

Newsletter

No. 341 21st November 2024



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."



TOUR DE CURE

This week we had a visit from Tour De Cure!

Approximately 30 cyclists rode into the school to have a chat to the students about their mission as well as discussing health and wellbeing.

Tour De Cure are dedicated to discovering new treatments, enhancing existing ones and improving the lives of those affected by cancer.

The cyclists were on the VIC Discovery Tour, a 3-day ride from Halls Gap to Melbourne!

REPORT WRITING DAY – MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER
NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL ON THIS DAY

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We would like to acknowledge the Djab Wurrung People as the traditional custodians of the land upon which we meet.

We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, and their ongoing connection to the lands we work, learn and play.

Calendar

**Please note that all events are subject to change.
Please check updated calendar regularly.*

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7	18th November	19th November Swimming Ararat Outdoor Pool *parents to pick up at end of the day School Council	20th November Prep 2025 transition 9am - 11.30am Swimming Ararat Outdoor Pool *parents to pick up at end of the day	21st November	22nd November Junior class excursion to Ballarat
Week 8	25th November REPORT WRITING DAY	26th November Final MARC VAN Swimming Ararat Outdoor Pool *parents to pick up at end of the day	27th November Prep 2025 transition 9am - 11.30am Swimming Ararat Outdoor Pool *parents to pick up at end of the day	28th November Grade 6's visit Ararat College 11.15am - 12.45am	29th November
Week 9	2nd December	3rd December Swimming Ararat Outdoor Pool *parents to pick up at end of the day	4th December Prep 2025 transition 9am - 11.30am PLAYGROUP	5th December	6th December Christmas Community Dinner & auction
Week 10	9th December	10th December School Council Statewide Transition Day all day	11th December	12th December	13th December SCHOOL CONCERT & Grade 6 Graduation Ararat Town Hall
Week 11	16th December	17th December	18th December	19th December Water fight at school	20th December END OF YEAR Open day from 12.30pm, picnic lunch, 1.30pm Christmas Carols & Santa 2.30pm dismissal



Upcoming events



Moyston Christmas Community Dinner

~ 2 course meal ~
Traditional Christmas dinner & dessert

Friday 6th December
~ Moyston Oval ~ 6pm

Adults ~ \$25.00
High School ~ \$10.00
Primary School & under ~ **FREE**

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL due to seating arrangements and catering!
Please RSVP by Monday 2nd December
[Moyston Community Meal Facebook Page](#)
or text the Moyston PS school mobile on **0402 340 601**

If you would like to donate to our Goods & Services auction,
please contact Bec Matulick 0429 174 178

Ararat Neighbourhood House Inc.
The Heart of our Community

Raffle tickets
\$2 each or 3 for \$5

Goods & services auction!

Charlie & the Chocolate Factory



The students are very excited about their end of year production! Auditions were held for students to try out for roles. All roles have now been cast, and the students are busy rehearsing, memorising scripts and making props!



Upcoming events

**MOYSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRESENTS**

Charlie AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

**FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER
ARARAT TOWN HALL**

Doors open 4.15pm

Performance starts at 4.30pm



**FREE
ENTRY**



Snacks and non-alcoholic drinks available to purchase during intermission.

End of year presentations and speeches to follow performance.

A separate grade 6 graduation celebration will take place in the supper room after the concert.

The graduation will be for grade 6's and their invited guests

Upcoming events



Parent and carer School Saving Bonus code distribution

The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus – a one-off \$400 support for government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025.

From Tuesday 26 November 2024, you will receive an email from the Department of Education with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code.

The School Saving Bonus will help families cover the cost of uniforms, excursions, activities and more.

If you have multiple children enrolled in Victorian government schools for 2025, you will receive one School Saving Bonus code email per child. These emails might arrive on different days. Please make sure to check your spam/junk email folder.

