to biological, earth and physical sciences.
- Apply knowledge of science and understanding of some key scientific theories, principles and ideas to explain and predict events in the natural and physical world.
- Develop and use the skills of scientific investigation, reasoning and analysis to generate or refine knowledge, find solutions and ask questions.
- Develop scientific attitudes such as flexibility, curiosity, respect for evidence, and critical reflection.
- Communicate scientific understanding in appropriate scientific language to a range of audiences.

# ICT (Information and Communications Technology)

Moyston Primary School provides students with a safe, supportive eLearning environment that encourages all to reach their full potential through the development of a desire for life-long learning that incorporates ICT across the curriculum.

The school supports an environment where the use of information, communication and technology is regarded as an integral part of our everyday practices. It acknowledges the potential of eLearning to impact on learning outcomes for all students.

The school has Apple technologies in all classrooms to assist in the provision of ICT across the school. In every classroom students have iPads and Netbooks. The school has an extensive wireless system to allow for the use of ICT beyond the classroom wall and a video conferencing center. The school encourages students to:

- Become active and independent learners within their immediate community and also globally.
- Develop skills to use new technologies.
- Develop an awareness of social and ethical issues relating to the responsible use of ICT.

# Art

Our Art program requires students to interpret, synthesize, implement and evaluate. Students gain knowledge when considering a range of possibilities in order to design and present their ideas.

We support students' experimentation and creative expression of ideas, allowing for imaginative responses in a range of tasks.

Our facilities have a designated Art room to work in during Art lessons with Barb.

# School Garden

Our focus is on growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing fresh, seasonal produce.
The program connects students with the land, helps them understand what it is to nurture the soil and the seeds they plant in it, also exploring sustainable living.

Children sample new flavours and can eat and cook something they have picked straight from the garden. Students also take part in plant outs in conjunction with Project Platypus and the local Landcare Group.

# Cooking

Students participate in cooking in our new student kitchen. They often use produce harvested from the school garden with a focus on sustainability.

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## Uniforms

The School Uniform for Moyston Primary School is compulsory and consists of black shorts or pants and red and black polo shirt or hoodie. Girls may also chose to wear red and white checked dress. Appropriate footwear must be worn to school e.g. sneakers.

The following items can be purchased through the school. Each item has been embroidered with the school logo.

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| **Hoodies** | **$25.00 each** |
| **Polo shirts** | **$18.00 each** |
| **Spray Jackets** | **$20.00 each** |
| **BMX Top (personalised)** | **$40.00 each** |
| **Polar fleece beanie** | **$10.00 each** |
| **Polar fleece scarf** | **$9.00 each** |
| **School bags** | **$35.00 Small $40.00 Large** |

Black shorts or pants (tracksuit pants are fine) can be purchased from various suppliers around Ararat or online.

A reader bag, hat and drink bottle will be provided free of charge to each student when they first start at Moyston PS.

They are considered part of our school uniform. When these are damaged or lost, we ask that parents pay to replace them.

All students will receive a new drink bottle at the start of each year.

Drink bottles and hats are left at school each day.

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| **Drink bottle** | **$6.00** |
| **Hat** | **$11.00** |
| **Reader bag** | **$15.00** |

Sports tops are kept at the school and not available to purchase. These tops are provided to the students when they participate in various sporting events e.g. Moyston and District School Sports, Netball, Football, Cricket and Cross Country.

# Fundraising

Community Dinners:

A monthly Community Dinner is held on the 1st Friday of every month at the Moyston Football Clubrooms. Moyston Primary School host the majority of these dinners throughout the year as our major fundraiser.

The meals are catered for by parents and all members of the local and school community are welcome to attend.

The school parents have a rotating roster to plan and organise the meals, this may include menu planning and grocery shopping. All available parents help with 'chop up' which is preparation of the food . On the night of the dinners, we ask that parents help to cook and serve the meals, sell raffle tickets, man the door and help clean up.
This is a team effort which raises significant money for the school.

The school also runs raffles at Easter and Christmas as well as catering for other community meals such as the Endurance Horse Ride to raise further funds for the school.

Details of all fundraising events are provided throughout the year in the newsletter.

## Library

The MARC Van is a mobile Library van based at Great Western that visits Moyston fortnightly, giving the students access to a large collection of books to take home.

## School Nurse

Students in Prep are checked by the school nurse.
Students have their eyesight and hearing checked.

All staff members hold a current First Aid Certificate.

## Fruit time

Each day in the morning children are encouraged to eat their fruit. On Fridays the school provides free fruit to the children for 'Free Fruit Friday'.

# Camps and Excursions

Camps are held for Grades 3—6 at rotating venues i.e. Urban Camp, Seaside Camp, Adventure Camp and a Canberra Camp.

Prep—Grade 2 students participate in a Sleepover at the school. This helps in developing independence and gives the experience of being without their parents overnight.

The school aims to have one excursion each term, with the cost to parents being kept to a minimum.

Other excursions are attended if offered locally and are of an educational or social benefit.

In addition, once a month students are involved with Cluster days arranged with Maroona and Buangor Primary schools. The Cluster days alternate venues between each of the Primary Schools with an occasional excursion. Students are involved in varying activities that allow for competitions and socialising with their peers.

# Physical Education

Our students have a minimum of 2.5 hours per week of structured physical activity.  Every morning students have ‘Huff and Puff’, which may include a morning walk, running or exercises around the school yard.

Our swimming program includes a cold water pool program at the beginning and end of the year at the Halls Gap outdoor pool and the Ararat Outdoor pool.

Moyston Primary school also participates in an annual athletics sports day (MDSSA) against Pomonal, Halls Gap, Concongella and Great Western  Primary Schools, giving  students competition against their peers.

One of the extracurricular activities we participate in is the Victorian Schools Cycling Cup BMX division. In 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 our school won the aggregate points to become the champion school out of 356 schools from across the state. Participating in the BMX competitions is optional.

## Enrolling your child

To enrol your child at Moyston Primary School:

- Contact the school directly to arrange a tour and meet the staff
- Enrolment forms are available from the school office or our school website www.moystonps.vic.edu.au

# STAFF

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| Principal | Anthony Cain |
| Prep-2 Teacher | Kendra Whiting |
| Grade 3-4 Teacher | Lauren Humphrey |
| Grade 5-6 Teacher | Natalie Dowsett |
| Business Manager | Lyn Broadbear |
| Administration | Kelly McKinnon |
| School Council President | Lydia Jackson |

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# PROTECT

**Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.**

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.

**It's everyone's responsibility.**

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

**Further information & resources**
www.education.vic.gov.au/protect

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Moyston Primary School is a Child Safe School.
Our Child Safety Standards and policies are available on our school website .

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