

Newsletter

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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."



Welcome to 2023 at Moyston Primary School!

Moyston Primary School has started the year with 40 students enrolled at our school! We have three classrooms, Foundation – Grade 2, a Grade 3 & 4 class, and a Grade 5 & 6 class.

We are also very excited that the Outside School Hours Care program with Ararat Early Learning Centre will be commencing next week!

Best wishes to all students and staff for the new year!

Assembly Monday 6th February 9am – All welcome!

Natalie Dowsett – Principal

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Calendar

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	30th Jan CURRICULUM/ STAFF PLANNING DAY	31st Jan Grade 3, 4, 5, & 6 students return to school Testing for Prep, 1, & 2	1st Feb Grade 3, 4, 5, & 6 students at school Testing for Prep, 1, & 2 PLAYGROUP	2nd Feb All students at school	3rd Feb
Week 2	6th Feb ASSEMBLY 9am	7th Feb MARC VAN	8th Feb	9th Feb WELCOME BREAKFAST	10th Feb DASH Bluelight Community Program Grades 5/6
Week 3	13th Feb	14th Feb	15th Feb	16th Feb SWIMMING SPORTS CLUSTER DAY Ararat Outdoor pool	17th Feb DASH Bluelight Community Program Grades 5/6
Week 4	20th Feb ASSEMBLY 9am	21st Feb MARC VAN	22nd Feb	23rd Feb	24th Feb DASH Bluelight Community Program Grades 5/6
Week 5	27th Feb	28th Feb	1st March PLAYGROUP	2nd March	3rd March DASH Bluelight Community Program Grades 5/6
Week 6	6th March	7th March MARC VAN	8th March SCHOOL PHOTOS	9th March	10th March DASH Bluelight Community Program Grades 5/6
Week 7	13th March PUBLIC HOLIDAY Pitch Festival	14th March	15th March	16th March	17th March DASH Bluelight Community Program Grades 5/6
Week 8	20th March ASSEMBLY 9am	21st March MARC VAN SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM & MEETING	22nd March	23rd March	24th March PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY No students at school. All staff Berry St training.
Week 9	27th March Prep Nurse visit Grade 6 Leadership excursion Melbourne	28th March	29th March	30th March Moyston & District School Sports , Hosted by Moyston PS, held at Moyston Oval	31st March
Week 10	3rd April ASSEMBLY 9am	4th April MARC VAN	5th April PLAYGROUP	6th April END OF TERM 1	7th April SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

2023



Junior Class
Prep, Grade 1 &
Grade 2



Middle Class
Grade 3 &
Grade 4



Senior Class
Grade 5 &
Grade 6

Announcements

STAFFING 2023

Junior room (Prep, Grade 1 & Grade 2) - Zoe Hogan

Middle room (Grade 3 & Grade 4) - Michelle Savoia

Senior room (Grade 5 & Grade 6) - Emily Oliver

PRINCIPAL - Congratulations to Natalie Dowsett who was officially offered the role of Substantive Principal of Moyston PS on the last day of Term 4 2022!

Business Manager - Kelly McKinnon (Mon, Wed, Fri)

Elisha Green (Education Support)

Mark Thompson - Tutor (Wed, Thurs)

Neil Wilde - (Tues)

Susan Day (Cleaner)

Josh Whately - IT Technician

Craig Shalders - Grounds/Maintenance

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council Annual General Meeting and March Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 21st March**.

Further information regarding School Council elections will be provided soon.

SCHOOL TIMES

7.00am - 8.30am - Before school care with Ararat Early Learning Centre

8.30am - staff on yard duty (students not permitted before this time unless in before school care with Ararat Early Learning Centre)

8.50am - Classrooms open

9.00am - 11.00am - **MORNING SESSION**

11.00am - 11.30am - Recess

11.30am - 1.15pm - **MIDDLE SESSION**

1.15pm - 1.25pm - Eat lunch together

1.25pm - 1.55pm - Lunch time

1.55pm - 2.05pm - Student job time

2.05pm - 3.20pm - **AFTERNOON SESSION**

3.20pm - dismissal

3.20pm - 6.00pm - After school care with Ararat Early Learning Centre

Start of year

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Do you require any new or second-hand uniform? Do you have any second-hand uniform you wish to donate to the school? Please note all NEW school uniforms must be paid in full before taking, the school cannot add these charges to your account.

We will use up all stock held at school and moving on, we will be placing an order with Fosters at the beginning and middle of the year for uniforms.

CSEF - DO YOU HAVE A HEALTH CARE CARD?

Please talk to Kelly to see if you are eligible for the Camps, Sports, Excursion fund. This money goes directly into your school account and can only be used for camps, excursions or sporting costs.

*Parents/Carers may be eligible if they hold a valid Health Care Card or concession card.

CONVEYANCE - Do you live further than 4.8kms from school?

To be eligible to receive conveyance/travel allowance, a student must:

- live more than 4.8km by the shortest practicable route from their nearest school
- be enrolled at the nearest government school
- be 4.8 km or more from the nearest bus stop if a bus is being caught to school.

MEDICATION/HEALTH

If your child is currently taking any medication or if they have any current health issues, illness, allergies or disability, parents/carers must notify the school and sign appropriate documents.

FAMILY/STUDENT DETAILS

Have any of your family/contact details changed recently? e.g. address, contact numbers, emergency contacts? The school MUST be notified immediately of any changes to family or contact details.

2023 Payments

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in the Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE (including the VCE Vocational Major) and Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Voluntary contributions can be made to the school for Curriculum Consumables (\$150), Other Contributions (\$50).

Swimming Sports

The Swimming Sports Cluster day with Maroona, Buangor and Pomonal will be held at the ARARAT OUTDOOR POOL on Thursday 16th February.

