

# Newsletter

No. 329 29th Feb. 2024



**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."



## REMINDERS

Cluster Day tomorrow at Moyston.

Community Dinner and Auction tomorrow night (6pm Moyston Oval) with all proceeds going towards the Bushfire recovery to help our friends at Pomonal.

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 5	26th Feb	27th Feb	28th Feb	29th Feb	1st March Landcare Cluster Day at Moyston Community Dinner
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 FOOD FIGHT
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 Parent Teacher Interviews	26th March Big Bucks Auction	27th March	28th March ASSEMBLY END OF TERM	29th March GOOD FRIDAY

## CLUSTER DAY Friday 1st March

On Friday 1st March, we will be having a Cluster Day at Moyston with Buangor, Maroona, Pomonal and Willaura Primary Schools.

We will be travelling via minibus to 'The Nook' reserve in Moyston to explore the Nature Conservation Reserve and learn all about the bugs that call it home and the roles they play in the ecosystem.

BYO lunch snacks and drinks and wear full school uniform and protective shoes appropriate for bush exploring.

Normal drop off and pick up times from Moyston Primary School.

\*No heat up lunches please\*

# Announcements

## MOYSTON PS BREAKFAST CLUB!

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



 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 2 of Scholastic Book Club has  
been sent home today.  
Please place any orders via the Loop  
app by Tuesday 12th March

  
**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

# Bushfire recovery fundraiser



Last week we held a sausage sizzle lunch as part of the combined school fundraiser for Pomonal Bushfire recovery.



**COMBINED SCHOOL FUNDRAISER**  
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



A huge thank you to Baker's delight for the bread and Frewstal and Pyrenees meats in Stawell for the sausages! Our school raised \$280 on the day!

# Big Bucks



## BIG BUCKS

Raffle tickets will be awarded to students who demonstrate our school values of **RESILIENCE, EXCELLENCE & RESPONSIBILITY** in and out of the classroom. All members of staff can award tickets to students.



Once a fortnight the **MPS Armaguard** will visit and students will be able to redeem **50c per ticket**.

Students must be responsible for their own tickets and MPS money which will be kept in their Big Bucks wallet.

At the end of term we will hold a whole school auction. Students will be able to **bid on and purchase some AMAZING auction items** with their MPS Big Bucks earned throughout the term.

### AUCTION ITEMS

- Techdecks
- Fishing lures
- Soccer ball
- Basketball
- Fidgets
- Hotwheels

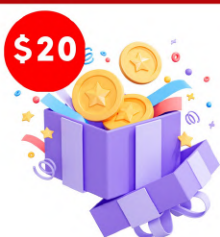
- Pokemon cards
- Pokemon plushie
- Free time
- Toy farm equipment
- Craft kits
- Science kits

- Icy poles
- Bluetooth speaker
- Lego sets
- Mini squishmallows
- Chocolate

**BIG TICKET ITEM TO BE REVEALED**

All auction items will have reserve prices

If your money is burning a hole in your pocket and you simply cannot wait... at specified dates in the term students will have an opportunity to spend their MPS Big Bucks on the following items.



Your pick from the giant prize box



Half an hour hot milo and chat with a staff member of choice



2 vs 1 game of basketball against Mr T at lunchtime



½ day as Assistant Principal

# Big Bucks



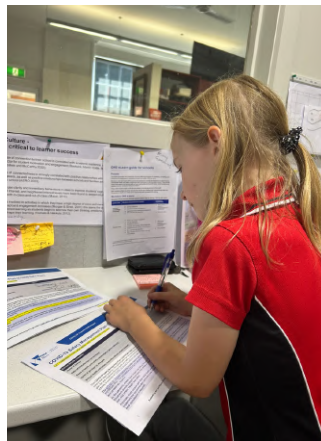
This year we have introduced Big Bucks as our whole school awards system. Students gain tickets for demonstrating good behaviour and following our school values.

These tickets are then redeemed for monetary value. Students then collect the money to purchase items and/or save their money for our Big Bucks auction at the end of term.

Armaguard go around each fortnight to transfer the tickets into 'cash.'



