

Newsletter

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MOYSTON PS

RESILIENCE "I bounce back and don't give up. I make the right choice when dealing with difficult situations."

RESPONSIBILITY "I am trustworthy, reliable, and able to make safe and sensible decisions. I take ownership of my actions."

EXCELLENCE "I strive to always achieve my best. I try to be as good as I can."



It was a very special day for all of our students today. The Prep - Grade 2 students visited the Melbourne Museum and IMAX, and our Grade 3-6 students took part in a Citizenship ceremony in Ararat!



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Calendar

Term 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8	28th August	29th August Pomonal Cluster Day - footy dress up	30th August Ararat College School Production excursion	31st August Black Ranges Athletics (Stawell)	1st September P-2 Big Day Out 3-6 Citizenship Ceremony Ararat Community Dinner hosted by Moyston PS
Week 9	4th September Swimming	5th September MARC Swimming	6th September PLAYGROUP Swimming	7th September Grade 3-6 Bike Ride in Ararat (morning) Swimming	8th September Staff Professional Development Day - No students at school
Week 10	11th September Golf tournament at Chalambar (selected students) Swimming	12th September SCHOOL COUNCIL 6pm Swimming	13th September Swimming	14th September Grade Prep-2 Bike Ride in Ararat (morning) R U OK day Swimming	15th September PJ DAY! End of Term 3 Early dismissal 2.30pm

PREP 2024 TRANSITION PROGRAM

Dear parents,

It is an exciting time ahead for our 2024 preps! Our Transition program will be starting soon.

Children will receive a hat on their first transition day. They will not need to bring anything else with them to school on the shorter days.

Playgroup dates	9.30am - 11.30am Wednesday 4th October Wednesday 1st November Wednesday 6th December
Wednesday 18th October	9.00am - 11.30am
Wednesday 15th November	9.00am - 11.30am
Tuesday 12th December Statewide Transition day	ALL DAY (9am—3.20pm) Lunch, snacks and drinks will be required on Tuesday 12th December

If you know of anyone else who is thinking of enrolling at Moyston Primary School, can you please let them know of our transition program so their child does not miss out.

Announcements

Swimming and Bike Education schedule for the next two weeks

DATE	DROP OFF	ACTIVITY	PICK UP
Monday 4th September	Moyston PS	Whole school Swimming lessons in the afternoon.	Parents to pick up Ararat Fitness Centre 3.20pm
Tuesday 5th September	Moyston PS	Whole school Swimming lessons in the afternoon.	Parents to pick up Ararat Fitness Centre 3.20pm
Wednesday 6th September	Moyston PS	Whole school Swimming lessons in the afternoon.	Parents to pick up Ararat Fitness Centre 3.20pm
Thursday 7th September	Moyston PS	Morning - Grade 3 - 6 Bike ride from Green Hill Lake into Alexandra Gardens Morning - Prep - Grade 2 Ararat Library and Ararat Art Gallery	Parents to pick up Ararat Fitness Centre 3.20pm
		Whole school Swimming lessons in the afternoon.	
Friday 8th September		Professional Practice Day for Staff (student free day)	
Monday 11th September	Moyston PS	Selected students Golf tournament at Chalambar in the morning	Parents to pick up Ararat Fitness Centre 3.20pm
		Whole school Swimming lessons in the afternoon.	
Tuesday 12th September	Moyston PS	Whole school Swimming lessons in the afternoon.	Parents to pick up Ararat Fitness Centre 3.20pm
Wednesday 13th September	Moyston PS	Whole school Swimming lessons in the afternoon.	Parents to pick up Ararat Fitness Centre 3.20pm
Thursday 14th September	Moyston PS	Morning - Prep - Grade 2 Bike ride around Alexandra Gardens Morning -Grade 3 - 6 Ararat Library and Ararat Art Gallery	Parents to pick up Ararat Fitness Centre 3.20pm
		Whole school Swimming lessons in the afternoon.	
Friday 15th September	Moyston PS	END OF TERM 3	Moyston PS

Next week is the start of our indoor swimming program. We also have two bike education excursions (Thursdays) and a golf tournament during those two weeks.

Please check uEducateUs for all permission notes and further information.

Drop off each day will be at Moyston Primary School. Students are required to wear full school uniform each day and bring bathers and a towel.

Please no heat up lunches for the next two weeks!

Parents/carers are required to pick up students from the Ararat Fitness Centre at 3.20pm on each of the swimming days.

