

# Newsletter

No. 330 28th March. 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."



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# Calendar

\*this calendar is updated regularly and subject to change

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9	25th March Parent/Teacher Interviews	26th March Big Bucks Auction Parent/Teacher Interviews	27th March	28th March Open classrooms 1.45pm ASSEMBLY 2pm 2.30pm dismissal END OF TERM	29th March GOOD FRIDAY
Term 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	15th April Term 2 commences	16th April MARC VAN	17th April	18th April CROSS COUNTRY CLUSTER DAY AT MOYSTON	19th April INDOOR SWIMMING LESSON Parents to pick up from Ararat Fitness Centre 3.20pm
Week 2	22nd April	23rd April	24th April	25th April ANZAC DAY	26th April SCHOOL SPORTS North Park Stawell



## MOYSTON & DISTRICT SCHOOL SPORTS

The school sports with Pomonal, Halls Gap, Concongella and Great Western will be held at North Park in Stawell during the second week of term 2, on -

**Friday 26th April**

Parents will be required to transport students to and from the sports. Pomonal Primary School are the hosts of this year's event. More information will be available early next term.

# Announcements

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

On Tuesday 19th March, we held our Annual General Meeting and March meeting for School Council.

We would like to welcome three new members to our School Council in 2024 - Max Mudge, Donna Bell and Karen Wilson.

Moyston Primary school council, staff, students and families would like to thank and acknowledge outgoing President Gareth Olver for all of his time and hard work on our school council. Thank you also to Jessica Mace and Fiona Vander Heul who are also stepping down from School Council this year. You have all been valued members of our School Council!

## 2024 SCHOOL COUNCIL

**PRESIDENT** - Briana Hopper

**VICE PRESIDENT** - Rebecca Matulick

**SECRETARY** - Anthea Dean

**GENERAL MEMBER** - Max Mudge

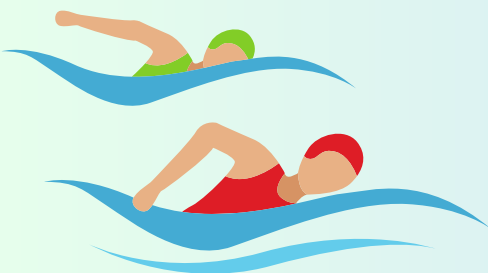
**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE** - Karen Wilson, Donna Bell (President and Secretary are automatically on the fundraising committee)

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES** - Natalie Dowsett and Mark Thompson

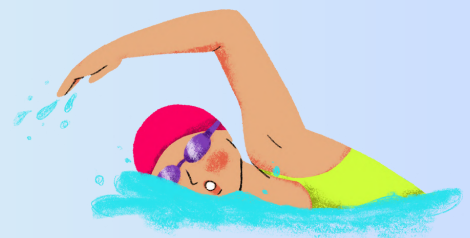
## INDOOR SWIMMING PROGRAM TERM 2

During Term 2, the whole school will be taking part in an indoor swimming program. These lessons will be held across the term on eight Friday afternoons.

\*Parents will be required to pick up students from the Ararat Fitness Centre at the end of the day on the following dates -



Friday 19th April  
Friday 3rd May  
Friday 10th May  
Friday 17th May  
Friday 31st May  
Friday 7th June  
Friday 14th June  
Friday 28th June



More information will be sent home at the start of Term 2.

# Swimming Sports



What a fun day we had at the Willaura Outdoor Pool recently for our Swimming Sports with Willaura, Maroona, Pomonal and Buangor Primary Schools! Well done to all of our students for competing on the day in 50m or 25m freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. There was also lots of fun in the afternoon noodle and kickboard races!