Parents and carers can use the School Saving Bonus code in store at school-nominated suppliers. Parents and carers can also choose to access the School Saving Bonus online system, where they can allocate part or all the \$400 bonus to use at school nominated-online suppliers or for school activities. To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, visit School Saving Bonus | vic.gov.au (www.vic.gov.au). A step-by-step user guide will be available on the webpage on 26 November.

If you have not received your School Saving Bonus code via email by Friday 29 November, please contact the Department of Education by emailing school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au

Announcements

TERM 4 SWIMMING LESSONS!

Ararat OUTDOOR Pool

Tuesday 26th November

Wednesday 27th November

Tuesday 3rd December

Normal school drop off times at Moyston Primary School on these days, students will be transported to the Ararat Outdoor Pool via Christian's bus.

Full school uniform, BYO lunch snacks and drinks (no heat ups), bring bathers with rashie top or t-shirt for sun protection and a towel.

****Parents/carers will be required to pick up students from the Ararat Outdoor Pool at 3.20pm on each of these days.**



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.

Buangor Cluster Day



Last week we travelled to Buangor for a Landcare Cluster day.

The students learnt about wetland bugs and tested how healthy their drinking water and dams are.



Grade 6 Day Out



Recently our Cluster school grade 6's came together for a Big Day Out to celebrate almost finishing Primary School!

They spent the day at Grampians Adventures playing a variety of paintball games!



Smile Squad delivers free oral health promotion, dental check-ups and treatment to Victorian government school students at school. We were lucky to have a visit from the Smile Squad team last week!



Assembly 15/11



Students from the middle classroom talked about recycling paper, they also read from some of their class writing.



Junior school council discussed the World Kindness Day and came up with three some ideas to share that others could use to show kindness – Compliment someone, help someone, smile at a friend and ask if they are ok if you see someone upset.



Teachers presented school values awards to students who have shown Resilience, Responsibility and Excellence

Reading nights awards were also presented to students for reaching their reading milestones.



Our assembly last week was hosted by Hunter and Lilli!



Hazel and Hamish from the junior class shared their addition think boards that they worked on in maths.



Eli from the senior class read his narrative/fantasy passage that he created as a sequel to our Mentor Text – Paradise Sands: A Story of Enchantment.



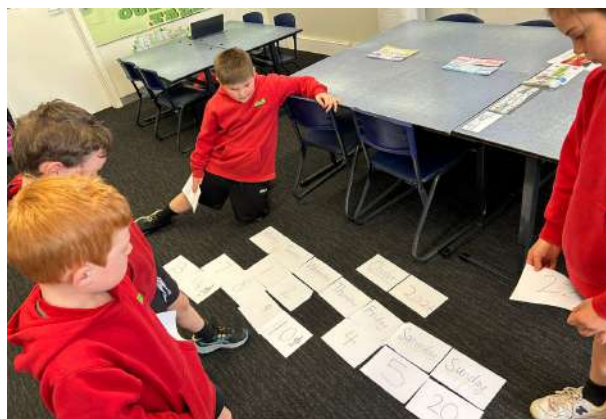
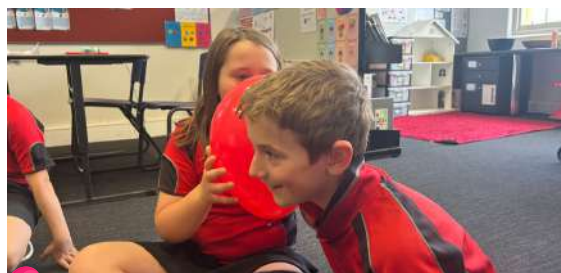
Junior School Council also presented an award to Thomas, the student they chose who has shown one of our school values.



Junior



During Theme, the students in the junior class used balloons to learn about vibrations and sounds!



Transition program



We have been very excited to welcome our 2025 prep students for their transition program! So far they have had three transitions sessions, with three more to come. The six future students have settled in well and have enjoyed getting to know the school and the other students.



