

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 for Term 4!

It is lovely to be back, with a very busy term planned. Our Grade 4, 5, & 6 students will be heading off to Canberra for their 2023 school camp next week.

We finished off the end of last term with our indoor swimming program and two lovely bike rides!

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Calendar

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	2nd Oct	3rd Oct	4th Oct PLAYGROUP	5th Oct	6th Oct
Week 2	9th Oct Canberra Camp	10th Oct Canberra Camp	11th Oct Canberra Camp	12th Oct Canberra Camp	13th Oct Canberra Camp Assembly 3pm
Week 3	16th Oct	17th Oct MARC VAN	18th Oct Prep transition 9-11.30am	19th Oct	20th Oct
Week 4	23rd Oct	24th Oct School Council	25th Oct Grade 6's Willaura	26th Oct Cyber safety Grade 5 & 6 Ararat	27th Oct Curriculum Day - no students
Week 5	30th Oct Pet Responsibility	31st Oct MARC VAN	1st Nov PLAYGROUP	2nd Nov	3rd Nov
Week 6	6th Nov	7th Nov Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	8th Nov Roses Gap Camp 2-3	9th Nov Roses Gap Camp 2-3	10th Nov Roses Gap Camp 2-3 Assembly 3pm
Week 7	13th Nov Remembrance Day	14th Nov MARC VAN	15th Nov Prep transition 9-11.30am	16th Nov	17th Nov
Week 8	20th Nov	21st Nov School Council	22nd Nov	23rd Nov	24th Nov Assembly 3pm
Week 9	27th Nov	28th Nov MARC VAN	29th Nov	30th Nov	1st Dec
Week 10	4th Dec	5th Dec	6th Dec PLAYGROUP	7th Dec	8th Dec XmasCommunity Dinner TBC Assembly 3pm
Week 11	11th Dec	12th Dec School Council MARC VAN STATEWIDE Transition Day	13th Dec	14th Dec	15th Dec
Week 12	18th Dec	19th Dec School Concert	20th Dec END OF TERM 4!	21st Dec	22nd Dec

Announcements

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

During the first two weeks of Term 4, we are conducting Parent/Teacher interviews.

Appointment times for next week are –

Zoe Hogan – Thursday 12th October, 15-minute interval
(9.15pm – 11.45am)

Michelle Savoia – Thursday 12th October, 15-minute interval
(2.15pm – 4.15pm)

Emily Oliver – Friday 13th October, 15-minute interval
(2.15pm – 4.15pm)

If these times do not work for you, please contact the school to arrange a suitable time.



REMINDER! PLEASE RETURN YOUR MARC VAN BOOKS NEXT TUESDAY!

Canberra Camp next week!

The Grade 4, 5 & 6 students will be spending the week in Canberra next week for their school camp!

Parents/carers, please check uEducateUs for details.

Please ensure you return your cycle waiver to school, along with your Medical information.

Spending money and any medications must be given directly to Kelly.

The bus will be DEPARTING from the ARARAT TOWN HALL at 5am on Monday 9th October!

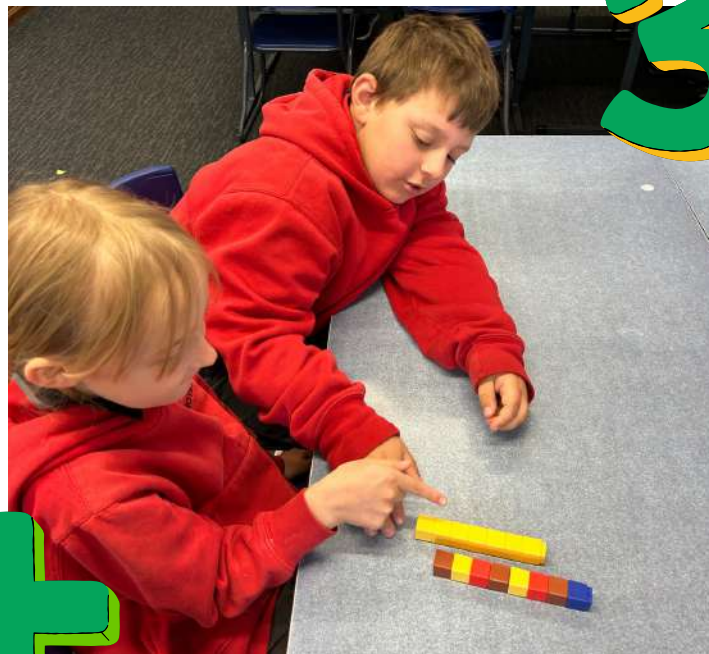
Junior

This week in the Junior class we have been exploring addition and subtraction. Students have enjoyed playing a range of maths games that develop their addition and subtraction skills.

