

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."



We have had a very wet welcome back to school for term four!

This week has seen severe flooding across Victoria. We are lucky that we have a Moyston PS boat!



Assembly 9am Monday 17th October - all welcome!

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Calendar

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2	10th Oct Writer's Seminar at Ararat 800 (selected Middle students)	11th Oct	12th Oct	13th Oct	14th Oct PREP TRANSITION 2pm - 3.20pm
Week 3	17th Oct ASSEMBLY Writer's Seminar at Ararat 800 (selected Senior students)	18th Oct MARC	19th Oct	20th Oct	21st Oct Black Ranges Cricket Blast Stawell (selected 4-6 students)
Week 4	24th Oct CAVE HILL CREEK CAMP Grade 2/3	25th Oct CAVE HILL CREEK CAMP Grade 2/3	26th Oct CAVE HILL CREEK CAMP Grade 2/3	27th Oct	28th Oct PREP TRANSITION 2pm - 3.20pm HALLOWEEN DRESS UP
Week 5	31st Oct CURRICULUM DAY	1st Nov MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY	2nd Nov PLAYGROUP	3rd Nov	4th Nov PREP TRANSITION 1pm - 3.20pm
Week 6	7th Nov	8th Nov URBAN CAMP Grade 4,5,6	9th Nov URBAN CAMP Grade 4,5,6	10th Nov URBAN CAMP Grade 4,5,6	11th Nov Remembrance Day URBAN CAMP Grade 4,5,6
Week 7	14th Nov ASSEMBLY	15th Nov MARC School council	16th Nov	17th Nov SCHOOL SPORTS (North Park Stawell)	18th Nov
Week 8	21st Nov Swimming Ararat Outdoor Pool (1-3.20pm)	22nd Nov Swimming Ararat Outdoor Pool (1-3.20pm)	23rd Nov Swimming Ararat Outdoor Pool (1-3.20pm)	24th Nov Swimming Ararat Outdoor Pool (1-3.20pm)	25th Nov PREP TRANSITION 9am - 11.30am Swimming Ararat Outdoor Pool (1-3.20pm)
Week 9	28th Nov ASSEMBLY Swimming Ararat Outdoor Pool (1-3.20pm)	29th Nov MARC Swimming Ararat Outdoor Pool (1-3.20pm)	30th Nov	1st Dec School Sleepover (Prep.1)	2nd Dec Prep. 1 Excursion Ballarat
Week 10	5th Dec	6th Dec	7th Dec PLAYGROUP Cluster Day Cyber Safety 4-6	8th Dec Grade 6 fun day out	9th Dec PREP TRANSITION 9am - 11.30am Christmas Community Dinner
Week 11	12th Dec ASSEMBLY	13th Dec STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY ALL DAY School council	14th Dec	15th Dec	16th Dec
Week 12	19th Dec School Concert / Grade 6 Graduation	20th Dec LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!			

Announcements

PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL

Payments are still being accepted for 2022 Curriculum Contributions (school fees). Suggested payment of **\$200 per student** can be paid to the school account. Camp payments are also required before your child attends any camp.

Upcoming Camps

School Sleepover & Day Out (Prep & Grade 1) 1st December
Cave Hill Creek (Grade 2 & 3) 24th - 26th October 2022
Urban Camp (Melbourne) (Grade 4, 5 & 6) 8th - 11th November 2022



The cost of the Cave Hill Creek Camp for Grade 2 & 3 students is **\$185.00** per student.

The cost of the Urban Camp for Grade 4, 5 & 6 students is **\$320.00** per student. **These costs have been subsidised by school council.**

A permission note has been uploaded on UEducateUS for the Cave Hill Creek Camp.

A hardcopy medical form and a letter with further details has been sent home today.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the camp, please talk to Natalie.

Camps must be paid for prior to attending.

If you would like to discuss payment arrangements, please contact Natalie. Some families have CSEF funds on their school account which can be applied to camp costs.

Please see Kelly to discuss (school camps are optional and provided on a user pays basis).

Outside School Hours Care (OHSC)

We have been successful in our application for an OSHC program at Moyston PS in 2023.

