

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."



School Leaders 2024

Senior students recently applied for the position of school leaders. Part of the application process was to present a persuasive speech at our first assembly of the year.

Well done to all applicants who worked really hard and made fantastic presentations to our school community.

We are excited to announce Kiora and Keiran as our 2024 School Captains, and Archie as our Vice Captain.

Congratulations!

Natalie Dowsett – Principal

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Calendar

*this calendar is updated regularly and subject to change

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3	12th Feb	13th Feb	14th Feb Curriculum Day	15th Feb Swimming Sports *POSTPONED*	16th Feb Young Leaders Day Grade 5/6
Week 4	19th Feb	20th Feb MARC VAN	21st Feb	22nd Feb	23rd Feb ASSEMBLY 3PM
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 Big Bucks Auction	27th March	28th March ASSEMBLY END OF TERM	29th March GOOD FRIDAY



Announcements

MOYSTON PS BREAKFAST CLUB!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY
FROM 8:30AM-8:50AM
IN THE STUDENT KITCHEN



SCHOOL PHOTOS


Our 2024 school photos were taken on
Thursday 8th February.

All students were sent home with a unique
code for ordering.

Kelly will let families know when photos
are available to order.

If you have misplaced your code, please
get in touch with Kelly.




MOYSTON PS
Celebrating 150 years
1874 to 2024

NOTICE OF ELECTION

MOYSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

AGM TUESDAY 19TH MARCH 6.00PM

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION

AN ELECTION IS TO BE CONDUCTED FOR MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COUNCIL OF
MOYSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL.

NOMINATION FORMS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED AND ARE ALSO LOCATED IN THE
SCHOOL OFFICE,

THESE MUST BE LODGED BY 4.00PM ON TUESDAY 5TH MARCH 2024.

NATALIE DOWSETT
PRINCIPAL

Assembly 9/2



Our first assembly for 2024 was held on Friday 9th February.

Thank you to Grade 6 students, Aerith and Archie for being our hosts.

Stevie from the Junior class interviewed our new preps about their first two weeks of school.

The middle class have been reading 'The BFG', and Emme and Cailin shared the pictures they have drawn about the book.

We then had five amazing School Captain application speeches from Archie, Keiran, Eli, Kiora and Angus.

Miss Hogan, Mrs Savoia and Mr Thompson presented awards for students who have demonstrated the School Values of Resilience, Responsibility and Excellence.

Ms Dowsett then announced the school Captains for 2024. Congratulations to Captains Keiran and Kiora and Archie as Vice-Captain.

Our next assembly will be held on Friday 23rd February at 3pm

Welcome afternoon tea

Before our first school assembly, we held a 'Welcome to 2024' afternoon tea!

We invited school families and friends to join us for an opportunity to meet with new staff and catch up for the start of the year.



Marc

MARC van will visit Moyston Primary fortnightly on Tuesdays.



Term 1 dates:
20th February
5th March
19th March



On MARC days, students will participate in library and literature lessons and borrow books to read for pleasure. The more children enjoy reading, the more they read. The more they read, the better they read. The better they read, the more they enjoy reading.

If you don't already have one, a library bag is well worth it, regardless of your child's grade. It doesn't have to be anything fancy, just a dedicated bag to store and carry library books.

Happy reading!

Caitlyn Fisher, Great Western MARC Teacher Librarian

Playgroup



A fun day in the sun playing with water!
Our little artists loved the ice cube painting



The next playgroup is on **Wednesday 6th of March.**

We will be making crazy hats and easter bonnets!



Junior



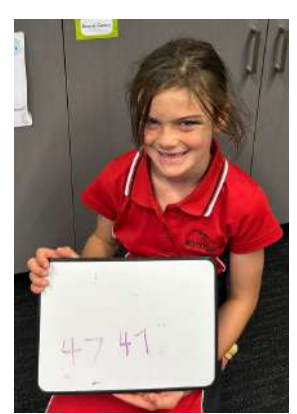
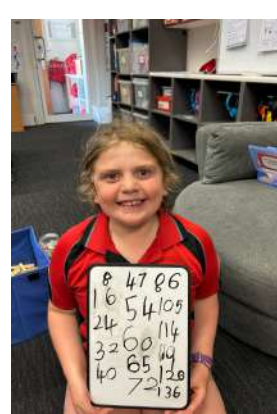
NATURE MATHS



This week in Maths the Juniors went foraging for items in nature using their counting and subitising skills. Students then brought their items back into the classroom where they counted, compared and grouped their collections.



