

# MOULAMEIN PUBLIC SCHOOL



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## Upcoming Events

18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> August	150 Year School celebrations
18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Year 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion

## Principal's Message

As mentioned in last week's Wongi, I headed out to Clare Public School for three days to share some of the learning programs we have implemented into our classrooms this year to improve literacy. This was a great experience! I also love to support and share ideas with beginning teachers.

And if anyone was wondering ....there is definitely no motel or hotel to stay at. Colleen was correct!

There were plenty of emus to look at on the way and it was surprisingly green. I also stopped for sheep, cattle, wild goats and pigs. I took this photo about 15km south of Clare to send to my teacher friends on the coast.



We are hoping to invite Clare Public School to join us for more than sporting events in the near future. We offer many new and exciting learning opportunities at our school and have more creative arts workshops coming up shortly.

## National Reconciliation Week



Each year National Reconciliation Week (NRW) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) runs annually from 27 May – 3 June. These dates mark two milestones in Australia's reconciliation journey: The 1967 referendum and the historic Mabo decision, respectively.

In 2017, we reflect on two significant anniversaries in Australia's reconciliation journey

– 50 years since the 1967 referendum, and 25 years since the historic Mabo decision.

As we commemorate Reconciliation Week at our school our Year 2-6 students will be participating in the **Guringai Festival**. This will be an in-school excursion, delivered by video conferencing through the new and exciting NSW Department of Education and Communities Distance and Rural Technologies (DART).



This session is designed to engage and educate students in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community, Culture, Heritage and Arts through Connection to Country, language and dance. Students will learn about the importance of Reconciliation Week, Mabo Week, dance moves from Aboriginal dancers and significant language.

K/1 students will also be completing activities throughout the week, acknowledging and celebrating Reconciliation Week.

### 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Trees

**Thank you** to the community who have called about sponsoring our commemorative trees. We have finalised the price and notes will be sent to members of the public who indicated their interest. We look forward to planting a range of beautiful trees along our internal fence line.

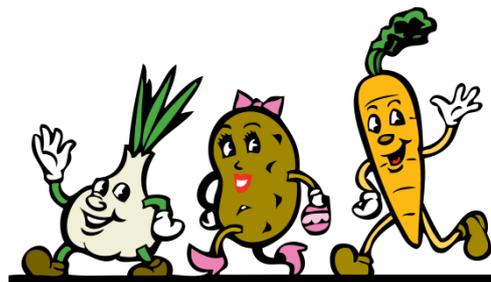
### LMBR

Due to LMBR (our new financial system) our office will be closed this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Colleen and I will be attending training in Deniliquin on these days and I will be attending on Friday. The answering machine will be taking messages. Please make arrangements with your children in the morning about how they are getting home. We cannot always take phone calls during these days, but the phone is checked at break times and after school. Sometimes we are not able to return your call until the next day.

### Canberra Excursion

A note to parents will go home at the end of this week to remind parents about Canberra excursion for students in Year 5 and 6. Parents are asked to pay for the excursion before the event. The initial deposit is now overdue. We are happy to accept small weekly payments on days the office is open. This will be a fantastic excursion for our students. We thank Barham Public School for inviting our students to join them. Miss Middson, our very dedicated teacher, will be attending with our students.

### Vegetable Patch Revival



This week K-2 are helping to revive our vegetable boxes on the river side of the school. We are planting winter vegetables and flowering plants. K-2 aim to use our science journals and technology to monitor and watch how plants change and grow over time. We are also hoping to plant the smaller boxes with succulents and other interesting plants. If you have any succulents or other interesting plants (maybe no cactus or anything prickly) you no longer want, we would be happy to accept them.

### Impressive K/1 Emus

This term K/1 are completing a unit of work on Australian animals in literacy and creative arts. Mrs Mertz did a great job in making these cute emus last week.



*Jennie Wilson*

**Principal**