# Foodbank Food Fight



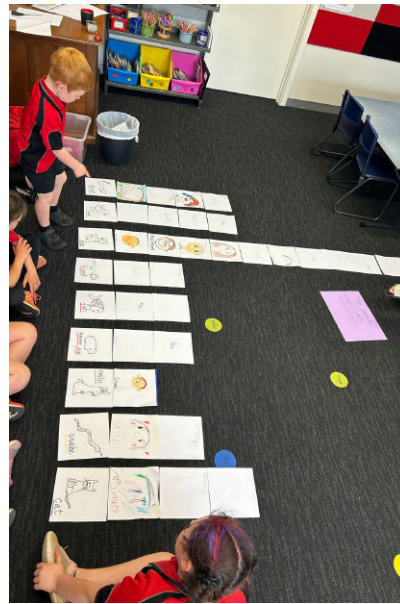
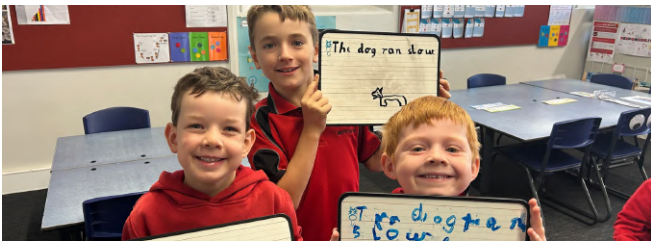
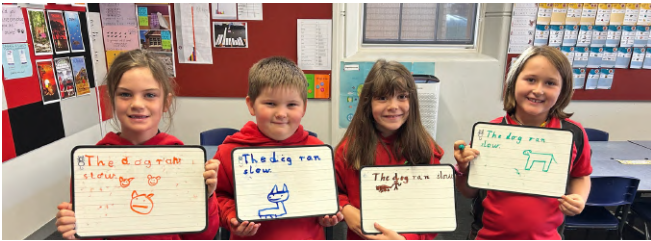
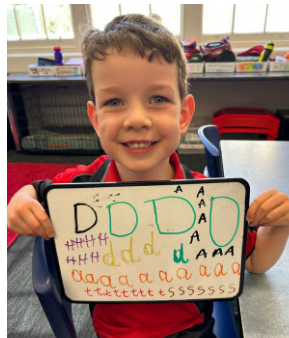
# Junior



The Junior students are making (manual) robotic arms out of the cardboard boxes from the Grade 2s' new laptops. Students decorated their cardboard hands and created a logo using Canva.

## Handwriting

We have been practising our handwriting! Being careful to form our letters correctly, at the right size and on the right lines.



In the Junior class we have been writing narratives inspired by the book *One Step at a Time* by Jane Jolly. Students have been working on crafting a story that has a clear setting of the scene, an uh-oh moment and a conclusion.

## Jimmy and John Cena, the Swim.

In the deep dark ocean lived John Cena the whale shark. He had a friend called Jimmy. Jimmy and John Cena liked to swim.

One day Jimmy and John Cena were swimming. Suddenly... A net cut the side fin on John Cena.

Jimmy went up to his boat to call a rescue boat... The rescue boat arrived in 15 minutes. Jimmy told them to lower the claw... The claw did its job. The claw picked the net off. He was free. Jimmy said thank you and they swam away.

By Jimmy.

## Stevie, Star and Wrage

In a backyard somewhere in Moyston lived Star and Wrage the cute fluffy, adorable, guinea pigs they had a friend called Stevie. She was so caring and she spent all time and money on them. She loved them to the moon and back. She never wanted to leave them. Star, Wrage, and Stevie loved to go places together and explore.

One day Stevie, Wrage and Star went on a trip up the Murray River. They had a great time. On the last day the guinea pigs went for a walk while Stevie was packing up to go home. She was ready to go. She thought they were in the car so she left and went home. Suddenly she realised that she left them behind!

The guinea pigs called the taxi and the taxi took them home. Stevie had a welcome back party. They were so happy, relieved and tired.

The end.

By Stevie.

# Middle

## Harmony Day & Digital Technology

Harmony Day Quilt pattern, Everyone Belongs. The students used MS PowerPoint to create a pattern by inserting shapes and filling in with colours, text boxes for foreign words and using the internet to look for words such as 'hello', 'goodbye' and 'thank you', in other languages.



