

Newsletter

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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."



welcome
**BACK TO
SCHOOL**



*It's a hard to believe that we are already in Term 3!
We hope everyone had a lovely, relaxing Winter holiday break.
Dinosaur fever has taken over the junior room!
The students had lots of fun creating their own fossils yesterday.*

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Calendar

Term 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2	17th July	18th July Cluster Day at Moyston	19th July	20th July Grade 5 & 6 Ararat College	21st July
Week 3	24th July	25th July MARC	26th July	27th July	28th July Assembly 3pm
Week 4	31st July	1st August	2nd August PLAYGROUP	3rd August	4th August Golf incursion
Week 5	7th August	8th August MARC SCHOOL COUNCIL 6pm	9th August	10th August	11th August Assembly 3pm
Week 6	14th August	15th August	16th August	17th August	18th August
Week 7	21st August Golf incursion	22nd August MARC	23rd August	24th August	25th August Assembly 3pm
Week 8	28th August	29th August	30th August Smile Squad	31st August Black Ranges Athletics	1st September P-2 Excursion Community Dinner hosted by Moyston PS Smile Squad
Week 9	4th September Swimming	5th September MARC Swimming	6th September PLAYGROUP Swimming	7th September Swimming	8th September Staff Professional Development Day - No students at school
Week 10	11th September Swimming	12th September SCHOOL COUNCIL 6pm Swimming	13th September Swimming	14th September Swimming R U OK day	15th September End of Term 3

Announcements



FREE DENTAL
COMING SOON TO THIS SCHOOL

The Smile Squad will soon visit this school to provide all students with free, high quality dental care.
www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au

The friendly Smile Squad dental team is visiting our school to do free dental checks. The visits will take place later this term.

Information packs and consent forms have been sent home to all families. Please return these ASAP.

To find out more about the Smile Squad visit

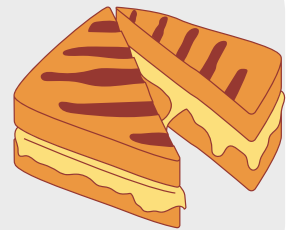
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TOASTIE WEDNESDAYS

Every Wednesday we will have 'toastie day' for any students who would like a toastie for lunch. Students can bring toasties wrapped in baking paper and clearly named.

The pie warmer is also still available each school day for warm food unless advised otherwise.



Optional Prep and Grade 1 **BIG DAY OUT**

Term 3 (date to be advised)
COST: \$50 (to be confirmed)

Optional **Grade 4, 5 & 6**, 4 night, 5-day camp and activities

CANBERRA

Monday 9th - Friday 13th October

COST: \$580 per student (to be confirmed based on numbers)

This has been subsidised by School Council.

Optional **Grade 2-3**, 2-night camp and activities

ROSES GAP

Wednesday 8th - Friday 10th November

CONFIRMED COST: \$230 per student

This has been subsidised by School Council.

Junior



A very serious case of **DINOFEVER** has struck the Junior room. Our topic for Theme this term is Dinosaurs and we have some very, very excited students!



We have been learning about descriptive writing, using all 5 senses to create a picture in our reader's minds. We have taken inspiration from the book *I am Jellyfish* for our writing.



The nice and calming beach

Imagine you are at the beach. You are so hot and relaxed. You are lying on your towel, relaxed having a good time. When suddenly the little waves tickle your toes. You can see the nice and relaxing waves go swish, swish, swish.

By Stevie



The beach

Imagine you are at the beach. You can feel a crab pinching your feet.

By Gracie



The beach

Your feet will be hot as the sun shines down on you. You hear the water in the shells and you can see turtles. You can see seagulls going over your head.

By Jimmy



This fortnight for Maths in the Junior room we have been exploring the properties and names of 2D and 3D shapes. We have been using geoboards on the iPads to draw 2D shapes and we have been out hunting for 3D shapes in the wild!



Middle



READING FOR FLUENCY

To help them read more fluently and with more awareness of how they read, the students were taught to time themselves while reading the texts chosen for the week.

They worked with a partner and recorded the number of words read and errors made in 1 minute.

They read the same passage each day and by the end of the week found that they made fewer errors and read with more expression and fluency.



Jasmin and Ashlynn are quite pleased with their dodecahedron creation.

