

MOULAMEIN PUBLIC SCHOOL



2017 Term 3 Week 5 Newsletter

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18th – 19th
August

150 Year School
celebrations



It is our Birthday Week!

Our 150th Anniversary week is finally here and we are preparing for this special event coming up on Friday and Saturday.

This event has been a huge workload and I will like to personally thank Colleen Wilson for her amazing organisation skills and all the extra hours she has worked to ensure we have everything organised. We both relaxed a little last week when our memorabilia arrived after ordering it sometime ago. Phew! Our very dedicated school staff have all put in many extra hours to ensure this event is ready for the community. We have an amazing team at Moulamein Public School!

I would also like to thank Rebecca Gray and her ability to pull a team together, organise and co-ordinate the catering for the weekend. Many families are cooking for the dinner and we appreciate everyone's effort. All proceeds will be donated back to the school through the P & C. We have also had assistance from a number of community members including LynneMaree Battenally and Jill Reed.

I would also like to thank our sponsors. We asked the community for sponsors and families and businesses have stepped forward to help with the cost of running such an important and large-scale event. Our sponsors include:

- Golden Rivers Real Estate
- Alan Robinson
- Moulamein IGA X-Press
- 12 Good Eggs

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.



- **Tree Donors** – Ron & Lola Russ & family, Barb & Neil Whitfield & family, China & Kathy Gibson & family, Sandra Harrington & family, Lindsay Family, Jackson Family, Jager Family, Stoneman Family, B & M Gorey & family, A & F Gorey & family, McKindlay family, Loopy Lipp's Girls, Hennessey family, Drew & Tricia Harris and Jack & Evelyn Benfield & family.



Please Note: your tree will be planted for you if you do not wish to plant it yourself.

EVENTS: REMINDER

Friday: For current students and their families we invite your family to help us celebrate on Friday from 11.30 for a special assembly. Mr Troy Mott, our School Director, will be joining us for this event. Students are reminded to dress up in colonial dress for the day. After our assembly at 11.30, students will be demonstrating their bush dancing skills. You will also get to hear them sing a classic Australian song. Please bring your own picnic lunch and change for the coffee van. The coffee van will also be serving cakes and slices. After our lunch you will hear the bell and we will organise our families into groups for old-fashioned games organised by staff. Looking forward to seeing you there!

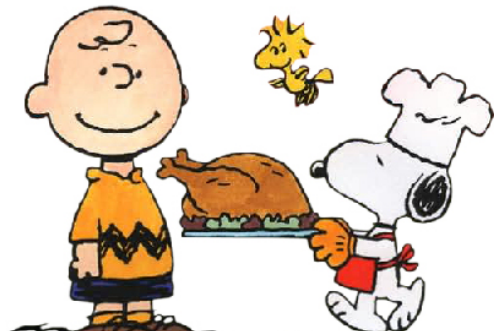


Saturday: Don't forget to check the separate note to see what is happening for the day in the Wongi. We have had a huge response already and know that many people will be travelling vast distances to come to our event. Our breakfast starts at 8.00 am. Don't forget to sign-in to let us know you are here! Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be available at the canteen. Families can come and plant their commemorative trees and the time-capsule will be revealed too.

Our students are looking forward to their artwork being on display in the school hall. The gallery will look amazing! I am so proud of the students and their efforts. Thank you to the Uniting Church for letting us use their display panels.

Saturday Dinner: Our dinner will start at 6.00 sharp and students will meet teachers at the stage at 7.00. We will prepare the students for their performance. If families are not staying for the dinner, we would love for the students to still perform. Students can be dropped off at 7.00 and will finish performing by 7.45pm.

Please call the school office if you are planning on coming to the Anniversary dinner to book your place. We would also like an indication of numbers for catering purposes.



New Outdoor Furniture for Play and Work

We have new aluminium furniture for our students to use for recess and for families to use at special events. Our 4 new picnic style settings seat 12 students and we think they are great addition to the quadrangle makeover. Students already are using them for outdoor learning as well. We hope to replace all worn outdoor seating over time.



We are planning on purchasing some umbrellas as well for the summer months ahead. Cafe style of course! Let us do it in style at Moulamein Public School I say!

**Canteen will still be available
this Friday for students.**

**A coffee van will be available for
parents. Our van will supply
snacks and drinks for visitors.**



Attendance

On the right there is some great advice in regards to attendance. I will be placing some tips in our newsletter for the next few weeks to help improve our attendance rate. This is my responsibility as a principal to try and increase our attendance rate. Please help us make education a priority. Remember an education opens doors. Consistency and continuity is the key!

