Newsletter

No. 374 16th October 2026

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.

CANBERRA!

Our Grade 4–6 students headed to Canberra this week for an exciting school camp! They explored our nation's capital, visited significant landmarks and enjoyed a fantastic opportunity to learn beyond the classroom!

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Petyan
Spring (Sept - November)
Wildflower season
Tempestuous weather. Warmer days, bush bursts into life. Emu constellation appears

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

*Calendar is updated regularly and subject to change, please check school communications regularly

T4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2	12th Oct **CANBERRA CAMP**	13th Oct **CANBERRA CAMP**	14th Oct **CANBERRA CAMP** Prep transition 2pm -3.20pm	15th Oct **CANBERRA CAMP**	16th Oct **CANBERRA CAMP**
Week 3	19th Oct **MARC VAN**	20th Oct Black Ranges Cricket Blast (selected students)	21st Oct	22nd Oct	23rd Oct Assembly 3pm
Week 4	26th Oct	27th Oct School Council 6pm	28th Oct Prep transition 2pm-3.20pm	29th Oct	30th Oct
Week 5	2nd Nov **REPORT WRITING DAY**	3rd Nov **MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY**	4th Nov PLAYGROUP	5th Nov Prep - Grade 1 Sleepover ***TBC**	6th Nov Prep - Grade 2 Day out Anakie Fairy Park ***TBC** **TAMA Gallery Incursion 3-6**
Week 6	9th Nov	10th Nov	11th Nov Prep transition 1pm -3.20pm	12th Nov Swimming 1-3pm INDOOR pool	13th Nov Assembly 3pm
Week 7	16th Nov **MARC VAN**	17th Nov	18th Nov	19th Nov Swimming 1-3pm INDOOR pool	20th Nov
Week 8	23rd Nov Landcare Cluster Day	24th Nov	25th Nov Prep transition 8.50am -11.35am	26th Nov Swimming 1-3pm **OUTDOOR** pool	27th Nov Grade 6 Big Day Out ***TBC**
Week 9	30th Nov **MARC VAN**	1st Dec School Council 6pm	2nd Dec Prep transition 8.50am -11.35am PLAYGROUP	3rd Dec	4th Dec Christmas **Community Dinner** Hosted by Moyston PS
Week 10	7th Dec Grade 6 Graduation ***TBC**	8th Dec Statewide Transition Day	9th Dec	10th Dec School Concert at Moyston Hall ***TBC**	11th Dec
Week 11	14th Dec Whole School Fun Day out ***TBC**	15th Dec	16th Dec	17th Dec Waterfight day	18th Dec End of year Early dismissal 2.30pm

Annoucements

TERM 4 SWIMMING LESSONS

During term 4, we will once again be conducting some Water Safety and Swimming lessons for all students.

Thursday 12th November - Indoor Pool (Ararat Fitness Centre)
Thursday 19th November - Indoor Pool (Ararat Fitness Centre)
Thursday 26th November - OUTDOOR Pool (Alexandra Gardens)

Parents/ Carers will be required to pick students up in Ararat at 3.20pm on each of these dates.
A permission note with further information will be available closer to the dates.

CRICKET BLAST - TUESDAY

On Tuesday 20th October, selected senior students will be participating in the Black Ranges Cricket Blast in Stawell.
Normal school drop off and pick up times from Moyston Primary School. Students will travel to Stawell via minbus. Further information has been provided with a permission note on uEducateUs for those students.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
NEXT FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER ~ 3pm

REPORT WRITING DAY (Student Free) ~ MONDAY 2nd November
MELBOURNE CUP (Public Holiday) ~ TUESDAY 3rd November

PACER
Parliament and Civics Education Rebate

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 is contributing funding to our school in the amount 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.

Building Works

Unearthing Moyston Primary School's History!

Our historic main school building has revealed a little piece of the past!

As part of the VSBA Planned Maintenance Program, our main building had its roof replaced over the recent school holidays. During the works, timber roof shingles were uncovered! A glimpse into how the building may have originally looked.

