

MOULAMEIN PUBLIC SCHOOL



2017 Term 1 Week 3 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

10 th February	▪ 1st Day of Canteen
14 th February	▪ P&C AGM 7pm School VC Room
17 th February	▪ Small School Swimming Carnival at the Swan Hill Pool
3 rd March	▪ District Swimming Carnival, Swan Hill

School Times

- **8.45 – 9am** **In class reading**
(parents are encouraged to come and listen to students in the infants block)
- **11 – 11.30am** **Recess**
- **1 – 1.45pm** **Lunch**
- **3pm** **End of day**

Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2017 school year! My name is Jennie Wilson and I am proud to be the new Principal at Moulamein Public School. I feel very honoured to be in this position and appreciate the warm welcome I have received from the community, parents, staff and students at Moulamein Public School.

As a school we extend a friendly welcome to our new students and their families, especially our new Kindergarten students. It was fantastic to see their smiling and excited faces arriving at school today. We look forward to teaching and working with the Kindergarten students and I'm certain they will enjoy their time at our wonderful school.

While this is our second week back (for teachers), it is actually NSW Term 1 Week 3. To accurately align with schools across our State, we need to date all activities according to the NSW Term Planner – so we are now in Term 1 Week 3.

I am sure students have enjoyed their summer break and are now ready to engage in the exciting educational programs teachers have planned.

Students are now settled into their classes for 2017 and are working hard and focused in lessons already. I can already see that our school has dedicated, talented and an enthusiastic staff. Our aim is to deliver differentiated learning programs across the curriculum for all students. Personally, I am passionate about literacy and teaching students to become fluent, expressive and confident readers. I am also zealous about Creative Arts and Science, so I look forward to planning workshops in these areas for students at our school in the future.

Class Structures

Monday to Thursday

9.00-1.00

Kindergarten & Year 1: Mrs Wilson (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) & Mrs Mertz (Thursday).

Year 2/ 3: Miss Fay

Year 4/ 5/ 6: Miss Midson,

2.00-3.00

K/1/2: Mrs Wilson (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) Mrs Metz (Thursday), Miss Fay (Tuesday)

Year 3/4/5/6: Miss Midson (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday), Miss Fay (Thursday).

Friday

9.00 -3.00

K/1/2: Mrs Wilson

Year 3/4/5/6: Miss Midson & Miss Fay



Sport

Friday will continue be our Sport day and students are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and appropriate school uniform for easy movement.

Library

Mrs Gibson will be taking Library on a Friday and completing library administrative tasks.

Support Staff

Mrs Colleen Wilson, School Administration Manager (SAM) supports staff and students in her role in the office. She is very knowledgeable and we appreciate her commitment to our school.

Moulamein Public school is also extremely fortunate to have the expertise of our support staff. They play an integral part in helping teachers deliver educational programs that cater to individuals. This year they include Mrs Jager, Mrs Gorey, Michelle Buckley and Miss Munro.

Rangi Needham, our General Assistant (GA) is again supporting our school with minor maintenance and gardening.

Swimming Carnival

Splish! Splash! Our Small Schools Swimming Carnival with Wakool Burraboi and Clare Public Schools' will be held on the 17th February at Moulamein. The District Carnival will be held in Swan Hill on Friday, 3rd March. Students who are turning 8 this year may attend and participate in events if they are able to swim 50 metres safely. We will need parent volunteers for the smooth running of the carnival. If you are able to assist on the day, please contact the school and let us know.

School Office Hours

The school office will be closed on Wednesdays. When the office is not open, the telephone is diverted to our mobile number, which will be checked during break times 11.00-11.30am & 1.00-1.45pm and again just prior to 3:00pm – *please leave a message.*

Where possible, on an unmanned office day, parents are asked to notify the school of any variation to end of day routines via a written note to the class teacher in the morning. Telephone messages may not be received in time to deliver a message to a child prior to 3.00pm.

Wongi Messages

Wongi messages can be emailed directly to moulameinwongi@hotmail.com or dropped into the school during office hours on days when the office is manned.

Visitors to the School

Anyone entering the school premises must **SIGN IN** and **SIGN OUT** so that we know who is on premises at all times. This is a *Child Protection* and *Work Health & Safety* requirement.

A 'visitor' is anyone entering our school grounds, including parents delivering items to children, parents picking or dropping off students, parent volunteers, community members, tradesmen and sales persons.

Sign In & Out at the school office or, on the day the office is unmanned, follow directions posted on the office door. Thank you for your cooperation.

Arrival Times

Any student arriving to school late (approximately 10min or more after bell) will need to **SIGN IN** at the office, and receive a **late notice** to hand to their class teacher. Teachers will direct students back to the office if a late slip has not been collected.

Students leaving school early will similarly need to **SIGN OUT**. Parents need to report to the office prior to collecting their child, and sign themselves **IN** and **OUT**, and collect a note to hand to the teacher when collecting their child. Please do not move directly to classrooms.

On the days the office is closed, Late Arrival / Early Departure slips can be obtained from the K/1 room.

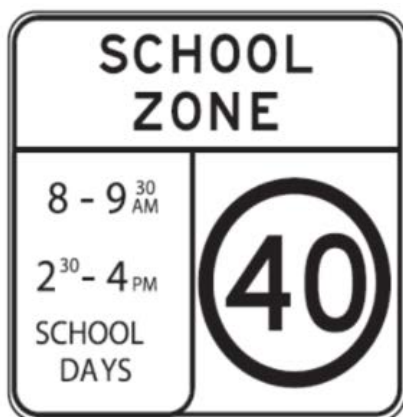
School Zones

40km/h speed zones operate on all NSW gazetted school days, whether you can see children or not.

Signs and white *Dragon Teeth* road markings indicate that a vehicle is entering a 40km/h speed zone.

In addition, our school has a flagged School Crossing that signals students may be crossing. This Crossing is manned in the afternoon but not in the mornings.

The bright orange flags are highly visible. Road users are asked to be especially vigilant with the commencement of the school year. We urge all drivers, riders and pedestrians to be *alert* and move safely and carefully on and along the road.



P&C AGM

The Parents and Citizens Association is a vital supporting body of our school. Their aim is to promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, pupils and teaching staff into close co-operation. They assist in providing equipment required by the school, subsidising excursions and school programs and providing financial assistance for staffing where needed. **Please consider coming along to their AGM on Tuesday 14th February commencing at 7pm** in the VC room adjacent to the office. They meet twice a term, Week 3 and Week 7, and would welcome any new members.

School Gates

Parents and community members may have noticed that entry gates into the school have been fitted with a chain and clip lock. This arrangement is necessary as part of an individual Student Safety Plan. Gates must be secured with the clips at all times. Your support in this matter is vital and greatly appreciated.



Jennie Wilson
Principal

Kindergarten 2017