Matilda and Cailin redeemed their Big Bucks money this week to be Vice Principal for an afternoon with Ms Dowsett!



# Assembly 23/2



Thank you to Kiora and Keiran for being our hosts of our last assembly.

Hazel, Jimmy, Florence and Hamish from the Junior class shared their story that they created in class during the week.

Matilda and Siobhan from the middle class shared their writing modelled on the author's pattern of writing from the book 'All the Ways to be Smart.'

Alana, Flo and Angus from the senior class read their poems inspired by the book 'All the Ways to be Smart.' The students had the choice to change their poems to the topics they wanted, for example 'All the Ways to be Happy.'

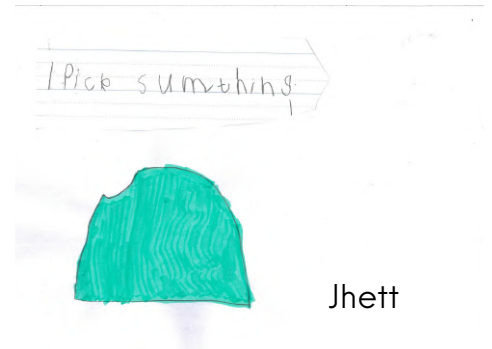
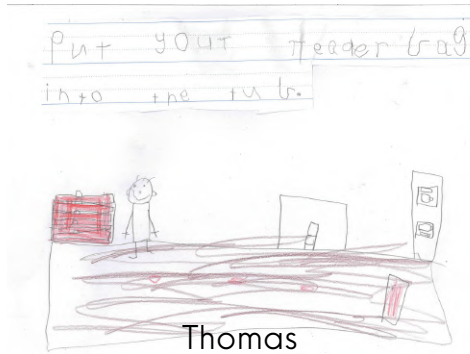
Miss Hogan, Mrs Savoia and Mr Thompson then presented awards for students who have demonstrated the School Values of Resilience, Responsibility and Excellence.

Our next assembly will be held on Friday 8th March at 3pm

# Junior

In the Junior class we have been exploring the book 'What to Say When You Don't Know What to Say' by Davina Bell.

Students have taken inspiration from the author and are currently writing their own procedural texts, explaining different routines that we have in our classroom.



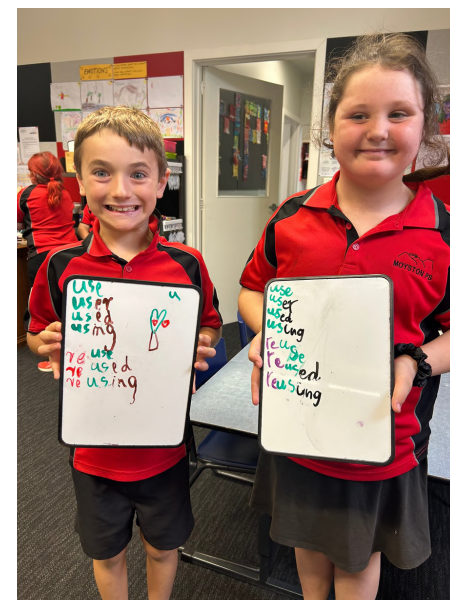
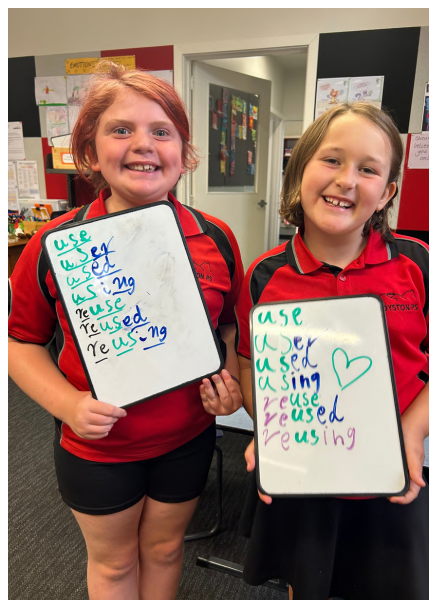
Thomas and Louis had fun drawing pictures that match the letter 'l'

Hazel enjoyed using MAB to make large numbers.



