

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."



Cold water swimming program - NEXT WEEK!
Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th November at Ararat Outdoor Pool.
Parents/carers to pick up students from the pool at 3.20pm each day.

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Calendar

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8	20th Nov	21st Nov School Council	22nd Nov	23rd Nov	24th Nov
Week 9	27th Nov Swimming Ararat Outdoor Pool 1-3pm (parents to pick up at end of day)	28th Nov MARC VAN Swimming Ararat Outdoor Pool 1-3pm (parents to pick up at end of day)	29th Nov	30th Nov	1st Dec Cluster day Colour run!
Week 10	4th Dec Ararat Art Gallery Excursion	5th Dec	6th Dec PLAYGROUP	7th Dec	8th Dec XmasCommunity Dinner & auction
Week 11	11th Dec	12th Dec School Council MARC VAN STATEWIDE Transition Day	13th Dec	14th Dec Swimming Halls Gap Pool	15th Dec Science Fair 2.30pm Grade 6 dinner
Week 12	18th Dec Halls Gap Zoo excursion (whole school)	19th Dec School Concert 5.30pm at Moyston HALL then back to Moyston PS Families BYO dinner	20th Dec END OF TERM 4! Early dismissal 2.30pm	21st Dec	22nd Dec

Moyston PS participating in the Ararat Carols by Candlelight on Friday 1st of December has been cancelled.

COLD WATER SWIMMING PROGRAM

Next week is the start of our cold-water water swimming program.

This will take place over three sessions in Term 4.

Monday 27th November ARARAT OUTDOOR POOL

Parents/carers will be required to pick up students from the Ararat Outdoor Pool at 3.20pm

Tuesday 28th November ARARAT OUTDOOR POOL

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A permission note for 27/11 and 28/11 has been uploaded on uEducateUs for approval.

Thursday 14th December HALLS GAP POOL

More information to come

Upcoming Events

DIVERSITY DASH COLOUR RUN!

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER
AT MOYSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
CLUSTER DAY

Diversity Dash encourages students to get active as part of an inclusive, fun and social event. Students will be able to walk, run, skip, dance or roll their way through a colour filled course!

Please bring OLD clothes and shoes
(white if you can!)
BYO lunch

Diversity Dash is inspired by the lively and colourful Indian Holi festival that occurs every year in March. Holi is a festival of colours!

*Students
please wear
casual clothes
and bring
along a plastic
bag and some
old
clothes/shoes
to change into
for the colour
run!*

**All students will
require BLACK
pants/leggings
and a long-
sleeved BLACK
top for the
concert.**

**Clothing needs
to be clearly
labelled and
can be dropped
off at school in
a plastic bag at
anytime**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION!

**TUESDAY
19 DECEMBER, 2023**

5.30PM

AT MOYSTON HALL

for student performances, Grade 6 graduation and presentations

Followed by dinner and more celebrations at
Moyston Primary School

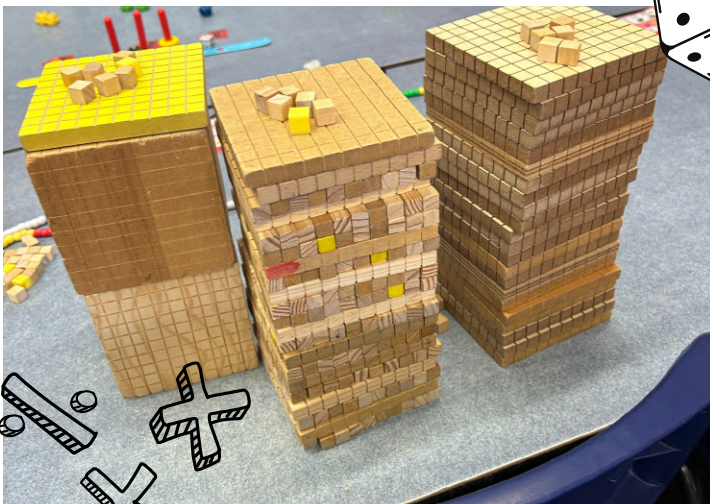
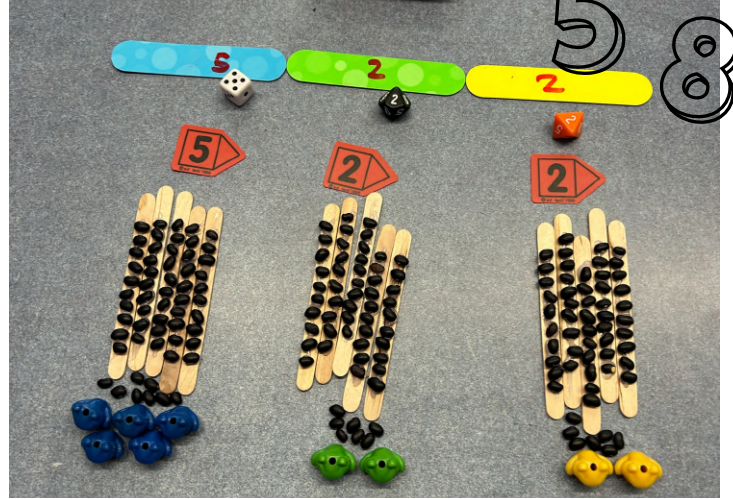
Families to please bring BYO picnic dinner and drinks
(no alcohol or smoking on school premises)