We are currently in the process of finding an outside provider to be able to supply this service to our school for this to be able to be run over the next 2 years. More information to come.

Junior Class



Coding

We have been executing our coding skills with Beebots! The Junior students have been having lots of fun sequencing their code in the correct order to get the Beebots from point A to B.

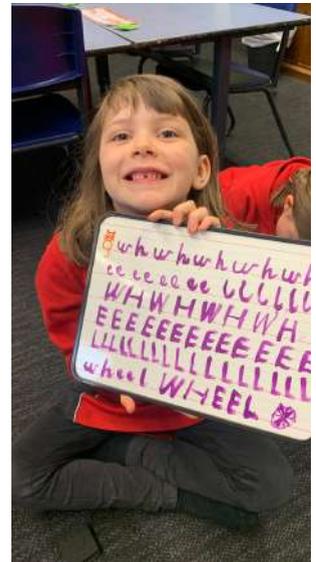
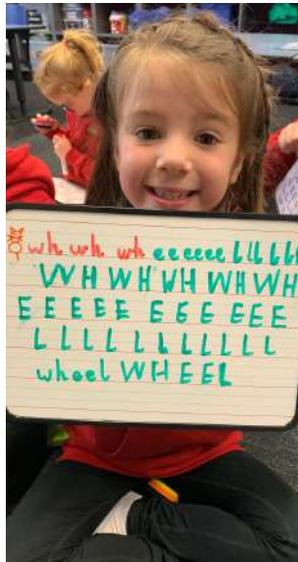
Cooking

We made a delicious two fruit crumble for the whole school to enjoy.



Handwriting

We are very proud of how much our handwriting has improved this year. We have been working hard to balance on the lines and make our letters the correct size.



Middle Class

ENGLISH

Students have been sharing information about themselves with a partner as they prepare to write their autobiographies.



MATHS

Students enjoyed playing a game of chance called 'The Mystery Bag.' They made predictions and recorded with tally marks the coloured counters picked out from the bag after ten turns. They then checked their predictions after the actual number was recorded.



WELL-BEING

The class shared ideas on what it means to be fair and how to treat others fairly in the classroom.



Handwriting lessons - working on printed and cursive script.



Senior Class

The seniors have settled straight back into routine with a great start to term four.



Students are currently studying Geography for their theme and have been investigating the Australian states and territories. In pairs, students were given a state or territory to map and locate major landmarks. They also looked at the flora and fauna emblems.



WRITERS SEMINAR

On Monday, Kiora, Kayla, Siobhan and Angus participated in a Writers Seminar at Ararat Primary School with other students from around the region.



Don't forget to check out our ever-changing display of student work in the school office!



The Resilience Art Trail is a series of artworks created by students from the nine local schools implementing The Resilience Project curriculum. The designs were developed through workshops facilitated by local artist, Alysia McInnes, and the individual panels represent what each school community is grateful for. The completed panels are being installed in the grounds of each school to create a collaborative art trail through the townships of Ararat, Maroona, Willaura, Bangour, Moyston and Pomonal.

Ultimately, The Resilience Art Trail will serve as a visual reminder of the importance of gratitude and positive mental health for the whole community. It will also create a lasting legacy of the Resilient Ararat project and its key messages.



Ararat College 'Creativity'

Diversity and inclusion form the basis of Ararat College's unique artwork which was created by their Year 10 Studio Art class. Bringing together different cultures and backgrounds, this piece incorporates elements of art, music and expression to celebrate creativity in different forms. Designed to capture what the school community is grateful for, 'Creativity' is a visual representation of the acceptance demonstrated to all students, regardless of their hobbies, interests or beliefs.



Ararat 800 Primary School 'Circus'

The individuality of Ararat 800 Primary School is celebrated in this colourful and creative piece. Centred around their Bambooza and circus programs, it aims to capture the unique activities and experiences students get to enjoy at school. Expression and imagination form the key themes of 'Circus' and reflect the fun and happy atmosphere students enjoy most about school.