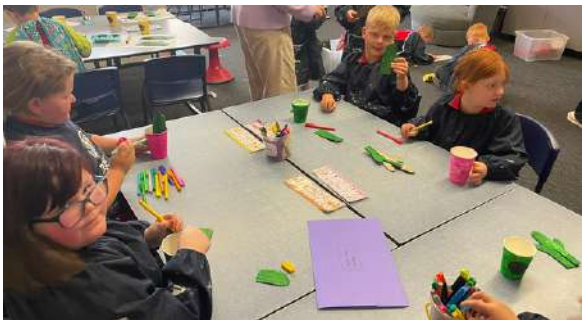
The current main building at Moyston Primary School opened in **1874**, following the school's early beginnings in 1861 in a "ragged tent" and temporary wooden structures.

Timber shingles were commonly used on school roofs during the 1870s, before many were later replaced or covered with corrugated iron.

Our oldest known photograph of the school (believed to date from around 1902) already shows an iron roof. This means these unearthed shingles date back to earlier than 1902!

We don't have any old photographs of the original shingles, so it's exciting to have uncovered this small piece of our school's history!

Miss Hogan's class



This week we have been working on 3D cardboard cactus sculptures to enter into the Ararat Show on Sunday 25th October.

Aoife and Lugh also brought in their tiny baby goat Twig for show and tell!

Mrs Savoia's class

MATHS

Students worked on Maths games after their unit in statistics and data. This showed some of the random moves, and wins and losses that can happen when you toss a dice!
Some students made game boards and cards using Canva and some drew and coloured in their own.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE

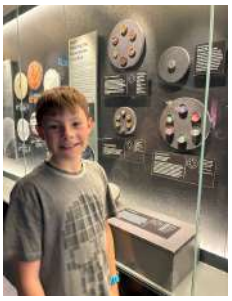
Students were encouraged to observe and record some of the characteristics of living things within the environment. We went on a nature walk looking for seedlings that grew below the mother tree and listened for and checked the names of birds we heard and saw using the Merlin app.

ThursDAY of Judgement!

As an end of term fun activity Stevie brought in her lawyer's suit, suitcase and a prisoner outfit for the convicted!!
It was Stevie's idea to set up the classroom as a courtroom, listened to the "terrible" crimes she had written down and held ready for the Judge (Mrs. Savoia) to read out.
The whole class had an hour of fun, especially when the tables were turned on the lawyer and the judge and the defendants became the judges and jury!
Innovative 'crime ideas'!!
*Mrs Savoia was accused of 'killing' people with her hot curries!
*Kirti was accused of breaking into a Music festival and stealing a cello!

Mrs O'Donnell's class

Canberra Camp



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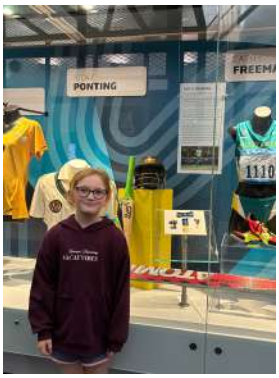

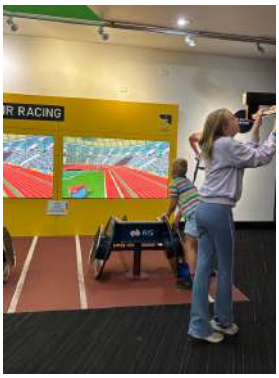

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End of term 3

During our end of term footy day, we had an afternoon of football and netball activities with our families and friends!

Thankyou to Will Bell and Doug McKinnon from the Moyston Willaura Football Club, along with former students Archie and Eli for helping to run the footy activities.

End of term 3 Assembly

Our end of term 3 assembly was hosted by Cailin, Jimmy and Stevie.

Aoife read her persuasive letter inspired by the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit.'

Emme and Matilda shared their work from Literacy and Maths.

Carleigh, Flo and Harley presented their persuasive letters written from difference perspectives of characters for 'The Three Litte Pigs.'

The whole school performed a song that they had been working on with Kirti in music called 'Round and Round.'

Throughout the day our Junior School Council ran a fundraiser to guess how many lollies were in the jar. During assembly, our JSC members Jack and Hunter announced the winner - well done Maddie for being the closest guess!
Teachers then presented their school values awards to students.
Our next assembly will be held next Friday 23rd October at 3pm.