Louis and Thomas learning to write the letters 'S' and 'A'



Middle



The Year 2/3/4 class have all been eager and ready to learn each morning!



When the class has finished work for the day, they have all enjoyed having time to create and play. Students have been building and creating with blocks, reading quietly and playing some chess!



MATHS

Maths rotations in action!
The students have been working with MABs – learning Place Value of numbers.

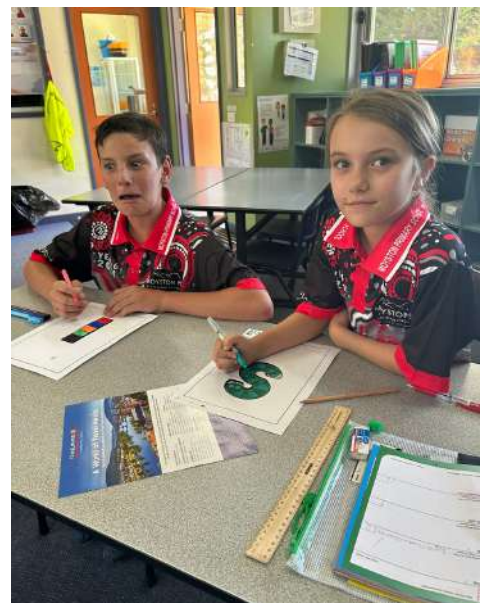


Senior



Over the past couple of weeks, the senior students have been hard at work settling into our new classroom routines. Students have helped to develop our learning space, while Mr T and Elisha have been setting up student classroom duties and other visual learning aids.

Students have been working on writing a poem, practicing their reading, fluency and spelling in literacy. In Maths they have developed their knowledge of Place Value, Factors and Multiples. All our students have transitioned well into these routines, and we are all looking forward to the year ahead.



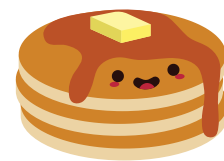
Young Leaders Day



On Friday, our Grade 5 and 6 students attended the National Young Leaders Day at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. Inspirational speakers this year were Anastasia Woolmer (Australian Memory Champion), Bryston Klein (Ninja Warrior), Jane Bunn (Meteorologist and TV presenter) and Melissa Barbieri (former Matildas Captain.)



PANCAKE DAY!



Last Tuesday we enjoyed some delicious pancakes for breakfast at school!



Welcome Penny

This year we are very excited to welcome Penny to our school. Penny has been involved in the Mates Mentoring program in Stawell and Ararat and Central Grampians LLEN. Penny will be working in the 2/3/4 classroom as well as developing our wellbeing program for our school!



Bushfire Preparedness

School preparations for the bushfire season

Each year, to prepare for bushfires and grassfires, schools and early childhood services complete a range of activities.

The Department of Education runs an annual fire risk assessment of schools and early childhood services. They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 4) and are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR).



All schools and early childhood services listed on the BARR and Category 4 list will also close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district.

When the Bureau of Meteorology provides public fire danger rating forecasts or fire weather warnings, they use fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries. Our school is in the **South West fire weather district**.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What does this mean for our school?

Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a **Category 3 school.**

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in **the South West fire district**.

What is the department's policy?

The department's [Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy](#) requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 list to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

When will our school be closed due to Catastrophic fire danger?

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in **South West fire district**.

Closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be confirmed on the day prior and we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day. Any information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by text message, email and social media.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, even if the weather forecast changes. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

Families are encouraged to action their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Catastrophic days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, checking our website, by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed due to elevated fire danger or closed due to a Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).
- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are actioning your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.
- If your child is old enough, talk to [them about bushfires](#) and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

Annual Privacy Reminder

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice.

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy, describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information.

If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents.

SNAKE SCULPTURE

You may have noticed the large snake creation at the front of our school yard.

Moyston Primary School is currently working with Ararat College student, Charlotte and Frankie from Budja Budja Co-Op to design and paint the snake.



Outside School Hours Care



This year at Moyston OOSH we will be offering a before school program on Mondays and Tuesdays as well as an after-school program Monday and Tuesday at this stage, but we can open the rest of the week if we get the interest.

If you have an 80% ccs the afterschool program will only cost \$6.50. Some of the activities we offer include craft, indoor games as well as use of the playground, basketball court and oval for ball games.

We also do some cooking, with the children last year baking treats which included pancakes and muffins.

