

MOULAMEIN PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Upcoming Events

18 th – 19 th August	150 Year School celebrations
6 th April	Multi-Cultural Day
7 th April 12.30-1.00	School Assembly
18 th -22 nd September	Year 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion
26 th April	First Day of Term 2

Principal's Message

Reading over the Holidays

Our K/1 Students are making fantastic progress in reading. Students often drop reading levels over the holidays. We will send home extra readers for the holidays for students to maintain daily reading habits in K/1. Please look after our readers and ensure they all return. Reading over the break has numerous benefits and we also strongly encourage students to keep learning their sight words. Sight word knowledge definitely improves your child's ability to read. Keep reading each day K/1!

Small Schools Cross Country

We will run the cross country for all students turning 8 years old and over on Friday the 5th of May, which is Week 2. Students have been practising every Tuesday and Wednesday. Thanks to Mrs Mertz, we will have a new track for students to run. Can I urge you to encourage your children to run and not give up. It's only by giving something our best that we can assess our potential. Students under 8 years of age, will join the carnival around midday to run their own race in the afternoon. Please ensure that students have enough food and drinks for the day.

Multi-cultural Day- 6th April

On Thursday, all students will be split into multi-stage groups from 9.00-1.00 to participate in multi-cultural activities. These activities will link to the Creative Arts Syllabus and may include Easter craft too. This will be a fantastic way to end the term and increase the students' knowledge and understanding of different cultures and traditions. A multicultural day is an opportunity to enhance cultural awareness and to remind people of the similarities and differences among cultures.



School Assembly

On the last day of school, Friday 7th April, we will hold a school assembly from 12.30-1.00. All parents are welcome to stay for lunch after the assembly. Students are welcome to also take their parents into our lovely classrooms after assembly to look at work on display. Don't forget to visit the school office and view some of the artworks now hanging throughout the building.

150th Celebrations

Sponsors and Volunteers

We thank the community members that have volunteered to help with our 150th Celebrations. In our next Wongi addition, we will publish and thank those businesses and people who have contacted our school. We are still looking for businesses or families to sponsor our Tree.

Accommodation

If you would like your accommodation business added to our facebook page for the 150th celebrations please contact the school.

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. **Please pay the deposit by the end of this week.** Excursion payments will need to be finalised before they take place. Looks like an amazing experience for students! A teacher from Moulamein PS will be escorting the students.

Office Hours- Reminder

Unfortunately, our school office is not open every day. This decision from the NSW Department of Education is based on the number of students enrolled into our school. Unless we have more than 51 students we are not entitled to a full-time office manager. As a result, our office is closed every Wednesday and every second Thursday. During these days, it is not always possible for the phone to be answered as all staff are teaching. During recess and lunch, we are also on playground duty. Messages can be left, but they will not always be checked in break times due to playground duty. Messages regarding change of routine for the end of day will be checked just

before the 3pm bell. I will endeavour to return all phone calls in the afternoon or the following day regarding all non-urgent matters.

Thank you to Ted Morton!

Ted Morton from Xavier College completed his work experience last week at MPS. We welcomed Ted into our Year 2/3 morning class and he was a fantastic help. We thank Ted for helping in our classrooms. The students enjoyed his company and he was a pleasure to have at our school.

Dragonfly Garden Sculptures

We would like to make some garden sculptures out of recycled materials to help decorate our brick walls within our cement quadrangle. We are looking for the following donations for art workshops in Term 2:

- Turned wooden table legs
- Ceiling Fan blades

Donations can be left at the front office.



ANZAC Day

This year ANZAC day falls at the beginning of Term 2. Students wishing to join the school for the town's ANZAC day march will need to assemble at the Business Centre by 10:45am ANZAC day morning in full school uniform. Senior students will conduct the official service upon arrival at the triangle.

School Holidays

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday! I would like to thank the amazing staff at Moulamein Public School, students, families and community members for the warm welcome my family and I have received since moving to Moulamein. Our teachers and students have worked really hard during the first Term and we have some amazing programs coming up for our great school. We will see you all bright and early on the first day back! The first day back for students will be the Wednesday 26th of April.

