

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.



Congratulations to our 2019 Grade 6's on their graduation from Moyston Primary School!

We would like to wish Lane, Ethan, Justin, Natalie and Dylan all the best for their further studies at high school.

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Dear Parents,

Re: 2020 Assessment Days

Moyston Primary School has decided to begin the school year in 2020 by collecting data of individual student abilities. Students will be required to attend the school during a designated timeframe on Wednesday 29th January, Thursday 30th January and Friday 31st January and their teacher will work one on one with them to complete a number of assessment tests. Once the students have completed the required assessment, parents will be required to take them home.

School classes will begin Monday 3rd February 2020.

The data collected from these assessments will allow the teachers to gain insightful knowledge of any learning gaps students may have to develop programs for each student's individual needs.

In the past, such tests have been conducted during class time. As the testing requires one on one teaching, the assessment process often drags on and teachers lose valuable teaching time.

The benefit of beginning the school year with the diagnostic tests not only allows teachers to plan their teaching and learning programs around student individual learning needs, it also provides a base line set of data that can be reviewed to determine how effectively students are progressing.

Please see the following assessment schedule (on the back of this page) when your child is required to attend Moyston Primary School for their assessment. If you are unable to make the designated time, please contact Natalie Dowsett to reschedule your child's assessment time. Teachers will officially be at school from Tuesday the 28th January.

Wednesday 29th January 2020

	Kendra	Natalie	Laura
9:00 – 10:00	Paddy	Ned	Lily
10:30 – 11:30	Jack	Olivia	Ryan
12:00 – 1:00	Siobhan	Madeleine	Rhys
1:30 – 2:30	Angus	Summer	

Thursday 30th January 2020

	Kendra	Natalie	Laura
9:00 – 10:00	Elijah	Cody	Brayden
10:15 – 11:15	Florence	Kade	Oliver
11:30 – 12:30	Alana	Jacob	Mia
1:00 – 2:00	Jasmin	Keiran	Daemon
2:15-3:15	Billy	Koby	Taylah

Friday 31st January 2020

	Kendra	Natalie	Laura
9:00 – 10:00	Eli	Lilli	Emily
10:15 – 11:15	Kiora	Minty	Caitlyn
11:30 – 12:30	Archie	Owen	Hannah

GRADE 6 GRADUATION!

Our Grade 6 students celebrated their graduation at our end of year celebration last week. All five students delivered great speeches and were presented with their graduation certificates, photo books and keepsakes. Lane was awarded the Rotary Scholarship and Ethan, Justin, Natalie and Dylan the Ararat Rural City Council scholarships.

Congratulations!

We will miss you all!





END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE

What a fantastic evening we had last week at the Moyston Hall for our end of year celebration!





THE DAY the
CRAYONS QUIT

The students put on a brilliant, funny, entertaining and dance filled end of year production of 'The Day the Crayons Quit.'

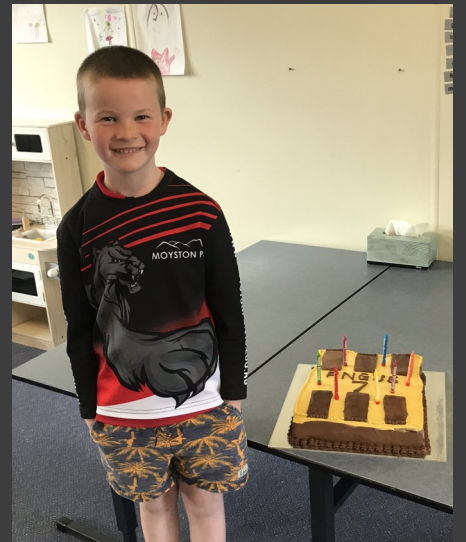


TRANSITION PROGRAM

Our Grade 5 students had fun getting to know their prep buddies for 2020!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
ANGUS!



MUSICA VIVA
AT THE
WILLAURA
HALL



CLUSTER DAY HALLS GAP POOL

Fun out at the Halls Gap Pool last week for our last Cluster Day of the year. It was a lovely day and pool temperature was just right! We enjoyed some free time in the pool and all schools participated in

some noodle races and the most popular ice block races. We also enjoyed an ice cream and played some games in the park.





END OF YEAR ART
WORK
Christmas
decorations and
school concert props!



GRADE 3-6 MELBOURNE EXCURSION

What a day the 3-6 students had in Melbourne. The first stop was the National Gallery of Victoria, then The Channel where they got to mix and record their own music. After lunch, they headed off to Hamer Hall at the Arts Centre Melbourne and listened to the Salvation Army Orchestra, The National Boys Choir, Michael Cormick and Johanna Allen sing and perform some Christmas Melodies!





FUTSAL REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

All Age Groups
10 9 and UNDER
13 and UNDER
16 and UNDER
MIXED SENIORS

Registration via our website at:
www.araratbasketballfutsal.com

Registration closes Friday 24 January 2020

BASKETBALL REGISTRATIONS OPEN UNTIL 24 JANUARY 2020!



ALL AGES MIXED COMPETITIONS

U12

U14

U16

U18

SENIORS

+ GIRLS

GO TO: WWW.ARARATBASKETBALL.COM TO REGISTER



CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY DINNER & AUCTION

On Friday 6th December we held our traditional Christmas Community dinner and auction. We had over 150 guests booked in for the night! Everyone enjoyed a traditional Christmas feast and a fantastic auction. A huge thank you to all of the local businesses, parents and families for donating auction items. The auction alone made over \$5000! A huge thank you also goes to former student Matthew Robinson for his incredibly generous donation of \$1000 to the school!





Thank you to all of our parents,
staff members, school families and
friends for all of their hard work!
Many hours went into arranging
the auction, preparing food, moving furniture, cooking meat,
decorating the room and running the night!
A fantastic team effort!





PLAYGROUP

It has been a wonderful year for our Moyston playgroup! Children and families have been attending playgroup on the first Wednesday of each month, which coincides with the Ararat

Maternal Child Health Nurse visit .

At our December Playgroup, the children had lots of fun creating their own Christmas decorations!

*Please note, there will be no playgroup or Maternal Child Health Nurse visit to Moyston in January 2020.



This week was a timely reminder as to why Moyston Primary School has been identified as being on the Department of Education and Training Bushfire-At-Risk-Register (BARR). Please read our school procedures for the bushfire season carefully. Stay safe and informed this Summer!

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



GRADE 6 DAY OUT!

On Wednesday, Mrs Dowsett and Mr Wilde took the Grade 6's on their last excursion as a primary school student.

They went to Ballarat and had some fun at Ten Pin Bowling, Laser Force and Go Carting!





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