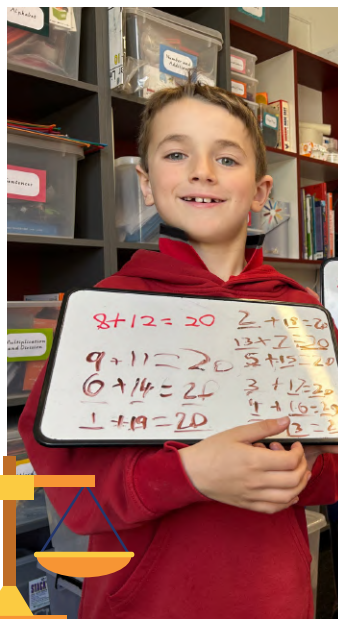
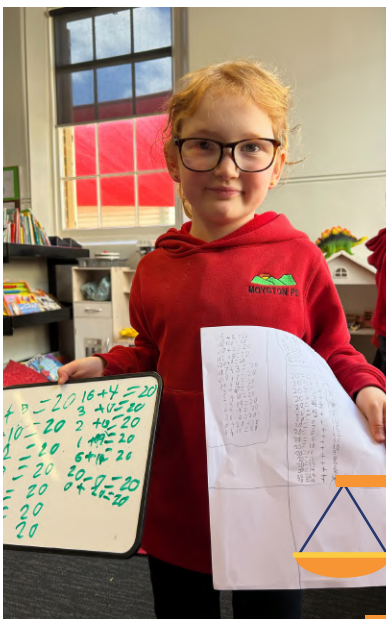
PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

During the first two weeks of Term 4, we will be conducting Parent/Teacher interviews. Please keep an eye out for further information

Junior



Last week we made Miss Hogan's **Hocus Pocus Focus Potion** using golbin snot, unicorn dust and dragon blood. This helped to inspire us to write our very own potion procedural recipes.



We had great fun constructing shields inspired by how dinosaurs protect themselves.

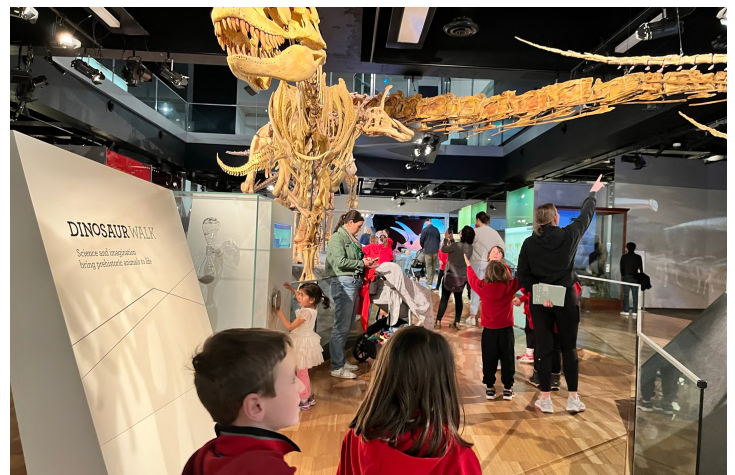
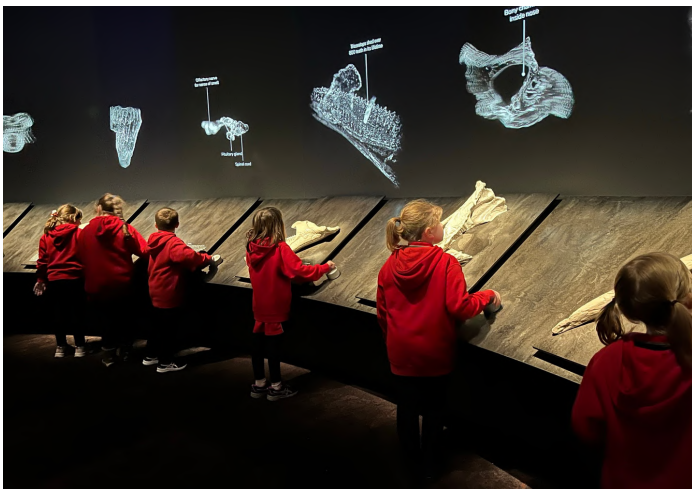


Emme and Jimmy worked very hard to create 'balanced' number sentences. They were even able to identify some patterns in their equations!

