

# Newsletter

No. 323 18th August 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."



**100 DAYS  
BRIGHTER!**

Recently our junior classroom celebrated 100 days of school!

Their theme for the day was '100 Days Brighter.'  
Students celebrated with a class party!



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# Calendar

Term 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 Ararat West Skipping presentation	25th August Smile Squad Assembly 3pm
Week 8	28th August	29th August Pomonal Cluster Day - footy dress up	30th August Ararat College School Production excursion	31st August Black Ranges Athletics (Stawell)	1st September P-2 Big Day Out 3-6 Citizenship Ceremony Ararat  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

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.

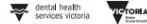
# Announcements



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. There are additional copies in the school office if you need.

To find out more about the Smile Squad visit [www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au](http://www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au)



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our latest school Council meeting was held on **Tuesday 15th August**.

School Council approved the Professional Practice Day on Friday 8th September. Updates from the meeting included an updated Emergency Management Plan and Child Safe Risk Register, financial reports, cash budgets, 2024 enrolments and a fundraising summary were also discussed.

Natalie also updated School Council on the buildings and grounds which included a solar panel proposal, electrical upgrades, septic tank emptying, front corner of the school garden, replacement of the slide and other works in progress.

Our next school council meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th September.

## BLACK RANGES ATHLETICS

Black Ranges Athletics will be held at North Park in Stawell on Thursday 31st August. Some students from Grade 4-6 have qualified for this event based on their results from our school sports earlier this year.

If your child has qualified, a permission note has been uploaded onto uEducateUs for approval and information has been sent home.

## PREP, GRADE 1 AND GRADE 2 BIG DAY OUT

Friday 1st September

Students will be travelling to Melbourne for the day. A permission note has been uploaded on uEducateUs today for approval.

Any further questions, please talk to Natalie

# Junior

We made salt dough to use to sculpt dinosaurs. We used books and figurines to model our sculptures off, paying close attention to the different features. Once the dough had dried out, we had fun painting our creations.



Last Friday Miss Hogan's shop was open for business during Maths. Throughout the week students earned money for completing their classroom jobs. Miss Hogan hired employees to work the till, totalling prices and handing out correct change.

**MISS HOGAN'S SHOP**  
 THE BEST STORE IN THE WORLD!  
 For all your goodies, gazmos and gadgets!

\$1 ONE MARSHMALLOW	55c STICKER	\$2.50
30c ONE ORANGE SLICE	10c ONE APPLE SLICE	\$5.75 ROD MOVE
\$8 ONE KANGAROO	\$5.75 IPAD TIME	

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# Middle



**PIZZA FRACTIONS**  
 We learned all about equivalent fractions, proper and improper fractions & mixed fractions and used paper plates to make imaginary pizzas and match them up to equivalent shares. We also worked out larger and smaller shares using fraction number sentences and our paper plate pizzas. On Monday the 14th of August Dean Savoia came in to help us make ham and pineapple pizzas so we could celebrate the end of the unit with a pizza party. We spent our Maths session cooking, reading and eating our pizzas!



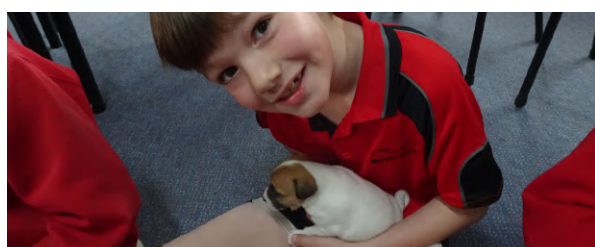
Jack attended the Horsham Motorcycle Club's- Black Range Enduro on 13/8/23, competing in the Ironman event. Jack rode in the 65cc class and was awarded third place in the event. The race runs through private property amongst natural bushland and over varied, but predominantly sandy terrain. Riders race for one and half hours, doing loops of a 9km track, only briefly stopping for fuel when required. Here's a picture of Jack with the trophy he won. Well done, Jack!