Start of term 4

When the P-3 students were working with Mrs. Savoia this week, they learnt about rock pools. Students created their own playdoh creatures that inhabit a rock pool. They then decorated and made rock pools on paper plates using different materials.

TRANSITION PROGRAM

This week we welcomed Annabel to our school for her first transition session in preparation for starting school at Moyston in 2027!

Playgroup

Playgroup had a lovely morning creating some beautiful teddy crafts. The junior class then joined the session for a story with Miss Hogan.

The next Playgroup will be held on Wednesday the 4th of November at 9.30am

School Garden

Last week, Mr Wilde and the students picked fresh silver beet from our school garden. Students chopped up the silver beet and cooked it for a taste test. They even drank the water it was cooked in!
A great way to explore healthy foods and enjoy the produce growing in our own garden.

Bushfire Preparedness

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.
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.
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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.
No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.

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.

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:
Vic Emergency app
Vic Emergency Hotline(1800 226 226)
Website https://emergency.vic.gov.au
Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency)
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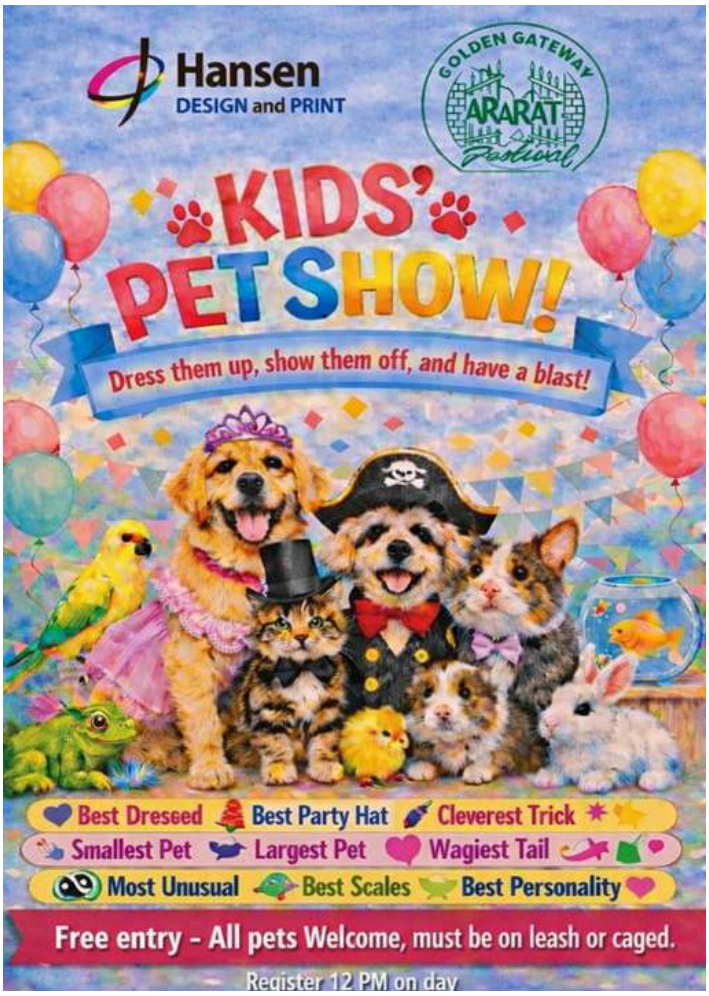
ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

