

# Newsletter

No. 320 12th May 2023



**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. I try to be as good as I can."



**Gwynne Decker**

**24/7/1936 ~ 09/05/2023**

*Moyston Primary School staff, students and families were saddened to hear of the passing of Gwynne this week.*

*Gwynne was a former student, parent and lifetime supporter of Moyston Primary School.*

## **An interview with Gwynne from our Moyston PS School Newsletter from 2009**

Gwynne was born in Ararat and started school at Moyston in 1942 like her mother before her. Her three children, Wayne, Sandra and Leanne also attended Moyston Primary School.

In 1967 Gwynne first worked at an old-time dance in Moyston which was held to raise funds to build the supper room. The dances were held regularly in the early 1970s and continued to raise funds for the tennis club, football and cricket clubs.

All these years later the old-time dance is still held on the 3rd Friday of each month and Gwynne is still working the door. The dances run from 8pm till 11:30pm. Jan Murphy or Rod McKenzie play live music and a home-made supper is supplied for just \$5 admission per person. Today the Art committee, the hall committee and the primary school take turns to provide the supper.

The old-time dances have an average of thirty people attend these days, usually with very few young people. Gwynne feels this is because no alcohol is served. The Moyston dances attract people from areas like Pomonal, Willaura, etc, where dances have closed down. Gwynne feels the old-time dances will not go on in the future because this generation is not interested. After all the years it will be sad to see a tradition like this one disappear. Gwynne loves the quietness of life in Moyston and enjoys the company of her friends. She walks daily with her friend Sue or her dog Maisie. She enjoys knitting, making a collection of footy cushions, blankets, teddy-bears and cork-screw scarves.

Gwynne deserves a pat on the back for her years of service to the Moyston community, always lending a hand.

**Friday 19th May**

**Walk to School Day ~ Assembly 3pm**

Natalie Dowsett – Principal

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# Calendar

Term 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3	8th May	9th May SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 6pm	10th May	11th May	12th May
Week 4	15th May EDUCATION WEEK!	16th May MARC VAN	17th May	18th May	19th May Assembly 3pm Walk to school day
Week 5	22nd May BOOK FAIR	23rd May BOOK FAIR	24th May BOOK FAIR	25th May BOOK FAIR Black Ranges Winter Sports Stawell	26th May BOOK FAIR
Week 6	29th May	30th May MARC VAN	31st May	1st June	2nd June Assembly 2.30pm Biggest Morning (afternoon) Tea 3pm
Week 7	5th June	6th June	7th June PLAYGROUP	8th June	9th June
Week 8	12th June KING'S BIRTHDAY	13th June MARC VAN	14th June	15th June	16th June Assembly 3pm
Week 9	19th June STEM DAY Gr 5/6	20th June	21st June Grade 6 Day Out	22nd June	23rd June END OF TERM 2

## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The 2022 Moyston Primary School Annual Report to the School Community is now available to read on our website.

This has been approved by School Council.

[www.moystonps.vic.edu.au](http://www.moystonps.vic.edu.au)

# Announcements

## BLACK RANGES WINTER SPORTS

On Thursday 25th May, the Grade 5 and 6 students who wish to participate will take part in the Black Ranges Winter Sports. We will make up combined teams with students from Maroona, Buangor and Pomonal to make an AFL and Netball team. Participating students will be provided with more information closer to the event.



**FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023**

## FRIDAY 19TH MAY WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY!

Walk or ride to school on Friday!  
If you live too far from school, walk from the Moyston General Store from 8.30am with teacher supervision.

We will also be starting a lunch time walking group (around the school block) to encourage active, healthy habits!

BOOST YOUR  
MENTAL  
CLARITY

INCREASE  
ENERGY

BENEFITS OF  
WALKING!

IMPROVE  
YOUR  
MOOD

CLEAR  
YOUR  
MIND

14-20 MAY  
EDUCATION  
WEEK 2023

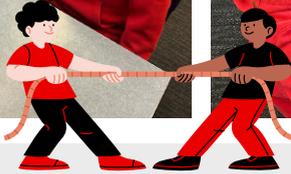
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active  
learners:

move  
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# Junior



In Maths this week we used bead strings of 20 to play **TUG OF WAR!** In pairs the Juniors took turns to roll dice to steal beads off their opponent. This was a very fun way to practise our addition and subtraction skills.



The Juniors also had tremendous fun learning how to sew this week. It was a wonderful challenge to test our fine motor skills and resilience – **the power of "not yet"** in action!

# Middle



The Middle class has been recycling wool and using plastic bottles to weave potholders in Design and Technology. These will be used as presents for Mother's Day.

One student's comment: "I hope our mums know how much effort we put into this present!"



Making table decorations for the Community Dinner

\*Finger knitting from Weeks 1 & 2 was also learnt in Design & Technology, so students could make necklaces and belts. Flo's piece showcases her own efforts at finger knitting using two fingers and then doubling the strand to make her necklace. It is her own design.



## Mental Maths

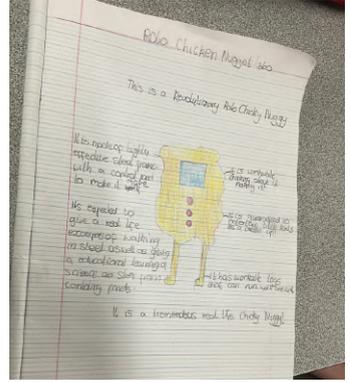
Siobhan sharing a strategy she just learnt about how addition is related to subtraction.