Deniliquin Meeting- School Plan


Last week, I attended a Principal's network meeting to discuss ways in which we can gather data to help us write a new school plan. The school planning and reporting approach brings together a number of reforms to give NSW public schools greater authority to meet the needs of their communities, to improve the quality of teaching in schools and to improve outcomes for all students. It is highly strategic, focusing on three key areas for improvement determined by the school to ensure a profound difference to the ongoing growth and development of the school.

We are just coming to end of the 2015-2017 plan and it is time for our community to think about the future and write our 2018-2020

school plan with my guidance. Community input will be encouraged as well as teachers and students to write the next school plan. Our school will be looking at new directions and identify opportunities, weaknesses, strengths and areas for improvement. The document will contain a shared vision reflecting department strategic directions and priorities as well. I am looking forward to leading our school in writing the next school plan. It will be relevant, achievable and meaningful.

Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No 1: Responsibilities



Parent/s or caregivers are required – by law – to provide a written or verbal explanation to the Principal within seven days of any absence as to why their child was not at school.

It is important that the school receives a written or verbal explanation because:

- (1) It is a parent's legal obligation to explain their child's absence within seven days
- (2) It is a requirement that the school investigate all unexplained absences
- (3) It avoids the school and the School Attendance Officer from making unnecessary investigations
- (4) It is the way the school knows that your child was legitimately absent and not truanting from school

If you have any difficulties in providing a written explanation for your child's absence, please contact your school principal.



200 Club Morning Tea

Thank you to the 200 club and their representatives who attended our thank you morning tea last Thursday. Your donation and support is always appreciated and our garden improvements would not have been possible without your donation and our hard working P & C members. See photos further on.

Jennie Wilson

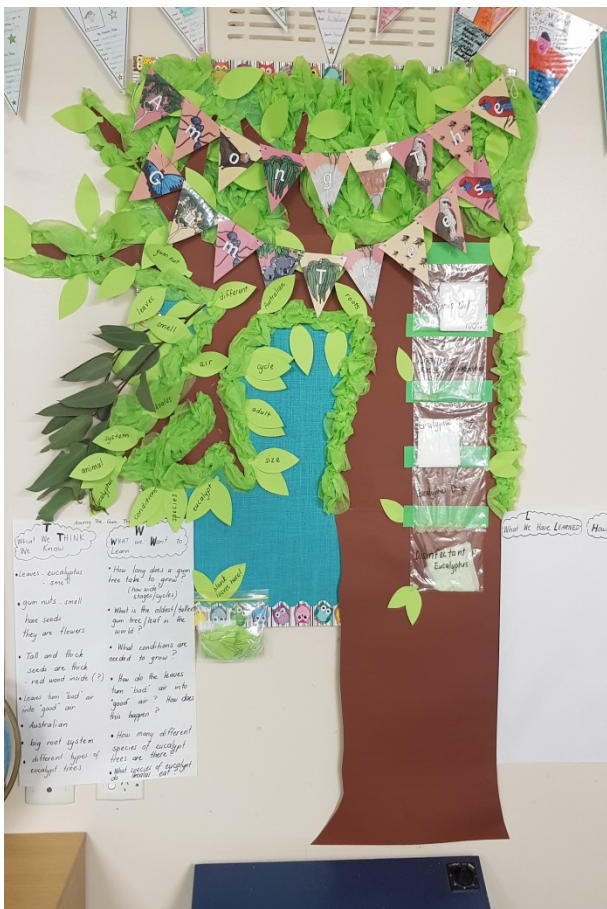
Principal

3/4/5/6 CLASSROOM NEWS

Science: During Term 3, 3/4/5/6 will be participating in a Biological Science unit titled “Among the Gum Trees”. Within the unit students explore the life cycles and beneficial interactions between eucalypts and bees. Students will have the learning opportunity to discover other beneficial as well as harmful interactions between animals and eucalypts. In collaborative lessons students will conduct a fair test on seed germination of eucalypt seeds and test theories on why oil is present in eucalypt leaves. Please enjoy the following photos of the introduction to the unit:



Above: Students are examining one of four selected trees and collecting evidence to identify which are a species of eucalypt.



Above: Our “Among the Gum Trees” scientific chart and word wall.

