

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."



Today we farewell our seven 2023 Grade 6's from Moyston Primary School!

Congratulations to Kyara, Ned, Minty, Jacob, Summer, Harry and Madeleine on your graduation from Primary School.

We will all miss you very much and wish you all the very best for your future!

Natalie Dowsett – Principal

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Calendar

Dear parents/carers/guardians,

Moyston Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Moyston Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to be able to offer a wider range of subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities and various upgrades around the school.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely,

Natalie Dowsett
Principal

Monday 29th January 2024	Staff return to school
Tuesday 30th January 2024	Curriculum Day/Staff Planning Day
Wednesday 31st January 2024	All students back <i>*except Preps (Wednesdays off for Term 1)</i>

We have been working on confirming staffing and classrooms for 2024.

Mark Thompson will teach full-time in the Grade 5 and 6 classroom.

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

Zoe Hogan will be teaching full time in the Grade prep, 1 and 2 classroom.

Elisha Green will continue as full time Education Support and will be working in the senior classrooms in 2024.

We are excited to announce that we have employed **Matilda Venn** for four days per week as Education Support in the Junior classroom.

Emily Oliver will not be returning to Moyston Primary School. We would like to wish Emily all the best for her future.

Christmas Community Dinner



Recently we held our Christmas Community dinner and goods and services auction at the Moyston Recreation Reserve. We had over 130 school and community members attend the event!

Thank you to all of the local businesses, families and friends of the school who donated goods or services for our auction!

Thank you to our amazing team of students, parents, staff and families at Moyston PS for all of your hard work planning, organising, preparing food, decorating, setting up, cleaning up and more!

The night was an incredible success, and the school will be purchasing two new split systems for our classrooms with the profits from the evening!



Grade 6 Graduation dinner

On Friday we held a Graduation dinner for our 2023 Grade 6 students at Barneys in Pomonal.

Each of the seven Grade 6 students invited close guests to join them and Moyston PS staff for dinner.

The students all read out their graduation speeches and were presented with their certificates by Natalie Dowsett.

It was lovely to have Anthony Cain join us for the evening as he was the Moyston Primary School Principal to most of the Grade 6's from Prep to Grade 4.

Congratulations to Madeleine, Ned, Jacob, Kyara, Minty, Harry and Summer on your Graduation from Moyston Primary School!



Grade 6 Graduation dinner



Swimming/Halls Gap



Last week we held our final cold water swimming lesson for 2023 at the Halls Gap Pool.

Students also enjoyed a fun hike to Venus Baths, and no visit to Halls Gap is complete without an ice-cream!



Resilience
Responsibility
Excellence



Florence, Siobhan and Shaye were the winners of our Term 4 school values awards. Names were randomly drawn from all award recipients during the term. The girls received double scoop ice-creams!

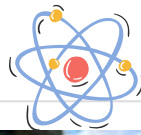


Halls Gap Zoo excursion

We started our final week of school for 2023 with a whole school excursion to the Halls Gap Zoo! The students enjoyed a keeper talk where they got to pat a python before exploring the Zoo.



Science Fair



Last Friday we hosted our Science Fair!
We had a beautiful day with lots of parents, families and friends coming to see the students showcase their work!

Students had stations set up around the school with their experiments, plans, observations, records and results.



The students loved explaining and demonstrating their experiments to everyone.



Mr Barrie from Ararat College joined us for the afternoon to check out our amazing Science Fair!
It was also Mr Barrie's birthday, so we finished the day with a Science cake!