EVERYONE WELCOME!


MOYSTON PS

Junior

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Over the past couple of weeks in the Junior room we have been revisiting the maths topic of place value. Students have been loving representing 2, 3 and 4 digit numbers using an assortment of concrete materials. Students have also been loving playing the place value Goat Game!

Ask them to show you at home:

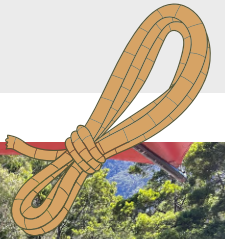
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Roses Gap Camp Gr 2/3



Jack, Paddy, Siobhan, Hunter, Maddie, Freddie and Shaye travelled to Roses Gap for a three day, two night camp jam packed with adventure. Our students were joined by Grade 2/3 students from Willaura, Buangor, Pomonal and Maroona. Over the course of the three days students participated in the flying fox, giant swing, crate stacking, canoeing, hut building, low ropes, bush walking and archery. Our students were pushed out of their comfort zones and they all rose to the occasion!



Middle



LEMON BUTTER

Making the most of all the lemons and eggs we have in the school and at home, the year 3/4 class made lemon butter with Dean Savoia.

Together the students grated and juiced the lemons, cracked and whisked the eggs, cut up and melted the butter and measured out the sugar.

They made labels for the jars they collected and attached them after filling them up with delicious lemon butter!

They are now in the fridge and will be used as gifts.



MATHS

Siobhan teaching the class how to remember the nine times table using their fingers



Snippets of writing from the inspirational persuasive speech writing the class has done in the past two weeks - Wisdom from the year 3/4 class



'Kindness is a gift everyone can afford to give.'

By Alana

..." Kindness never has and never will cost money, it is free for everyone to give away, if they wanted to. You should...smile, hug someone, and talk to them if they're feeling down. Here are some of the things you can do: say kind things to someone lonely, ask someone how they're feeling, do someone a favour if they need it- like getting them a drink..."

'Giving up is stupid.'

By Siobhan

"I think giving up is stupid because if you give up on something, you may never experience it again!... If you give up on something, you will never get to learn new things and you'll regret that...imagine if you tried your very best at something and you tried and tried and tried and gave up, success could be just around the corner and you would never know because you gave up."

'Be yourself everyone else is already taken.'

By Florence

"...If people laugh at you because you have a different body, you will just have to ignore them, because you must remember that everybody is beautiful and unique. Don't worry you just be YOU, with your own special qualities. To conclude, I believe if you cannot be yourself, who will be you? There is no one else in the world like you!"



Senior

Science Experiments Year 3-6

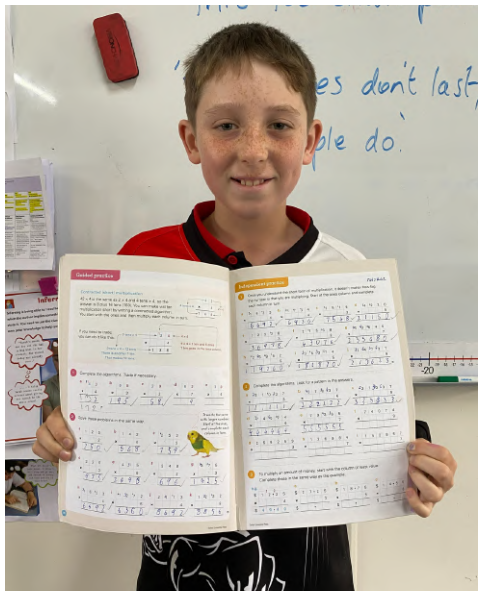
Changing the colour of coke.
Students poured milk into coke and watched what happened to the mixture.