Middle



The Process of Making Paper

Students have made paper using their scrap paper. They made a bowl and a board to use for craft. Here are some images of the steps they followed to make their paper.



INQUIRY

Students have been using recycled materials and repurposing them for toys and craft items.

Hunter made a character from a cardboard box.

Matilda has made a sheep and an old-fashioned typewriter from a tin, a plastic bowl and cardboard.

Shaye is making Christmas decorations and Freddie has made some cardboard aeroplanes and a spray gun.



Remembrance Day-11/11/24

The Prep-2 class joined the Middle Primary and helped to make a wreath and a collage for the Remembrance Day Assembly which was held on the 11th of November at the Cluster Day in Buangor. Students decorated poppies and cut them out.

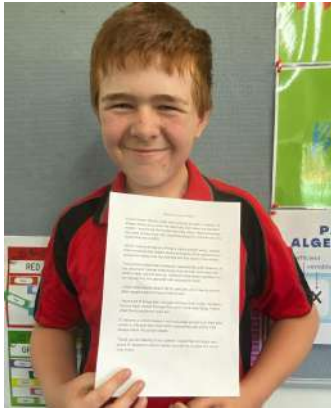
They also listened to a video about Armistice Day and created a collage of drawings and pictures.



Senior

In the Senior Class students have been surprised to see the term and year flashing before their eyes. Whilst only just feeling like things have settled down from the camps that kicked off the term and then the 150th preparations, the next major events have started to poke their heads over the horizon, with the end of year school production, leadership applications and final Grade 6 Speeches becoming a major focus.

On top of this, with report writing day scheduled for this coming Monday, end of year testing has also started to gain a snapshot of student progress.



SCIENCE

In our Science topic, this week students have been presented with an upcoming project to design a solar oven that compliments the topic focus of light.



LITERACY

Grade 4 & 5 students have been finalising their applications for leadership next year and the Grade 6 students have cast their minds back in time to create their wonderful reflective speeches on their time at Moyston Primary School.

We look forward to having these pieces of work presented to their intended audiences shortly. Reading Fluency practice is in full motion at the moment with plenty of script reading and practice taking place inside and out of the classroom.



MATHS

The topics of Division, Decimals, Percentages and Time have been presented to students in recent weeks, leading into the end of year Maths testing that has now commenced.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students had a Cricket Clinic presented to them by a Cricket Coach Ron Rooney from Central Highlands Cricket. Students were given the opportunity to improve their knowledge and skills related to Cricket through a range of interactive games presented by Ron.

On top of this, our survival swimming skills program also commenced this week on Tuesday.

With all this in mind, we congratulate our senior class for their wonderful attitude towards embracing all of these experiences and encourage them to work hard towards the end of the 2024 school year. Mr T.

Playgroup

The children who attended our November Playgroup enjoyed some fun with water outside!



Art

Students have been busy in the Art room, creating props for our upcoming performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory on Friday 13th December at the Ararat Town Hall



Remembrance Day



Upcoming events

WILD WETLANDS

23rd November 2024

9am-12noon

Morning tea provided

Learn about the local wetland plants in the area and how to identify them.

Workshop starts at Moyston CFA, before heading out to explore different types of wetlands.

PLEASE BRING:

- Notebook, pencils & magnifying glass for drawing sessions
- Stool or small camp chair for use in the bush
- Lunch or purchase it at the General Store

RSVP essential (limited numbers)

Sec. Rosie Nater

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HOW TO PLAN AND PREPARE FOR FIRE, FLOOD & STORMS

Ararat Rural City Council with support from Emergency Recovery Victoria is hosting five information sessions to improve community preparedness and resilience before, during and after disasters facilitated by The Six C's - Mat Deans and Sue Rondeau, award winning emergency management specialists.

**FREE
DINNER**



REGISTER



HELP YOU AND YOUR FAMILY STAY SAFE

TOPICS:

- How to plan for disasters
- Identify local disaster risks
- What to expect when disaster strikes
- Interpret warnings and advice messages
- Prepare psychologically



Mat Deans & Sue Rondeau

Mat and Sue will be out in the community this month, sharing information about these sessions and ready to answer any questions you have about disaster preparedness. If you see them, be sure to say hello!

