

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."



CANBERRA CAMP!

Our Grade 4, 5 and 6 students spent a very special week in Canberra for their school camp with Pomonal, Maroona and Buangor Primary Schools.

The action-packed week included Holbrook Submarine, Dog on the Tuckerbox, Old Parliament House, National Gallery of Australia, Australian Institute of Sport, National Capital Exhibition, Mr Ainslie Lookout, Questacon, Cycle Canberra, High Court of Australia, Royal Australian Mint, Embassy tour, Parliament House, ANZAC Parade and the Australian War Memorial!

***REMINDER* - TOMORROW (FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER) IS A STUDENT FREE DAY**

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Calendar

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 4	23rd Oct	24th Oct School Council	25th Oct Grade 6's Willaura	26th Oct Cyber safety Grade 3 - 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 Grandparents afternoon tea Assembly 3pm
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
Week 7	13th Nov Remembrance Day	14th Nov MARC VAN	15th Nov Prep transition 9-11.30am	16th Nov	17th Nov Assembly 3pm
Week 8	20th Nov	21st Nov School Council	22nd Nov	23rd Nov	24th Nov
Week 9	27th Nov	28th Nov MARC VAN	29th Nov	30th Nov	1st Dec Assembly 3pm Carols by Candlelight Ararat
Week 10	4th Dec	5th Dec	6th Dec PLAYGROUP	7th Dec	8th Dec XmasCommunity Dinner
Week 11	11th Dec	12th Dec School Council MARC VAN STATEWIDE Transition Day	13th Dec	14th Dec	15th Dec Assembly 3pm
Week 12	18th Dec	19th Dec School Concert	20th Dec END OF TERM 4!	21st Dec	22nd Dec

School Council this week agreed to shift the December Community dinner back one week to Friday 8th December. This is to allow the school to participate in the Ararat Carols by Candlelight. More information to come.



Announcements

SCHOOL TIMES

7.00am - 8.30am - Before School Care with Ararat Early Learning Centre

8.30am - staff on yard duty (students not permitted before this time unless in before school care with Ararat Early Learning Centre)

8.50am - Bag bell (classrooms open)

8.55am - Line up bell

9.00am - 10.00am - SESSION 1

10.00am - 10.10am - BREAK

10.15am - 11.15am - SESSION 2

11.15am - 11.35am - RECESS

11.40am - 12.40pm - SESSION 3

12.40pm - 12.50pm - Students eat lunch

12.50pm - 1.20pm - LUNCH PLAY

1.20pm - 1.25pm - Student job time

1.25pm - 2.10pm - SESSION 4

2.10pm - 2.15pm - BREAK

2.15pm - 3.10pm - SESSION 5

3.20pm - End of school

3.20pm - 6.00pm - After school care with Ararat Early Learning Centre

This term, we are trialling a new timetable in the school.

We are breaking up the day into five sessions, with brain breaks in between.

This is allowing students to go to the toilet, get a drink, eat some fruit which assists with better concentration during the sessions.

If you have any questions, please see Natalie.

Roses Gap Camp

We are very excited about the upcoming camp at Roses Gap for our Grade 2 and 3 students.

The camp will take place from - **Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th November.**

Our students will be joined by other Grade 2 and 3 students from Willaura, Pomonal, Buangor and Maroona Primary Schools.

Zoe Hogan will be attending the camp with our students.

Students will be sleeping in cabins and participating in activities such as crate stacking, canoeing, archery, bushwalks, hut building, giant swing and low ropes.

The cost of this camp is \$230 per student.

This has been subsidised by School Council fundraising.

Information about what to bring, medical information and invoices have been sent home to families this week.

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

Canberra

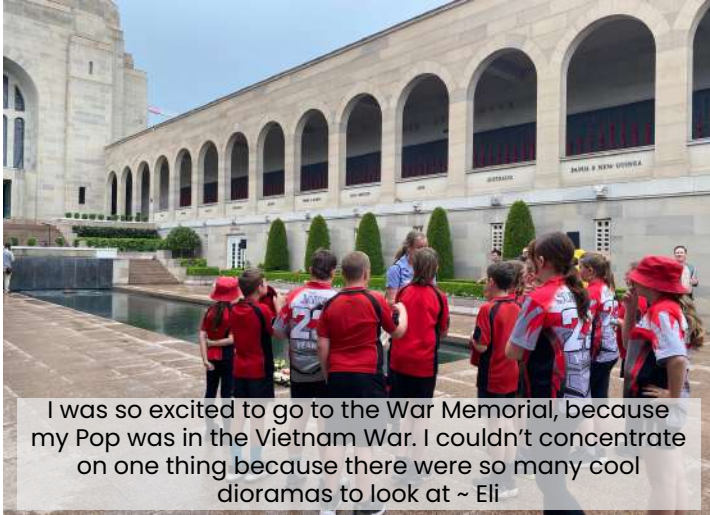
Our first stop was at Wodonga, then Holbrook when we had lunch and we got to go on the big submarine. I also like the Dog on the Tuckerbox near Gundagai ~ Archie