Maddie, Shaye, Jimmy and Hazel have been learning about the long u sound this week, and all the ways we can spell it.

On Wednesday they built word families adding prefixes and vowel suffixes to base words containing the long u sound. Don't forget to drop the E!





# Middle



**STEM**  
(Science,  
Technology,  
Engineering  
Mathematics)

Creating,  
Designing and  
Inventing new  
machines with  
gears!



## MATHS

The class played a Multiplication bowling game to learn their times tables.

Paddy and Hunter enjoyed assembling a VEX Robotics Forklift Machine using a tutorial.



## WRITING

Writing Circle

Listening to 'All the Ways to be...' Modelled on the author's writing pattern.



## All the Ways to be Kind to People

By: Maddie

I can't wait to share with you  
how kind you can be the  
whole day through.  
Kind by playing with people  
who are lonely.  
Kind when someone is sad.  
And even when you're feeling  
bad.



## Multiplication Arrays

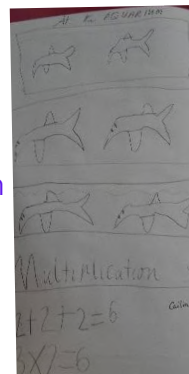
By Emme

Once there was little boy  
and he bought 20 choc chips  
for his mother for a cake,  
and he made them in an  
array of 4 groups and 5 rows.  
He had 20 altogether.

## At the Aquarium

By Cailin

I went to the  
Aquarium, and I  
saw 3 dolphin  
cages. I tried to  
find out how many  
there were in each  
cage, so I used  
Multiplication.  
The number  
sentence I used  
was  $3 \times 2 = 6$ . Well,  
there we are! It  
equals 6.



## All the Ways to be Happy

By: Shaye

I can't wait to share with you  
how happy you can be the  
whole day through.  
Happy to be playing with my  
sister.  
Happy by playing with my  
friend at recess.  
And happy even when you're  
at home.

# Senior



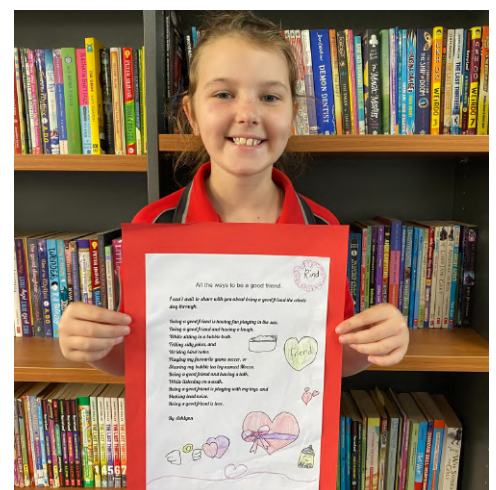
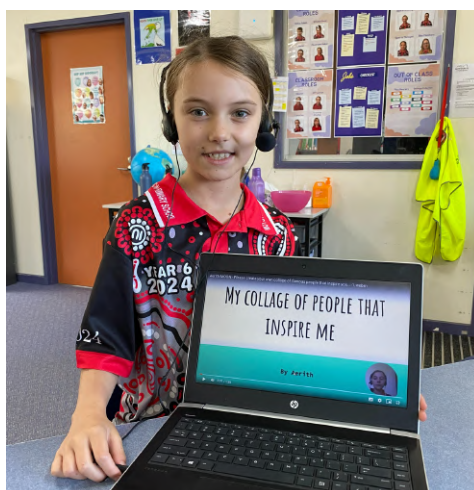
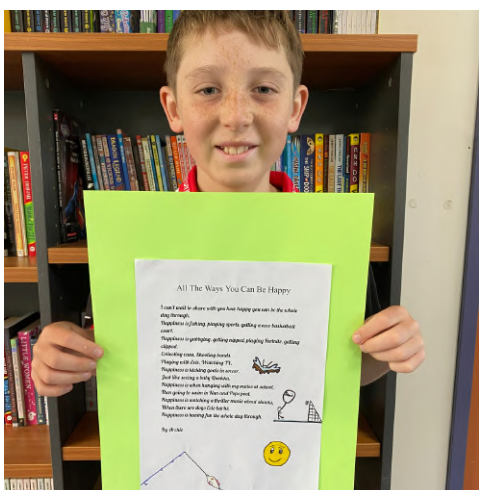
On Friday the 16th of February, the Grade 5-6 students travelled to Melbourne for the Halogen Leadership program.