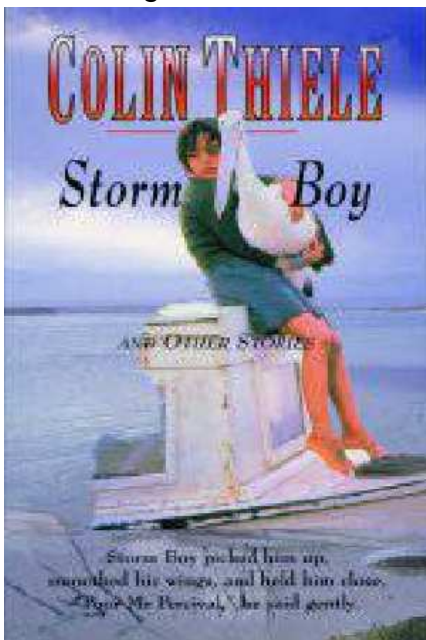


Above: Chloe, Mia and Faith are examining the leaves for yellow oil glands.



Above: Students are looking for clues to identify the type of tree.

Novel Study: Throughout Term 3, 4/5/6 will be studying the text “Storm Boy” by Colin Thiele. The text focuses on powerful relationships between children and their pets. Through studying characterisation, students will engage in this unit to develop their abilities within comprehension, vocabulary, reading and writing.



Other Learning Focuses:

Writing: Descriptive Writing by using vocabulary and figurative language.

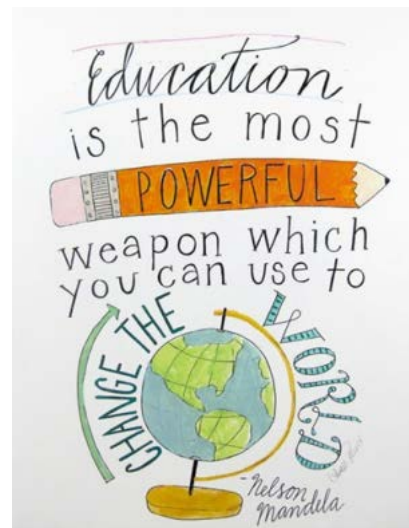
History: Places Similar and Different

Music: Ukulele, Singing and Dance

Message from Miss Midson:

THANK YOU to our special visitors who joined the 4/5/6 classroom for our Education Week Open Day! The students were excited and proud to share their learning with you!

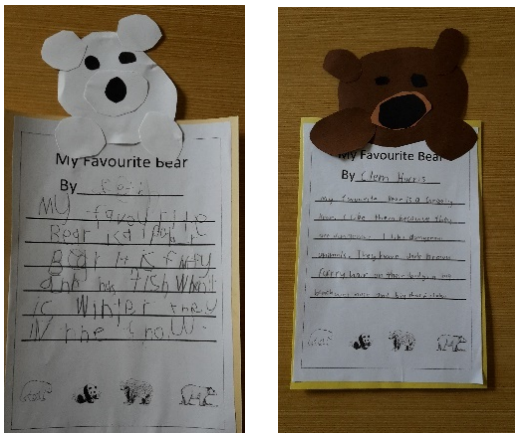
Quote of the Week:



Library Whispers

K/1/2

K/1/2 concluded their unit on bears with a report on their favourite bear. Here are a few for your enjoyment.



My favourite bear reports

My Favourite Bear

My Favourite bear is a Panda Bear because they are black and white and have sharp teeth. Althea

My Favourite Bear

My favourite bear is a Black Bear. I like it because it has black fur and its eye sight is very good. Lawson

My Favourite Bear

My favourite bear is the Polar Bear. It is fluffy and has fish when it is winter. It lives in the snow. Seth

My Favourite Bear

My Favourite bear is a Grizzly Bear. I like them because they are dangerous. I like dangerous animals. They have dark brown furry hair on their bodies, a big black wet nose and big sharp claws. Clem

My Favourite Bear

My favourite bear is a Panda Bear. I like the spots on their ears and they have black paws. Makenna

3/4/5/6

The older children researched some interesting facts about crocodiles with Mrs Fitzpatrick. Here are a few of their findings.

Chloe D

- If a crocodile's teeth come out a new grows to replace the lost one.
- Crocodiles camouflage really well on land and in water.

Jessie

- Baby crocodiles start to fight as soon as they hatch.
- The Dwarf Crocodile is the smallest crocodile.

Lenny

- One of the most dangerous crocodiles is the Nile Crocodile.
- Crocodiles have been around for 200 million years.

Victoria

- Crocodiles have tough scales that act as armour
- Crocodiles have strong jaws.

Mia

- The salt water crocodile is the largest reptile in the world.
- Crocodiles have been around longer than dinosaurs.



3/4/5/6 have been upcycling old library books into art works

Library Fun Facts

- The Guinness Book of World Records holds the record as the most frequently stolen library book.
- The al-Qarawiyyin Library Fez, Morocco, opened in 859, it is thought to be the world's oldest library.
- There are more public libraries than McDonald's in Australia

Kathy Gibson
Library Teacher

200 Club Morning Tea- Thank You