We went to AIS to learn about sports. Our tour guide was named Harry and he had just run an 80km ultramarathon ~ Will



Camp



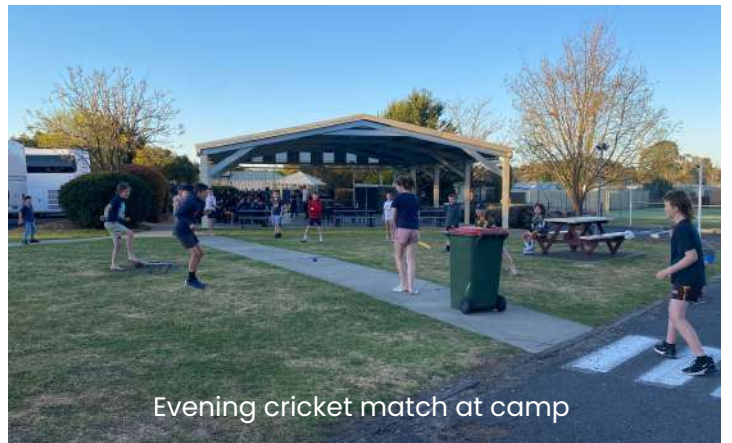
I was so excited to go to the War Memorial, because my Pop was in the Vietnam War. I couldn't concentrate on one thing because there were so many cool dioramas to look at ~ Eli



I saw my Great, Great, Great, Great Uncle James Wilde's name on the memorial wall for World War 1 ~ Flo



Parliament House role play with Prime Minister, Ned!



Evening cricket match at camp



ANZAC Parade



The sunset at Mt Ainslie was so beautiful, we could see all the buildings in Canberra ~ Alana

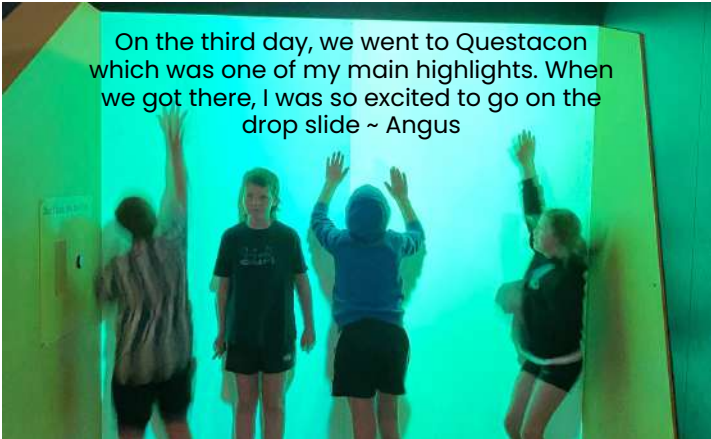
Canberra

On of my favourite things was Parliament House. We visited the green room also known as the House of Representatives. We also visited the red room also known as the Senate ~ Kiara



The dinners and food was definitely not up to my Dad or Mums standard, but I survived, so that was a stroke of luck ~ Keiran

On the third day, we went to Questacon which was one of my main highlights. When we got there, I was so excited to go on the drop slide ~ Angus



