

# 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."



Welcome back to Moyston Primary School for a very special year, our 150th birthday! We can't wait to celebrate and acknowledge this milestone throughout the year.

The staff and students are very happy to be back at school, and are looking forward to a wonderful year!

Good luck to our eight Grade 6 students - Aerith, Archie, Eli, Basil, Angus, Kiora, Keiran and Will for their final year of Primary School.

Welcome to our two foundation students, Thomas and Louis for the start of their Primary School journey!

Happy 2024!

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# Calendar

\*this calendar is updated regularly and subject to change

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	29th Jan Staff return to school	30th Jan Curriculum Day	31st Jan Students return (Prep day off)	1st Feb	2nd Feb
Week 2	5th Feb	6th Feb MARC VAN	7th Feb PLAYGROUP	8th Feb SCHOOL PHOTOS	9th Feb Welcome afternoon tea 2.30pm ASSEMBLY 3PM
Week 3	12th Feb	13th Feb	14th Feb Curriculum Day	15th Feb Swimming Sports	16th Feb Young Leaders Day Grade 5/6
Week 4	19th Feb	20th Feb MARC VAN	21st Feb	22nd Feb	23rd Feb
Week 5	26th Feb	27th Feb	28th Feb	29th Feb	1st March Landcare Cluster Day at Moyston
Week 6	4th March	5th March MARC VAN	6th March PLAYGROUP	7th March	8th March ASSEMBLY 3PM
Week 7	11th March LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	12th March	13th March	14th March Sheep Dog Trials	15th March Cluster Day at Willaura
Week 8	18th March	19th March MARC VAN SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM & MEETING	20th March	21st March	22nd March Professional Practice Day
Week 9	25th March	26th March	27th March	28th March ASSEMBLY END OF TERM	29th March GOOD FRIDAY

# Announcements

## CURRICULUM DAY 14/2

**Wednesday 14th February** will be a Curriculum Day. There will be no students at school on this day.

## MARC VAN

The mobile MARC Van will visit for the first time in 2024 next **Tuesday 6th February**. Visits will take place each fortnight.

## NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY 16/2

On **Friday 16th February**, the Grade 5 & 6 students will attend the Halogen National Young Leaders Day in Melbourne. More information and a permission note will be available closer to the date.

## SWIMMING SPORTS 15/2

Our Cluster schools Swimming Sports will be held on **Thursday 15th February** at the Willaura Outdoor Pool. Parents, families and friends are welcome to come and join us for the day. We will be joined by Willaura, Pomonal, Buangor and Maroona Primary Schools. More information and a permission form to come closer to the day.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club for Moyston Primary School students will be available in the student kitchen between 8.30am and 8.50am each school day.

## HOT LUNCHES

Students are able to bring food for the pie warmer 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.

Please clearly label all containers that comes to school with students.

## 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.

## START OF YEAR FOR FAMILIES

At least one parent/carer from each family is required to make an appointment with Kelly by next Thursday 8th February to go over the following start of year administration and financial information -

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

### CSEF (Camps, Sports, Excursions Fund)

### CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

### VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS/PARENT PAYMENT

### EXTRA CURRICULAR ITEMS & ACTIVITIES

### MEDICATIONS

### MEDIA CONSENT

### UEDUCATEUS

### FAMILY/STUDENT DETAILS

### 2024 LOCAL EXCURSIONS/TRAVEL WITH STAFF

Any other questions you may have.

This should only take around 5-10 minutes.

Kelly is available Monday, Wednesday & Thursday from 8.30am - 4.30pm



# Staffing 2024

**PRINCIPAL** - Natalie Dowsett  
**Business Manager** - Kelly McKinnon

**Junior room** (Prep, Grade 1 & Grade 2)  
Teacher - Zoe Hogan, Education Support - Matilda Venn

**Middle room** (Grade 2, 3 & Grade 4) -  
Teacher - Michelle Savoia, Education Supports - Gerrard Rix,  
Penny Walton-Bourke

**Senior room** (Grade 5 & Grade 6)  
Teacher - Mark Thompson, Education Support - Elisha Green

**Outside School Hours Care** - Gerrard Rix  
**MARC Van Teacher** - Caitlyn Fisher  
**IT Technician** - Josh Whately  
**Grounds/Maintenance** - Craig Shalders