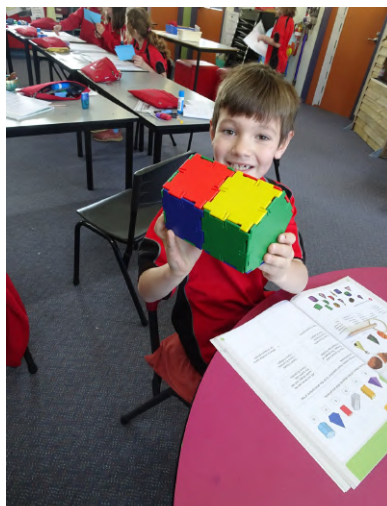
MATHS

In geometry, a dodecahedron or duo decahedron is any polyhedron with twelve flat faces. The most familiar dodecahedron is the regular dodecahedron with regular pentagons as faces.

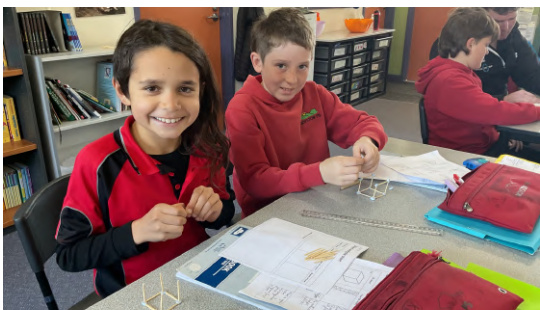
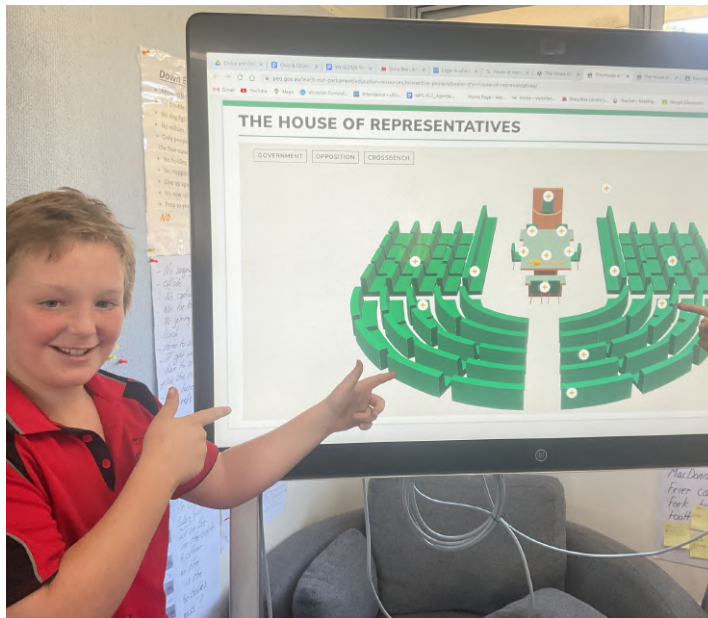
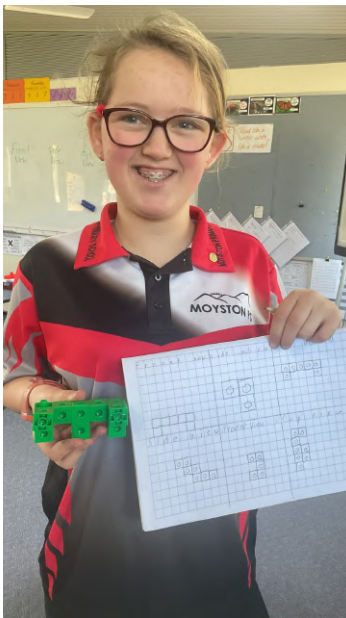
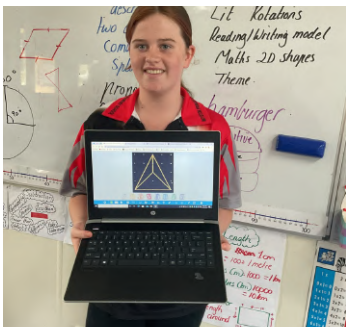
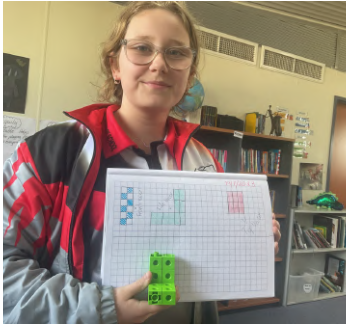
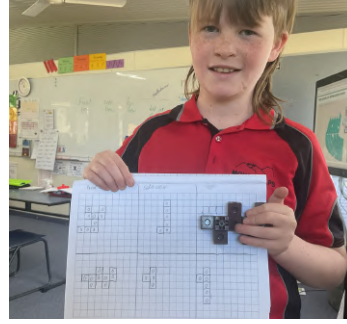
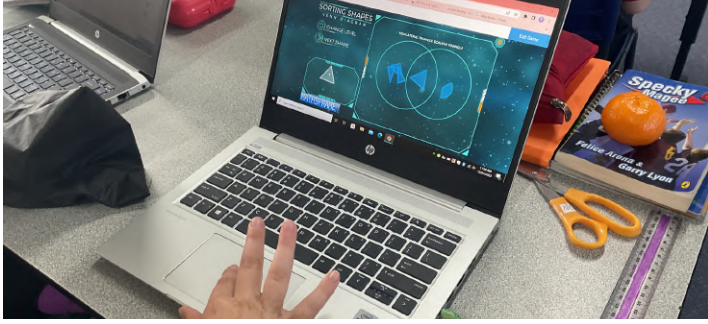
Wyatt explored the properties of a pentagonal prism by making it with 2D shapes, after he learnt about it on Essential Assessment.