Bike ride around Lake Burley Griffin



National Capital Exhibition

Camp

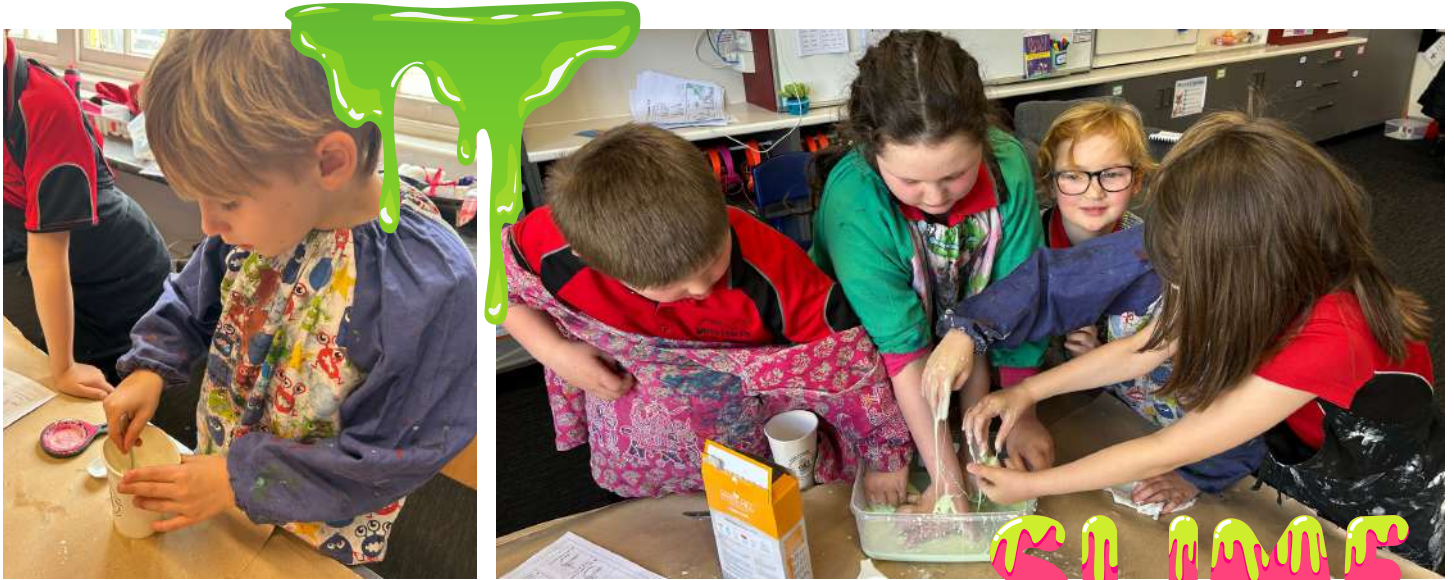


PACER
Parliament and Civics Education Rebate

BUSY At Work
where opportunities begin

Students from our school have recently undertaken, an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$67.50 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Junior



SLIME TIME! This term for Theme we are learning all about chemical sciences. In the Junior class we have been making all sorts of mixtures including different types of slime.



We had a very cute duckling visit from Jennifer!

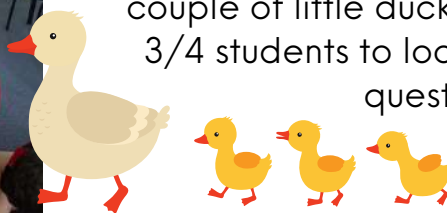


We have been reading Melissa Leong's A Taste Adventure. We conducted a test of the six different tastes.

Middle



Ducklings Visit- Jennifer brought in a couple of little ducklings for the Grade 3/4 students to look at, hold and ask questions!



The Grade 4 students had an exceptional experience at Canberra Camp. Alana shared her spectacular diary entries of the camp with the class.



Describing Tastes

SALTY

When I taste something salty, there's a party in my mouth.

It's really quite yummy from the north to the south.

Crunchy, munchy potato chips...I crunch -munch out and in, but it's those little flecks of salt that make them a win-win.

Popcorn can be really good to share on a movie night, but salted popcorn can really turn darkness into light.

Salty is a taste that's super, sincere and fun. Salty is a party-like taste for everyone.

Siobhan

MATHS

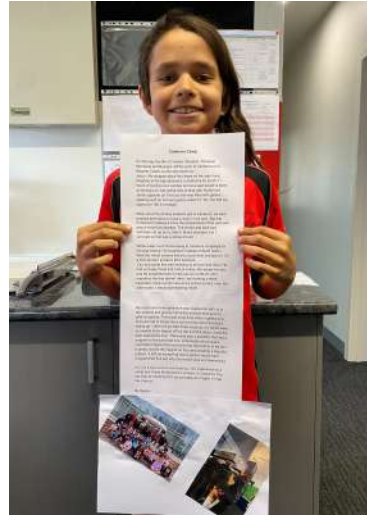
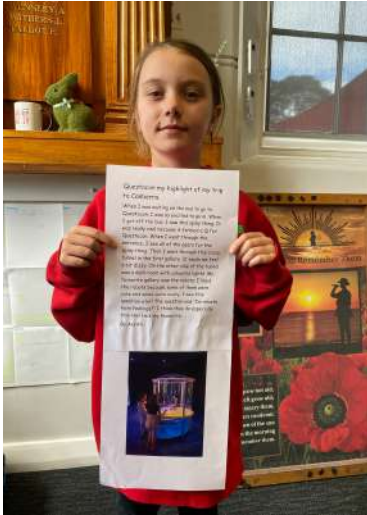
Lots of fun playing the Mystery bag game with counters with the Grade 2 students.