Community notices



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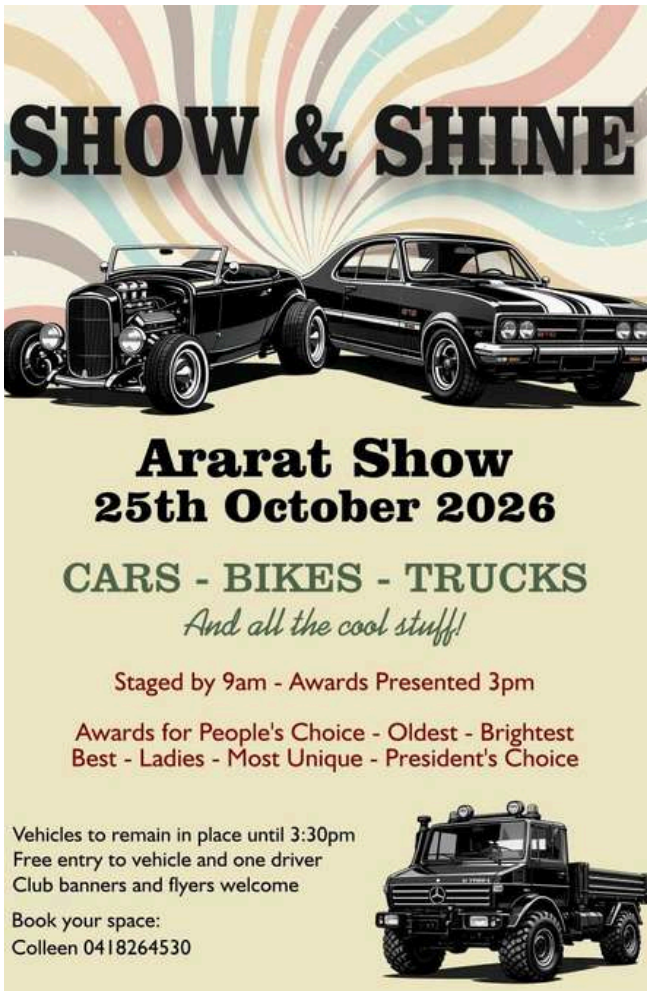


Community notices

BUS TIMETABLE

BUS #3: POMONAL & MOYSTON	
2:35 PM	Departs Pomonal Primary School
2:45 PM	Stops at Moyston General Store
3:05 PM	Arrives at Alexandra Oval Precinct
7:00 PM	Return bus departs Alexandra Oval Precinct

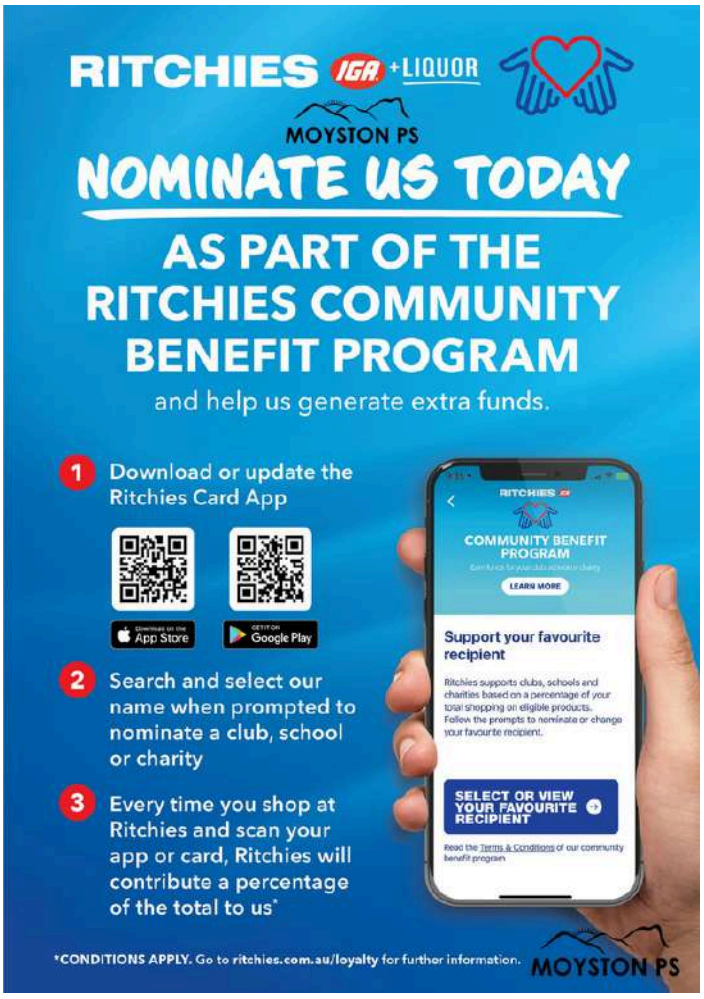
EVENT SCHEDULE

TIME	ACTIVITY / ATTRACTION	LOCATION
2:00 pm – 7:00 pm or until sold out	Food Trucks	Outdoors – Carpark, Entry Road & Oval
2:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Mechanical Bull Ride	Outdoors – Oval
2:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Tyron's Wildlife Encounters	Outdoors – Oval
2:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Mental Health, Fitness & Wellbeing Chillax Zone	Outdoors – Oval
2:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Outdoor Games Galore	Outdoors – Oval
2:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Footy Kick-to-Kick & Longest Kick Competition	Outdoors – Oval