Hamish, Sunny, Dusty and Jhett produced some wonderful number stories using play dough.

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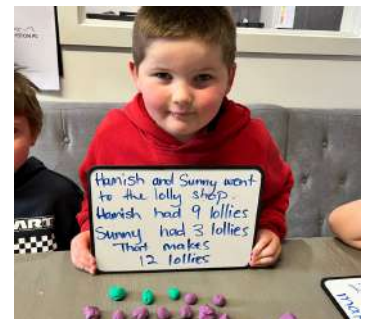
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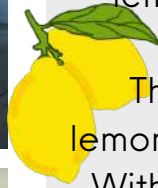
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Middle



In Week 10 of Term 3, the Middle class made lemonade with the lemons we collected from the school's lemon tree!



The children plan to sell the lemonade to students when it's hot. With the money they collect, the students would like to make gift hampers at Christmas time for those who are less fortunate than them.

This will also be a lesson in advertising and using money.



As Jasmin is leaving us this term, the class celebrated Jasmin's last day of Term 3 with a cake and cards.



Florence's journaling during the holidays on a trip to South Australia was very impressive. Florence enjoyed sharing part of her journal at 'show and tell' time on Thursday.



During pyjama day, the students had fun building cubbies and reading in the spaces they made.



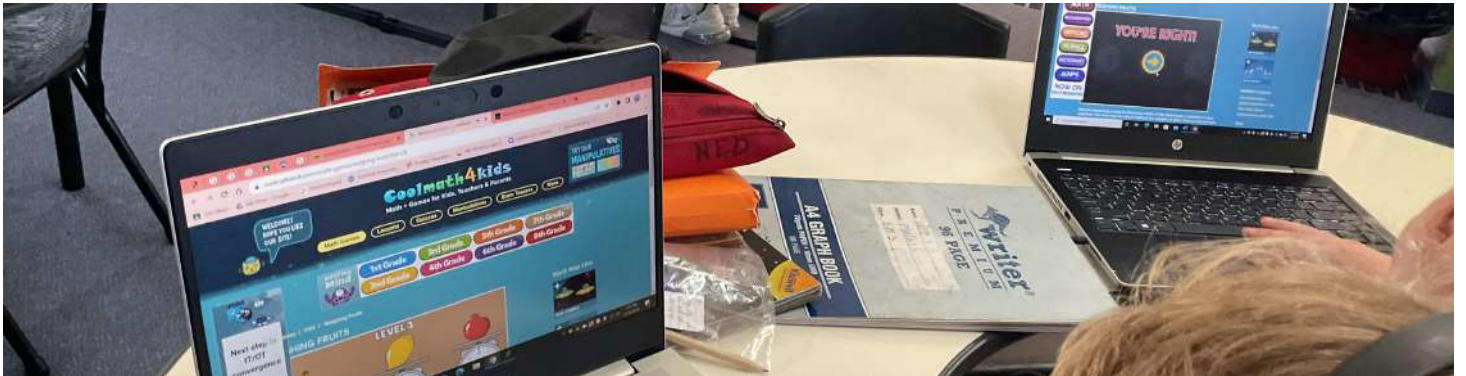
Senior



In Maths, senior students are exploring concepts of volume and capacity.

In the last week of school, they worked in teams to build cubic metres out of newspaper and calculate the volume of the classroom and storerooms.

In Literacy, students wrote a recount about their excursion to welcome our new Australian citizens and they finished publishing their procedural and persuasive texts.



Goodbye and good luck to the Dalton family!
We will miss you, Billy, Jasmin and Sunny!

We wish you all the Best!

Assembly end of term 3



Our last assembly was held on the final day of Term 3 as part of our PJ /open day.

Thank you to our assembly hosts, Jack and Madeleine!

Students from the Junior class spoke about their Big Day Out to the Melbourne Museum and IMAX.

Jasmin and Alana talked about the trip to Ararat to sing the National Anthem for the

Citizenship Ceremony that was part of our Civics and Citizenship lessons last term. Paddy and Florence also read out their persuasive texts that they wrote in weeks 7 and 8.

Eli, Keiran and Angus from the Senior class talked about their recent experiences of the Golden Wattle ceremony and the golf competition.