Using scales to measure and compare different weights.

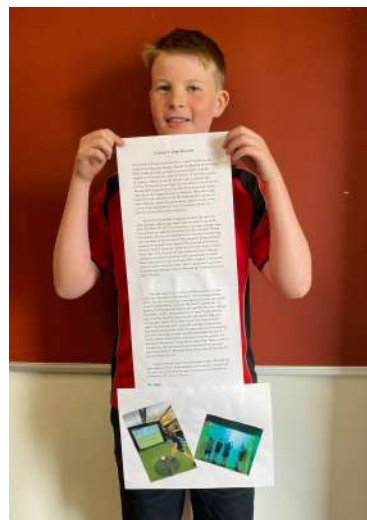
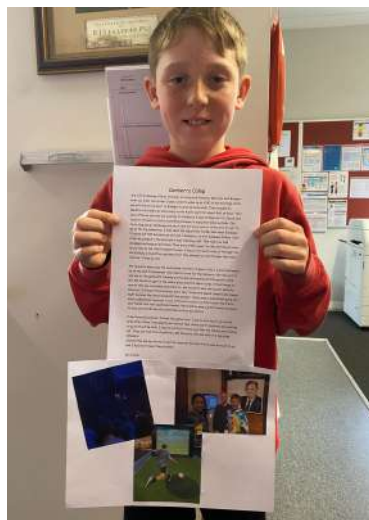


Senior



LITERACY
The senior students enjoyed writing about their favourite experiences from their camp to Canberra.

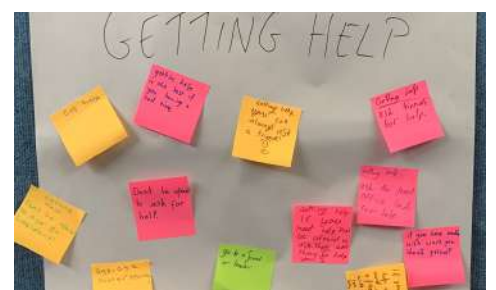
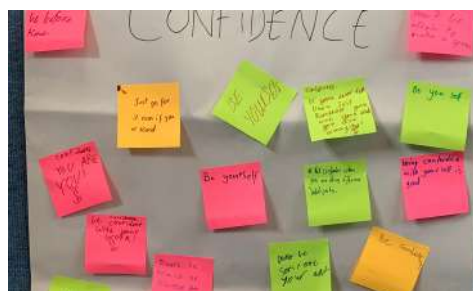
Please come into the school office and read about all of their adventures on our display board!



Grade 6's Crazy Ideas College

On Wednesday Moyston PS Year 6 students attended a Cluster Schools 'Transition to Year 7' presentation (hosted by Willaura PS) that explored what to expect in their experience when transitioning to Year 7 in 2024.

Students unpacked what leadership looks like, their values and qualities that they can start to develop now, in preparation for this next chapter in their lives.



Science



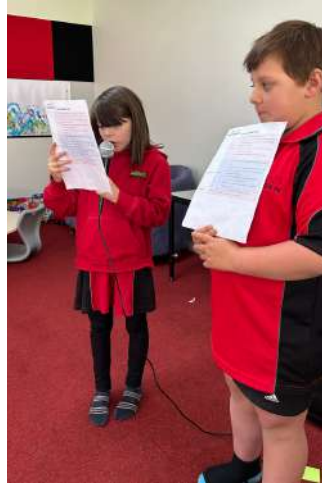
In Science, the grades 3-6 students worked together to discover surface tension in liquids. They conducted a few experiments such as the 'marbled milk magic' experiment and 'the flying fish experiment'.

In both these experiments the students used dishwashing liquid to break up the surface tension of the liquid and find ways to disperse what was floating on the surface.

Students predicted, observed, conducted and analysed experiments putting all their inquiry skills into practice.



Assembly 13/10



While our senior students were away on camp in Canberra, our juniors did an excellent job of running our fortnightly assembly!

Thank you to our hosts Freddie and Stevie!

