

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.



Welcome back to Moyston PS for 2020!

We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead.

Good luck to our nine Grade 6 students, Emily, Lily, Mia, Brayden, Taylah, Daemon, Caitlyn, Oliver and Ryan who are beginning their final year of Primary School!

A big welcome to our three new students Jack, Siobhan and Paddy!



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SCHOOL PHOTOS

NEXT WEEK!

WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY!

TERM 1 2020

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 3	10	11 SCHOOL COUNCIL	12 WORKING BEE 2.30pm-4.30pm 4-6 ART	13	14 School Assembly 3pm
WEEK 4	17 BOOK CLUB DUE P-3 ART	18 MARC	19 SCHOOL PHOTOS	20	21 4-6 ART
WEEK 5	24 P-3 ART	25 Resilience Project	26 Swimming Sports 4-6 ART	27	28 School Assembly 3pm
WEEK 6	MARCH 2 P-3 ART	3 MARC	4 PLAYGROUP & MCHN 9.30am— 11.30am	5	6 4-6 ART
WEEK 7	9 LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	10	11 4-6 ART	12	13 Moyston & District School Sports (North Park Stawell)
WEEK 8	16 P-3 ART	17 MARC	18	19	20 Nominations for School Council close 4-6 ART
WEEK 9	23 P-3 ART	24 SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM	25 4-6 ART	26	27 School Assembly END OF TERM 1

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our 2020 school photos will be taken next
Wednesday 19th February.

MOYSTON & DISTRICT SCHOOL SPORTS

The Moyston & District School Sports has been moved to
Term 1 this year.

The sports will be held on **Friday 13th March** at North Park in
Stawell (hosted by Halls Gap PS).

Moyston Primary School compete against Pomonal, Great
Western, Concongella and Halls Gap Primary Schools.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Our school assemblies, hosted by our students, will take place
fortnightly in 2020. These will be held every second Friday at
3pm unless notified otherwise. All parents, relatives and friends
are invited to come along and hear the latest news from
Moyston PS.

PLAYGROUP & MCHN

Moyston PS Playgroup is held on the first Wednesday of each
month from 9.30am—11.30am. All pre school aged children are
welcome to attend. The Ararat maternal Child and Health
Nurse will also be on site during this time.

SWIMMING SPORTS

Our swimming sports with Maroona and Buangor Primary
Schools will take place on **Wednesday 26th February** at the
Ararat Outdoor Pool.

Parent packs were sent home on the first day of school.
If you are yet to return your paperwork, please do so ASAP

Enrolment information	It is crucial that the school has complete and up to date student information. Please check ALL details carefully, sign and return to school ASAP even if there are no changes.
2020 Travel with staff	Please sign and return ASAP.
2020 Local excursions	Please sign and return ASAP.
Computer agreement *NEW*	Students in Grade 4, 5 & 6 are required to complete the computer agreement. New charges will apply for computer use for these students (see agreement). Please sign and return ASAP.
Media Consent	Enclosed is Photographing, Filming & Recording students at Moyston Primary School Annual Consent Form and Collection Notice. Please read this notice carefully and return only if you wish to <u>OPT OUT</u>.
School Fees Invoice	2020 School fees are \$170 per student, discounted to \$150 if paid in Term 1.
Camps, Sports, Excursion Fund (CSEF)	The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for <u>eligible</u> students to attend activities like: school camps or trips, swimming and school-organised sport programs, outdoor education programs, excursions and incursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. Families can list more than one student in the one application form if they are attending the same school. Please read carefully and return <u>if applicable</u>.
Conveyance Allowance	The conveyance allowance is available to families who meet the following criteria. Students must: attend their nearest government or non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible, be enrolled at a school/campus outside Melbourne's metropolitan conveyance boundary, live 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended, be of school age at the time of application, and reside in Victoria. Please read carefully and return <u>if applicable</u>.
School Camp Structure	The majority of these camps are combined with our Cluster schools (Maroona & Buangor).
School Costs	Please note that this is a guide of approximate costs.
Health Support	Please read information carefully and see Anthony is Kelly <u>if applicable</u>.

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 Friday 20th March 2020.**

Our School Council Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday 24th March 6.30pm

STAFF CHANGES

In 2020, Moyston PS would like to welcome
back Anthony Cain as Principal.

