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## Upcoming Events

**3<sup>rd</sup> August**

**Education Week Open Day**

18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>  
August

150 Year School  
celebrations

## Enrolments for 2018

If you have a child that will be attending or eligible to attend school in 2018, could you please make contact with us.



## Principal's Message

### *What works best in education?*

We have had a busy start to the term! As teachers we are expected to legally complete and continue our professional learning throughout our career. As an experienced teacher, I am always keeping up to date with educational research to ensure that I understand what makes a difference in the classroom. As teachers, we are very self-reflective and always strive for best practice. Our commitment to education involves continually learning and improving.

Eryn Midson attended a Beginning Teacher Conference in Wagga Wagga. She described the conference as being "Fantastic!" which is great to hear. Networking with other teachers and sharing ideas is very beneficial when you are starting out in your career.

I attended a mandatory Principal Induction Conference in Sydney last week. The Secretary of Education, Mark Scott, attended and future directions of education were discussed in length. On top of the agenda was ways in which I can lead teaching and learning to improve student performance. This has been my focus since arriving at Moulamein Public School and I will continue to strive to do this for our community and families. Principal accountabilities have also changed and it was good to gain a clear understanding of these legalities.

So as a team, Moulamein Public School staff are very committed to providing value-added education each and every day.



## **Education Week 2017**

This year's theme is **I Learn, We Learn**. It is a celebration of our schools' commitment to ensuring:

### **System-wide improvement**

Every student, every teacher, every leader and every school will improve every year.

### **High expectations for all**

A culture of high expectations for our students and our educators set high standards, which leads to high achievement.

### **Personalised student learning**

By teaching to the strengths and needs of each individual, students will be better able to reach and exceed their potential.

### **Wellbeing**

Every student will be known, cared for and respected.

### **Creating stronger ties with local communities**

Parents and carers are our schools' partners in the education and wellbeing of each student. Partnerships with local businesses and industry create opportunities for our students to contribute to and thrive in society.

### **Our Education Week**

On Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2017, we will celebrate Education Week by inviting parents into our classrooms. Please note there is a slight change to the program.

**11.30-** Parents are invited to watch a lesson inside the classroom.

### ***What will I see in the Classroom?***

**K-3** classrooms will be participating in a LIPI lesson. This program has been implemented into the classroom this year to help improve phonic knowledge, spelling, handwriting, sentence structure and writing. Come and join your child in these two classrooms and see how fantastic the program is and how much our students enjoy these lessons!

**Year 3-6** will be participating in a writing lesson. As a school we have decided to focus on writing and teachers and students have been working hard to improve the use of vocabulary and knowledge of figurative language within descriptive texts. Come and watch how students use learning goals and success criteria in their writing lessons!

### **12.00- *Look what I can do!***

Parents are then invited back to look through their child's books and current work. This is a great way to see how much your child has improved in literacy and numeracy.

### **12.30 - School Assembly**

Our Director, Mr Troy Mott will be joining our school to present two special Education Week awards to two students in our school. We will also be awarding merit certificates and listening to students from each class present some work to the audience. You will also notice some of the great artworks in the Hall that have been completed during our Art Workshops in Term 2 when you enter for the assembly. This is just a teaser for our complete Art Exhibition that will be held as part of our 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations.

### **1.00- *Picnic Lunch!***

Parents and carers are also welcome to stay back with the students for a picnic lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided at the canteen. Please feel free to also visit the Music room!



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

Have you sent a RSVP for the event or dinner?

On Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of August we will finish our Anniversary celebration with a dinner at the Moulamein Community Hall, starting at 6.00pm. The cost will be \$20 per ticket for two-course meal. If you are interested in attending please let the school know by phoning the office. If you are aware of any visitors who will attend this event, please also let them know it is important that they contact the school book a ticket.



## Is your child away from school?



We must be provided with a reason why your child is not at school for any day or part of the day. Please send a note in ASAP or call the school. We are able to receive this information verbally. The Department of Education policy states that parents/carers have 7 days to provide a valid reason for absences. With our new system in our school, any unexplained absences will change to an unjustified absence after a week. Please be prompt with your correspondence.

## Lion's Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to Faith Russell and Tyler Alford for their outstanding effort and achievement in the Lion's Club Public Speaking competition held in Barham last week.



## District Athletics Carnival

Thank you to Cathy Mertz for assisting our team at Tooleybuc on Friday. We also needed a parent volunteer to also represent our school. Thank you to Brett Wilson for assisting in this (he may have had a gentle push). The most important part of this event though was our students and their outstanding effort throughout the day.

A special mention to Jacob for 1<sup>st</sup> place in Shot Put and 1<sup>st</sup> place to Max in High Jump. Placings also went to Jie Anne, Caleb and Meg.



## K/1/2 Excursion to Altina Wildlife Park

As you read in last week's Wongi, K/1/2 recently had a wonderful excursion to the Altina Wildlife Park at Darlington Point. Here are their thoughts about the excursion and the animals they enjoyed seeing:



Fallow Deer

I liked the park. I liked the fallow deer because they have nice ears.

*By Amy*





Waterbuck

Altina Wildlife Park is a fun and enjoyable place to go to. I liked seeing the fallow deer because they were cool. I also liked the waterbuck because it looked like it sat on a wet toilet seat.

*By Sophie*



Meerkat

The Wildlife Park was fun. The meerkat was running and it was funny.

*By Fletcher*

The Wildlife Park was lots of fun. The meerkats were cute .

*By Jazmyn*



White Rhino

I really liked Altina Wildlife Park; it is a good place for people to go to. I really liked the white rhinos because they are huge and strong.

*By Clem*

I liked the park because it had lots of animals. I liked the white rhino because it had horns.

*By Henry*

The Altina Wildlife Park was fun. I liked the rhino because it had a long and pointy horn.

*By Jason*



Marmoset Monkey

I loved the Altina Wildlife Park. I liked the marmoset monkey because it could climb up the fence.

*By Millie*



African Lion

I thought Altina Wildlife Park was great and I enjoyed it. I liked the African lions because they have sharp teeth and a big mane

*By Jie Ann*

I liked going to the Wildlife Park. I liked the lion because he had sharp claws.

*By Hope*



Giraffe

The Altina Wildlife Park was fun. I liked the giraffe

*By Paige*

I loved the Wildlife Park. I liked the giraffe because it had a long neck.

*By Althea*

I liked the Wildlife Park because there were some giraffes. I also liked the hyenas because they had spots.

*By Alek*



American Bison

I liked the Altina Wildlife Park because it was enjoyable. I liked the male bison because it was big and strong.

*By Colby*



Maned Wolf

I liked going to the Wildlife Park. I liked the maned wolf because it was orange and black and it had a mane.

*By Georgie*



I liked the Wildlife Park, it was awesome. I liked the zebra because it was eating the fence.

*By Phoenix*



Red Deer

I liked the Altina Wildlife Park. I liked the red deer because it had big antlers.

*By Tarlia*

Jennie Wilson- Principal