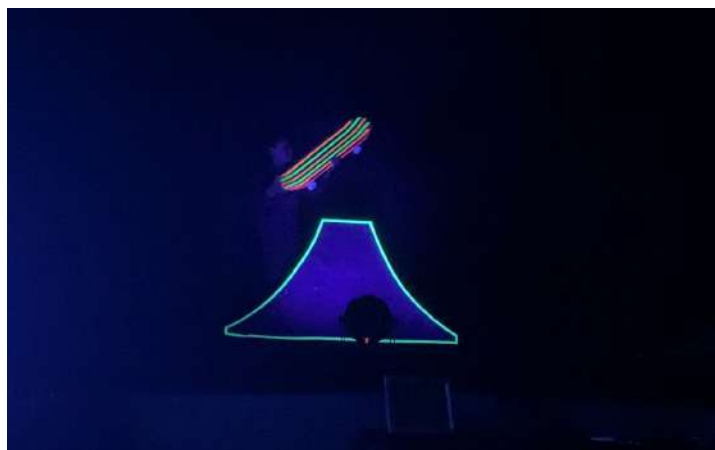
Science Fair



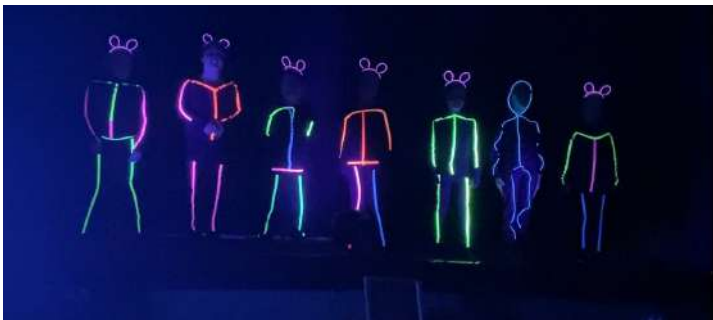
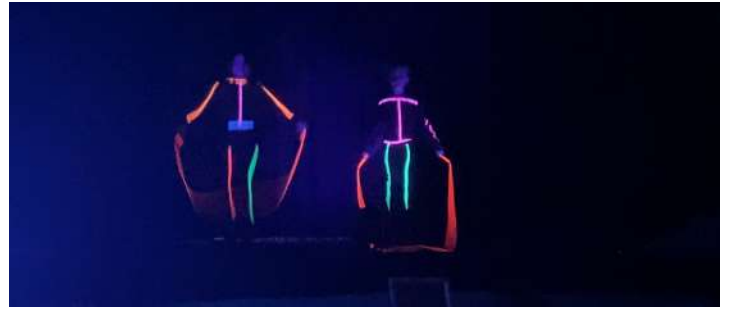
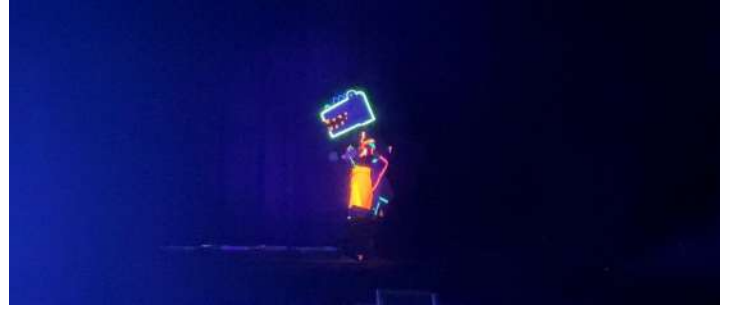
End of year celebration

Last night, Moyston Primary School celebrated 2023! Students put on a spectacular light show performance at the Moyston Hall. It was wonderful to see all of the hard work and preparation pay off on the night. The students also performed some Christmas carols after their performances.

We had our Grade 6 speeches, as well as thank yous and awards. Thank you to everyone who helped make the evening such a success. Thank you to the families and community, school staff and especially the students for all of their hard work!



End of year celebration



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Grade 6 speeches



Last night we farewelled three families from Moyston Primary School. Thank you to Ross and Lydia, Jess and Josh and Tracy for all of the support and time you have put into being such supportive families at our school.



School Council President Gareth, thanked the school staff, School Council and the wider school community for all of their work supporting the school this year!

End of year celebration



Back at school after the concert, families enjoyed a picnic dinner, carols from the students, our Christmas raffle and a very special visit from Santa on the Moyston fire truck!



End of year celebration



End of year awards



Jess and Josh Mace presented Minty with a certificate of recognition for always giving it her all, for having a positive attitude and always trying her best at school



Mayor Bob Sanders, presented Ned with the Ararat Rural City Scholarship for the Council's commitment to student education and welfare.