EVENT SCHEDULE

TIME	ACTIVITY / ATTRACTION	LOCATION
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	SES Rescue Truck, 4WDs, Display Table & Board Games	Outdoors – Carpark / Entry Road
2:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Careers & Life Skills – Level Up Zone	Inside – Community Centre
2:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Life Skills – Car maintenance demonstration	Outdoors - Oval
2:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Face Painting & Hairspray Table	Mental Health, Fitness & Wellbeing Chillax Zone
2:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Security & Crowd Controllers – Safety and Support	Across the Event Site
4:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Live Music, Karaoke, Drumming Demonstration & General Jam Session	Inside – Community Centre

Notices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PREP 2027
TRANSITION DATES
Wednesday 14th October 2.00pm – 3.20pm
Wednesday 28th October 2.00pm – 3.20pm
Wednesday 11th November 1.00pm – 3.20pm
Wednesday 25th November 8.50am – 11.35am
Wednesday 2nd December 8.50am – 11.35am
Tuesday 8th December 8.50am – 3.20pm (statewide transition day)
Please visit our website for current newsletters, enrolment forms and our information book.
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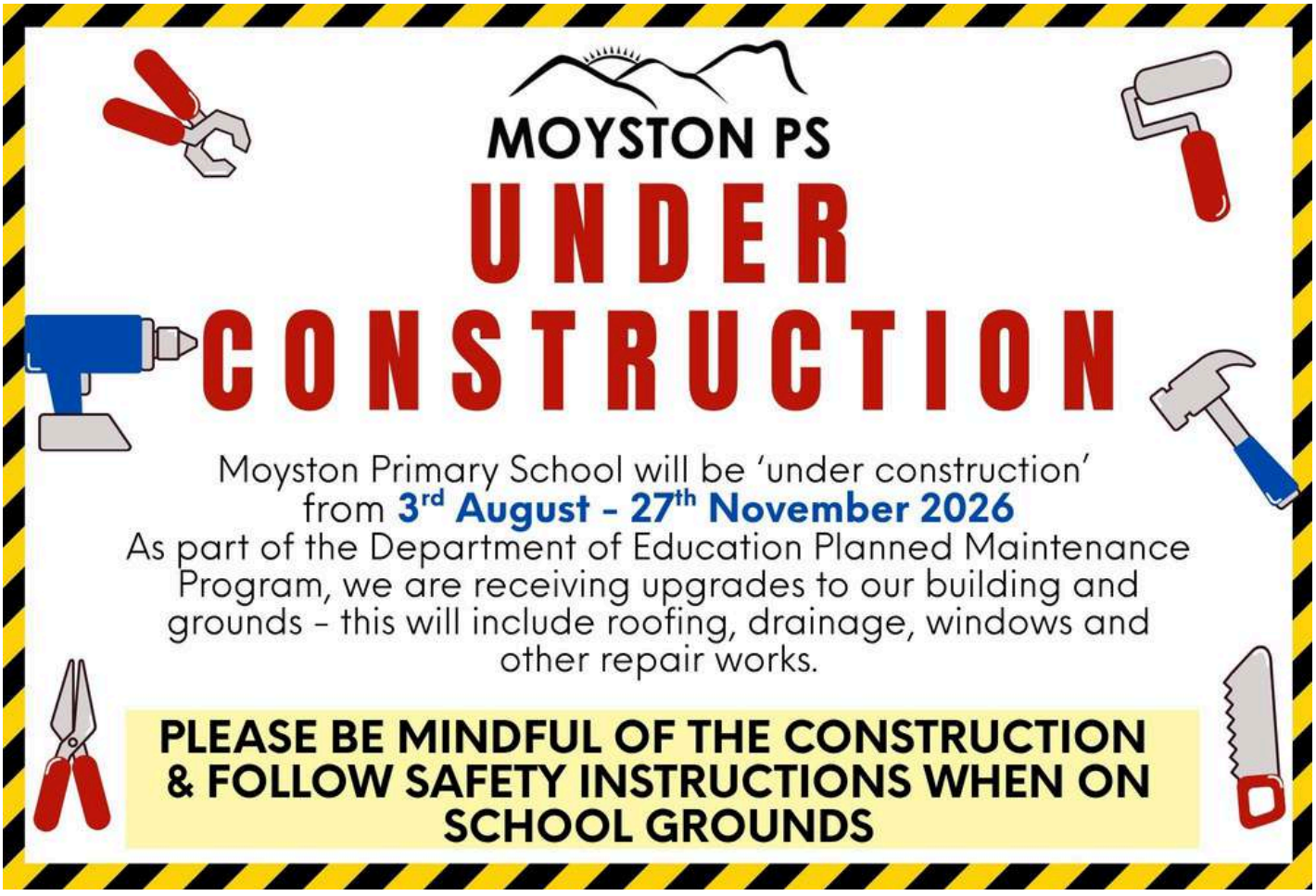
MOYSTON PS
UNDER CONSTRUCTION
Moyston Primary School will be 'under construction' from 3rd August - 27th November 2026
As part of the Department of Education Planned Maintenance Program, we are receiving upgrades to our building and grounds - this will include roofing, drainage, windows and other repair works.
PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THE CONSTRUCTION & FOLLOW SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS WHEN ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