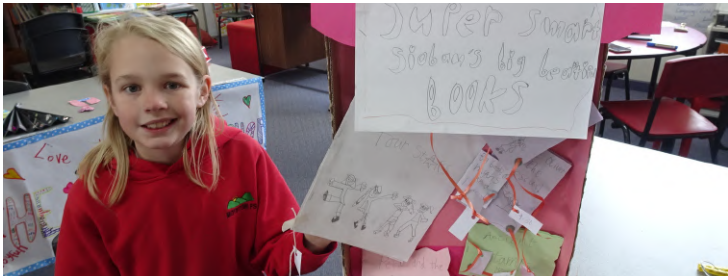
Junior BIG DAY OUT



The junior students have had the best day checking out all of the amazing exhibits at the Melbourne Museum today!



Middle



Mathematics: Shopping \$\$\$\$

The year 3/4 class have been planning and getting items ready to sell at their class market next week. Siobhan has made books to sell at her bookshop. Jasmin, Lilli & Florence have named their shop 'the triplet shop' and will be selling handmade paper craft items.

Ashlynn will be selling little handmade pompom teddy bears. Alana has also made paper craft items and drawings to sell in her shop. Jack and Paddy have made a house to auction at the market and Paddy will be selling gift vouchers for some items from Ms. Savoia's prize box. The students have priced their items and will use play money to buy and sell items. Mrs. Savoia has put together craft gift bags that they can buy with a \$5 or \$10 dollar note, so students can practise calculating the correct change.

Thanks, Marlene
for reading with
the students on
Friday.



Persuasive Argument

If you were Prime Minister of Australia, what best superpower do you think you would need to have, to make Australia an even more wonderful place to live in.

The Best Superpower to have as Prime Minister of Australia is Shield Protection and Strength

Introduction

If I were the Prime Minister of Australia, I would use the superpowers of shield protection and strength to solve Australia's poverty. Poverty is hugely horrible because children aren't going to school in the right uniform or in proper shoes, they aren't getting good food, and don't have houses, some sleep in cars with their mothers and are sleeping in the streets.

Firstly, children of Australia are not able to go to school in the right shoes or right uniform. Imagine if you were a child and you couldn't go to school in the right shoes or uniform and others pick on you for the way you look, you just want to hide all the time. As PM of Australia, I would make people have enough money for uniforms and shoes. I will change that forever.

Secondly, poverty is horribly bad because people are eating out of dumpsters and not eating healthy food, while others are happy and healthy unlike the poor children who live in poverty. The children are too skinny because of a lack of proper food that is nutritious. I know for a fact that each year Australia is wasting 7.6 million tonnes of food. Isn't it a shame? That children are dying of poverty.

Thirdly, people are homeless because they have no money, no place to live and they get sick and have no cures. Children are crying and have absolutely nothing to eat. Did you know that in Australia there are 30,660 people who are homeless this year, 2023?

Conclusion

Therefore, people are living in poverty for no reason at all. Why should a young child go to school without any shoes or in the right uniforms, or a family live without any house, when we have enough money across Australia? Why should a child go hungry when we have a lot of wastage of food around Australia?

As PM, I will deal with this first.

Coda

Have I convinced you that poverty is devastating? Hugely horrible?

By: Lilli

Senior

MATHS

In maths senior students are exploring patterns and algebra.

THEME

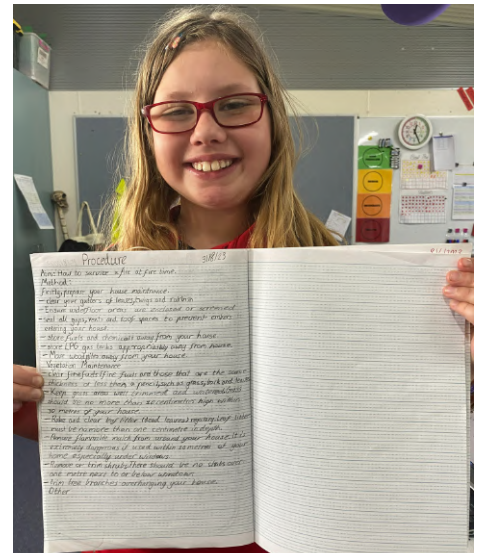
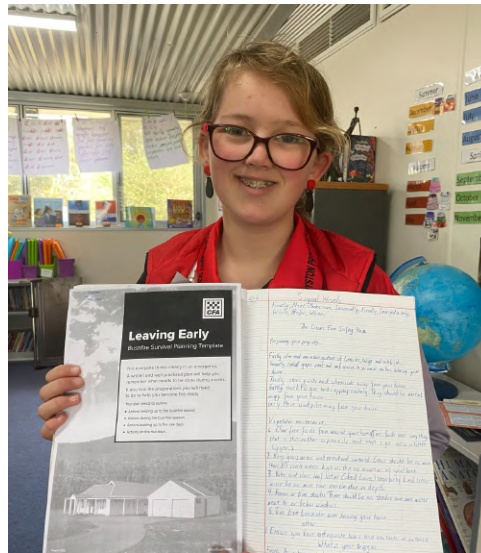
For our theme, 'Civics and Citizenship' students are looking at local, state and federal levels of government.