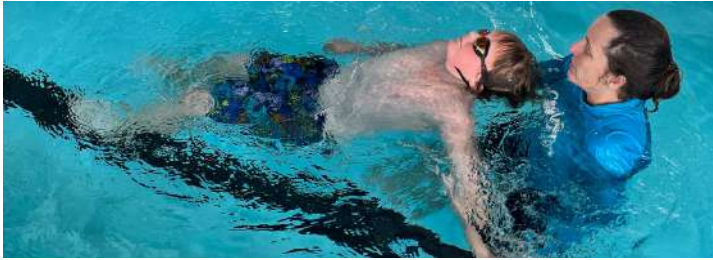
School values and reading awards were also presented to students from each class.

Our first assembly of Term 4 will be held next Friday, the 13th October at 3pm.

Swimming lessons



During the last two weeks of term 3, we conducted our indoor swimming and water safety program at the Ararat Fitness Centre.



The program consisted of 8 days of lessons and sports activities in the gym and on the basketball courts.

Thank you to Ange and Sandra for conducting the lessons!



Bike Education



In the last two weeks of term, Moyston Primary School students had the opportunity to practice the skills they have been developing this year in their Bike Education sessions.

The Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students were able to ride their bikes around Alexandra Lake, in Ararat. The students were guided through a range of skills by Mr Thompson, Miss Hogan and Elisha.

Although, it was quite windy on the day, students were able to enjoy some sunshine while pushing their pedals around various group riding loops, before heading over to the Ararat Fitness Centre for their swimming lessons in the afternoon.

The Grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 students completed a group ride from Green Hill Lake to Ararat Fitness Centre with Mr Thompson, Mrs Dowsett, Miss Hogan and Elisha (who drove ahead with the support car). It was fantastic to see all of the students putting their skills into a real-life riding situation, where they were able to ride in a group formation from Green Hill Lake, through the streets of Ararat and get themselves to the Ararat Fitness Centre.

Well done to all of the students who participated in the riding excursions. Also, I would like to say a big thank you to all of the staff who dedicated so much time and effort in making the excursions a success.

Mr T.

Science



The discussion question was –
What will happen if you put oil into water?

Students made predictions and then discussed what might happen if a few drops of food colouring were added.

The year 3/4 class worked with the Prep-2 class to conduct, observe and record this experiment.

Filling a balloon with Carbon dioxide.

Students predicted what would and could happen when soda bicarbonate is added to vinegar, and a balloon is held over the opening of the bottle.



Library/Art Gallery



Students visited the Art Gallery and the Library in Ararat on the 6th and the 14th of September as part of the school's local excursions program.

At the Art Gallery we listened to a talk about the WAMA Art Prize exhibition which was a wide variety of works on paper with an environmental theme. The students asked very interesting questions and were fascinated with the wonderful artwork on display. The younger students had a chance to create their own art piece in the community art place that is part of the gallery.

During the visit to the library, the younger students listened to a story read to them and there were some students who took up Mrs. Savoia's challenge of going on a book quest through the library. Most students found something to read or do in this quiet time at the library.

It was most enjoyable to spend time in these community spaces specially created for our entertainment and pleasure.

Michelle Savoia

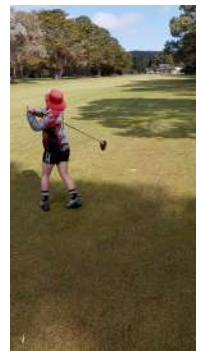
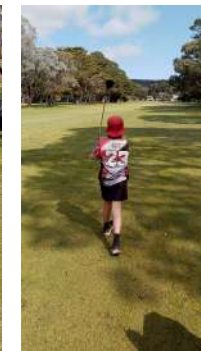


Golf



During the last week of Term 3, selected students represented Moyston PS at a Golf tournament at Chalambar Golf Club in Ararat.

Students competed against other students from around the region. They played one round of nine holes and had lots of fun!



PLAYGROUP!

Moyston playgroup is open to all pre-school aged children, toddlers and babies and their parents/carers.

Held on the first Wednesday of each month at Moyston Primary School

9.30am - 11.00am

The Ararat Maternal Child Health Nurse is also onsite during Playgroup.





REMINDER!

Students are required to wear their school bucket hat at all times when outside.

Please also ensure your child has a drink bottle at school.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to our September birthday students - Shaye, Archie, Madeleine and Maddie!



Snake Emergency drill

This week, we conducted an emergency drill, practising what is required if there is a snake in our school grounds.

