



MOULAMEIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

2017 Term 4 Week 2 Newsletter

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Hot Weather

SLIP SLOP SLAP SEEK ad SLIDE!

Warm weather is about to begin and it is important that students are prepared for the heat. Time to ensure that your child is wearing their hat and sunscreen! Some students are already running out of water on warmer days and they are able to fill up their water bottles if required. Make sure your child has a big enough bottle and is easy to refill.

Slip on clothes that cover as much skin as possible.

Slop on broad spectrum, water resistant SPF 30 or higher sunscreen.

Slap on a broad brimmed hat or one that covers your head, face, neck and ears.

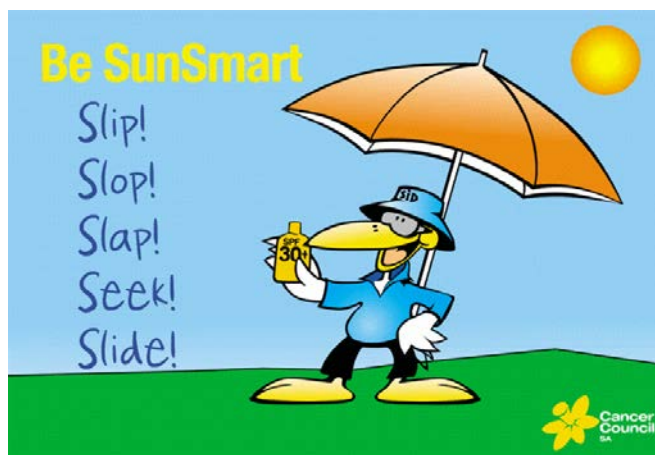
Seek shade, particularly over the middle of the day when UV is highest.

Slide on close fitting sunglasses.



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

Principal Message



Kindergarten Transition Days

This term we will also be having three transitions mornings to introduce our **2018 Kindergarten** students to our school from 9-11.30am. These transition dates are November 2nd, 16th & 23rd. Information regarding transition will be given to relevant families shortly.

Attendance

At Moulamein Public School, our attendance is something that we are trying to improve. Learning relies upon a consistent approach and turning up each day for further learning.

Please be aware that if your child is absent, the school must receive an explanation within 7 days after the absence. If no reason is received the absence will be marked as “unjustified”. This is a requirement set down by the NSW Department of Education. It is also expected that students attend the last day of each term. If your child is not at school, they are not to enter the school grounds unless they are preparing to stay. Students should not be skating around the fence on a school day and waiting at the gates to play with attending students. If your child is not attending school they must remain in your care. Thank you for your assistance.

Swim Scheme



Our school will once again be running the School Swimming Scheme this term. The scheme is supported by the NSW Department of Education and provides substantial subsidy to the school. This enables us to offer some students the opportunity to participate in a basic life-saving swimming program. Not all students from K-6 will participate and it is important to remember that our swim scheme cannot replace swimming lessons offered at town leisure centres and professional swimming centres. These lessons offer students the chance to learn lifesaving skills and are always timely with the commencement of summer just around the corner.

Selective High School Applications for 2019

Selective high schools cater for the specific needs of high achieving gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. We let all parents know about these

opportunities, even though we do have any close to Moulamein Public School. Selective schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Parents apply when the student is in Year 5. The students sit the test in March of Year 6.

To be considered for placement students must sit the Selective High School Placement Test. For information about applying and the placement process go to

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

Some selective high schools have vacancies in Years 8 to 12. Applications open in late June for placement the following year.

Parent Survey for the School Plan

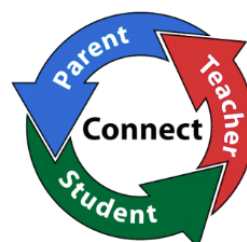
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Next week, we will send home a combined survey for parents to complete to assist us with our three year planning of our School Management Plan. The survey asks for input from you and your child regarding three things you love about Moulamein Public School and three things you would like to see happen at Moulamein Public School. I will be asking what programs you value. Remember this is your school and your feedback and ideas are essential to the continued growth and success of MPS. We need your input. Please take the 10 minutes to fill this out and return to the school. The survey will be confidential and will not ask for your name. Please return in the supplied sealed envelope to the office.

Jennie Wilson

Principal



Message from Miss Fay

Term 4 is off to a flying start for Years 2 and 3. I was eager to hear of all the students school holiday adventures and pleased to see that not one has returned with a broken bone!

Students started by writing a recount of their school holidays after some modelled examples. **Colby** told of his camping adventures and **Baxter** of his trip to the Swan Hill Show – I'm glad I didn't have to face off against him on the bumper cars!

Rhys enjoyed his move out to his new farm where he has plenty of room to ride his motorbike and **Archie** had a great time with his Dad and brothers goat mustering near Balranald.

Meg celebrated her birthday with an awesome party and loved her trip to Pioneer Settlement where she is a WANTED CRIMINAL for being pesky to her parents. **Faith** and **Sophie** both had the best time at Meg's party and loved playing pin the horn on the unicorn.

Clem had a sleep over at **Henry's** in the holidays (because, they told me with much enthusiasm, they are BFFs)...How I would have loved to be a fly on the wall for that experience! **Jason** enjoyed a trip to Sydney to visit family and tried hoverboarding for the first time!

Jennifer enjoyed playing at the park with her sisters and cousins during the break and **Jie Ann** had a great trip to Bendigo visiting her Aunty there.

All 2/3 students did a fantastic job of writing their recounts and I had to laugh out loud at some – there are certainly some impressive story tellers in the classroom (who possibly like to embellish the odd tale to make it a little more grand)!

Term 4 will be another busy term full of new learning and fun activities.

In **Numeracy** students will complete mini maths workshops on all topics before completing summative assessments. Last week students looked at both Whole Number and Length and did well in their assessments. We will continue playing times tables games each numeracy session, as well as complete challenges, to build multiplication skills and automatic recall of facts.

As students loved reading **James and the Giant Peach** last term, we will start another Roald Dahl book and complete comprehension activities – using the here, hidden, head formula – that are related to each chapter.



Students are nearing the end of the **LIPI program** and will complete revision with related spelling activities and challenges for the rest of the year. They continue to thrive in this program and their handwriting is looking beautiful.

Each Monday Mrs Wilson, along with Miss Midson and myself, will run writing workshops focusing on narrative for Term 4. Over the following days we will complete related writing activities in the classroom based around the workshop lesson.

Our reading groups will continue to run with the major focus of comprehension continuing this term.

Students will also be completing typing games to up their keyboard skills in preparation for an ICT focus in 2018.

On top of this we have an excursion (Years 3 & 4), fitness program, singing, dancing and end of year activities to fit in! It's going to be a very busy but successful term across all classrooms.

As always, the 2/3 classroom is continually open for parents and friends to pay a visit and see what we're up to.

I look forward to reporting back to you with more news from the 2/3 room soon.

- **Miss Lucy Fay**