## Maths with Digital Technology - Data Representation & Graphing

On Harmony Day the students conducted a survey about the foreign foods - pasta, curry, dumplings, fried rice, tacos and sushi that students at Moyston Primary School had tasted. Cailin, Freddie, Matilda and Emme conducted the survey in the junior room and Jimmy, Hunter, Paddy & Siobhan in the senior room.



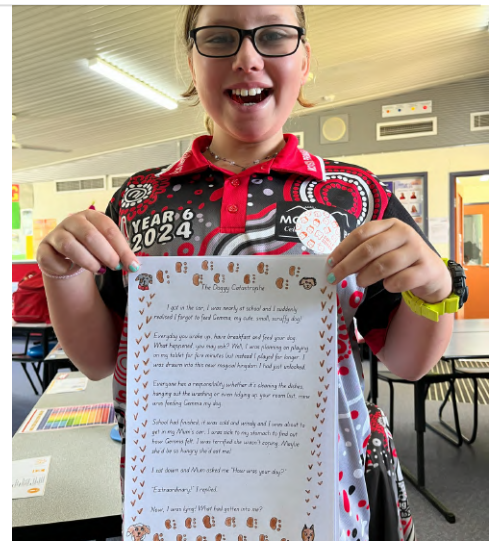
## Measuring 1 squared Metre- LENGTH

Jack, Siobhan and Paddy used a metre ruler and butcher's paper to make 1 squared metre. They then measured the area of the spaces outside our classroom and compared them.



Measuring and finding the area using grid paper and then cutting the silky material to size to make an Easter purse.

# Senior



The Grade 5-6 Class have produced some of their best work for the term over the past two weeks.

Students have been busily completing their Narrative Writing piece based on the mentor text 'The Treasure Box' written by Margaret Wild and Freya Blackwood.

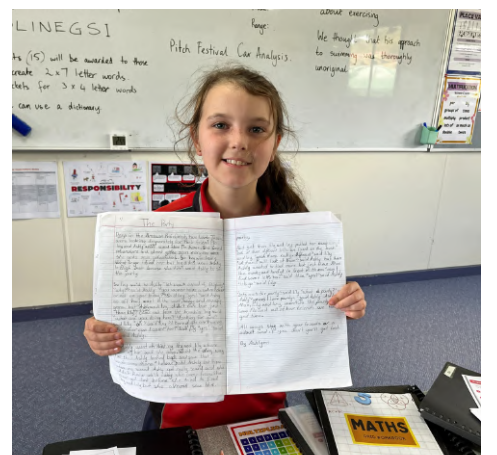
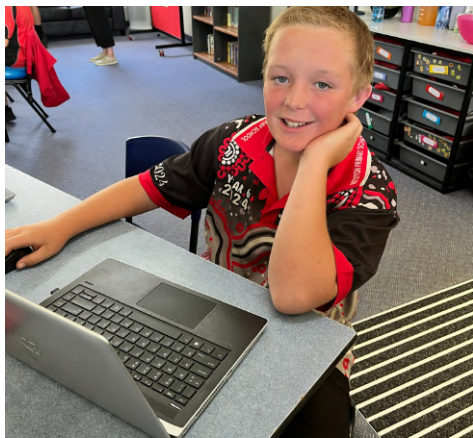
In Maths they have completed a unit of work on Length and converting units of measurement, along with Data Representation and Interpretation. In the Data topic, students produced an analysis report on the traffic that passed by the school on the Friday of the Labour Day long weekend.

Easter bonnets have been a creative focus over the last week that all the students enjoyed, along with Mr T as he got to use a glue gun for the first time!

Well done to all of the Grade 5-6 class this term and Happy Easter to you and your families.

It has been an absolute pleasure teaching you all!!

Mr T and Elisha.





# Big Bucks Auction



Yesterday we held our Big Bucks auction where students were able to bid on items with their cashed in Big Bucks tokens!  
Thanks to our auctioneer Mr T for a fun afternoon!



Students recently visited the 96th Annual Moyston Sheep Dogs Trials at the Moyston Recreation Reserve.