## 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** - Bag bell (classrooms open)

**8.55am** - Line up bell

**9.00am - 10.00am** - SESSION 1

**10.00am - 10.10am** - BREAK

**10.15am - 11.15am** - SESSION 2

**11.15am - 11.35am** - RECESS

**11.40am - 12.40pm** - SESSION 3

**12.40pm - 12.50pm** - Students eat lunch

**12.50pm - 1.20pm** - LUNCH PLAY

**1.20pm - 1.25pm** - Student job time

**1.25pm - 2.10pm** - SESSION 4

**2.10pm - 2.15pm** - BREAK

**2.15pm - 3.20pm** - SESSION 5

**3.20pm** - End of school

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

**SCHOLASTIC**

## Book Club LOOP for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club  
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

[www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)



Issue 1 of Scholastic Book Club has  
been sent home today.

Please place any orders via the  
LOOP app by **Monday 12th  
February.**

All orders earn our school rewards  
which can be used to purchase  
books or resources for our  
classrooms.



# Parent Payments

Moyston Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Moyston Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to be able to offer a wider range of subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities and various upgrades around the school.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see the one-page overview.



## 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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the 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.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments**; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





# Uniform

The School Uniform for Moyston Primary School is compulsory and consists of -

- **Black shorts, pants, skorts or leggings**
- **Red and black Moyston PS polo shirt**
- **Red Moyston PS hoodie**
- **Moyston PS School dress**
- **Black socks**

**Appropriate footwear must be worn to school e.g. sneakers.**

Moyston Primary School only holds limited uniform stock at school.

As a result of this, we will ask parents to place a uniform order at the start of the year and again, halfway through the year.

If you place an order, we will check our stock here first and you will be provided with your uniform request if we have it. If we don't have it in stock, it will be added to a bulk order for Foster's Mensland in Ararat.

Second hand uniform is also always available.

UNIFORM ITEM	COST
Hoodies ( <u>kids</u> size 6, 8, 10, 12, 14)	\$30.00
Hoodies ( <u>adult</u> sizes XS, S, M, L)	\$40.00
Polo (kids sizes 6, 8, 10, 12, 14)	\$20.00
Polo (adult size S, M, L)	\$25.00
School bags	\$45.00
School dress	\$40.00
Beanie	\$15.00
Replacement hat	\$15.00
Replacement reader bag	\$15.00

*All uniforms must be PAID IN FULL at the time of purchase.*

*Please see Kelly if you require any school uniform.*





# Conveyance

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.

Application forms are available from the school office, please see Kelly for further information.

# Media Consent

**Media consent is OPT OUT only.**

**Please see Kelly if you would like a hard copy of the form**



At least one parent or carer from each family must have access to uEducateUs.

This is the app where all permission notes are uploaded and can be signed.

Newsletters and student reports are also available.

Using this app is the preferred way to notify the school of your child's absences.

If you have any questions about the app, or require your login details, please see Kelly.





# Upcoming events



The poster features a central background image of a school building with two Australian flags. Overlaid on this are several circular and rectangular photos of children and adults engaged in various activities like playing with toys, painting, and working with clay. Decorative elements include a yellow sun, pink heart-shaped balloons, and a yellow flower.

## Moyston PLAYGROUP

Wednesday 7th February

First Wednesday of each month  
Moyston Primary School  
9.30am - 11.15am

**MOYSTON PS**  
Celebrating 150 years  
1874 to 2024

The Ararat Maternal Child & Health Nurse will be on site for her monthly visit to Moyston.

Ararat Rural City



The announcement features a red background with three stylized camera icons in the top left corner.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS NEXT WEEK!

### THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

Please wear **FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM**, including **black socks**.

All siblings will have a family photo taken.

Online proofs and ordering information will be available at a later date.



# Upcoming events



## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

*Moyston Primary School Annual General Meeting (AGM) followed by the March meeting will be held on **Tuesday 19th of March** at 6pm.*



# 2024 classes





Resilience • Responsibility • Excellence

# Welcome Afternoon Tea

FRIDAY  
9TH  
FEBRUARY  
2023

FOLLOWED BY  
ASSEMBLY AT  
3PM



2.30PM

MOYSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL ~ ALL WELCOME

## 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.

