



# MOULAMEIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## Upcoming Events

13 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation Night – 5:30 start, BBQ dinner to follow</li></ul>
15 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Volunteers Morning Tea</li></ul>
15 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pool Party</li></ul>
16 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Last Day for Students</li></ul>
19 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff Development Day</li></ul>
<b>2017</b>	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff Development Day (no students)</li></ul>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 1 – 6 Students return</li></ul>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kindergarten students begin</li></ul>

## Principal's Message

### Final Wongi

As I sit to write this week's Wongi I am finding it hard to believe it is the last one for the year. It only feels like yesterday we were starting Term 4 and yet here we are 10 weeks later. As always, the last week of school is jammed packed with events. It started last night with the Year 6 Graduation Dinner and will continue with End of Year Presentation tonight, Christmas Scripture Wednesday, Swimming Thursday and finally a fun Craft and Tabloid day on Friday.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support in 2016. Staff, students and the P&C have all been wonderful. I am also greatly indebted to Catherine Peach from Barham Public School for taking on a large portion of the administrative burden this job entails. I would not have made it through the year without her support.

Next year we will have our new principal Mrs Jennie Wilson in place. She will bring new ideas and expertise to our school that I believe will be refreshing. I know Mrs Wilson is excited about her appointment and has already started planning for 2017. Next Monday, staff will join with her via VC to put in place staffing arrangements and program directions for Term 1.

Have a safe and enjoyable festive season.

### Graduation Dinner

Last night family and staff came together to farewell our four Year 6 students as they near the end of their primary school journey. It was an opportunity for students to reflect on their time here at Moulamein Public School and for the parents and staff to be proud of the wonderful young people they have become.

Thank you to our Year 5 students for hosting the evening, and to Julie Skipsey for the lovely meal.



Both Miss Fay and myself had some advice for our graduates in the form of inspirational quotes:

*“You have brains in your head.  
You have feet in your shoes.  
You can steer yourself in any  
Direction you choose.  
You’re on your own.  
And you know what you know.  
You are the guy who’ll decide where  
to go.*

*Dr Seuss*

### *The Five W’s of Life*

*Who you are is what makes you  
special. Don’t change for anyone.  
What lies ahead will always be a  
mystery. Don’t be afraid to explore.  
When life pushes you over, you push  
back harder.  
Where there are choices to make,  
make the one you won’t regret.  
Why things happen will never be  
certain. Take it in stride and move  
forward.*





### **Volunteers Morning Tea**

A reminder, that our 'Volunteers Morning Tea' will be held in the Green Room, this Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December, commencing at 11am. An invitation is extended to our school and classroom helpers, as well as our community volunteers.



### **Christmas Scripture**

Miss Jacque Crawford will be joining us on Wednesday for Christmas Scripture. Jacque will be explaining the Christmas story and singing some songs with us. We will be acknowledging that Christmas is a Christian celebration and that other religions in the world do not celebrate Christmas.

If parents would like to find out more about the session, please call the school and ask to speak to me.

### **Pool Party**

On Thursday, students will complete their final swimming program assessment. Following this, all students will be involved in free water play. Everyone will need to bring bathers and towel on Thursday.



### **School Trip Subsidy Changes**

We have been advised by Transport for NSW that "From 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016, the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy will be progressively phased out and replaced by the School Drive Subsidy. The deadline for new applications for the existing PVC subsidy is 20 December 2016."

If you would like to find out more information, you can go to the following website: [transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive](http://transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive).

Alternatively, call at the school and pick up a brochure

### **End of Year Dates**

The last day of school for students is **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. Details regarding some fun activities to be held in our last week will be announced next week.

Staff will be at school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of December for a Staff Development and Planning Day. This will be the last official day for 2016.

### **Mosquito Borne Infections**

Please see flyer in Wongi from the Department of Health.

*Cathy Mertz*  
Acting Principal



### **Presentation Night**

Our End of Year Presentation Night is tonight, commencing at 5:30pm at the town hall. Students are asked to be at the hall by 5:15pm and will need to be in school uniform.

A BBQ dinner will follow the presentation at the school. Let's hope the weather forecast is not quite as bad as predicted!

### **Christmas Sleigh Raffle**

Thank you to everyone who has donated goods for the P&C Christmas Sleigh raffle. It will be drawn at the end of tonight's presentation.



## Around the Classrooms

Last week the K/1/2 class focused on the story of *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer* as part of their end of year Christmas activities with Miss Fay. They designed and made Rudolph masks using their hands as stencils for antlers. Students also decorated cupcakes to look like Rudolph for an afternoon treat.

