

# Moyston Primary School

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Moyston Primary School aims to develop in our students a purpose of belonging and an understanding of the importance of taking responsibility for their own learning. This is to take place in a caring learning environment that engages students to work towards achieving their personal best in an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation, and assisting them to become valued members of the community.



Our Grade 4, 5 & 6 students had a fantastic start to the term, spending the week in Canberra for their school camp with Maroona & Buangor!



Welcome back to Moyston Primary School for term 4!

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# Term 4 ~ Calendar of events...

T4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2	14	15 MARC	16 Ararat College Grade 6's	17 HOT DOG LUNCH (free)	18 ART Assembly 3pm
Week 3	21	22	23	24 Marion College VCAL student visit with Prep/1	25 COOKING Ararat College VCAL students visit whole school Assembly 3pm
Week 4	28	29 MARC Petanque 4/5/6 SCHOOL COUNCIL 6.30pm	30	31	1 NOVEMBER ART Transition 2-3.20pm Venus Baths Assembly 3pm
Week 5	4 CRICKET BLAST 4/5/6	5 MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY	6 PLAYGROUP	7 SOVEREIGN HILL CAMP 5/6	8 COOKING Assembly 3pm
Week 6	11	12 MARC	13	14 Transition 2pm -3.20pm	15 BUANGOR CLUSTER P/1/2 Art Gallery Melbourne Assembly 3pm
Week 7	18	19	20 STAWELL COURTS 5/6 11am	21	22 CURRICULUM DAY
Week 8	25 CRICKET BLAST GRADE 3/4	26 MARC	27	28	29 ART Transition 2pm -3.20pm Assembly 3pm
Week 9	2	3 Prep Transition (all day)	4 PLAYGROUP	5	6 COOKING CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY DINNER
Week 10	9	10 MARC State-wide Transition Day	11 Musica Viva Willaura	12 SCHOOL CONCERT/ GRADE 6 GRADUATION	13 MOYSTON CLUSTER DAY @ POOL
Week 11	16 Grade 3-6 Art Gallery Melbourne	17	18 Grade 6's Day Out	19 Volunteer morning tea	20 COOKING END OF TERM 4

# SOVEREIGN HILL CAMP

<b>*DATE CHANGE*</b> 7th & 8th November	<b>Sovereign Hill</b>	Grade 5 & 6	\$150.00
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The new date for the Grade 5 & 6 Sovereign Hill camp is now Thursday **7th to Friday 8th November**. Further information will be sent home closer to the date.

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

### • ENDURANCE HORSE RIDE DINNER

Thank you very much to our parent volunteers for their help with the Endurance Horse ride dinner during September.  
Profit from this fundraising event was \$886.33!

- **NOVEMBER COMMUNITY DINNER** will be hosted by the Rhymney Moyston Cricket Club on Friday 1st November. Mixed grill and salads, chocolate ripple cake, fruit salad and ice-cream. \$20 Adult, \$6 Child, Under school age FREE.

- **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** each year we conduct a Christmas Hamper raffle with donations of Christmas goodies, food, decorations, treats etc. donated by school families. The raffle will be drawn at our end of year concert on Thursday 12th December. Items can be left in the school office.

- **CHRISTMAS COMMUNIUTY DINNER & AUCTION** will be held on Friday 6th December.

# CANBERRA CAMP Highlights!

Day 1: The Holbrook Submarine & the Dog on the Tuckerbox.

Day 2: Royal Australia Mint, Museum of Australian Democracy (Old Parliament House), lunch in the Old Parliament House gardens, ANZAC Parade Tour, Australian War Memorial, night visit to Mount Ainslie Lookout.

Day 3: Questacon, 1 hour bike ride around Lake Burley Griffin, National Gallery of Australia, High Court of Australia and the National Museum of Australia.

Day 4: Parliament House Education role-play programme, 1 hour guided tour, morning tea with representatives from Dan Tehan's office, National Capital Exhibition, Australian Institute of Sport and a swim!

Day 5: Home!

Thank you to our parent volunteers for the Canberra camp, Kath and Kelly for attending the camp, and Lydia and Dean for their homemade treats!



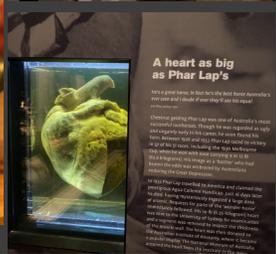
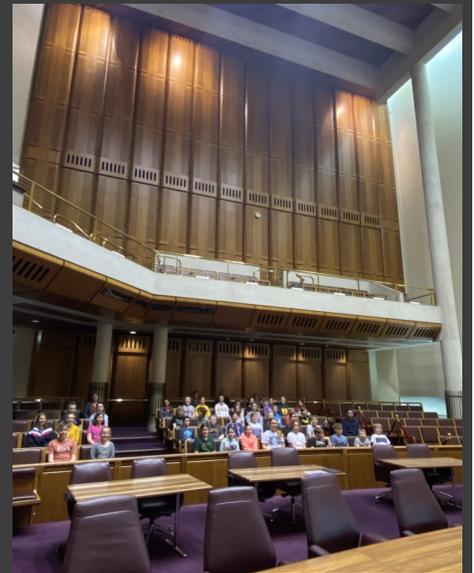
The Dog on the Tuckerbox & Holbrook Submarine

## Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.







