



MOULAMEIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Upcoming Events

16 th March	PSSA Football Trials, Leeton
28 th March	PSSA Netball Trials, Griffith
18 th – 19 th August	DATE CHANGE! 150 Year School celebrations

Principal's Message

Thank you to the Rural Fire Service

I just wanted to acknowledge the Rural Fire Service for its very fast response to our evacuation a few weeks ago. They were on site within a matter of minutes to ensure our safety and to assess the situation. As a newcomer to town, I am consistently impressed with the number of roles people have within our small community. Thank you.

Assembly

Our first assembly was held last week on Friday. Our Captain, Ethan as well as Connor and Tyler, our Vice Captains, were presented with their badges after reciting the school leadership pledge. They are already doing an outstanding job within our school! We are very proud of their efforts and the level of responsibility they are displaying on a daily basis at school.

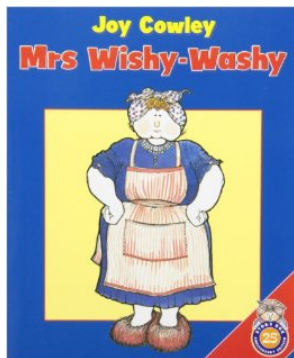


Week 7 Award winners Colby, Jie Ann, Kye, Ethan, Georgie, Hope, Fletcher and Sophie

Students in Kindergarten and Year 1 read one of their favourite books, Mrs Wishy-Washy to our audience. I was really impressed with their fluency, expression and phrasing! To access this book on You Tube, students can use the following link at home:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxmFDa9zdNM>



Date Changed!

150th School Anniversary

August 18th - 19th

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will need to change the date for our 150th School Anniversary. We apologise for any inconvenience. You will find attached a sheet with the itinerary for this special event. Next week, I will be asking for volunteers in the community to help with particular jobs. A job list will be published and we would appreciate as many volunteers as we can get from our community. I would like to thank the P & C already, as they have already volunteered to cater throughout the weekend. This is a special event for the entire town, so we need support from our community to ensure our plans go ahead.

Music Room Make-Over! Vinyl Records STILL WANTED



In preparation for an unused room becoming a permanent music room, we are seeking to transform it into an inspirational learning environment ready for lessons. We are looking for about 20-30 vinyl records that we could use as part of a wall display. I was able to pick up a few on the weekend at an Op shop in Swan Hill. But a few more would be great! If you are able to donate any records or unused instruments, please drop them off to the front office during office hours. You may even have some music posters that you no longer want!

The make-over has already started! Thank you to Logan and Jesse Wilson for volunteering to help with this. Miss Midson will also be using some of her fabulous crafty expertise to add further decorations to the room. I have order some fantastic posters for a "Rock and Roll Hall of Fame". We have gathered the school's existing instruments and the room is starting to come together!

Canberra Excursion

Our Year 5/6 students are invited to attend the Canberra/ Snowy Mountains Excursion with Barham Public school. The dates will be the 18th-22nd of September, which is the last week in Term 3. Costing and more information is to follow in weeks ahead. Excursion payments will need to be finalised before they take place. Deposits will also need to be made to secure a place on the excursion. Looks like an amazing experience for students! A teacher from Moulamein PS will be escorting the students.

The School Crossing

A number of parents and community members use our school crossing, but others walk their children across the road out of the safety zone. We encourage everyone to use our crossing to safely cross the road in front of our students and with their children in the morning and afternoon. Our school crossing operates just before and after school hours, as well as other



times such as school excursions. They are highlighted by red flags with the words **children crossing** on them. When the flags are displayed you must slow down and stop before the stop line if a pedestrian is on or entering the crossing. You must not proceed until all pedestrians have left the crossing. You must not stop on or within 20 metres before or 10 metres after, a children's crossing. Please walk your children across the road, using the crossing to encourage safe habits.