Our Senior Class were treated to a fantastic group of presenters who took them through their background stories and the value of leadership. A range of inspirational stories were shared with our students who will, no doubt, take some of these lessons and apply them in their own lives.

A huge thank you for Elisha and Ms Dowsett for taking these students for this fantastic day!



In the classroom, students have completed the publishing of their Poems from the text 'All the ways to be Smart'. This work, along with their Multiplication Maths posters, are proudly being displayed in the front office. In the Inquiry Program, students practiced their skills in Google Classroom and operating the various functions of this program. Their ability to recognise emotions has also been developed in Health class along with the focus of their new writing text 'It's Ok to feel the way you do' written by Josh Langley.



# Playgroup



A promotional poster for Moyston Playgroup. The background features a faint image of a school building. The text is centered and includes the following elements:

- Moyston PLAYGROUP** (in large green letters)
- Wednesday 6th March** (in pink letters)
- First Wednesday of each month**
- Moyston Primary School**
- 9.30am - 11.15am**
- Decorative icons: a sun, a rabbit, a flag, and a flower.
- Small circular photos of children playing and painting.
- Text on the left: "Join us for crazy hat /easter bonnet making. We will also have other fun activities"
- Logo for **MOYSTON PS** Celebrating 150 years 1874 to 2024
- Text on the right: "The Ararat Maternal Child & Health Nurse will not be onsite this month."
- Logo for **Ararat Rural City**

## SNAKE SCULPTURE

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

The students have loved painting the undercoats and are very excited to see the design taking shape.



# Outside School Hours Care



This week the children have been frantically looking for animals that have gone missing in the yard!

After searching for the animals, they continued some constructing with the lego.



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

**ALERT: GET READY FOR THE FUNNEST, MESSIEST DAY EVER!**



We're holding a Food Fight to raise much needed funds for Foodbank Victoria and we're asking all families to pitch in!

**We are super excited to announce that we will be holding our event on Friday 15th March at Willaura Primary School Cluster Day!**

**What is the Foodbank Food Fight?**

Who doesn't love the idea of a Food Fight? Here's the chance for our entire school to engage in the naughtiest way yet\* to boost school spirit and help raise vital funds for Foodbank Victoria. It's just like a school colour fun run, but so much more fun.

The Food Fight fun happens at school (Willaura Cluster Day 15th March) and the fundraising happens at home. You get to create your own online profile, set your fundraising target and then choose your target prizes. In your profile you will have a unique cyber safe link to share with your family and friends so they can donate and help get you close to your target. Money raised will go to Foodbank Victoria so they can continue to feed 57,000 people in need, every day!

\*No ACTUAL food will be harmed in the making of this event.

What do we need you to do?

All we need you to do this week is create an online profile at **foodfight.com.au**. The class with the most profiles by will all get an icy pole!

# Upcoming events



*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](mailto:moystoneastermarket@gmail.com)

Look us up on Facebook  [moyston easter market](https://www.facebook.com/moyston_easter_market)



## Looking for something to do this Easter Saturday?

The Moyston Easter Market team is seeking helpers on Easter Saturday March 30 2024 between the hours of 7.30am and 3pm.

- Can you spare an hour or two, or perhaps the whole day?
- Looking to meet people in your community or connect with other clubs? This is your opportunity.

You will be supported by experienced locals committed to making this event a fun, family friendly extravaganza the community are proud of.