Ross Jackson from the Moyston Willaura Football Netball Club presented the Sportsmanship award to Archie. For demonstrating all the ideals of sportsmanship, including fairness, civility, honesty, respect and responsibility



Bryan Kennedy from the Moyston Hall Committee presented two awards to Kiora and Hazel.

For their generous attitude towards others, for volunteering their time and regularly showing wonderful community spirit within Moyston Primary School



Peter Cody from Ararat Rotary presented Madeleine with an award. For exhibiting leadership, skills in cooperation and initiative, as well as striving to do her best.



End of year awards



Ms Dowsett presented our School Values awards last night to students who have demonstrated our values of

Resilience,
Responsibility
Excellence
for all of 2023.

Congratulations to Hunter (Resilience), Alana (Responsibility) and Keiran (Excellence).

Congratulations to Paddy for being chosen as a finalist in Dan Tehan MP annual 'Christmas in Wannoon' artwork competition!



Transition program



Last Tuesday was the Statewide Transition Day. All students moved up to their 2024 classes.

Students in the middle classroom shared information about themselves, including things they'd like to learn about next year.

Students listened to a story called 'The Tiny Star' and with a tea light, ribbons and sequins and created a star in a jar and also decorated stars for Christmas.

The junior students baked gingerbread men!



Gingerbread men!

Announcements



SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

ALL JANUARY!

- Free NGV Kids on Tour take home craft bags available daily at Ararat Gallery TAMA.
- Self-guided NGV Kids on Tour **Creation Station** - every day in Ararat Gallery TAMA foyer.
- Explore **Gum San Chinese Heritage Centre**, open 7 days a week during the holidays.
- Complete the **SPOTTO** hunt at Alex Gardens! Collect at the Visitor Information Centre, or download the PDF from Council's website to play.
- Enjoy **FREE ENTRY** at Ararat, Willaura and Lake Bolac outdoor pools all holidays!

1 - 5 JAN

- Thurs 4/1 @ 3pm** - extended Lego free play at Ararat Library*
- Visit the **Library** between 10am - 1pm to beat the heat and borrow your favourite book!

8 - 12 JAN

- Mon 8/1 @ 2pm** - Movie Monday at the Ararat Library.
- Mon 8/1 - Fri 12/1** - AFC Intensive Swim program at Lake Bolac Outdoor Pool*
- Tues 9/1, Wed 10/1, Thurs 11/1 @ 10am** - NGV Kids on Tour 'Drop In sessions' at Ararat Gallery TAMA
- Wed 10/1 @ 3pm** - Fan building craft session at Ararat Library
- Wed 10/1** - Active Play for all ages (various times) at the Ararat Fitness Centre.
- Thurs 11/1 @ 3pm** - Extended Lego free play at Ararat Library*

25 - 29 DEC

- Ararat Library, Ararat Gallery TAMA, the Ararat Visitor Information Centre and Ararat Fitness Centre are all open during Xmas week! on (modified hours)
- Visit www.ararat.vic.gov.au for more information.

***BOOKINGS REQUIRED. PLEASE VISIT WWW.ARARAT.VIC.GOV.AU/VISITOR/EVENTS OR CALL 5355 0200 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND BOOKING LINKS!**



SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM CONTINUED...

15 - 19 JAN

- Mon 15/1 @ 2pm** - Movie Monday at the Ararat Library.
- Mon 15/1 - Fri 19/1** - AFC Intensive Swim program at Willaura Outdoor pool*
- Tues 16/1, Wed 17/1, Thurs 18/1 @ 10am-12noon** - NGV Kids on Tour 'Drop In Sessions' at Ararat Gallery TAMA
- Tues 16/1 @ 5-7pm** - Pool party at the Ararat Fitness Centre!
- Wed 17/1 @ 2pm** - NGV Kids on Tour Beading Workshop at Ararat Gallery TAMA
- Thurs 18/1 @ 3pm** - Extended Lego free play at Ararat Library*
- Fri 19/1 @ 3pm** - Flower Lei craft session at Ararat Library