Jack made a dodecahedron with 10 regular equilateral triangles.



Senior



This fortnight seniors have been working on enhancing their knowledge and skills of descriptive writing by exploring the text, 'Whisper on the Wind' by Clair Saxby.

In maths, seniors are learning about the properties of two dimensional and three-dimensional shapes and identifying the edges, faces and vertices of prisms and pyramids.

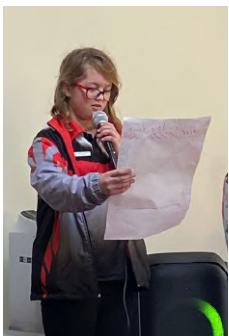
For our theme 'Civics and Citizenship' senior students have been learning about Australia's System of Government, including the Cabinet, Upper and Lower Houses of Parliament, the Governor General, Prime-Minister and the Judiciary.

Assembly 14/7



Our assembly last week was hosted by Alana and Lilli!

Matilda from the Junior classroom explained the flags that the class made to celebrate NAIDOC week. All of the students proudly showed their creations!



Madeleine, Jacob, Ned and Summer presented their Digital Technology work.



Jasmin and Paddy talked about how their class celebrated NAIDOC week.

They presented geometric shapes and explained the properties of those shapes.

Ashlynn and Florence explained how their class practice their reading for fluency, with Florence providing an excellent demonstration.



AWARDS

Miss Hogan, Mrs Savoia and Miss O. presented their class Reading Night awards for home reading.



The teachers also presented school value awards for **Resilience**, **Responsibility** and **Excellence**.



Cluster Day



On Tuesday, we hosted a Cluster Day at Moyston PS.

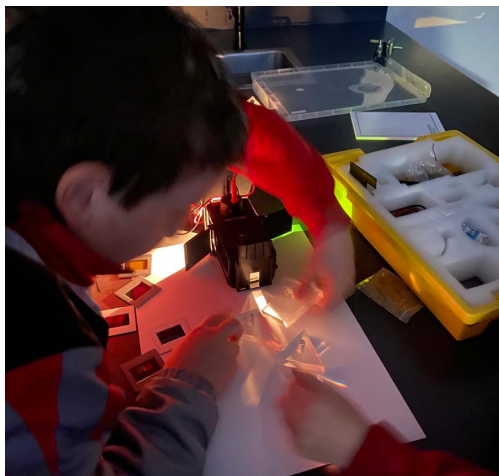
We were joined by Maroona, Buangor, Pomonal and Willaura Primary Schools.



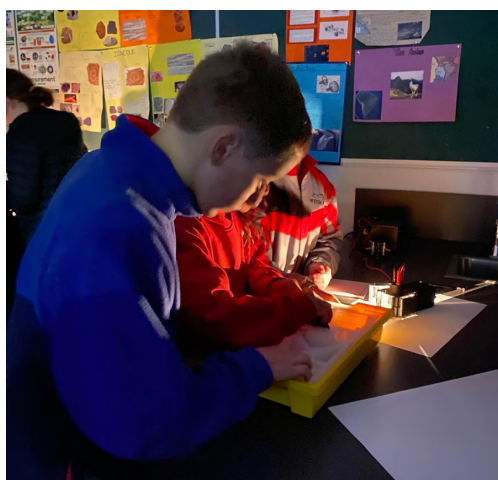
The day included Life Education sessions, P.E. Music and Art!



