

Newsletter

No. 323 4th August 2023



MOYSTON PS

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!

We are very excited to welcome Noel to our school this Semester. Noel is a Provisional Psychologist from One Red Tree who will be on-site at Moyston two days per week.

This week we held a 'Welcome Breakfast' where school families and friends came to meet Noel and enjoy a lovely breakfast at school.

Natalie Dowsett – Principal

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Calendar

Term 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 4	31st July	1st August Welcome Breakfast for Noel	2nd August PLAYGROUP	3rd August	4th August Golf incursion
Week 5	7th August	8th August MARC	9th August	10th August	11th August Assembly 3pm
Week 6	14th August	15th August SCHOOL COUNCIL 6pm	16th August Superhero Day	17th August	18th August
Week 7	21st August Golf incursion	22nd August MARC	23rd August	24th August Smile Squad	25th August Smile Squad Assembly 3pm
Week 8	28th August	29th August Pomonal Cluster Day - footy dress up	30th August	31st August Black Ranges Athletics	1st September P-2 Excursion 3-6 Excursion Community Dinner hosted by Moyston PS
Week 9	4th September Swimming	5th September MARC Swimming	6th September PLAYGROUP Swimming	7th September Grade 3-6 Bike Ride in Ararat (morning) 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 Grade Prep-2 Bike Ride in Ararat (morning) Swimming R U OK day	15th September End of Term 3

Announcements



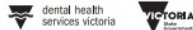
The friendly Smile Squad dental team is visiting our school to do free dental checks.

The visits will take place on 24th and 25th August.

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

www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next school council meeting was due to be held on Tuesday 8th August.

This has been pushed back by one week and will now be held on **Tuesday 15th August.**

Optional Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2

BIG DAY OUT

Friday 1st September

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

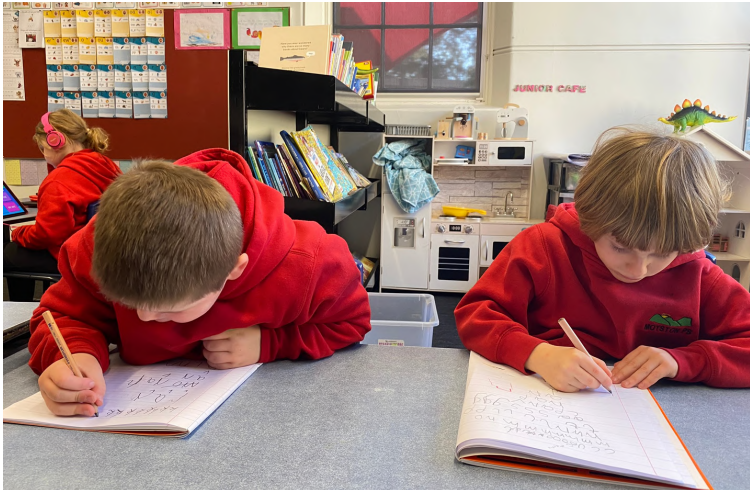
ROSES GAP

Wednesday 8th - Friday 10th November

CONFIRMED COST: \$230 per student

This has been subsidised by School Council.

Junior



This term in the Junior room we have been working very hard in our Literacy rotations. The students have been highly engaged, working in small groups and focusing on new sounds every week. We are very proud of them all – they're on fire!

Middle



Descriptive writing task – The students read a book called “Whisper on the Wind” by Claire Saxby and were helped to imagine an ocean scene before writing their descriptive piece.

In Civics and Citizenship, we read a book by Mem Fox called, “I’m Australian, too” – and wrote our own texts after interviewing our parents and teacher. Some students presented these texts at our assembly last week.

The middle class enjoyed celebrating Jasmin’s birthday with cup cakes!

We also had some fun with Dress-ups on a wet morning at recess time.

I am Australian, too. By Siobhan

Me: I was born in a hospital in Ararat, I grew up in Moyston and I still live in Moyston to this day. I have not lived anywhere else, but I have been to South Australia to the city of Adelaide, to see my baby cousin Sunny. I’m Australian, how about you?