St Mary's Primary School 'Faith'

The values of St Mary's Primary School have been perfectly captured in this vibrant artwork. Using key words to illustrate what their school community is grateful for, students have created a piece that celebrates friendship and belonging. 'Faith' symbolises students going through their schooling years arm in arm, feeling safe and accepted. It also represents the belief and positivity demonstrated by students and staff on a daily basis.



Willaura Primary School 'Farm'

With many students hailing from farming families, Willaura Primary School designed a panel to honour life on the land. Featuring a mountainous landscape, farm machinery and animals, 'Farm' is a celebration of family and everything that is great about living and working on a country property. Whether its herding sheep or harvesting crops, Willaura students are grateful for the time they get to spend at home with their loved ones.

RESILIENCE ART TRAIL AT MOYSTON!



Ararat West Primary School 'Being Active'



'Being Active' highlights the link between physical activity and mental wellbeing. Students from Ararat West Primary School have created an artwork that incorporates the various sports and activities they are lucky enough to have access to within our local community. From dancing to soccer, this piece represents how having fun and moving your body can help to build friendships and brighten moods. Combining colour and movement, it is a celebration of the many ways sport brings people together.

Maroona Primary School 'Nature'



Maroona Primary School's artwork is a true representation of rural living. 'Nature' demonstrates the school community's appreciation for the wide-open spaces around them. From the abundance of trees and fresh air to the wildlife and bodies of water, this piece is a tribute to the local landscape. 'Nature' highlights the importance of looking after the natural environment so it can be enjoyed by everyone.



Bangour Primary School 'Home'

There is no place like home for students at Bangour Primary School, who chose 'home' as the theme for their gratitude artwork. This piece is a celebration of family life and highlights the importance young people place on comfort and belonging. Centred around a campfire, 'Home' represents family and pets coming together to create a place where students feel warm and safe.

Moyston Primary School 'Open Space'



'Open Space' celebrates the school community's gratitude for nature and spending time outdoors. With picturesque countryside and wildlife right on their doorstep, students chose to showcase the amazing sights they get to enjoy every day. Featuring a special tribute to the town's football and netball club, this piece has been designed to highlight the social connectedness and mateship that come with living in a rural community.

Pomonal Primary School 'Animals'



Being able to care for animals is something students at Pomonal Primary School feel extremely grateful for. 'Animals' celebrates the joy that comes with being out in nature surrounded by pets and native wildlife. This piece highlights the unwavering love, safety and comfort animals provide to humans and shows how caring for something can improve your mental wellbeing.

School Sports

The rescheduled Moyston & District School Sports with Pomonal, Great Western, Concongella and Halls Gap Primary Schools will now take place on **Thursday 17th November** at North Park in Stawell.

Parents will be responsible for transporting students to and from the event.

Further information will be provided closer to the date.

The students have been practising for the sports and the marching!



Regional Athletics



Congratulations to Archie who represented Moyston Primary School at the Region Athletics in Ballarat last week. Archie competed in the 100m sprint, placing third!



Puddles, gumboots,
rain tours, worms, frogs
and lots of fun at our
waterlogged school this
week!



Lunch



This week we enjoyed a whole school lunch together!

Thank you to Elisha for preparing spaghetti and baked beans on toast and to the Junior class for baking the delicious crumbles!





PREP TRANSITION

Today we welcomed Sunny and Hamish to school for their first transition day!

COVID UPDATE

11 October 2022

Dear parents and carers

You may be aware that the Victorian Government has announced changes to the COVID-19 isolation requirements.

This means that from 11.59pm on Wednesday 12 October, the mandatory orders around isolation for people with COVID-19 have ended and instead we move to health advice and recommendations for people with COVID-19 or COVID-19-like symptoms.

Our school will continue to adhere to the Department of Health's recommendations to ensure that our school remains a safe environment for our staff and students.

The Department of Health **strongly recommends** that students and school staff:

- who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for 5 days and do not attend school after 5 days if they are still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive not attend school. This does not include students with pre-existing conditions such as hay fever.

Parents and carers are recommended to continue to report their child having COVID-19 to both the school and the Department of Health.

We will, however, no longer report occurrences of positive cases to the school community.

We ask parents and carers to continue to remain vigilant in preventing COVID-19 transmission. Any student who is unwell should continue to remain at home. This is about keeping students healthy and well in our school and reducing the spread of both COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases.