LITERACY

For writing, senior students are learning the structure and features of procedural texts.

They made a fire-blow artwork and created a procedure text this week with a series of steps on how to make it.

Students discussed fire safety for homework with their families and will be writing an evacuation plan/procedure based on their findings.



Senior

Senior students created blow artwork using paints and straws. There were quite a few red faces after this class!



Ararat College Production

On Wednesday, the whole school attended the Ararat College school production *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* at the Ararat Town Hall!



Pomonal Cluster Day

This week we visited Pomonal Primary School for a Cluster Day with Pomonal, Maroona, Willaura and Buangor Primary Schools.

Students participated in three different sessions: AFL clinic, Nudal kart loose parts play and they also learnt how to grow vegetables from their compost scraps.



Citizenship ceremony



The Grade 3-6 students attended a very special Australian Citizenship ceremony at Alexandra Oval Community Centre this morning.

We were excited to witness three people becoming Australian Citizens, including Moyston's Jan Ibs von Seht! Our students sang the Australian National Anthem for the ceremony.



Assembly 25/8



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our assembly on Friday 25th August was hosted by Paddy, Alana and Summer.

The junior class showed off their dinosaur shields that they have been creating during Theme time.

Ashlynn, Jasmin and Alana talked about what the class did during MARC van lessons and Lilli, Siobhan and Florence shared their interpretation of the image they had to work on during their visual literacy lesson.

Ned and Angus from the senior class read out their persuasive texts.

AWARDS

Miss Hogan, Mrs Savoia and Miss O. presented Reading Night awards for home reading achievements and our school value awards for **Resilience, Responsibility** and **Excellence**

Our next assembly will be held on the last day of term on Friday 15th September



Black Ranges Athletics



On Thursday, we had seven students represent Moyston PS at the Black Ranges Athletics at North Park in Stawell. Students qualified for this event based on their results at the school sports earlier this year.

Jasmin, Minty, Florence, Ned, Harry, Jacob and Archie competed in a range of events including 1500m, 100m, 200m, 800m, Long Jump, Shot Put and Discus



Placegetters on the day were -
Harry 3rd 1500m, Archie 2nd 100m sprint, Jasmin 2nd shot put and
Florence 3rd 100m sprint!



Congratulations to Archie and Jasmin who have qualified for the Regional Athletics in October!

Outside School Hours Care



September School Holiday Program

(Out of School Hours Care - Moyston Primary School)

Monday 18th September

COMPETITION
DAY

Tuesday 19th September

WREATH
MAKING

Thursday 21st September

MUSIC /
SILENT DISCO

Monday 25th September

BUILDING
CHALLENGE

Tuesday 26th September

BOUNCE &
PLAYGROUND IN
BALLARAT

Thursday 28th September

MOVIE &
POPCORN

We are offering 3 days each week of the September School Holidays. This program is open to all Primary School aged children (you do not have to be a Moyston PS student)

To operate each day, we will require a minimum of 11 children. It is essential that you make bookings early.

Bookings close on Friday 1st September.

This gives us time to purchase materials, roster educators and plan for the number of children booked in. We will notify families which days will operate.

To book email AELC_MoystonOOSH@outlook.com or call **5352 2892**.

You don't need to be working to use our program – it could be a day for jobs or simply a playdate for your children without the mess at home!



SMILE SQUAD

Last week, many of our students visited the Smile Squad Dental team while they were onsite at our school.

The Smile Squad will return to Moyston PS next week to complete our student checkups.

Parent Opinion Survey closing soon

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

**The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from
Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023.**

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

An email has been sent to all parent/carers with the link and PIN to access the survey.

Please speak to your Natalie if you would like more information.



TUESDAY EVENING YOGA

with Zaiga

6.30pm

108 Moyston Dunkeld Rd

BYO mat \$15

Wednesday 9am gentle Pilates/yoga



Ararat West Skipping Presentation



Last week we were lucky enough to have a skipping presentation from the Ararat West skipping team!