A huge thank you to Natalie Dowsett for
stepping up as Acting Principal last semester.



We welcome Laura Higgins as our Senior room teacher.

Congratulations to Kendra and Craig on their marriage in
early January! Ms Hogan is now Mrs Shalders!

MOYSTON PS STAFF

PRINCIPAL	Anthony Cain
JUNIOR ROOM (P-2) TEACHER	Kendra Shalders
MIDDLE ROOM (2-4) TEACHER	Natalie Dowsett
SENIOR ROOM (5-6) TEACHER	Laura Higgins
BUSINESS MANAGER	Kelly McKinnon
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT	Lydia Jackson

MRS SHALDERS



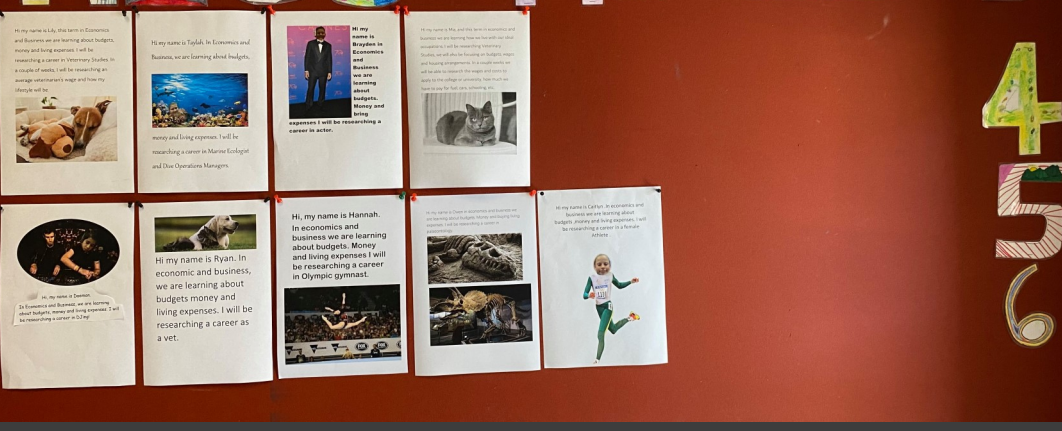
The school office wall is now divided into three sections, one for each classroom.

MRS DOWSETT



This is will be a constantly changing display of student work, projects and art.

MISS HIGGINS



Please come in and check it out regularly!

PERSIAN DINNER & DRINKS

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT FROM 6-9PM

ENJOY A NIGHT OF DELICIOUS PERSIAN DISHES PLUS LOCAL WINE & BEER



Bookings are essential. Please call us on 5354 2575 or drop in to reserve your spot!

Bookings can be made for the following times: 6:00pm, 6:30pm and 7:00pm.

TO SEE THE MENU AND FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE ASK OUR FRIENDLY STAFF



*Strictly no B.Y.O



WILLAURA HEALTHCARE OUTDOOR MARKET

Sunday March 1 2020, 10am-2pm

Grounds adjacent to Willaura Healthcare, Delacombe Way



The Willaura Market is a charity event run by the Willaura Healthcare Auxiliary, with funds raised going towards improving the lives of residents and patients at Willaura Healthcare, 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
- Condiments
- Art and craft
- Soaps and skincare
- Olive oil
- Clothing
- Plants
- Handmade chocolates
- Candles
- Metal art

Variety of food vendors including:

- Gourmet food vendors
- Willaura Auxiliary Tea House
- Lions barbecue
- Coffee
- Icecream

- + Musical entertainment and children's activities including jumping castle, mini golf and trackless train.

For more information: willauramarket.com



Visit: facebook.com/willauraoutdoormarket

WILLAURA Farm To Pub

RIDE · RUN · WALK



- 16km Run or Ride
- 8km Run or Ride
- 5km Run, Walk or Ride (5km is on sealed road and pusher friendly)

Saturday 22nd February 2020

- A family friendly event concluding with a free Jumping Castle and Mini Golf at Willaura Recreation Reserve
- Children 14 Years and Under- \$10
- Adults- \$20
- Bar open at 4pm
- Meals available from 5:30pm

For full details and to enter go to: www.farmtopub.org

—Profits to Red Cross Bushfire Appeal

—Raffle proceeds to



We are seeking parents for a fun relay race at our swimming sports on Wednesday 26th Feb. You just have to be able to get from one end of the pool to the other!

