

Newsletter

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MOYSTON PS

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."

Our Grade 2 and 3 students have spent the past few days at Roses Gap Camp.

They have had a very exciting few days which has included canoeing, hikes, crate stacking, hut building, giant swing, flying fox and archery!



Remembrance Day celebration Monday 13th November – meet at 10.45am at school – ceremony at Moyston Hall 11am

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Calendar

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7	13th Nov Remembrance Day ceremony meet at 10.45am	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 Swimming Ararat Outdoor Pool 1-3pm	28th Nov MARC VAN Swimming Ararat Outdoor Pool 1-3pm	29th Nov	30th Nov	1st Dec Cluster day Assembly 3pm Carols by Candlelight Ararat
Week 10	4th Dec	5th Dec	6th Dec PLAYGROUP	7th Dec	8th Dec Xmas Community Dinner
Week 11	11th Dec	12th Dec School Council MARC VAN STATEWIDE Transition Day	13th Dec	14th Dec Swimming Halls Gap Pool 1-3pm	15th Dec Assembly 3pm Grade 6 dinner
Week 12	18th Dec Halls Gap Zoo excursion (whole school)	19th Dec School Concert	20th Dec END OF TERM 4!	21st Dec	22nd Dec

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION!

**TUESDAY
19 DECEMBER, 2023**

**6PM
AT MOYSTON HALL**

**FOLLOWED BY DINNER AND MORE CELEBRATIONS
AT MOYSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

MORE INFO TO COME!



Announcements



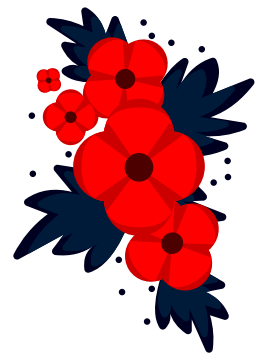
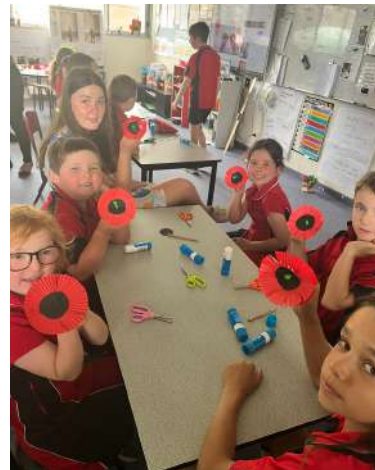
Welcome to the Remembrance Day Assembly to be held at
Moyston Primary School

Date: 13/11/23

Gather Time: 10:45am

Walk to Memorial (Near Moyston Hall)

Remembrance Day Commemoration & short service – 11am



Students made poppies with red patty pans and green pipe cleaners.

These poppies are being used to make two wreaths for Remembrance Day that will be held on Monday 13th of November.

All welcome.



Junior

The prep, grade 1 and grade 4 students enjoyed learning how to use the T-A-G strategy for writing circles.

T - Telling someone what they liked about their writing.

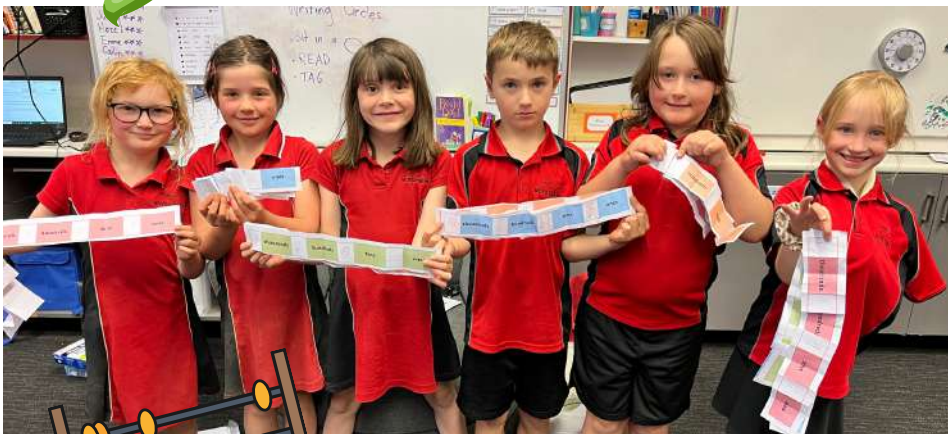
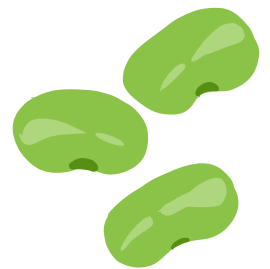
A - Asking someone about their work.