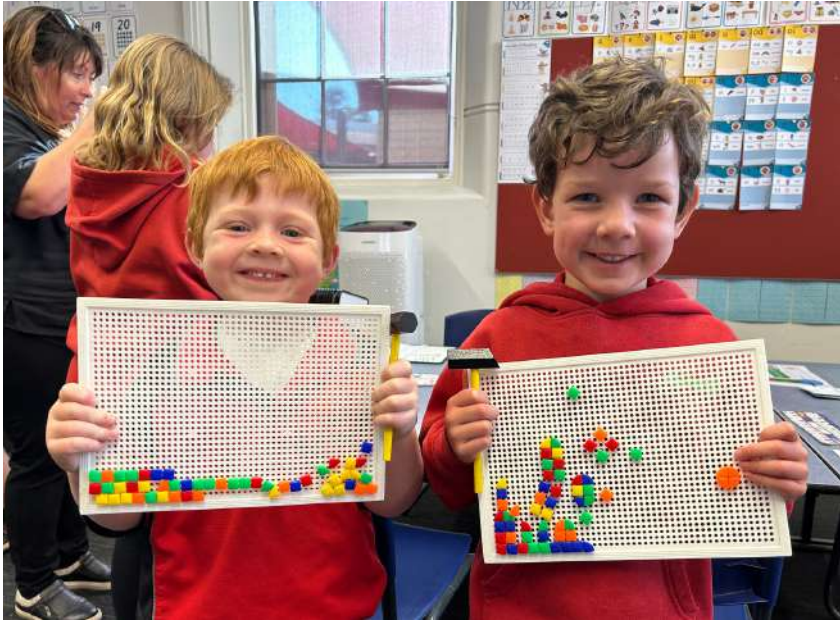
Cailin from the junior class spoke about how the class made a mixture to create coco pops. Emme and Hamish also shared their maths work.

Paddy from the middle class talked about the Science experiments they conducted, and Siobhan and Jack shared their fractured fairy tales and nursery rhymes.

School value awards and Reading Night awards were also presented.

Our next assembly will be held on **Friday 3rd November at 3pm**, after our Grandparents Day afternoon tea.

2024 Transition



Last week we welcomed our 2024 Prep students, Louis and Thomas for their first official transition.

The boys had a super fun morning with the junior class which included making some slime!



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

HAPPY GRAND PARENTS DAY

Bring a plate to share!

Assembly 3pm!

Friday 3rd November 2.30pm
Moyston Primary School
Grandparents, parents, carers and special people, please join us for afternoon tea!



The Grade 3/4 class will be launching their homemade lemonade venture, made with school grown lemons!
50c per cup!
All money raised will help to purchase goods for the less fortunate at Christmas



2023 POMONAL ART SHOW & FESTIVAL

PROFESSIONAL ART FROM LOCAL AND RENOWNED ARTISTS
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE POMONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRI 17 NOV 6:30PM
AUCTION AND EXHIBITION \$15 ENTRY INCLUDES SUPPER
DRINKS AT BAR PRICES, POMONAL HALL

SAT 18 NOV 10:00AM-4:00PM
ART EXHIBITION 10 ENTRY (\$5 PENSIONERS), POMONAL HALL
INCLUDES DEVONSHIRE TEA | 10AM TIME CAPSULE PLACEMENT AT POMONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUN 19 NOV 10:00AM-2:00PM
FAMILY FESTIVAL \$2 ENTRY AT GATE, POMONAL HALL
LIVE MUSIC | LOCAL MARKET | ART EXHIBITION | KIDS ACTIVITIES & HEAPS MORE! DONATIONS KINDLY ACCEPTED

 LIKE US ON FACEBOOK.COM/
POMONAL ART SHOW
FOR FULL DETAILS

The Moyston Easter Market

Saturday 30th March 2024
presents

Grow your own **Giant Pumpkin Competition**

And other categories including:

- Biggest squash
- Best decorated pumpkin
- Most unusual pumpkin



Not sure where to start?
Expert advice and quality seeds
available from our supporter,
Steve Hughan
At J. & M. Hughan Nursery
72 Barkly St, Ararat
53521123

Rules: 1) Have your entries submitted by 0900hrs (9.3.24) at the Moyston oval. 2) \$2 entry fee for each submission. 3) Competition winners announced at 1300hrs. 4) Have fun!
Queries: moystoneastermarket@gmail.com

Cyber Safety

Today our Grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 students visited Ararat Primary School to take part in a Cyber Safety Education program with Susan McLean.