Mum: My mum was born in Birchip. She grew up in a lot of places but mostly in Whyalla, SA and Halls Gap, in Victoria. I hope she had fun. She’s Australian too!

Dad: My dad was born in Ararat too. He grew up in Ararat too. As a kid, Dad lived in Ararat. But NOW he lives in Moyston. He’s Australian too!

My teacher: My teacher, Ms. Savoia, was born in India, grew up in India, has worked in Oman and now she lives in Moyston. She’s Australian too!

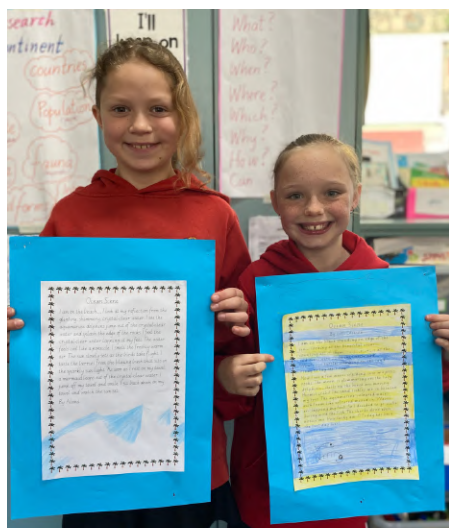
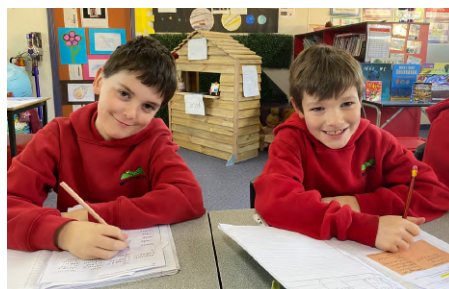


Student of the day – Ashlynn!

OCEAN SCENE

I am on the beach... I look at my reflection from the glinting, shimmery, crystal-clear water. I see the aquamarine dolphins jump out of the crystal-clear water and splash the edge of the rocks. I feel the crystal-clear water lapping at my feet. The water feels cool like a popsicle. I smell the freshly warm air. The sun slowly sets as the birds take flight. I taste the berries from the blazing bush that sits in the sparkly sun light. As soon as I rest on my towel, a mermaid leaps out of the crystal-clear water. I jump off my towel and smile. I sit back down on my towel and watch the sun set.

By Alana



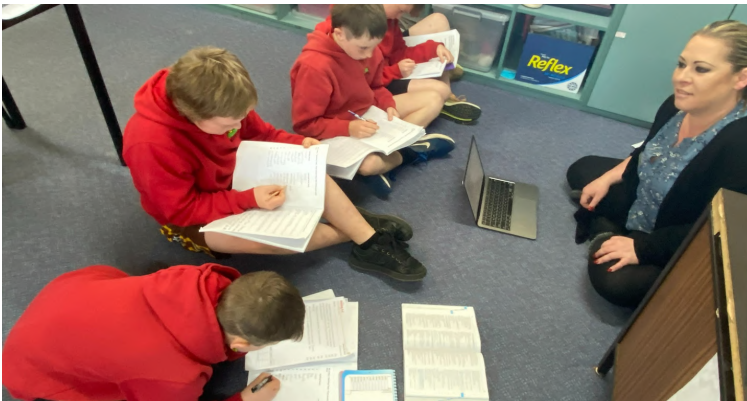
OCEAN SCENE

I am on the beach standing on edge of the sea... looking at the beautiful orcas, counting all of them. 1...2...3...4... 5 at the end there were 20 in the entire pod. Wow! 1,000 turtles climbing on the sand ready to lay their eggs.

Now I see a few waves crashing into majestic rocks. The moon is glimmering on the baby dolphins...shells on the beach are moving. Hermit crabs! The sand tickles me in between my toes. The aquamarine-coloured waves with foam like coloured mixed in. Waves are lapping my feet, So I decided to go scuba diving with the fish. The sharks don’t even notice me. How lucky am I? Today has been the best day ever!