**CLASSROOM HELPERS**  
 Our superheroes Maureen, Jennifer, Mandy & Marlene who come in during the week to listen to us read. We are very grateful.

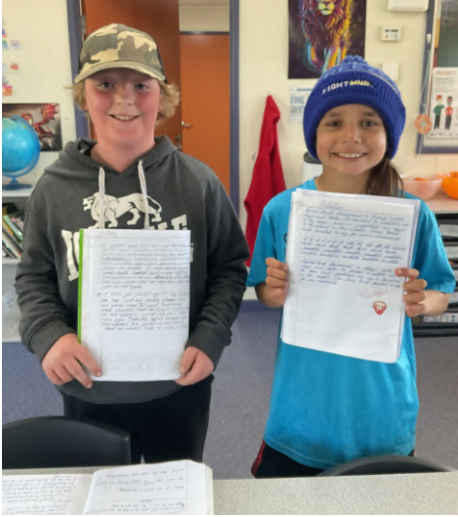


We were very excited to meet the Matulick's new puppies!



**CIVICS & CITIZENSHIP**  
 Siobhan enjoying helping Mrs Savoia explain how the voting system in a democracy works. She used coloured pencils and the book she read in class to help students understand that in some places voting is compromised by fraud and bribery.

# Senior

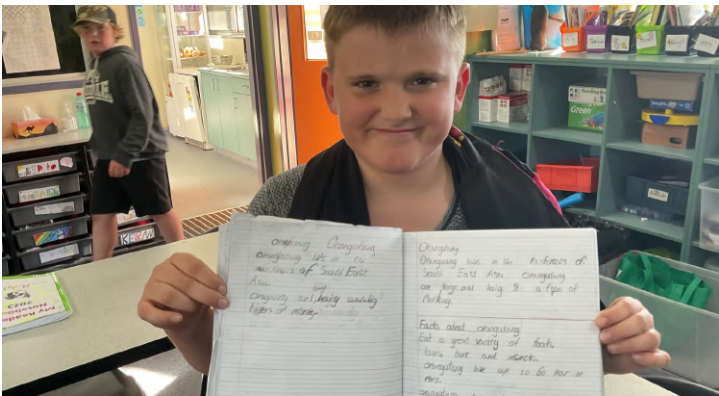
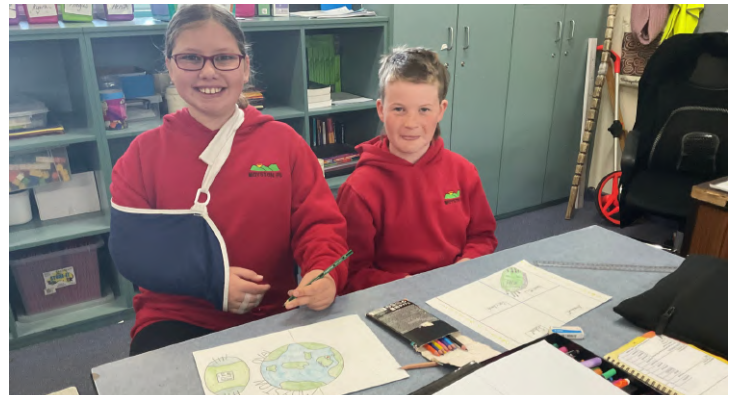


## LITERACY

For Writing, senior students have been exploring the book, "If I was Prime Minister " by Beck and Robin Feiner and learning to use emotive language to write good persuasive arguments.

## MATHS

For Maths they have been learning about percentage discount and the GST. Senior students have been creating artworks about their community for an upcoming calendar in which individual concepts will be judged.



# Golf

Last week we had a fun Golf session with Tony Collier from Golf Victoria. Tony will be back again on Monday to run another lesson with the students.