Jennie Wilson
Principal

Around the Classrooms

Students in Years 2 and 3 have been studying the literature by Mem Fox. In week 9 and 10 students have been reading and enjoying *The Magic Hat*, a charming tale of enchantment and chaos (not too dissimilar to our classroom sometimes...)! Students have collaboratively re-written the story about a magical wizard's hat that causes havoc wherever it lands, using the rhyming style and similar content to create a story.

The Magic Hat

By Year 2/3, in collaboration with Miss Fay,
adapted from Mem Fox's *The Magic Hat*

One fine day, in Moulamein Public School 2/3
room,
Without any warning at all,
There appeared a magic hat.

Oh the magic hat, the magic hat.
It moved like this, it moved like that.
It fluttered it flew.
It spun and got hairier.
And land on the head of a little fox terrier.
By Baxter



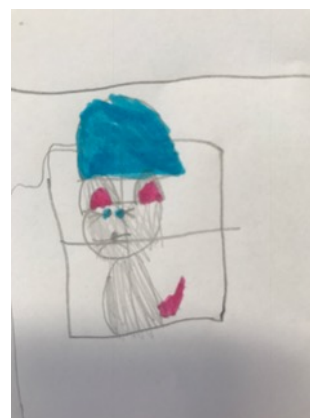
Oh the magic hat, the magic hat.
It moved like this, it moved like that.
It fluttered it flew.
It crawled up a pant.
And landed on the head of a tiny bull ant.
By Clem



Oh the magic hat, the magic hat.
It moved like this, it moved like that.
It fluttered, it flew.
And it hit some air.
And landed on the head of a show-off bear!
By Colby



Oh the magic hat, the magic hat.
It moved like this, it moved like that.
It fluttered, it flew.
And my, oh my!
And it landed on the head of a beautiful butterfly.
By Jason



Oh the magic hat, the magic hat.
It moved like this, it moved like that.
It fluttered it flew, it spun and leapt over a hurdle.
And landed on the head of a slow turtle.
By Jie Ann

Oh the magic hat, the magic hat.
It moved like this, it moved like that.
It fluttered it flew.
It flew through a house.
And landed on the head of a cute little mouse.
By Sophie

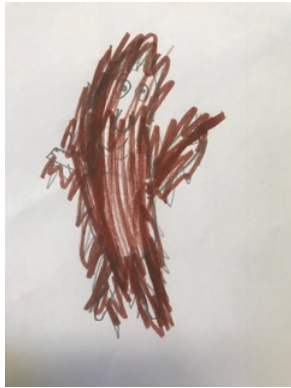


Oh the magic hat, the magic hat.
 It moved like this, it moved like that.
 It fluttered, it flew.
 I don't know what it meant.
 And landed on the head of a gigantic
 elephant!

By Henry

Oh the magic hat, the magic hat.
 It moved like this, it moved like that.
 It fluttered, it flew.
 It danced awfully funky!
 And it landed on a funny monkey.

By Archie



Oh the magic hat, the magic hat.
 It moved like this, it moved like that.
 It spun and spun and said "Ha-ha, sooky lala!"
 And sat on the head of a cute and tiny
 Chihuahua!

By Chloe



Oh the magic hat, the hat.
 It moved like this, it moved like that.
 It fluttered, it flew.
 It ran a hot bath.
 And landed on the head of a little calf.

By Faith



Oh the magic hat, the magic hat.
 It moved like this, it moved like that.
 It fluttered through the air.
 It fluttered through a house.
 And landed on a head of a cute little mouse.
 By Meg



Oh the magic hat, the magic hat.
 It moved like this, it moved like that.
 It fluted it flew.
 It was as loud as a Hino
 And sat on the head of a humongous rhino.
 By Rhys



And then...

With a skip,
 And then, with a hop.
 There appeared Mrs Wilson,
 With a sign that said STOP!
 So everyone stopped. And stared in surprise!
 At the wonderful Principal, with sparkling
 eyes.
 Who took from her bag, with a nod and a
 wink.
 A ruler that she waved – and what do you
 think?
 The foxy, the bull ant, the calf and the bear,
 And all the other animals just stopped to
 stare!
 Mrs Wilson turned them back into Year 2/3
 students - all dazed and confused!
 Watched by all the other school children, who
 were highly amused!
 While no one was looking, Mrs Wilson,
 meanwhile,
 Skipped back to her office, with a
 mischievous smile.
 And of course on her head was that fabulous
 hat.
 That made all the magic, wherever it sat.
 The end