This is a chance for your children to have a playdate with their friends while you're working or getting jobs done!



OSHC program is available for Moyston Primary School students each school day from

7.00am - 8.30am
3.30pm - 6.00pm.

Mobile for making or cancelling a booking - 0493 667 988
AELC_MoystonOOSH@outlook.com - 03 5352 2892



Upcoming events



WILLAURA HEALTH CARE OUTDOOR MARKET

Sunday March 3 2024, 10am-2pm

Grounds adjacent to Willaura Health Care, Delacombe Way



The Willaura Market is a charity event run by the Willaura Health Care Auxiliary, with funds raised going towards improving the lives of residents and patients at Willaura Health Care, East Grampians Health Service.

This boutique country market offers goods from local and regional artisans and is set in Willaura, surrounded by fertile farmland, which lies 34 kilometres south of Ararat on the south-eastern edge of the Grampians in Victoria's Western District.

Local producers and local artisans:

- Homewares
- Cards
- Jewellery
- Giftware
- Clothing for babies, children and adults
- Plants
- Gourmet Foods

Variety of food vendors including:

- Gourmet food
- Lions barbecue
- Coffee
- Icecream

+ Childrens entertainment, musical entertainment and raffle.

For more information: willauramarket.com



Visit: facebook.com/willauraoutdoormarket

We thank the following sponsors of the market:



Moyston Easter Market

9-2pm Easter Saturday

March 30, 2024

Moyston Oval, Ararat-Halls Gap Rd



- ▶ Over 50 Market Stalls of local artisan goods, pre-loved items, and handcrafted gifts.
- ▶ Vintage/Classic Car and Motorbike Display.
- ▶ John Vanderwaal Long Kick Competition @ 11am.
- ▶ Live Music.
- ▶ Community BBQ.
- ▶ Country Kitchen Devonshire Tea.
- ▶ Coffee Vans.
- ▶ Kids Activities including FREE Easter Egg Trail.
- ▶ CFA Firewood Raffle.
- ▶ Doggo Refreshment Stations.
- ▶ Ample Free Onsite Parking.
- ▶ Giant Pumpkin Competition.
- ▶ Gold Coin Donation goes towards Moyston Community Improvement.

Our sponsors



Ararat Rural City



Email: moystoneastermarket@gmail.com


Look us up on Facebook  [moystoneastermarket](https://facebook.com/moystoneastermarket)

**MOYSTON PRIMARY
SCHOOL IS 150 YEARS OLD
IN 2024**

We will be acknowledging and celebrating this milestone throughout the year.

SAVE THE DATE!
A weekend of celebration will be held on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd November 2024.

More information to come.


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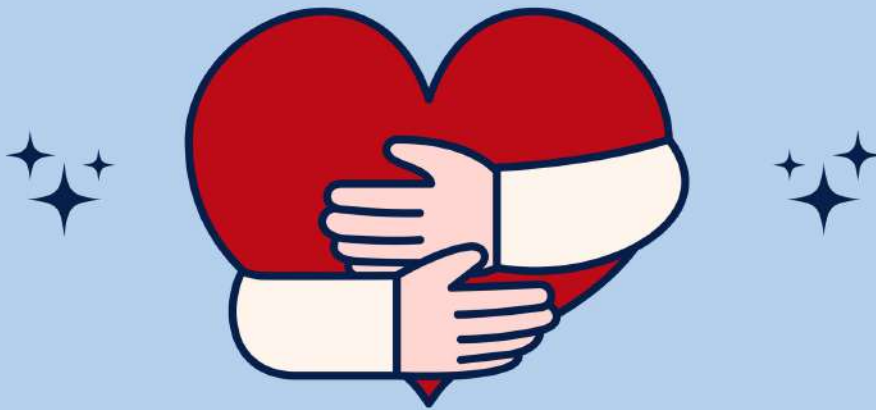
If you, a family member or anyone you know has any previous connections with Moyston Primary School and would like to share any photographs or memorabilia, please contact Kelly on **0402 340 601** or send a message to moyston.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Resilience • Responsibility • Excellence



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TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2024

CASUAL DRESS DAY ~ GOLD COIN DONATION
SAUSAGE SIZZLE

ALL PROCEEDS TO GO TOWARDS THE
POMONAL BUSHFIRE VICTIMS

Please help us support our friends from Pomonal during this devastating time.

We will hold a sausage sizzle lunch before our assembly this Friday 23rd February.

More details to come this week.



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.