22 - 26 JAN

- Mon 22/1 @ 2pm** - Movie Monday at the Ararat Library
- Mon 22/1 - Thurs 25/1** - AFC Intensive Swim Program at Ararat Fitness Centre*
- Tues 23/1, Wed 24/1, Thurs 25/1 @ 10am** - NGV Kids on Tour 'Drop In Sessions' at Ararat Gallery TAMA
- Wed 24/1 @ 2pm** - NGV Kids on Tour Beading Workshop at Ararat Gallery TAMA
- Thurs 25/1 @ 3pm** - Extended Lego free play at Ararat Library*

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ARARAT REGIONAL THEATRE SOCIETY

(Formerly Ararat Musical Comedy Society)

Will hold Auditions for

JOSEPH

AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

LYRICS BY **TIM RICE** MUSIC BY **ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER**

When: Friday 2 February, 2024 from 7:15pm
Saturday 3 February, 2024 from 10:00am
(Sunday 4 February, Tuesday 6 February 2024 if required)

Where: Scout Hall,
1 Queen street, Ararat

Contact: Leanne McCreedy 0439048813 to book a time

Rehearsals start Thursday 8 February 2024

Announcements



Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park Summer Program 2024

When	Details
Wednesday 3 January 9:00am-10:30am	Bush Detectives On a short bushwalk with local rangers, spot the clues along the way that creatures leave behind! <i>Meet at Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre</i>
Wednesday 3 January 2:00pm-2:45pm	Storytime at Gariwerd Come along for nature-themed storytime in the great outdoors of Gariwerd. <i>Meet at Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre</i>
Thursday 4 January 9:30am-10:30am	Colours of Gariwerd Awaken your artistic spirit with a creative activity in the inspiring Gariwerd landscape! <i>Meet at Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre</i>
Thursday 4 January 11:00am-12:30pm Thursday 25 January 2:00pm-3:30pm	Cockatoo IQ On a short walk take an interesting look at the relationship between people and the wildlife that lives on the edge of the National Park. Especially the cockatoos! <i>Meet at Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre, January 4 at 11am and January 25 at 2pm</i>
Friday 5 January 10:00am-11:30am Thursday 25 January 9:30am -11:00am	All Fired Up! Come join our local fire team and learn about how fire is managed in our parks to keep them healthy and safe! You may get the opportunity to have a look at the big kid's toys. <i>Meet at Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre, January 5 at 10am and January 25 at 9:30am</i>
Saturday 6 January 9:00am-11:00am Saturday 13 January 9:00am-11:00am Friday 19 January 9:00am-11:00am	What's In Your Backpack! Learn on a short walk, what is needed to keep you happy and safe whilst walking in the National Park. <i>Meet at Sundial Carpark on 6 January at 9am</i> <i>Meet at Piccaninny Carpark on 13 January at 9am</i> <i>Meet at Mount Zero Trailhead Carpark on 19th January at 9am</i>
Wednesday 10 January 9:00am-11:00am Wednesday 17 January 9:00am-11:00am	Caring For Country Use your Junior Ranger outdoor skills to assist rangers in an important project involving the removal of an invasive plant species. <i>Meet at Troopers Creek Campground at 9am</i>
Thursday 11 January 10:00am-11:30am Thursday 18 January 10:00am-11:30am	Just Tiny Footprints Take a Ranger-led walk to a special Grampians Peaks Trail Hike-in Campground. Here you will come across a group of happy campers and learn more about how to camp with respect for the environment. <i>Meet at Stony Creek Group Campground on January 11 at 10am</i> <i>Meet at Cassidy Gap, Cassidy Gap Road on January 18 at 10am</i>

All Junior Ranger activities are free and suitable for children aged 6-12 years. Bookings are essential. Please visit <https://www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au/junior-ranger/>



 [book here](#)

Resilience • Responsibility • Excellence



Moyston Primary School staff
would like to wish our school
community a very
Merry Christmas and a safe and
Happy New Year!

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.