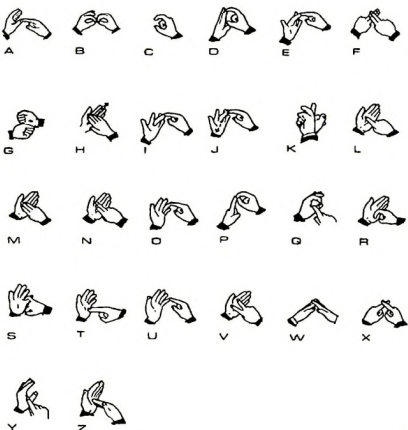




# Specialist



This week in Art students across all classes have been working on creating a square which we will put together to create a large tapestry. Some students from the Middle class have even been learning how to crochet!

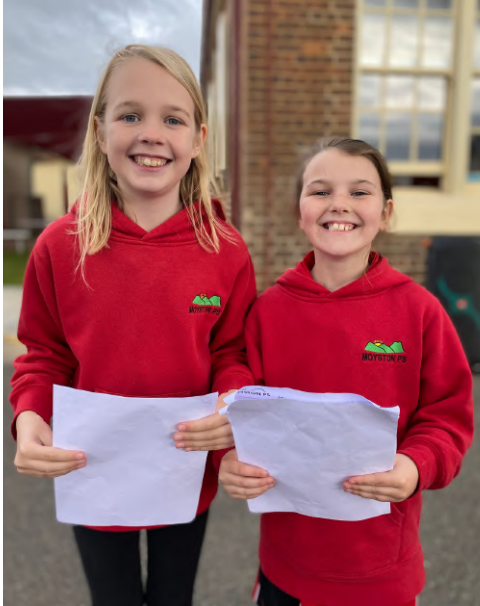


## AUSLAN

This week during Auslan, students have been learning how to sign Australian animals and pets!

Maddie & Stevie are demonstrating the sign for a cockatoo!

# Assembly 11/8



## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our assembly on Friday 11th August was hosted by Siobhan and Ashlynn.

Hunter, Jimmy and Freddie from the Junior classroom shared their money monsters they created in maths.

The Middle classroom shared some work from their Civics and Citizenship lessons on groups they belong to. They also shared some of the posters they made about superheroes in preparation for our Superhero day.

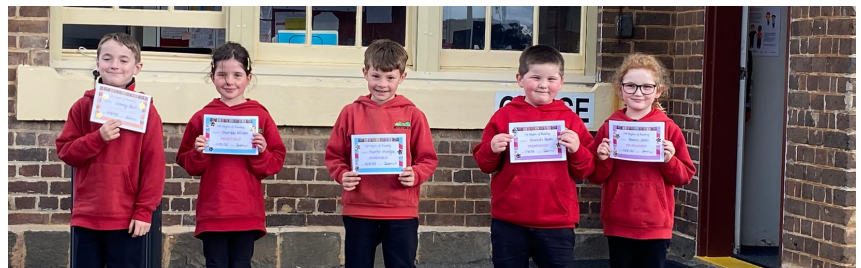
Archie and Jacob from the Senior class read out their information reports.



## AWARDS

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

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



**Our next assembly will be held on Friday 25th August ~ 3pm**



# Superhero Day

This week we held a Superhero Day at school.

We had a gold coin donation for bullying prevention charity, Bully Zero. Parents, families and friends were invited to join us for a sausage sizzle lunch, costume parade and open classrooms.



*In Term one, 2023 our year 5 and 6 students from Moyston Primary School participated in an 8-week program called DASH. DASH is facilitated in the classroom by Blue Light Victoria and supported by [Victoria Police](#).*

*As a class we worked together to develop and practise critical skills from a range of examples and experiences through guest speakers from Ambulance Victoria, Grampians Health and Ararat police. The program set out to encourage awareness of the local community while building relationships with these community experts to help us be engaged beyond school.*

*From this program our class in groups had to come up with a community project which we all presented to the community at the end of term 1. A grant of \$2000 from DASH was then put towards one project that was able to have the most impact in the whole community.*