G - Give someone a suggestion for improvement.

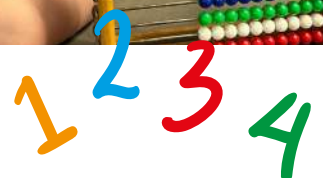
Here the students are listening to Ashlynn and telling her what the best part of her writing was.



The junior class have been enjoying their delicious broad beans that they grew in our school garden!



Maths - Number expanders



Middle

Dad's Kiev

One of my favourite foods is 'Kiev'. My dad makes a golden, crunchy and enjoyable 'kiev' to eat. I first experienced 'kiev' at the old farm. The reason why I like 'kiev' is the butter -coated in the middle.

Lasagna

Lasagna is one of my favourite foods in the world. Lasagna means layers. Lasagna starts with a sheet of pasta, then some tomato paste. Then keep going with the pasta sheet, meat sauce and tomato paste and end with shredded cheese. My favourite bit of lasagna is the soft cheese on the top. I can't remember the first time I experienced lasagna.

By Ashlynn



Students are very excited to have chooks back in our school pen!

The students from the middle class are responsible each day for giving the chooks scraps, feeding them, checking water and collecting the eggs!



Thank you for donating generously to our lemonade stall!

We collected \$75.25 on Grandparents Day and hope to make a bit more with our lunch time sales (50c per cup!)

The money raised will be used to buy gifts or care hampers for the less fortunate at Christmas time.



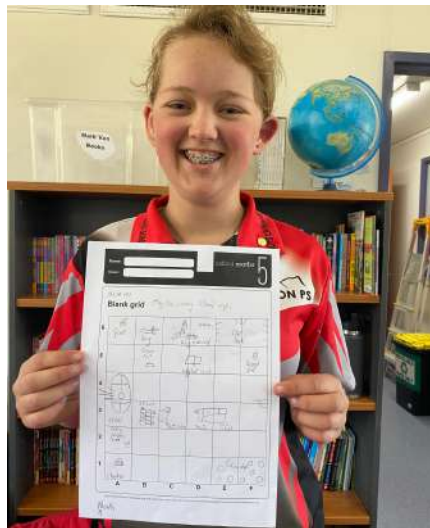
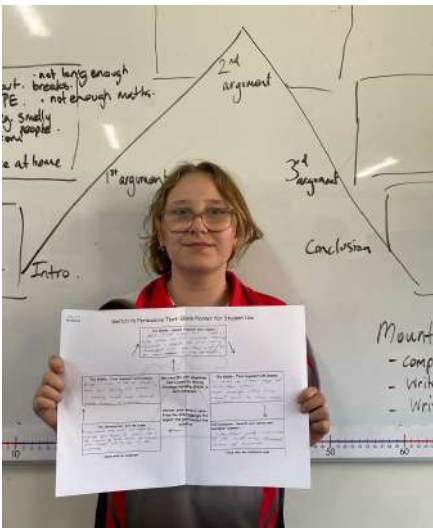
Senior



MATHS

The senior class have been working on grid references, maps and direction.

The students are displaying their mazes that they created with grid references, and their aerial view maps of Moyston Primary School.



LITERACY

In writing, students have started planning their persuasive speeches about their primary school experiences.

They have been working on their writing using the mountain planner as a guide.

The senior class took in turns to twist and shape pretzel dough to make their own tasty pretzels for Grandparents Day.



Students wanted to discover whether pretzels were really, "Chewy outside and like clouds within...But it's their shiny salt sprinkle that makes them a win...", as the author, Melissa Leong, described them in her book, 'A Taste Adventure'.