Susan discussed how to keep safe in Cyberspace, online rules and laws, Cyberbullying, online 'friends,' age requirements and how to be a good Digital Citizen



Cyberbullying

Cyber Bullying is a way of delivering covert psychological bullying. It uses information and communication technologies to support deliberate, repeated and hostile behaviour, by an individual or group that is intended to harm others." Bill Belsey 2007

Cyberbullying can be described as any harassment, insults and humiliation that occurs through the electronic mediums such as email, mobile phones, social networking sites, instant messaging programs, chat rooms, web-sites and through the playing of online games.

Forms of Cyberbullying can include

- Harassing and threatening messages
- Sending nasty SMS, IM's pictures or prank phone calls
- Using person's screen name or password to pretend to be them
- Forwarding others' private emails, messages, pictures or videos
- Posting mean or nasty comments or pictures
- Sending sexually explicit images – 'sexting'
- Intentionally excluding others from an online group

What can I do if I am being cyberbullied?

- Tell your parents, teacher or other trusted adult – don't stay silent and hope it will go away – it won't!
- Save and store the emails, chat logs or SMS's in case of Police investigation
- Block and delete the bully from all contact lists
- Do not respond to nasty emails, chats, SMS or comments – this is what the bully wants so ignore them. (They will need your help to do this)
- Use the 'report abuse' button which all websites/applications have. Tell them the problems you are having and they are obligated to investigate.
- Have some 'down time' without computer or mobile. Give yourself some time away from technology just for a break
- If the bullying continues – delete your current email, msn, hotmail etc and start a new account. Only give your new details to a small list of trusted friends.
- Get a new phone number if being harassed on your phone. Report the problem to your phone company and insist on a new number for free.
- If the bullying continues get mum or dad to report the bullying to the Police. Each state has laws that prohibit online bullying and stalking. You don't have to put up with it.



What can I do if my child is being cyber bullied?

- Do not be angry with your child – remember that they are the victim and it is someone else doing the wrong thing
- Praise them for coming to you – this is a big step as most children are frightened to tell a parent about cyberbullying
- Save and store the emails, chat logs or SMS's in case of Police investigation
- Help your child to block and delete the bully from all contact lists
- Do not respond to nasty emails, chats, SMS or comments – this is what the bully wants so ignore them. (They will need your help to do this)
- Use the 'report abuse' button which all websites/applications have. Tell them the problems you are having and they are obligated to investigate.
- Have some 'down time' without computer or mobile (do not do this as punishment, rather as some peaceful time where they are not being bothered)
- If unwanted contact continues, consider deleting email, msn, hotmail etc and start a new account. Only give your new details to a small list of trusted friends.
- Get a new phone number if being harassed on your phone. Report the problem to your phone company and insist on a new number for free.
- Inform your child's school. It is important that they know what is going on so that they can monitor any issues at school.
- If ongoing report to Police. Each state has laws that prohibit online bullying and stalking. You don't have to put up with it.

What if my child is the cyber bully?

- What can I do if my child is the cyber bully?
- Support the child, they are probably feeling awful too
- Talk to them about their actions
- Try and find out why they behaved in this way
- Ask them to imagine they were the victim...how would they feel (empathy)
- Work together to improve the situation...apology etc
- Work towards preventing further incidents
- Enlist the help of school, welfare staff, local GP or child psychologist



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Happy Birthday to Ned today!
We hope you enjoyed your last
Primary School birthday!**



Resilience • Responsibility • Excellence



#WORLDTEACHERSDAY2023

**HATS OFF
TO TEACHERS**

FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2023

CELEBRATE! YAY!

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WORLD TEACHERS' DAY 2023

"I like teachers because they will make us smarter when we go to university" – Hunter

"I appreciate teachers because they have chosen to be teachers and they put fun stuff in there" – Kyara

"They help us out of our troubles like the time I was in the learning pit" – Cailin



RCC
MC

Hosted by Rhymney
Moyston Cricket Club

~ 2 course meal ~
Gourmet BBQ,
followed by pavlova or
fruit salad with ice-cream
or cream

Please RSVP by Wednesday 1st
November
Moyston Community Meals
Facebook Page or text Trevor on
0438 631 015

Moyston Community Dinner

Friday 3rd November
Moyston Oval
6pm

Adults ~ \$20.00
High School students ~ \$10.00
Primary School students ~ \$6.00
Under 5 ~ Free
Raffle tickets \$1.00

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.