"So, if you have an unknown number in a sum, such as  $7 + \_ = 24$ , then  $24 - 7$  will give you your answer which is 17."

Maureen Green volunteers her time to read with our class. Here she is reading aloud to the whole class from a novel called, 'Wolves of the Beyond' - which is read every day for 10 minutes after recess to immerse the students in the rich literature of the text.



# Senior



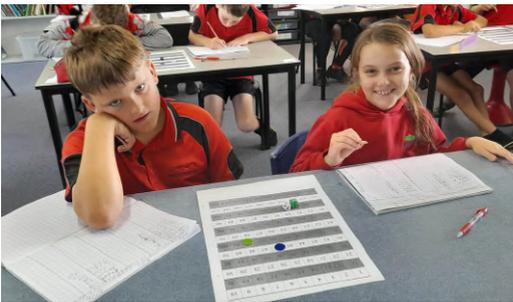
Senior students enjoyed completing a STEM Engineering Challenge.

Their goal was to build a bridge as least 30cm wide that could hold a small human! They also designed a Freedom Machine and wrote a persuasive piece promoting their new product.



The Grade 5/6 class investigated the link between addition and subtraction by participating in hands-on dice games for maths this week.

They used their maths books to convert answers to equations into centimetres, meters and millimetres



Persuasive advertisements in writing



# Outside School Hours Care



This past fortnight we have had some fun with some new lego that was delivered!

We have also been experimenting with some music on the keyboard.

We are offering 4 days each week of the July School holidays - to operate each day we will require a minimum of 11 children. It is essential that you make your booking early as they will close bookings on Friday 9th June.

This gives us time to purchase materials, roster educators and plan for the number of children booked in, as stated only the days we have a minimum of 11 children, will operate.

We will notify families on the 9th June - which days will operate.

**To book - email [AELC\\_MoystonOOSH@outlook.com](mailto:AELC_MoystonOOSH@outlook.com) or call 5252 2892.**

You don't need to be working to use the program - it could be a day for jobs you need to get done, or simply a play date for your children without the mess at your house!

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](mailto:AELC_MoystonOOSH@outlook.com) - 03 5352 2892



## COMMUNITY DINNER

Last week the school hosted the Mother's Day Community Dinner! Thank you to our amazing team of parents, families, friends, staff and students for the prep work, decorations, cooking, serving, donations and help on the night. This dinner made over \$700 for the school!



# Black Ranges Cross Country



Well done to Archie, Ned, Lilli, Harry, Alana and Florence for representing Moyston PS at the Black Ranges Cross Country in St Arnaud last week!



Flo, Alana and Lilli ran 2km in the Girls 10 years and under event with 41 participants.

Archie ran 3km in the 11-year boys race with 38 runners.

Harry and Ned ran 3km with 38 participants in the 12-13 boys event!

# Ardoch Excursion Gr. 5/6



Last Friday the 5s and 6s spent the day in Horsham courtesy of Ardoch. They were taken on a tour of Federation University and were introduced to a range of courses. Students marvelled at the purpose-built workshops for nursing, hairdressing, plumbing, electrical and mechanics trades.

Students were then treated to a two-course meal. They were joined by some community members and engaged in conversations about life after school.

On our return to school, we stopped into Stawell West to surprise Mr Cain & Grip!

# Assembly 5/5



Last Friday our first school assembly for term 2 was hosted by Kiora and Angus.

This assembly was on our new day and timeslot of Friday 3pm (fortnightly).

Cailin and Jhett talked about the investigation they conducted in the Junior room for Design and Technology.

The Middle class presented some of the letters they wrote to the volunteers, who showed us the night sky at the Ballarat Observatory, on the 27th of April.

They also demonstrated the finger knitting they've learned to do during Design & Technology classes.

Archie, Ned & Madeleine read out their Mother's Day poems and our reading and value awards were presented.



Congratulations to Kyara and Paddy who were presented with the Sportsmanship Award from our recent School Sports!

# Book Fair!

You're invited to our Scholastic **BOOK FAIR**

Find these books and more at the Fair!

EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE EARNS LEARNING AND LITERACY RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL

SCHOLASTIC REWARDS

BOOKANEER BOOK FAIR  
Where books are the treasure!

The theme of our Scholastic Book Fair is Bookaneer Book Fair. This will be a fun reading event that brings the books kids want to read into our school.

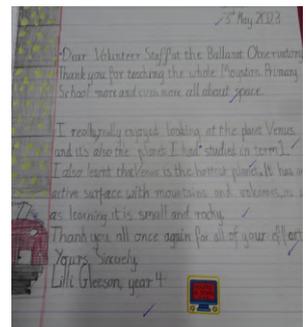
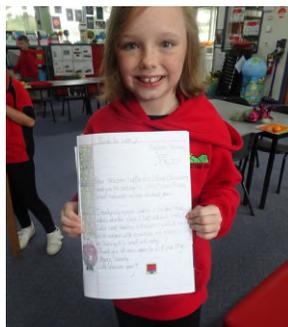
There will be a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair!

**Monday 22nd - Friday 26th May 2023**

**3.20pm - 4.00pm each day  
Student Kitchen/Art Room**

***The students wrote 'Thank you' letters to the volunteers at the Ballarat Observatory who recently showed us the stars, Venus and the moon!***



# Resilience • Responsibility • Excellence



**Moyston Playgroup**  
**First Wednesday of each**  
**month 9.30am**

## 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.

