MOULAMEIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

2017 Term 4 Week 8 Newsletter

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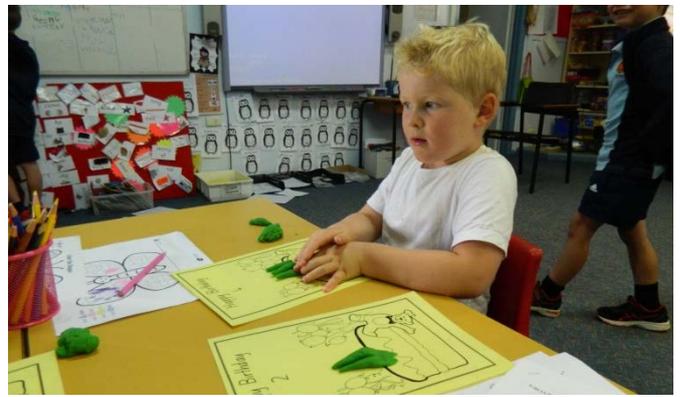| Upcoming Events	
Week 8-9	Swim Scheme
1 December	School Assembly 12.30-1.00

Principal Message

School Assembly

This week we will hold a school assembly on Friday from 12.30-1.00pm. All parents, family members and carers are welcome. This is a great opportunity for students to speak about what they have been learning about and share some writing with you. Toddlers and children not attending school must remain in the seated area at all times with their accompanying adult. Thank you for assistance and we look forward to seeing you there.

Swim School has started!

Our Learn to Swim Program has started this week. We are providing water safety lessons for students who are unable to swim less than 25 metres. All students were assessed and only those who fit this criteria can participate. This is not a program for stroke correction and learning to swim using different strokes.

Kindergarten 2018

We welcomed our three new Kindergarten students over the last month to our transition to school mornings. All students joined in the class happily and enjoyed the experience. It was lovely to see their smiling faces each day and we welcome three new families to Moulamein Public School.

Deniliquin Visit

This week, I will be visiting Deniliquin for various Principal Meetings on Thursday and Friday. On Thursday I will be working in the district office designing a course to be held at Moulamein Public School for teachers next year. The aim will be to help teachers from other schools to improve their ability to explicitly teach literacy, raising reading levels for all students. Effective teaching strategies are the key! Working with teachers from other schools and sharing what we are doing at Moulamein Public school will be a very positive venture for our school. Unfortunately, due to the meetings in Deniliquin I will not be able to attend the school assembly.

Computer & Technology Room- Why?

This week we welcome technicians to install our self-funded computer lab or technology room. This will hold 20 desktop computers and cabling for these has been organised to start this week. With new power points and data points installed, we can run various technology lessons to keep our students up-to-date with using computer software. It is fundamental in our society to be able to have the skills to use digital technology.

Engaging!
Technology is a must in the modern classroom! Instead of teaching (push), students can be given projects that require them to learn (pull) the necessary material themselves. Key to this is the ability to get the information themselves and learn to be self-sufficient in finding information, rather than relying on a teacher. This project-based pull approach makes learning far more interesting for the student. I have seen how students cannot wait to get to be involved in project based learning with embedded technology.

Multiple Resources
Having access to other information outside of the book gives students many different ways to learn a concept. Teachers can come up with creative ways to teach their students so it keeps them engaged. Technology has changed the learning environment so that learning is more hands-on. Schools throughout the nation are diverse in income, and often kids don't always get the resources they need. The implementation of technology in schools helps close that gap.

In the past, students could write in a notebook, and what they wrote was seen only by the teacher. Using modern technology they can: Make a PowerPoint presentation, record/edit spoken word, do digital photography, make a video, run a class newspaper, run a web based school radio or TV station, do claymation, compose digital music on a synthesizer, make a website, create a blog. Having this ability to express themselves using various sources caters for various types of learners. It is more engaging and students are very motivated to use digital technologies.

Online testing

One protocol that schools don't have control over, but must adapt to, is online testing. NAPLAN is going to move on-line and currently our students are not ready for this! Testing online is the way of the future, but it has a lot of advantages. Assessing students' performance can be done instantly with technology. Beyond seeing test scores in real-time, teachers can better track and understand students' grasp of the subject.

Technology is necessary to succeed outside of primary and secondary education

Whether we like it or not, technology is an essential concept to learn. Because it changes so quickly, children are better off learning about it sooner. It is a primary part of every industry, and there is no way around it. These days, technology means more than just learning basic computing skills. Technology has made itself part of every aspect of our lives today, and the students who understand it are the ones who succeed in the business world.

Stay tuned for more information regarding our Computer Room!

Important Dates

- **Moulamein P.S. Annual Presentation**

- 12th December, 5.30pm

- **Moulamein P.S. Year 6 Graduation Dinner**

    - 14th December **(Change of Date)**

- **Last day of school**

    - 15th December

- **First day of school 2018**

    - 5th February **STAFF**
    - 6th February **Students Yr 1-6**
    - 7th February **Kindergarten**

Moulamein Public School

P&C Assoc.

Sleigh Raffle

Drawn Presentation Night

12th December 2017

$2.00 per ticket or

3 for $5.00

Donations from each family would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the school office