*I liked the bike ride around Lake Burley Griffin because it was very peaceful and easy to pedal on the paths. Ethan*

***I liked Questacon with the huge drop slide and the lightning strike simulator, that happened every 15 minutes. Rhys***

*My favourite part of Canberra was riding around Lake Burley Griffin because there were so many birds and the water was so pretty. Emily*

***I loved the Australian Mint because we got to see robots sort out the coins. My favourite robot was Titan that danced. Dylan***

*I liked the Royal Australian Mint, I got to see the history of coins and notes. The notes are not made at the mint, only coins are. Notes are made in Melbourne. Ryan*

***My favourite part of the Canberra Camp was cycling around Canberra because we got to ride around Lake Burley Griffin and saw lots of pretty buildings and structures. We also rode past the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fountain, Questacon and the High Court of Australia also the Parliament House. Mia***

*My favourite place was the Australian Institute of Sport because it has a lot of fun stuff like wheel chair racing, cycling and cricket. Brayden*

***My favourite place was the Australian Institute of Sport because I liked seeing all the equipment the athletes used to train. I liked the simulators my favourite one was the wheel chair racing. Caitlyn***

*At Canberra I really enjoyed the Australian Institute of Sport and the bike ride around the lake. But overall it was a very fun and interesting camp, because there were lots of hands on activities. Taylah*

***I liked the bike ride up and down Lake Burley Griffin because it was a good way to let go of what we just saw at Questacon and it was really fun and smooth ride along the footpath of the lake. I really like the scenery and the Captain Cook Memorial. Daemon***

*I really enjoyed going to Parliament house because it taught me a lot about what they do there which was making laws. It was interesting. Oliver*

***My favourite thing on the Canberra Camp was Questacon because of the game simulators and the lightning strike. Henry***

*I liked the bike ride around Lake Burley Griffin because I could see more of Canberra and nature but the thing I disliked was the Poplar Fluff that were seeds from a tree. It got in my mouth when I was riding. Hannah*

***My favourite place of Canberra was the National Gallery of Australia because they had a Aboriginal spirit totem display. I liked the detail of art on them. I am part Aboriginal and I liked seeing Aboriginal Art displayed. Justin***

*My favourite thing on camp was the Australian War Memorial, because it was really interesting looking at old machines, uniforms, letters written by soldiers and lots more. Lily*

***My favourite thing that we did was going to the Royal Australian Mint. I liked seeing how coins are made. I also liked seeing all the robots that help. Lane***

*The best thing at Canberra was Questacon because I liked seeing the way the robots were programmed and going on the drop slide because I had never been on one before. Natalie*



## XTREME BOUNCE!



During the last week of Term 3, our Prep and Grade 1 students travelled to Xtreme Bounce in Ballarat!

They spent the day jumping, climbing, bouncing and enjoying an end of term party!



## ROSES GAP CAMP

During the last week of Term 3, our Grade 2 & 3 students participated in a camp at Roses Gap with students from Maroona, Buangor and Pomonal.

Cody – I liked the giant swing because it was high.

Koby – I liked canoeing because it was a competition who could get the most balls out of the water. Jacob and I fell out of the canoe.

Ned – I liked the flying fox because it went really fast.

Olivia – At Roses Gap we did lots of things. My favourite would be hut building mainly because it was one of the only things we did on land unlike the giant swing. I also got to taste bush bubble gum (sap).

Summer – At Roses Gap I liked the food. We had ice-cream sundae and spaghetti.

Jacob – I like walking up to the Bee Hive Falls and exploring the cave.

Madeleine – I loved sleeping in the cabins. We got prizes for the tidiest rooms.

Owen – I enjoyed the giant swing because if you went up to the top when the others let go of the rope, you would fall really fast.

Minty – My favourite thing was the giant swing because it was really big and fun.





## School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district.



**Moyston Primary School has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.**

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

**Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.** This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day. School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home 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 Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day. As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan,

### **What can parents do?**

- 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.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.

Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.

If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>  
Multiple sources that offer information on emergencies are listed below:

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>)

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ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

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Issue 7 of scholastic Book Club was sent home this week. Please place any orders via the LOOP app or correct money to the office by Thursday 24th October.



Our end of term 3 Open Day was lots of fun!

We held BMX time trials on our track, played some old school games and enjoyed a BBQ lunch!



BMX time trial champions: Lane, Ethan, Caitlyn, Ned, Archie, Elijah, Henry, Koby & Cody!



This is an open invitation to our **Whole School Assembly!**

**When:** Every Friday afternoon

**Time:** 3pm—3.20pm

**Where:** Moyston Primary School

Students from all classes will be taking it in turns to run a part of the assembly. We invite you to come along and support the students, as well as getting a weekly update on what's been happening in and around the classrooms.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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