Angus, Kiara and Jacob gave them the final finishing shiny, salt sprinkle!



Pet Responsibility



Last week we had a visit from Barb and her dog Tucker from the Responsible Pet Ownership Program.

The program focuses on teaching children about basic dog behaviour, appropriate behaviour around dogs and what to do if approached by an unknown or aggressive dog.



SCIENCE

Egg in vinegar experiment

This week we observed what happens when things with calcium carbonate, such as eggshells, seashells, chalk, and pieces of coal, are left overnight in acids- such as acetic acid (vinegar), and citric acid (lemon juice).

"The egg that was soaked in vinegar for 48 hours is now rubbery, soft and squishy."
Archie & Keiran



Assembly 3/11

Last week we held our fortnightly assembly after our Grandparents afternoon tea.

The assembly was hosted by Jacob and Matilda!

Well done Matilda on a fantastic job of hosting your first assembly!



As we were celebrating Grandparents Day, the junior class shared their descriptive writing pieces about their very special grandparents.

The middle class read out their letters and cards for their grandparents, telling them why they love them and what the highlights of having their grandparents with them are.

Summer, Keiran and Ned shared some of their writing pieces from the past fortnight.

School value and reading awards we also presented.

Our next assembly will be held on Friday 17th November at 3pm



Grandparents Day



It was so lovely to celebrate Grandparents Day with an afternoon tea at school last week!

We had a huge turnout of Grandparents, parents, families, friends and special people come into school to join us for the event.

Thank you to the middle class for providing delicious school made lemonade!

HAPPY
GRAND
PARENTS
DAY



Playgroup

Playgroup fun making Halloween decorations and celebrating Louis' birthday!



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

The final Scholastic Book Club for 2023 has been sent home today.

Please place any orders via the LOOP app by Monday 27th November.

SCHOLASTIC
Book Club LOOP
for Parents

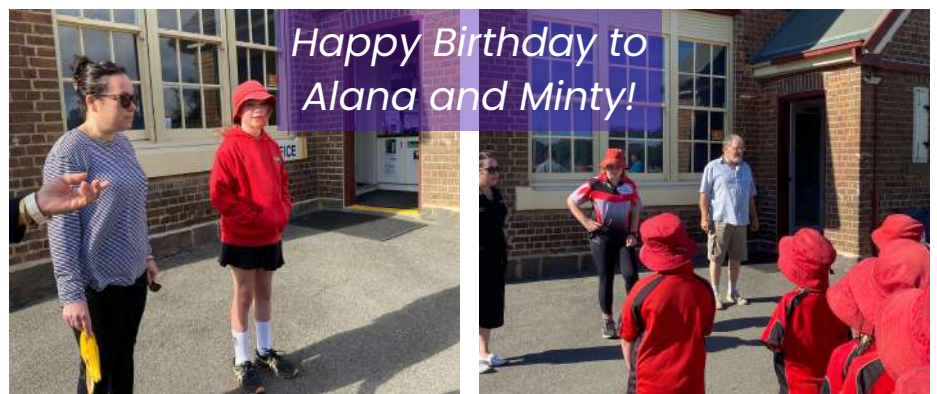
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The Foodbank program not only supplies our school with Breakfast Club items, but it can also provide 'Food packs' and additional food items for families in need.

If you require any assistance with food, please don't hesitate to contact the school and we can easily arrange items for you and your family.



Resilience • Responsibility • Excellence

Moyston Christmas Community Dinner

~ 2 course meal ~
Traditional Christmas dinner & dessert

Friday 8th December
~ Moyston Oval ~ 6pm

Raffle
tickets
\$1.00

Adults ~ \$25.00
High School students ~ \$10.00
Primary School students ~ \$6.00
Under 5 ~ Free

Goods &
services
auction!

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL due to seating arrangements and catering!

Please RSVP by Monday 4th December
Moyston Community Meal Facebook Page
or text the Moyston PS school mobile on 0402 340 601


MOYSTON PS

Moyston PS School Council fundraising team is seeking donations for the Goods & Services auction on Friday 8th December.

Gift items, vouchers, services, baked goods etc.

If you are able to help in any way, it would be greatly appreciated.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year!

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.