By Lilli

Senior



LITERACY

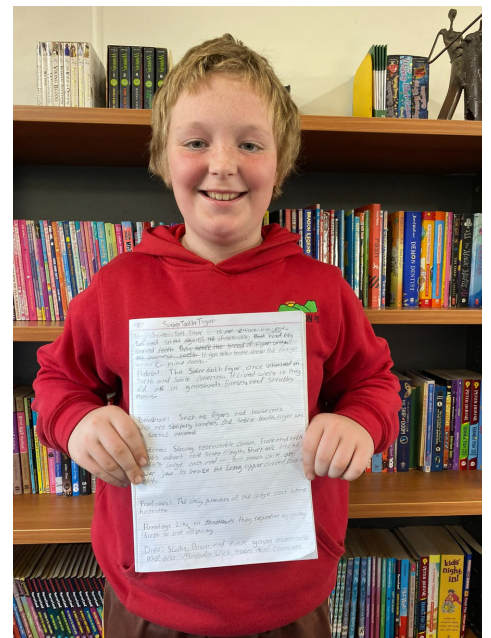
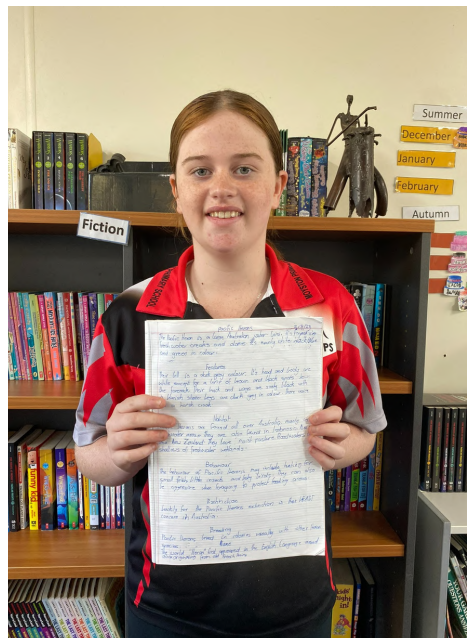
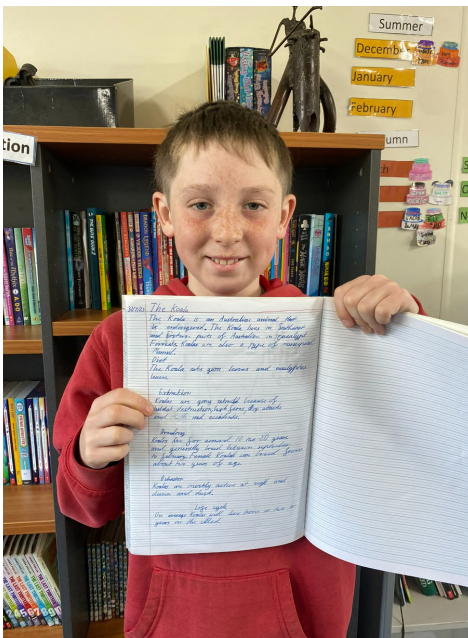
Senior students have been writing information reports about an animal of their choice while exploring how larger concepts such as migration, industrialisation and deforestation are interconnected with their animals' habitat.

MATHS

In maths students have been exploring equivalent fractions, making connections between fractions and decimals, ordering and adding and subtracting decimals.