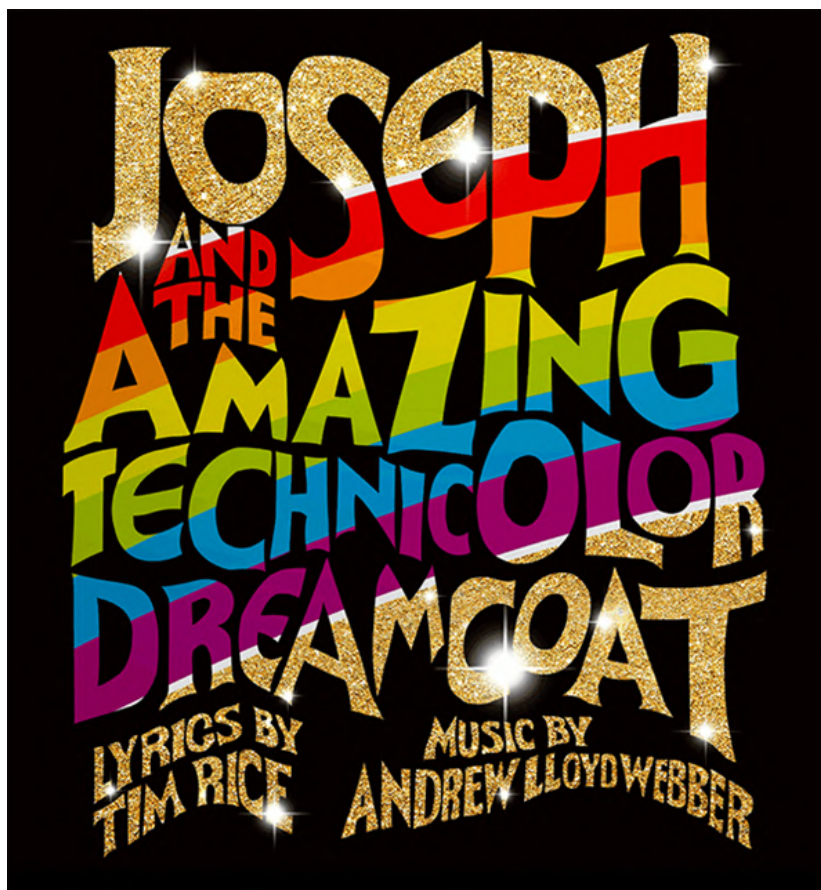
Help is needed to prepare morning teas; sell raffle tickets; meet and greet visitors; traffic management; and assistance with set up and pack up.

For more information or to register your interest contact

**Nicole on 0413 698 098**

or email [moystoneastermarket@gmail.com](mailto:moystoneastermarket@gmail.com)

Look us up on Facebook  [moyston easter market](https://www.facebook.com/moyston_easter_market)



## LOVE DANCING AND SINGING??

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PERFORMING...WE NEED YOU!!!

The newly formed group Ararat Regional Theatre Society (ARTS) are looking for people both young and old to be part of the production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat! The main roles have been filled but we are searching for **children** to be part of the Childrens Choir and adults to be part of the ensemble.

Rehearsals for the children are currently on Thursdays between 6-7pm and adults Tuesdays & Thursdays from 7-10pm in the Ararat Scout Hall.

For more information, please contact Leanne McCready, Director on 0439 048 813.

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!!!

# 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](http://willauramarket.com)



Visit: [facebook.com/willauraoutdoormarket](https://facebook.com/willauraoutdoormarket)

We thank the following sponsors of the market:



# Upcoming events



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](mailto:moyston.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

**Resilience • Responsibility • Excellence**

# Fundraiser for the Pomonal Bushfire Recovery **COMMUNITY DINNER**



**Friday 1st March Moyston Oval 6pm**

Hosted by Moyston Primary School

**~ 2 course meal ~**  
Chicken, Potato Bake & Salad  
followed by assorted desserts  
and ice-cream  
Adults \$20.00,  
High School students \$10.00  
Primary School students \$6.00,  
under 5 ~ free

## GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION!

Raffle tickets \$2 or 3 for \$5

Please RSVP by  
**Wednesday 28th February**  
Moyston Community Meals Facebook Page or text  
**School mobile on 0402 340 601**

**ALL proceeds from this dinner will be donated to the Pomonal Bushfire Recovery**

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the  
auction/raffle, offered to donate food.

We are expecting a large crowd tomorrow night, so any  
assistance you can give on the night would be most  
appreciated!

## 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.

