



MOULAMEIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

2018 Term 1 Week 4 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

23 rd February	▪ Small School Swimming Carnival at Moulamein Pool
2 nd March	▪ District Swimming Carnival, Swan Hill

Principal Message

We have had a great start to the year. The students are really settled and working hard already. Every time I visit the K/1/2 class they are all engaged and working away like busy bees. Our Year 3/4/5/6 class work really well together cohesively and enjoying separate spelling and mathematics groups. I have been truly pleased with how settled the students are and how determined they are to learn! After attending a principal's conference in Wagga Wagga, I am pleased to say we are already using the findings in current research on 'what works best' to ensure growth occurs for every student everyday! Learning goals, differentiated programs and teaching students to be confident learners as well as resilient citizens are all priorities at our lovely school.

Swimming Carnival Reminder

Our Small Schools Swimming Carnival with Wakool Burraboi and Clare Public Schools' will be held this Friday.

Students who are turning 8 this year may attend and participate in events if they are able to swim 50 metres safely. We will need parent volunteers for the smooth running of the carnival. The canteen will be run by the P & C and open for the day. If you are able to assist on the day, please contact the school and let us know. A big thank you to Mrs Cathy Mertz for organising this great day. I am sure it will be a great event and best of luck to our students competing! Don't forget to SLIP, SLOP, SLAP and WRAP!



Swimming School and water safety program



As Australians, we spend a lot of our time in and around the water; it's a big part of our culture. For this reason, it's important that our students learn water safety and survival skills, so that they can continue to enjoy aquatic activities.

To help achieve this goal, the Department of Education (DoE) runs the School Swimming and Water Safety Program. This is a program that the school chooses to run and is not compulsory.

The Department of Education advocates for students in Years 2 to 6 who are unable to swim 25 metres confidently in deep water to participate in the swimming scheme only. This scheme is not for students who are able to swim proficiently. We choose at Moulamein Public school to include Kindergarten and Year 1 as an added cost.

There is some confusion in the community about this program, who the program is for and what it provides. Swim scheme is not a compulsory program and it is up to each individual school to decide whether they would like to run a swimming program. Again, it is only for students who are not able to swim 25 metres. Your children may need stroke correction and confidence, but this is not the role of the school or the aim of the program. I am bound by these rules by the Department of Education and our swim school will not differ from these policies. Please make an appointment to see me regarding this matter, if you require further advice or information about our swimming program.

If you would like further information about the program, please watch the very informative video on Youtube, provided by the School Swimming and Water Safety Program.

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

Moulamein Public School is very lucky to have 3 teachers who have participated in Auswim Training.

Homework

Classes have all started homework and home reading is encouraged each night. Homework is not compulsory, but it is encouraged, especially for students in our senior years in preparation for high school expectations. Teachers have set homework that correlates to their learning during school hours. At times,

students may also be asked to complete a project. All homework is due on Friday and sight words are tested as per timetable supplied by Mrs Mertz and Miss Fay.

Kindergarten

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By Size

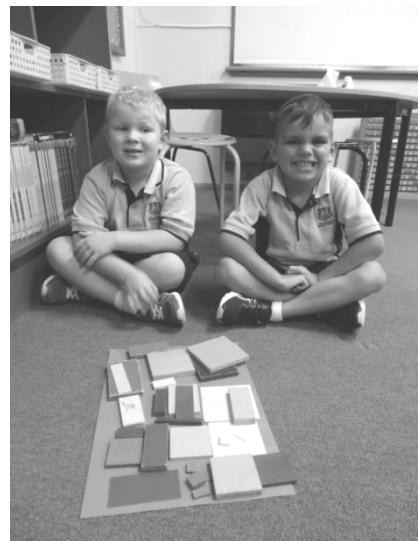
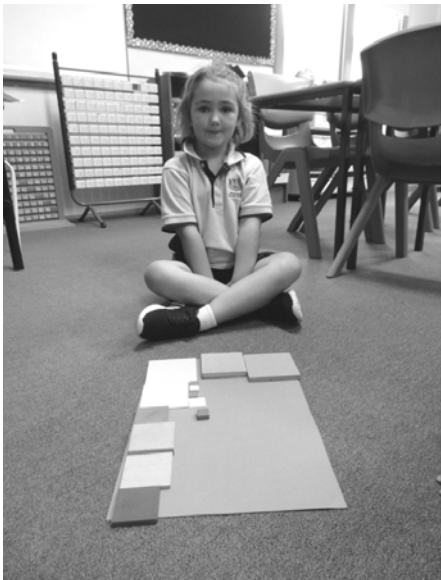




By Shape



By the number of sides



Jennie Wilson

Principal