Parents, families and friends are welcome to join us for the day.

Parents/carers are required to drop off and pick up students at the Ararat Outdoor Pool in the day. More information to come. (Children attending before and after school care on this day will be transported to and from the pool by staff).

This will also be our time trials to determine if any students qualify for the Black Ranges Swimming Sports

School Sports

The Moyston and District school sports will be held on
THURSDAY 30th March 2023.

This year, Moyston Primary School is the host school. This means that the sports will take place at the Moyston Recreation Reserve and our school will be responsible for the lunch orders/canteen etc on the day.

Camps 2023

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS & ACTIVITIES - Provided on a user-pays basis e.g., you must pay for camps/excursion to attend.

Optional **Foundation-Grade 1** overnight stay and day outing (\$50).

Optional **Grade 2-3**, 2-night camp and activities Roses Gap (8th - 10th November) (\$250 estimate only)

Optional **Grade 4-6**, 4 night, 5-day camp and activities Canberra (9th - 13th October) (\$700 estimate only). Camp costs may be reduced if School Council approve subsidies from fundraising.

Optional Excursions (\$20).

*If you would like to create a payment plan for camps and excursions at the beginning of the year, please talk to Kelly.

Grounds



Earth works and tree stump removal has taken place out the front of the Mod 5 building in preparation for a new shade structure.

There has been a lot of work around our school grounds over the holidays and during the first week back at school. We are very excited that the Council have installed a footpath at the parent pick up/drop off area.



We have had deliveries of fresh sand and playground soft fall.



The BMX track has been resurfaced. Western Quarries kindly donated the materials for this revamp!



School information

Drink bottles - All students are asked to have a clearly named drink bottle at school for water each day. Bubble taps are also available for student use throughout the day.

Uniform - Please ensure all school uniform is clearly labelled. There are lost property boxes in each classroom and second hand uniform available if required.

School uniform is compulsory and consists of BLACK shorts, pants, leggings or skorts, a school polo, school hoodie or BMX top. Girls may also choose to wear a school dress.

Footwear - The preferred footwear for students is runners.

Lunch boxes/Tupperware containers - please clearly label everything that comes to school with students.

Hot lunches - students are able to bring food for the pie warmers each day (unless we have communicated otherwise). Students are to take this food to the student kitchen in the morning and see the staff member on duty at lunch time to collect their food.



Welcome Mr Thompson!

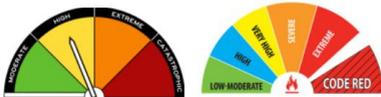
Moyston Primary School is very excited to welcome Mark Thompson to our team! Mark will be at teaching at school on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Mark will be the Tutor in the senior class, as well as our Physical Education teacher!



**PARENTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO
JOIN STAFF AND STUDENTS FOR A WELCOME
BREAKFAST AT SCHOOL!**

**THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY
8.30AM - 9.00AM
MOYSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

AUSTRALIAN FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM



Current Victorian Fire Danger Rating	New Australian Fire Danger Rating
Catastrophic	Key messages for the community If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost. For your survival leave bushfire risk areas.
Extreme	Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous. Take action now to protect your life and property.
High	Fires can be dangerous. Be ready to act.
Moderate	Most fires can be controlled. Plan and prepare.

The new Extreme fire danger rating under the AFDRS will cover a broader scope of fire danger ratings combining the current Severe and Extreme fire danger ratings.

In addition, Code Red will now be known as Catastrophic fire danger.

As a result, the triggers for pre-emptive relocation and closure on elevated fire danger days will be adjusted slightly to reflect this new system.

As per current arrangements, all schools on the BARR (Category 1-3) and Category 4 list (Moyston), regardless of risk category, must close on a forecast Catastrophic FDR day under the AFDRS (currently Code Red FDR) in their weather district, and their buses will be cancelled. All other buses which travel through the Catastrophic FDR area will also be cancelled.

DON'T MISS YOUR WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST POP UP BLAST PROGRAM!

CV WWCF PROGRAM - ARARAT BLAST HUB



REGISTER AND RECEIVE
A SHIRT AND CAP

CV WWCF PROGRAM - ARARAT BLAST HUB

VENUE: ALEXANDRA OVAL, 1 WARATAH AVENUE, ARARAT VIC 3377

DATES: WEDNESDAYS - 15TH, 22ND FEBRUARY & 1ST, 8TH MARCH

TIMING: 4:30PM - 5:30PM

COST: FREE (SCAN QR CODE)

CONTACT: DAMON - 0450 906 536



*Please note pack items may vary dependent on the State or Territory



WANTED

We are seeking donations of 1.25 or 2L plastic soft drink bottles for an art project



Eureka Mums

Pop Up
**DONATION
DROP-OFF**

Alexandra Oval
Community Centre
Waratah Avenue, Ararat

Friday, 10th Feb
9am to 4pm



DONNATIONS ACCEPTED

- Cots / Bassinets
- Prams
- Car seat / Capsules
- Clothing from birth to size 16
- Socks / Shoes
- Books & toys (no batteries)
- Highchairs & Feeding Equipment
- Playmats
- Safety Equipment
- Linen

See www.stkildamums.org for a comprehensive list of suitable donations.

Resilience • Responsibility • Excellence



Good luck to our 2023
Grade 6 students
beginning their final year
of Primary School!
Our Grade 6's this year are
Kyara, Jacob, Madeleine,
Summer, Minty, Harry and
Ned!

We are very excited to
welcome two new preps to
our school this year,
Hamish and Sunny!

Moyston PS Official Account

BSB 063 500 ACCOUNT NUMBER 1004 3733

Please use your **FAMILY** name as a reference if you are making a payment to the school.