Enquiries to Erin Mackley at ARCC on 5355 0252

**18
NOV**

WILLAURA

Monday 18 November 6pm-9pm
Willaura Memorial Hall, Main St, Willaura

**21
NOV**

STREATHAM

Thursday 21 November, 6pm-9pm
Streatham Memorial Hall, 30 Campbell St, Streatham

**22
NOV**

MOYSTON

Friday 22 November, 6pm-9pm
Moyston Recreation Reserve -
2 Moyston-Great Western Rd, Moyston

**25
NOV**

WICKLIFFE

Monday 25 November, 6pm-9pm
Wickliffe Recreation Reserve, 9 Walker St, Wickliffe

**27
NOV**

LAKE BOLAC

Wednesday 27 November, 6pm-9pm
Lake Bolac Golf Club, Montgomery St, Lake Bolac



Ararat Rural City



The Six C's



EMERGENCY RECOVERY
VICTORIA



Christmas gift ideas!




MOYSTON PS
Celebrating 150 years
1874 to 2024

HISTORY BOOK - \$20.00

TOTE BAG - \$20.00

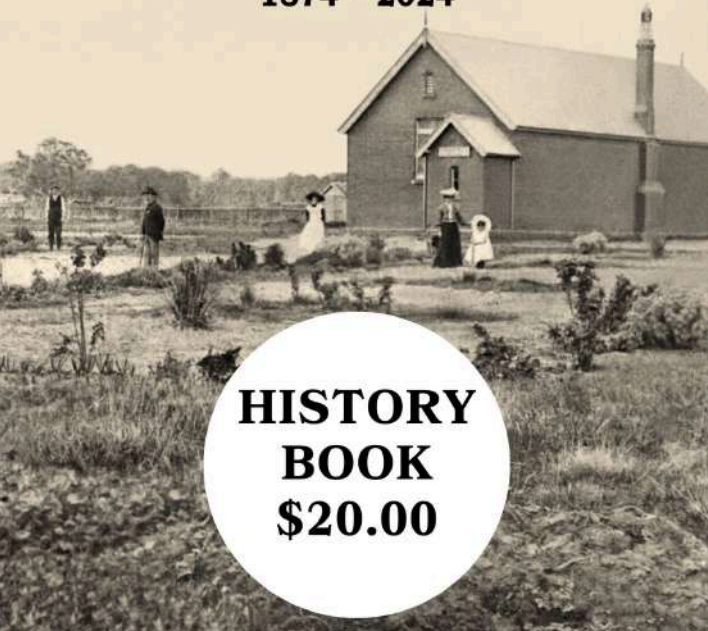
TEA TOWEL - \$20.00

MUG - \$10.00

PEN - \$5.00

CASH OR DIRECT DEPOSIT
Moyston Primary School Official Account
BSB: 063 500
Account: 1004 3733

Moyston Primary School
150 years
1874 ~ 2024



HISTORY BOOK
\$20.00

TAMMI SLADDIN-MUNRO

Resilience • Responsibility • Excellence


MOYSTON PS
Celebrating 150 years
— 1874 to 2024 —

Thank You!



Thank you to everyone who helped make our Moyston Primary School **150th birthday celebration** such a success!
Without your support, this event would not have been possible!

Thank you to past and present students, staff and parents.
Thank you to our school council, school families, Moyston and local community members and businesses.
Thank you to all of the visitors, stall holders, food vans and attractions.
Thank you to everyone who donated their time, goods or services!

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.



Please visit our school website to view all of our school policies and

[Annual Report to School Community
www.moystonps.vic.edu.au/policies](http://www.moystonps.vic.edu.au/policies)

If you have any questions or feedback regarding any school policies, please contact the Principal.

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