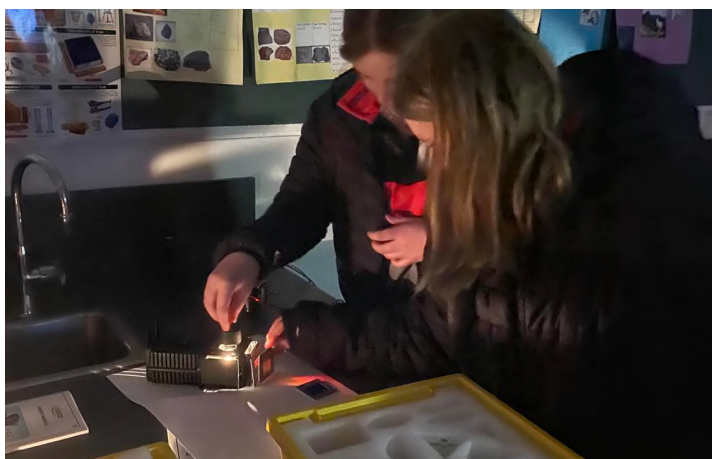
Ararat College



Yesterday, the grade 5 & 6 students visited Ararat College to gain an insight into Secondary Education.

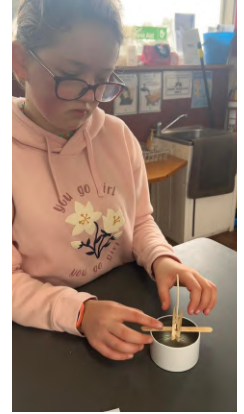
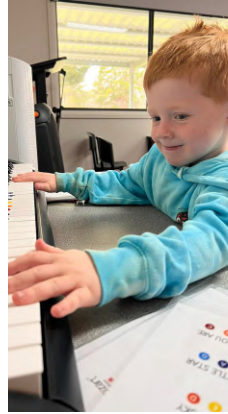


They were shown around by former Moyston student Owen, and enjoyed lessons in Music, Science and PE!



Outside School Hours Care

During the School holidays, we welcomed Lily Jackson from Soy Blossom Candles for a candle making workshop. The children each made a candle, and the smells were divine! They made gingerbread, vanilla or banana scented candles! There were loads of other activities to keep everyone busy including keyboard playing with colour coded sheet music, baking cookies, craft and construction table, Lego, drawing, magic play dough and ball games outside.



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 - 03 5352 2892



Hosted by Rhymney Moyston
Cricket Club

Moyston Community Dinner

Friday 4th August
Moyston Oval
6pm

~ **2 course meal** ~
Lasagna, scalloped
potatoes & winter
vegetables
followed by Apple Pie or
Sticky Date pudding with
ice-cream or cream

Please RSVP by Wednesday 2nd August
[Moyston Community Meal Facebook](#)
Page or text Matt on **0417 785 026**

Adults ~ **\$20.00**
High School students ~ **\$10.00**
Primary School students ~ **\$6.00**
Under 5 ~ **Free**
Raffle tickets **\$1.00**

NAPLAN

Upcoming changes to NAPLAN reporting

Ahead of NAPLAN results for students being released from Monday 17 July 2023, I'm writing to inform you of some changes to this year's reporting. These are changes being introduced nationally by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

NAPLAN will continue to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, and grammar and punctuation but the results will now be presented in 4 proficiency levels:

These are:

- **exceeding**
- **strong**
- **developing**
- **needs additional support**

This change will give schools, parents and carers clearer information that details student achievement against new proficiency levels.

Students' NAPLAN reports will continue to show how they are tracking against their peers and provide an indication of their skill levels against national averages and where we would expect them to be in order to get the most out of schooling. This provides valuable information to teachers about how we can continue to support your child.

Each set of NAPLAN results is an important milestone but it's also important that students know that one result does not define them – these results are about making sure every student gets the support they need so they can continue to get the best from their learning.

When we provide you with your results, you will also receive information about what the new proficiency levels mean.

As ever, you're welcome to speak to me, or your child's teacher with any questions about these changes.

Natalie Dowsett



Happy Birthday to Keiran for last week!



Happy Birthday wishes to everyone who celebrated their birthday in Term 2, or over the holiday break - Jack, Miss O, Siobhan, Jacob, Summer, Eli, Stevie, Emme, Hunter, Josh, Lilli, Will, Freddie, Elisha and Matilda!



Resilience • Responsibility • Excellence



**Enrolments
are now open!**

RESILIENCE
RESPONSIBILITY
EXCELLENCE



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forms and our information book.
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