

Newsletter

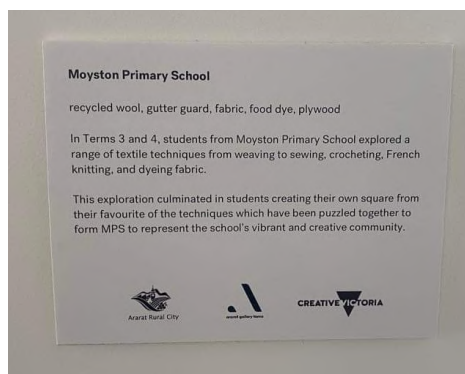
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RESILIENCE "I bounce back and don't give up. I make the right choice when dealing with difficult situations."

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."



On Monday, the whole school visited the Ararat Art Gallery to view our artwork! In terms 3 and 4, students explored a range of textile techniques from weaving to sewing, crocheting, French knitting and dyeing fabric.

Make sure to go and check it out!

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Calendar

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 10	4th Dec Ararat Art Gallery Excursion	5th Dec	6th Dec PLAYGROUP	7th Dec Grade 6's visit Ararat College	8th Dec Xmas Community Dinner & auction
Week 11	11th Dec	12th Dec School Council STATEWIDE Transition Day	13th Dec	14th Dec Swimming Halls Gap Pool	15th Dec Science Fair 2.30pm Grade 6 dinner
Week 12	18th Dec Halls Gap Zoo excursion (whole school)	19th Dec School Concert 5.30pm at Moyston HALL then back to Moyston PS Families BYO dinner	20th Dec END OF TERM 4! Early dismissal 2.30pm	21st Dec	22nd Dec

STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY/2024 CLASSES

Next Tuesday 12th December is the Statewide transition day. Grade 6 students will spend the day at High School, and all Primary school students will move up into their 2024 classes.

We will continue to run three classrooms at Moyston PS in 2024.

We are excited to announce that Mark Thompson will be teaching full time in the Grade 5 and 6 classroom.

Michelle Savoia will remain teaching four days per week in the Grade 2, 3 and 4 classroom.

Zoe Hogan will continue full time in the Grade Prep, 1 and 2 classroom.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Natalie Dowsett.

Junior

Frankie the elf is back and is up to all sorts of mischief!



DIY CRYSTALS!

In the Junior class last week we made our own crystal mix with skewers, sugar, water and food colouring. We coloured the tubs, emerald, sapphire, ruby, onyx and amethyst.

We have been checking in on them daily and are hoping the edible crystals will form over the next week in time for the Science Fair.



The Christmas cheer is here! The Junior students have been working hard to create table decorations for the Christmas Community Dinner.



Middle

LEMONADE STALL

Students from the Middle class sold lemonade over this term, with the idea of raising funds to be spent on the less fortunate.

\$150 dollars was raised!

Since the money was in coins with very few notes, students went on the 4th of December to the ANZ Bank in Ararat and changed the coins for notes.

Then they went shopping!

The students had carefully planned and prepared what they thought would be appropriate items to add to the reverse Advent boxes.



The students enjoyed counting the money, changing it at the bank and then sharing out the items fairly for the reverse Advent Boxes.



Senior



The senior and middle class students have been working very hard in preparation for the upcoming Science Fair next Friday 15th December at 2.30pm.

They have created detailed posters and prepared some amazing experiments to demonstrate to everyone who comes along to the Science Fair.



Swimming



Last week the whole school participated in a cold-water swimming and water safety program at the Ararat Outdoor pool. Students learnt and practiced a range of swimming and rescue techniques throughout the sessions. We will have one final cold-water session at the Halls Gap Pool next Thursday 14th December.



Cluster Day 1/12



Last week we were joined by Maroona, Pomonal and Willaura Primary Schools for a Cluster Day. Students participated in a range of sports activities, created beautiful art and finished the day off with a super fun Diversity Dash/Colour Run!



Cluster Day



Announcements



Grampians Community Health recently contacted some of our local schools to get an idea from the students about their communities and what their communities mean to them. Students submitted artwork with the winners featuring in a 2024 calendar.

Congratulations to Aerith (March) and Hunter (October) from Moyston PS who have their artwork in the calendar! Ashlynn, Alana and Siobhan were also finalists in the competition

Calendars are available for free at GCH offices in: Stawell (8-22 Patrick Street), Ararat (60 High Street) and Horsham (70-72 Hamilton Street)

Thanks to Gareth from Grampians Community Health for presenting calendars and awards to the finalists and winners.



THANK YOU NOEL

Last week we farewelled Noel from our school.

Noel is a Provisional Psychologist from Federation University, who was completing his placement at Moyston PS through One Red Tree Resource Centre.

Noel worked with Moyston students and staff throughout the semester.

We wish Noel all the best for his future career as a Psychologist.

Playgroup



This week was our final Playgroup for 2023!
Everyone in attendance enjoyed a Christmas themed morning.
Our junior students had lots of fun joining in with the session with the preschoolers.
A reminder that there will be no Playgroup in January, our next Playgroup will be held
Wednesday 7th February.



**Happy Birthday to
Cailin, Ashlynn and
Angus who all
celebrated their
birthdays recently.**



Upcoming Events



Families and friends of Moyston Primary School are invited to join us for a day at the Halls Gap Zoo!

**Monday 18th
December**

Please meet at the front entrance of the Zoo at 10am

Adults to pay for themselves, the school will pay for any children under 12

BYO lunch, snacks and drinks!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION!

**TUESDAY
19 DECEMBER, 2023**

5.30PM

AT MOYSTON HALL
for student performances, Grade 6 graduation and presentations
Followed by dinner and more celebrations at **Moyston Primary School**

Families to please bring BYO picnic dinner and drinks (no alcohol or smoking on school premises)

EVERYONE WELCOME!

MOYSTON PS

The central graphic is a festive announcement for an end-of-year celebration. It is framed by a decorative border of green pine branches, gold and red Christmas ornaments, and gold stars. The text is centered and uses a mix of red, blue, and black fonts. At the bottom, there is a logo for Moyston Primary School (PS) featuring a stylized mountain range above the school's name.

All students will require BLACK pants/leggings and a long-sleeved BLACK top for the concert.

Clothing needs to be clearly labelled and can be dropped off at school in a plastic bag ASAP

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**MOYSTON
SCIENCE
FAIR!**

Our students have been using the Scientific method of observation, making hypotheses, investigating, planning and conducting experiments, as well as analysing and recording results when conducting experiments.

★ Please join us at our Science Fair where the students will showcase their Chemical Sciences projects!



**FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER
2.30PM
MOYSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

ALL WELCOME!

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