# Snake Sculpture



# Easter hats!





# Outside School Hours Care

This week at Moyston OOSH we have continued to build and create with lego, played board games, had races and made easter baskets with nests and eggs.

We will not be doing an Easter school holiday program, if you are interested in future holiday programs in 2024 please express your interest early next term.

You can email us at [AELC\\_Moystonoosh@outlook.com](mailto:AELC_Moystonoosh@outlook.com) or call **0482 048 975** or come and see us in the morning as well as on a Monday or Tuesday after school in the multi purpose room.



# 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

# Fundraising



Moyston Primary School

*Let's eat*  
**CAKE!**

we are after Baked goods:  
cakes, slices, biscuits, jams,  
eggs, produce etc

**EASTER MARKET  
CAKE STALL**

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DONATE TO  
THE CAKE STALL &/OR ARE  
AVAILABLE ON THE DAY PLEASE  
MESSAGE  
ANTHEA ON 0428 396 926

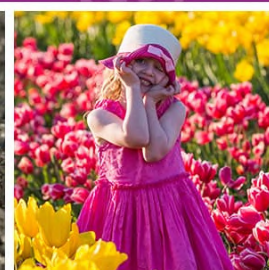
Ingredients list to accompany all baked goods please

The poster features illustrations of various baked goods and ingredients: a stack of chocolate brownies, a jar of strawberry jam, a stack of chocolate chip cookies, a tray of chocolate brownies, a carton of brown eggs, a jar of orange jam, a small strawberry cake, and a basket of fresh produce including pumpkins, radishes, and leafy greens. At the top, there are several colorful Easter eggs hanging from strings.

If you are able to assist with the school cake stall at the Moyston Easter Market this weekend, please talk to Anthea, Briana or Bec.



**Tesselaar**  
Fundraising with  
bulbs is easy!



## BULB FUNDRAISER

Spring bulbs are a great choice for new gardeners and an easy one for the pros! They are a terrific way to get the kids outdoors and attuned with nature and provide a fun and easy activity for you to do together.

All orders can be completed online.

Please visit -

[www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/MOYSTONPS](http://www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/MOYSTONPS)

by 11th April 2024

# 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



## 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

# Moyston PLAYGROUP

## Upcoming Playgroup Events

April 3rd- No Playgroup School Holidays

May 1st- Mothers Day vase craft

June 5th- Recycle, junk & loose parts play

July 3rd- No Playgroup School Holidays

First Wednesday of each month

Moyston Primary School

9.30am – 11.15am

The Ararat Maternal Child & Health Nurse will be on site. Please check our socials prior to the day



# Upcoming events

CIRCUS TRICK TEASE PRESENTS

## CHILDREN ARE STINKY



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**ARARAT TOWN HALL**  
Tuesday 2nd April 11:00am

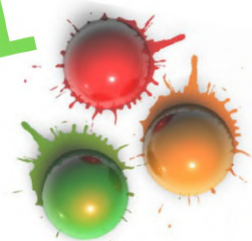
Tickets available at: [www.ararattownhall.com.au](http://www.ararattownhall.com.au)



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## PAINTBALL

20% Local School DISCOUNT!!!



- Great School Holidays Activity!
- 4 packages available
- Pump-action paintball gun, paintballs, protective mask and protective clothes included in every package

**Book Now!**



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## 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 details to come.

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

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

Resilience • Responsibility • Excellence

# Moyston Community Dinner Pomonal Bushfire recovery

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent  
Community Dinner and Goods and Services Auction.  
We are excited to announce that we raised -

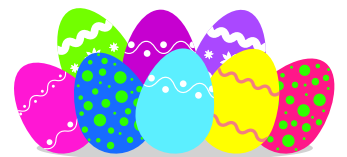
**\$15,100!**

This money will be donated to the Pomonal Bushfire  
Recovery



*We hope everyone has a lovely Easter Holiday break!*

*We look forward to seeing you on Monday 15th April  
for the start of term 2!*



## 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.