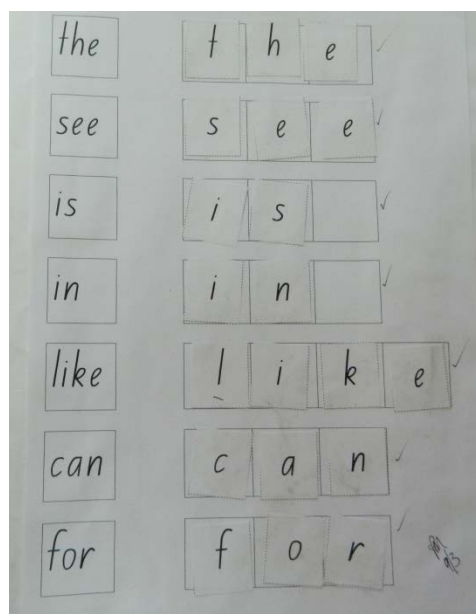
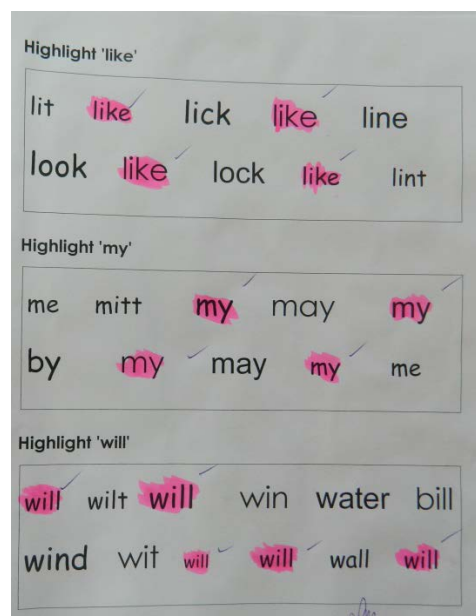
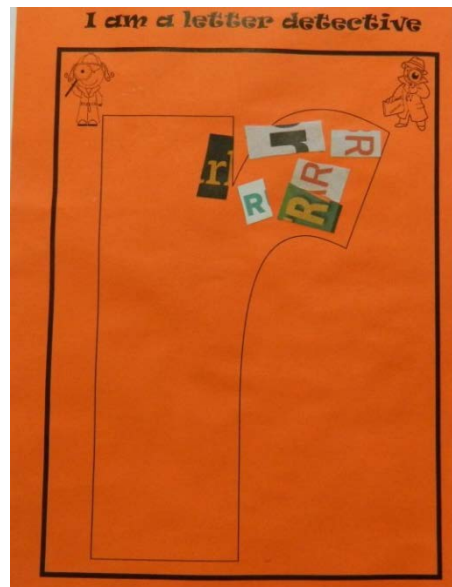
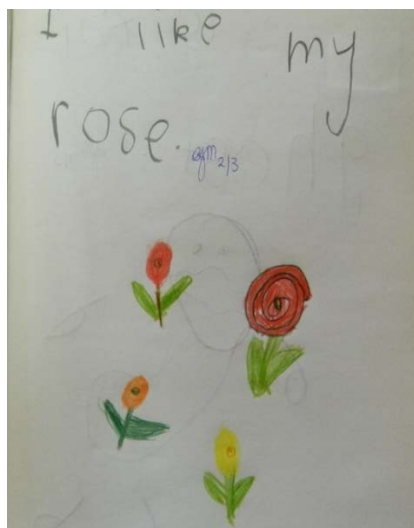
Damage to our School Fence

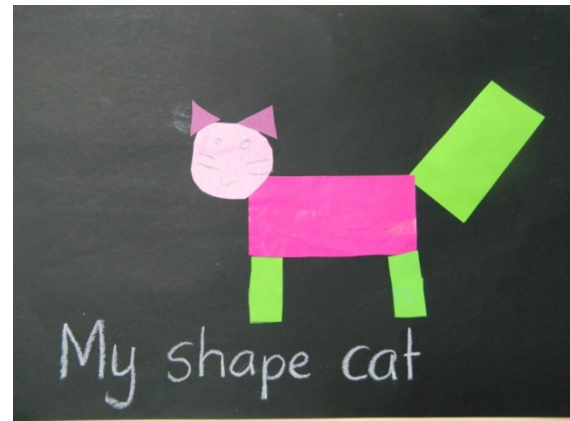
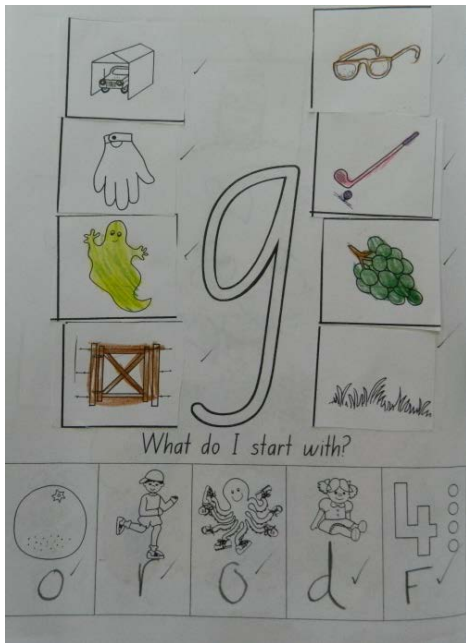
Over the weekend, a few panels of our school fence close to the bridge were damaged. One panel was entirely broken off. If you notice any vandalism to our beautiful school during or after hours, please call the police and let the school know. School funds need to be reallocated to pay for any unnecessary damage.