In all the Science experiments that they conduct, students make a hypothesis and predict what they think will happen.

Did you know that coco cola contains phosphoric acid P_3HO_4 ? This is what changes the milk and curdles it.



Ms. Dowsett asking the students to describe what they were observing and to record their observations.



MATHS

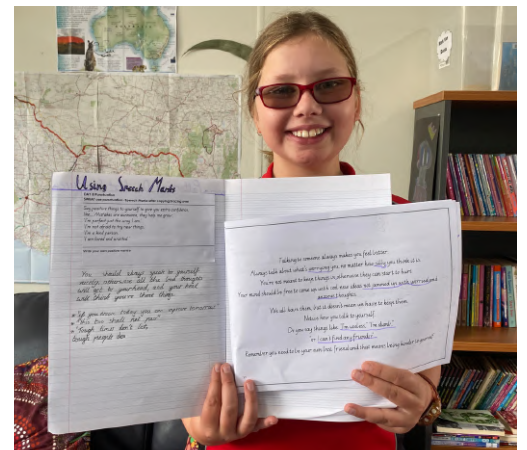
This week the students have been working on written strategies for multiplication and division



Harry making a stalactite and has saturated the solution with borax powder and boiling water.



Angus preparing his experiment for the Science Fair on 15th December. He is getting ready to explain why an egg that sinks in water, floats in salty water.



LITERACY

Students have been learning how to use speech marks in their writing. Their task this week was to write their own positive mantras.

Remembrance Day



***Moyston Primary School
acknowledged Remembrance
Day with a ceremony at the
Moyston Hall.
Students then laid wreaths
made out of their handmade
poppies.***



Assembly 17/11



Last week our assembly was hosted by Madeleine and Cailin. Well done girls on doing an excellent job!

The assembly focussed on acknowledging Remembrance Day.

Madeleine spoke about why Remembrance Day is significant to Australians.

Lilli talked about the significance of the poppy and Ned spoke about the poem "Lest We Forget."

A minute silence was held in respect to all those who were killed in wars and for peace in this present time.

Thank you to Fiona who shared some artifacts and stories of her Grandfather's time in the war in Hungary in the 1950's.

School value and reading awards were also presented during the assembly.

There will be no assembly on Friday 1st December due to the Cluster day at Moyston.



Announcements



*Congratulations to
Cr Bob Sanders on
becoming the new
Mayor of Ararat Rural
City!*



Ararat Neighbourhood House

Congratulations to Ararat Neighbourhood House for winning "Best Not-For-Profit Award of 2023" at East Grampians Business Awards event held recently at Town Hall hosted by Ararat Rural City Council!

Courses

A variety of courses are available to enrol in at Ararat Neighbourhood House, including Computer, Photography, Arts & Crafts, Accredited Short Courses and more.

Social Groups

Come along and join one of the social groups meeting weekly or monthly at Ararat Neighbourhood House, including our Knitters Group, Art & Craft groups and Book Chat.

Second Bite

Second Bite is a program specifically set up to assist Community Groups / Charitable Organisations / Schools who are providing food to those in need, the most vulnerable members of society and individuals accessing Emergency Relief.

A huge thank you to Peter who brings out food to Moyston Primary School each week!

**56 Campbell Street, Ararat
araratneighbourhoodhouse.com.au**

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 21/11

Our second last school council meeting of the year was held on Tuesday night.

Staffing and classes for 2024 will be communicated to families at the end of November.

We are currently working on arranging artwork for the giant snake at the front of the schoolyard. School Council approved all upcoming events and excursions including the cluster day, swimming lessons, community dinner, Art Gallery excursion, Grade 6 dinner, Halls Gap Zoo excursion and school concert.

School Council agreed to pull out of the Carols by Candlelight in Ararat on 1/12 due to lack of information/time. School council voted that families will BYO a picnic dinner for end of year concert on 19/12.

Financial information for October was provided and the fundraising summary shared. The school currently has just over \$9000 fundraising profit which will help go towards purchasing classrooms split systems with additional money from the Christmas Community Dinner to also go towards this project.

The final Scholastic Book Club for 2023 was sent home recently. Please place any orders via the LOOP app by Monday 27th November.

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 for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club **Linked Online Ordering & Payment** platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP



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



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!

Don't forget to RSVP if you plan on attending!

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.