CIVICS & CITIZENSHIP

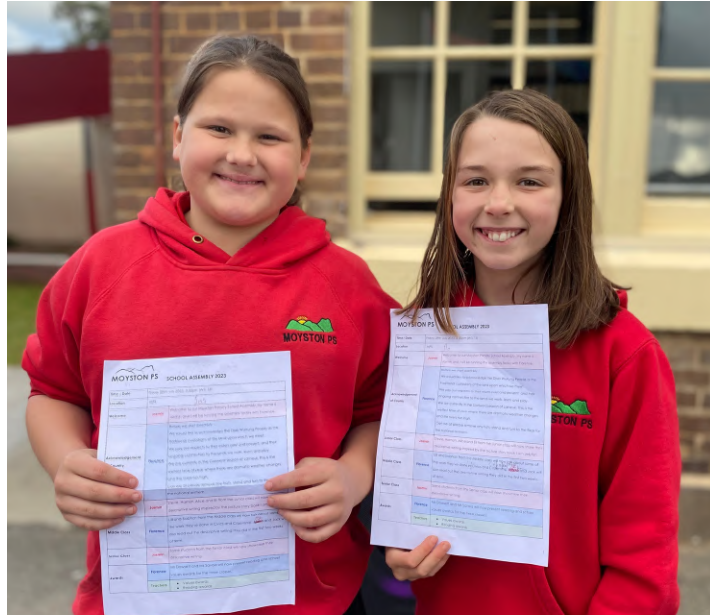
For their theme 'Civics and Citizenship', students are learning about qualities of elected representatives in the Australian government and key values required for leadership roles.



Assembly 28/7



Our assembly last week was hosted by Jasmin and Florence!



Stevie, Hamish, Alice and Eli from the Junior room shared their descriptive writing inspired by the picture story book 'I am Jellyfish.'

Lilli talked about some of the work that the Middle class have been doing in Civics and Citizenship, and Ashlynn and Jack read out some of their descriptive writing.



Eli and Keiran from the Senior class showcased some of their descriptive writing work.



AWARDS



Ms Dowsett presented Reading Night awards for home reading achievements.



Ms Dowsett also presented our school value awards for **Resilience**, **Responsibility** and **Excellence**.

Our next assembly will be held on Friday 11th August at 3pm



Bike Education



During Bike Education, Mr Thompson has been working with the students on their riding formations, communication and safety skills in preparation for our upcoming bike rides. The Grade 3-6 students will ride from Green Hill Lake into Ararat on Thursday 7th September, and the Grade Prep - 2 students will ride around Alexandra Gardens on 14th September. Both of these bike rides will be in the mornings before swimming lessons.

School Garden



The students have been busy in the school garden lately with Mr Wilde.

Last week the children planted some artichokes and did some weeding. Currently in our garden we are growing artichokes, kale, silver beet, broad beans and strawberries.

Playgroup



It was a lovely day for Playgroup this week, so the children and families enjoyed some fun outside!



Playgroup is held on the first Wednesday of each month from 9.30am to 11.00am at Moyston Primary School.



Superhero Day!

On Wednesday 16th August we will be having a Superhero Day at school!

Dress up, sausage sizzle and the DASH program anti bullying mugs designed by our students will be shared.

More information to come!



Outside School Hours Care

September School Holiday Program 2023

We are offering 3 days each week of the September School Holidays – to operate each day we will require a minimum of 11 children.

It is essential that you make bookings early as we will close bookings Friday 1st September.

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 1st September – which days will operate.

To book email AELC_MoystonOOSH@outlook.com
or call 5352 2892.

You don't need to be working to use our program – it could be a day for jobs or simply a playdate for your children without the mess at home!

Monday 18th September	Tuesday 19th September	Thursday 21st September
Competition day	Wreath making	Music silent disco 
Monday 25th September	Tuesday 26th September	Thursday 28th September
Building Challenge	Bounce and playground in Ballarat 	Movie and popcorn 

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**

Parent Opinion Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from
Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

Please speak to your Natalie if you would like more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy 18th Birthday to Matilda! Matilda got to share her special birthday with us while on placement from Marian College for her Education Support studies.

Happy Birthday as well to Jasmin, Jhett, Aerith and Eli C. who have all celebrated their birthdays this fortnight.



Resilience • Responsibility • Excellence



*Thank you to
Craig for
installing our
brand new, shiny
red slide in the
playground
yesterday!*



Moyston PS Official Account

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