If you are keen for a bit of fun, please see Anthony!



Each day, the whole school eats their lunch together under our shade shelter.





SCHOOL GROUNDS

Thank you to all of the helpers at our working bee this week!
New soft fall was spread around the playground equipment, the



chook yard was cleaned up and the garden weeded!

You may have noticed a lot of work being done at the school over the Summer Holidays. The main building was painted inside as well as some work done fire proofing the roof.



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

As you may be aware, the situation regarding the emerging outbreak of novel coronavirus has continued to evolve.

The Commonwealth's Chief Medical Officer and Victoria's Chief Health Officer recommended a stronger precautionary approach to managing coronavirus for travellers returned from mainland China (not including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) from 1 February 2020.

This recommendation is that parents/guardians/carers should ensure that any children returning from mainland China (not including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) who were in mainland China on or after 1 February 2020 is isolated at home and should not attend school until 14 days after they were last in mainland China.

This recommendation does not apply retrospectively. It applies only to students who were in mainland China on or after 1 February 2020.

The existing advice remains that parents/guardians/carers of students should ensure that any student is isolated at home and should not attend school for 14 days:

- following exposure to any confirmed novel coronavirus case; or
- after leaving Hubei Province.

If you think your children are showing relevant symptoms, please call the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to discuss further actions on 1300 651 160.

DHHS has developed fact sheets in English and Simplified Chinese which include the latest information and advice.

Additional advice and information on the steps to take can be found on the coronavirus web page <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx> which also includes advice on:

- continuity of learning for students who are not attending school
- international students and families hosting
- international travel
- maintaining good health hygiene at school
- health promotion posters and materials

information, resources and contacts related to coronavirus.

Thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOOL HOURS

Moyston Primary School grounds are supervised by school staff from 8.30am until 3.45pm. Outside of these hours, school staff will not be on duty to supervise students.

School begins: 9.00am

Morning recess: 11.00am—11.30am

Lunch: 1.15pm—2.00pm

School Dismissed: 3.20pm

AUSLAN

Auslan is short for Australian sign language, a language developed for Australians who are deaf or hearing impaired. It's a visual form of communication that uses hand, arm and body movements to convey meaning



Did you know? Just like English, Spanish or Chinese, Auslan is recognised as a language in its own right. Auslan was recognised as an official language by the Australian Government in 1991.



SENIOR STUDENT LAPTOPS

The Grade 4-6 students have been enjoying their new classroom laptops! Student Computer agreements have been sent home and must be signed by both the students and their parent/guardian.

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Book Club LOOP

The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!



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Issue 1 of Book Club has been sent home to families.

Please place any orders via the LOOP app, or correct money to the office by **Monday 17th February**. Spare book club catalogues are located in the school office.

Moyston Primary School

Uniforms



The School Uniform for Moyston Primary School is compulsory and consists of black shorts or pants and red and black polo shirt or hoodie. Girls may also chose to wear red and white checked dress. Appropriate footwear must be worn to school e.g. sneakers.

The following items can be purchased through the school. Each item has been embroidered with the school logo.

Hoodies	\$25.00 each
Polo shirts	\$18.00 each
School bags	\$35.00 Small \$40.00 Large
BMX Top (personalised)	\$40.00 each



Black shorts or pants (tracksuit pants are fine) can be purchased from various suppliers around Ararat or online.



A reader bag, hat and drink bottle will be provided free of charge to each student when they first start at Moyston PS.

They are considered part of our school uniform. When these are damaged or lost, we ask that parents pay to replace them.

All students will receive a new drink bottle at the start of each year.

Drink bottles and hats are left at school each day.



Drink bottle	\$6.00
Hat	\$15.00
Reader bag	\$15.00

Sports tops are kept at the school and not available to purchase. These tops are provided to the students when they participate in various sporting events e.g. Moyston and District School Sports, Netball, Football, Cricket and Cross Country.



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>)

Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)

ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters



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www.alaskastringband.com

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Please use your **FAMILY** name as a reference if you are making a payment to the school.

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