Jennie Wilson
Principal

Thursdays in the Kinder/Year 1 Room

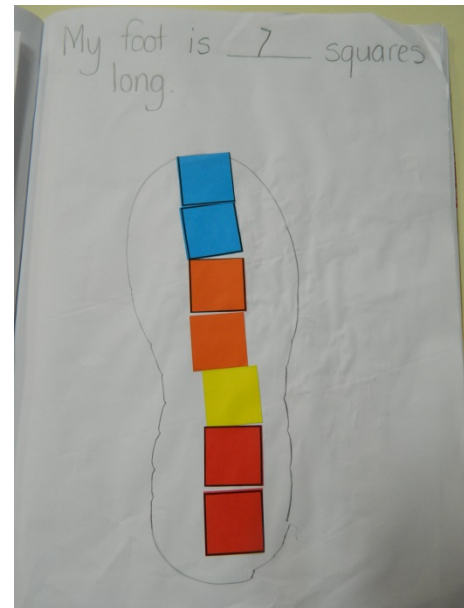
On Thursdays, Mrs Mertz is the teacher in the Kinder/Year 1 Room. We start the day by reviewing the names and sounds of the letters of the alphabet. Then we try to guess what the letter of the day will be as Mrs Mertz slowly reveals it. We focus on how the lips are positioned when making the letter's sound, and learn how to write the letter following the correct formation. After watching a clip related to the letter of the day and discussing words that begin with that sound, we then move into our literacy rotations. Small groups engage in a range of activities aimed at developing skills in sentence writing, reading and writing sight words, listening for the beginning sound in words and practising writing our letter of the day. Here are some examples of our work:





Pictures using 2D Shapes

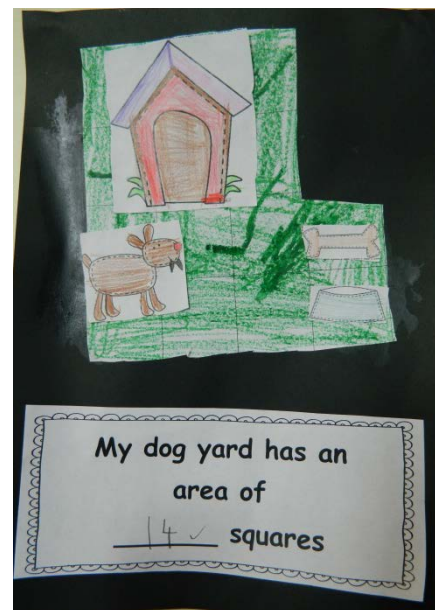
After recess, it is time for some hands on Maths. Thursday is the day we look at the measurement or space and geometry strands, so our lessons involve lots of trial and error investigating and problem solving. Here are some of the fun things we have done as part of our learning:



Working out the length of our foot with uniform informal units



Finding 2D Shapes in our classroom



Designing a yard for a dog and calculating the area it takes up



Investigating the capacity of three different containers to determine which would be the best water bowl for a thirsty pet

After lunch the Year 2 students join us for PD/Health. So far this Term we have been looking at ways to be safe at school. We have started a Safety Book which explains why it is important to be safe in different areas of our school. Here are some of the reasons we have discussed:



In the classroom we walk so that we don't trip over and hurt ourselves or someone else.

In the classroom we sit on chairs properly so that we don't fall off and hurt ourselves or someone else.

In the classroom we pack away equipment when we have finished with it so that no one trips over it.

In the playground we walk on cement and around corners so that we don't fall over or crash into people.



In the playground we walk up and down stairs one at a time so that we don't trip over and hurt ourselves.

In the playground we sit down at the lunch tables so that we don't fall off the seats and hurt ourselves.

When our book is finished we will move on to a new unit that focuses on the different ways we learn. We will discuss the feelings associated with easy and challenging learning tasks and discover how we need to go into the 'Learning Pit' in order to learn something new.