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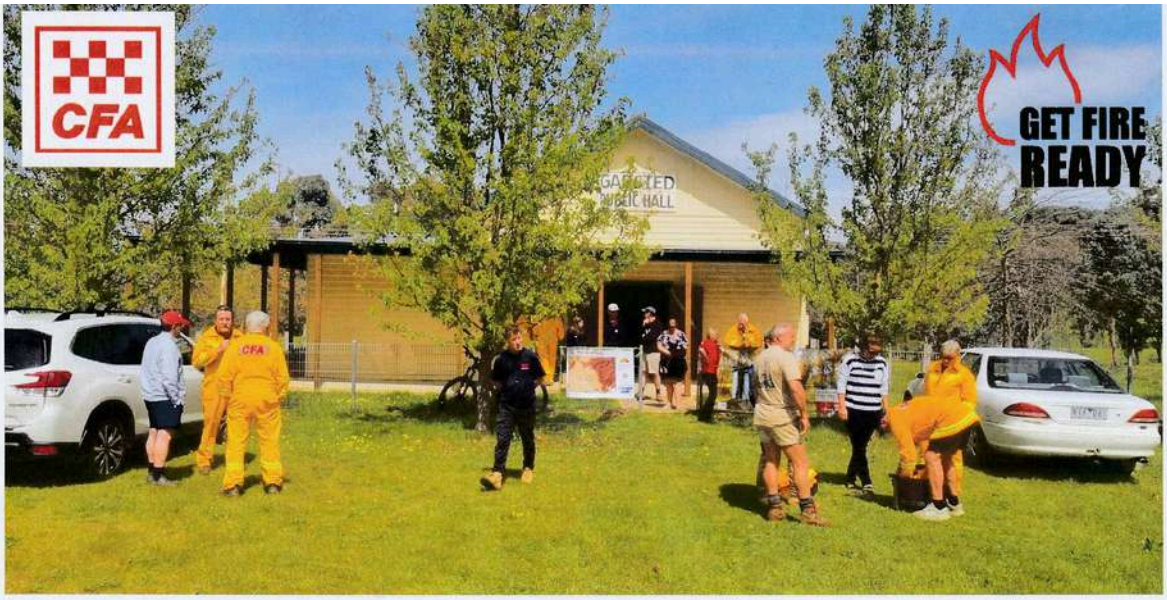

Get Fire Ready this October

Talk to us about preparing your property ahead of the fire season

DATE: Friday, 23 October 2026

TIME: 5:30pm - 7:30pm

LOCATION: Moyston CFA Fire Station

Join us at our Open Day!
Learn how to prepare for the upcoming fire season, meet our volunteer firefighters, explore the fire trucks, kids activities included!

Moyston PS Official Account **BSB** 063 500 **ACCOUNT NUMBER** 1004 3733

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Annual Report to School Community
www.moystonps.vic.edu.au/policies
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