Free rapid antigen tests are available at the school for those who need them.

Parents and carers will be contacted if their child shows symptoms while at school.

Students who wish to wear a mask should continue to do so.

To keep our school as safe as possible, we will also continue to use air purifiers and other COVID-19 prevention measures.

Thanks for your continued efforts to keep our school community safe and well.

Natalie Dowsett

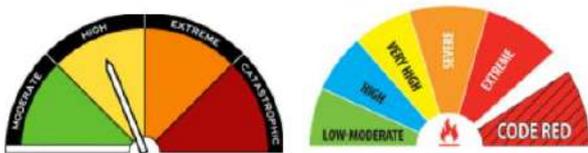
AUSTRALIAN FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM

In September 2022, all jurisdictions across Australia will implement a new fire danger forecasting system, the Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS). This will deliver a nationally consistent system for fire danger ratings based on the latest scientific research. This will result in more accurate predictions for fire danger as well as clearer, simplified messaging for all communities.

In Victoria, the implementation for the AFDRS is being led by Emergency Management Victoria (EMV). The department has been working closely with EMV to prepare for this change and support our education communities to implement bushfire preparedness activities throughout the transition to the new system.

Victoria currently utilises a six-tier system for fire danger ratings, spanning from Low-Moderate to Code Red. The AFDRS will use four tiers of fire danger, from Moderate to Catastrophic. The department has worked with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) to update our bushfire risk methodology in line with the changes. There are minimal changes to the methodology and department policy as a result of the new fire danger rating system.

The below outlines the changes under the new AFDRS:



Current Victorian Fire Danger Rating New Australian Fire Danger Rating

Fire Danger Rating	Key messages for the community
Catastrophic	If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost. For your survival leave bushfire risk areas.
Extreme	Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous. Take action now to protect your life and property.
High	Fires can be dangerous. Be ready to act.
Moderate	Most fires can be controlled. Plan and prepare.

The new Extreme fire danger rating under the AFDRS will cover a broader scope of fire danger ratings combining the current Severe and Extreme fire danger ratings.

In addition, Code Red will now be known as Catastrophic fire danger.

As a result, the triggers for pre-emptive relocation and closure on elevated fire danger days will be adjusted slightly to reflect this new system.

As per current arrangements, all schools on the BARR (Category 1-3) and Category 4 list (Moyston), regardless of risk category, must close on a forecast Catastrophic FDR day under the AFDRS (currently Code Red FDR) in their weather district, and their buses will be cancelled. All other buses which travel through the Catastrophic FDR area will also be cancelled.

DET will continue to communicate with schools over the coming months about the AFDRS and how this change will be applied in departmental policies and procedures, and how to support school communities through the transition.

The Country Fire Authority offers an E Learning Module designed to support people who work in and travel through bushfire risk areas as part of their job. AFDRS information will form part of this module and will be available to complete in August 2022.

This Module is available via the CFA website: <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/atrisk>

The CFA is updating publications that schools regularly use when discussing summer fire safety, these will be available when AFDRS officially launches in September.

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Emergency Management staff or email emergency.management@education.vic.gov.au. This information will also be covered in your annual communication about your fire risk as well as in upcoming emergency management training sessions.

Upcoming events



Carey Street Kindergarten Spring Time Fair

FRIDAY 28th OCTOBER

5 – 7 PM



Rhymney/Moyston Cricket Club

Moyston Community Dinner

Friday 4th Of November 2022

@ The Moyston Oval

Starting 6:00 pm

2 Course Meal

Mixed Grill and Salads - Steak, Snag, Risssole, Bacon, Grilled tomato and an egg

Primary School Students - Snag and or Burger with Salad

Followed By

Desert - Chocolate Ripple Cake with Ice Cream and Cream

Or

Fruit Salad with Ice Cream and Cream

Primary School Students - Ice Cream with Topping and Sprinkles

Cost:

Adults - \$20.00

High School Students - \$10.00

Primary School Students - \$6.00

Under 5 - Free

Raffle Tickets - \$1.00

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Facebook page or contact Matt Dean on

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