It was a beautiful day, and the demonstration certainly has inspired lots of our students to have a go at learning to skip at recess and lunch!



Upcoming events

WILDFLOWER BOTANY

7th October 2023

9am-12noon

Morning tea provided

*Learn about the family groups of plants in our area
and how to identify them in the bush.*

Workshop starts at Moyston CFA, before heading out to explore bushland and study flowering plants.

PLEASE BRING:

- Notebook, pencils & magnifying glass for drawing sessions
- Stool or small camp chair for use in the bush
- Lunch or purchase it at the General Store

RSVP essential (limited numbers)

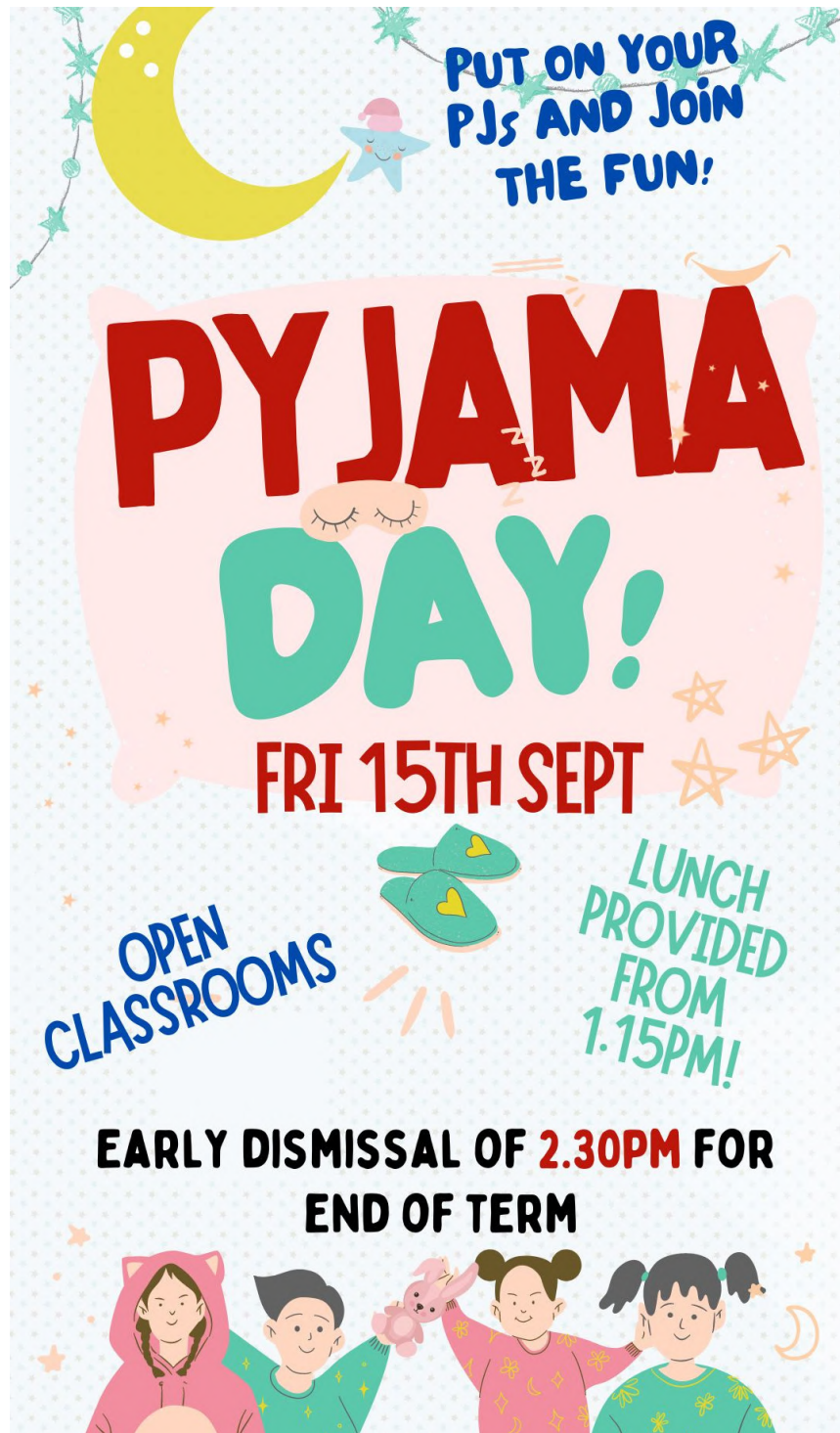
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