The students listened very well when the emergency alarm was sounded, following directions and filing into the main, old building (our Shelter in Place) for safety and a roll call.

Emergency drills are conducted regularly as part of our Emergency Management Plan.

Bushfire Preparedness

School preparations for the bushfire season

Each year, to prepare for bushfires and grassfires, schools and early childhood services complete a range of activities.

The Department of Education runs an annual fire risk assessment of schools and early childhood services. They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 4) and are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR).



All schools and early childhood services listed on the BARR and Category 4 list will also close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district.

When the Bureau of Meteorology provides public fire danger rating forecasts or fire weather warnings, they use fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries. Our school is in the **South West fire weather district**.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What does this mean for our school?

Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 3 school.

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in **the South West fire district**.

What is the department's policy?

The department's [Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy](#) requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 list to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

When will our school be closed due to Catastrophic fire danger?

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in **South West fire district**.

Closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be confirmed on the day prior and we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day. Any information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by text message, email and social media.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, even if the weather forecast changes.

This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

Families are encouraged to action their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Catastrophic days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, checking our website, by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed due to elevated fire danger or closed due to a Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).
- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are actioning your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.
- If your child is old enough, talk to [them about bushfires](#) and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

Upcoming events



SEASON 2023-2024

ARARAT LITTLE ATHLETICS

**STARTING THURSDAY
OCTOBER 12TH**

Visit www.lavic.com.au to register.

@ George Road Oval, Ararat
4:15pm arrival for a 4:30pm start

**NEW MEMBERS
ALWAYS
WELCOME!**



Fun, fitness & friendship for ages 5 - 16 years.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- ✉ ararat@lavic.com.au
- f Follow us on facebook

***Note: New athletes can attend FREE for 2 sessions!
Please register as a trialling athlete on the LAVic website (www.lavic.com.au).



FREE PARENT SESSION

GROWING UP ONLINE

An informative and entertaining session for parents and carers, delivered by cyber-safety expert, Susan McLean. Learn about the positive benefits of technology, as well as what you need to be aware of.

- online grooming
- cyberbullying
- sharing nudes and sexting
- potential dangers and safety tips
- gaming issues
- problematic internet use
- question time



Presented by Susan McLean

MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2023

6.30PM-8PM, ARARAT TOWN HALL
Tickets are FREE. Follow the link or scan QR code to book:

www.ararattownhall.com.au/event/growing-up-online/



Ararat

PREP 2024 TRANSITION PROGRAM

Dear parents,

It is an exciting time ahead for our 2024 preps! Our Transition program will be starting soon.

Children will receive a hat on their first transition day. They will not need to bring anything else with them to school on the shorter days.

Playgroup dates	9.30am - 11.30am Wednesday 4th October Wednesday 1st November Wednesday 6th December
Wednesday 18th October	9.00am - 11.30am
Wednesday 15th November	9.00am - 11.30am
Tuesday 12th December Statewide Transition day	ALL DAY (9am—3.20pm) Lunch, snacks and drinks will be required on Tuesday 12th December

If you know of anyone else who is thinking of enrolling at Moyston Primary School, can you please let them know of our transition program so their child does not miss out.

Get out and move this Walktober!



With Spring in the air, what better time is there to get involved in Walktober? This national challenge aims to motivate people to 'Walk your 30' minutes every day during October.

Ararat Parkrun

Walk or run every Saturday morning at Alexandra Gardens, starting at 8 am.
It's free, but please register before you join.
You only need to register with parkrun once (don't forget to bring a printed or screenshot copy of your barcode)
Register
<https://www.parkrun.com.au/ararat/>

Walk to school

VicHealth has developed some great resources to make walking to school fun!
You can keep it simple by walking, riding, scooting, or skating to and from school, or you can get adventurous by mapping out an adventure trail that takes in more of the sights and sounds of your neighbourhood!
Download the worksheet
bit.ly/3PIKygh



Local walks

Take a walk around the lake at Alexandra Gardens, head out to Green Hill Lake, or hike up One Tree Hill. You can also get some exercise by hiking at the Ararat Hills Regional Park!
Learn more bit.ly/3PIKIEp

Visit <https://walkingmaps.com.au/discover> to find more walks in our area

Challenge Yourself This Walktober

Active kids are healthy kids!



Bush walks

Have you been to the Grampians National Park, Ferntree Falls near Buangor, or Mount Cole?
Learn more
bit.ly/3EJQlb

Resilience • Responsibility • Excellence



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.