*Our idea of coffee cups and travel mugs with catchy slogans to help raise awareness and educate the community on bullying were designed and produced as the outcome of this program. The slogans we chose were 'Be a buddy not a bully' and 'With each other not at each other'. We chose these slogans to encourage positive interactions between people therefore contributing to a greater harmony in and around our communities.*

*Each family will receive a free coffee cup and travel mug. We will also have them at the next community dinner to give away. We hope you enjoy them.*



*Kiora, Kyara and Billy, 2023.*

# Outside School Hours Care



## September School Holiday Program

(Out of School Hours Care - Moyston Primary School)

Monday 18th September

COMPETITION  
DAY

Tuesday 19th September

WREATH  
MAKING

Thursday 21st September

MUSIC /  
SILENT DISCO

Monday 25th September

BUILDING  
CHALLENGE

Tuesday 26th September

BOUNCE &  
PLAYGROUND IN  
BALLARAT

Thursday 28th September

MOVIE &  
POPCORN

We are offering 3 days each week of the September School Holidays. This program is open to all Primary School aged children (you do not have to be a Moyston PS student)

To operate each day, we will require a minimum of 11 children. It is essential that you make bookings early.

**Bookings close on Friday 1st September.**

This gives us time to purchase materials, roster educators and plan for the number of children booked in. We will notify families which days will operate.

To book email [AELC\\_MoystonOOSH@outlook.com](mailto: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!

Last week we had some fun in Bosworth Park toasting Marshmallows in our fire pit (thanks Craig!)

*Happy Birthday to Billy this week!*



# Parent Opinion Survey

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.

An email has been sent to all parent/carers with the link and PIN to access the survey.

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



## Food relief in Ararat

Times are tough, and with the ever-increasing costs of groceries, rent and mortgages a lot of people are struggling to put food on the table, and pay the bills.

You are not alone, and there is help available.

## Ararat Neighbourhood House

**56 Campbell St, Ararat**

Ararat Neighbourhood House provide food relief Tuesday – Friday each week.

ANH Food Hub is made up of two food relief programs – the SecondBite program and ANH FoodBank.

Individuals are able to access ANH Food Hub by contacting Ararat Neighbourhood House on **(03) 5352 1551**.

**All welcome!**



## Ararat Emergency Relief

Ararat Emergency Relief runs on a rotating roster by 5 Ararat church groups.

Food relief, vouchers, personal items, counselling and crisis accommodation are available between 1pm and 2pm, Monday to Friday.

**All welcome!**

Date	Church	Location	Phone No.
Aug 7 – Aug 11	Salvation Army	Shop corner Vincent & High St Ararat	5352 2720
Aug 14 – Aug 18	Anglican Church	49 High St, Ararat	0407 857 378
Aug 21 – Aug 25	St Vincent de Paul	264 Barkly St, Ararat	5352 5560
Aug 28 – Sept 1	Uniting Church Outreach	Cnr King and Barkly St, Ararat	5352 5580

## TUESDAY EVENING YOGA

*is starting up again with  
Zaiga  
6.30pm  
108 Moyston Dunkeld Rd  
BYO mat \$15*

*Wednesday 9am gentle  
Pilates/yoga*



*Friendly little school  
visitor this week!*

Resilience • Responsibility • Excellence



# Moyston Community Dinner

~ 2 course meal ~  
Burgers, chips & salad  
(build your own  
burger)  
followed by chocolate  
ripple cakes &  
cheesecakes



*Friday 1st September*

Adults ~ \$20.00

High School students ~ \$10.00

Primary School students ~ \$6.00

Under 5 ~ Free

Raffle tickets \$1.00

Cash or Direct Deposit into

Moyston PS Official Account

BSB 063 500 Account 1004 3733

Please RSVP by Wednesday 30th  
August

Moyston Community Meal  
Facebook Page or text the Moyston  
PS school mobile on 0402 340 601

 SCHOLASTIC

## Book Club LOOP for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club  
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

[www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)



*Issue 6 of Scholastic  
Book Club was sent  
home this week.*

*Please place any orders  
via the LOOP app by  
Thursday 24th August*

## 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.

