



# MOULAMEIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

2017 Term 4 Week 9 Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

NOW!	Donations For P & C Raffle Due
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Celebration
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Presentation Night

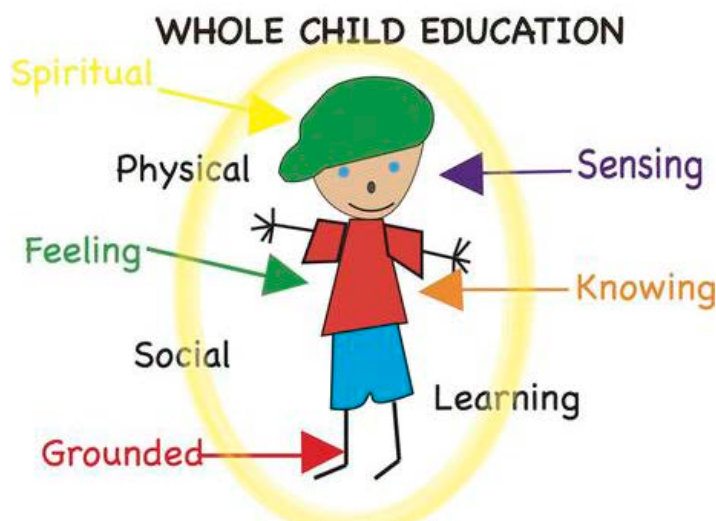
## Principal Message

It is already Week 9 and hard to believe that the end of the school year is near. One of the hardest things is letting go of our Year 6 students. Staff all talk about how hard it is passing them onto a new school, despite our three wonderful boys being ready. This has been my first year at Moulamein and I have thoroughly enjoyed my role at the school as the teaching principal. My favourite part of the day is the time I spend with the students in class. There is nothing more satisfying than

having students arrive into your classroom without being able to recognise one word to finish with children reading books independently by the end of the year. I think I might get more excited than parents! The growth and development of students academically is so impressive and deeply rewarding.

I can honestly say that I have never worked in a more caring school environment. Our teachers take the time to ensure students are well-catered for and their needs academically, socially and emotionally are met. Each teacher cares for your children and always wants the best for them.

Next year, we have a new school plan and we have some exciting new programs that aim to develop the whole child and prepare them for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We look forward to sharing more information about our strategic directions next year.



## Swim School

Students are continuing their swimming at the local pool this week and are making considerable progress already. A big thanks to all the extra staff we have called upon to make this possible. The students are enjoying this experience and we aim to ensure that they remain safe in and around water. According to the National Safe Kids Campaign, drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related death to children ages one through 14. It is absolutely crucial that all kids know how to swim at a young age. There is water all around us, even if it's as small as a bathtub. Making sure that your child is comfortable in and around water is essential to their safety. Water surrounds Moulamein, we have a lake, a creek and the river and we need to work together to ensure our children are safe.

We can't encourage you enough to seek further lessons for your children now summer is upon us. The benefits of swimming are endless, and your child should learn to swim as early as possible.



## Lost Property

Could all parents please check the names on jumpers. We have lots of missing jumpers and students mix them up all the time. Just return any jumpers that have gotten mixed up to the office. We also have a lot of clothing without names. Just relabel any worn name tags and come and have a look at our lost property box.

Another place to look for lost property is the town library. I have picked up some jumpers when I visited a few weeks ago, and I am sure that there are other bits and pieces too.



**At Moulamein Public School we would like to share with you some of our favourite recipes for the Christmas break!**



## ***Shortbread Recipe- Thanks Colleen***

250g Butter

2/3 Cup castor Sugar

1 2/3 Cup plain flour

1/2 cup rice flour

1 teaspoon sugar

Preheat oven to moderately slow 160 C. Line and brush a 28cm pizza tray with butter or oil.

Beat butter and sugar in small mixing bowl, until light and creamy.

Transfer mixture to a large bowl; add sifted flours. Using a flat-bladed knife, mix to a soft dough.

Transfer to a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth.

Place dough on prepared tray and press into a 25cm round.

Prick the surface lightly with a fork and mark in segments with a knife.

Sprinkle shortbread with sugar and bake for 35m or until firm and lightly golden.

Cool on tray and then break into wedges.

## **Easy Spicy Cheese Balls**

***(My favourite Savoury Recipe I have been making for years)***

250 grams of cheddar cheese, grated

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Small jar of Gherkin relish

1 tub of cream cheese

Curry Powder

Paprika & Cumin

Optional: Chilli powder

Mix the three cheeses and gherkin relish together with your hand.

Break mixture up into 4-5 parts and roll together.

Roll onto a plate with curry powder, paprika cumin, chilli powder. Ensure that the cheese ball is completely covered.

Refrigerate until firm.

Serve with crackers.

Jennie Wilson

Principal



## **We have Great Writers**

**at**

### ***Moulamein Public School!***

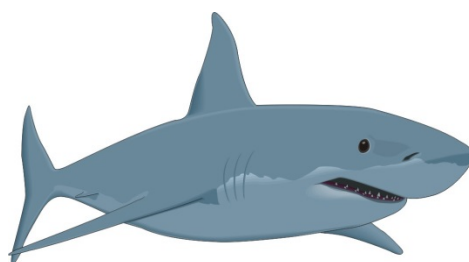
***In the 2/3 classroom, students have been learning to 'Tighten the Tension' in their writing – creating curiosity and a sense of pressure for their audience. After watching a number of videos on shark cage diving, students created 'sensory' word banks and used these to write a short piece of text with tension. I was so impressed with their efforts I have decided to include all students in this week's Wongi - they should be super proud of their work.***

**- Miss Fay**

Splash! The bubbling water thrashed around my face as I launched into the water of the sea at Broome. I heard my own voice saying "I'll be alright", over and over again.

Then, I saw her. Her enormous gills were big and scary, as she bit down on the titanium bars on the side of the cage. Suddenly, the cage broke!! The Great White launched at me with the force of 100 bulldozers. I was out of the cage. I needed to make it to the boat before it was too late. Could I survive?!

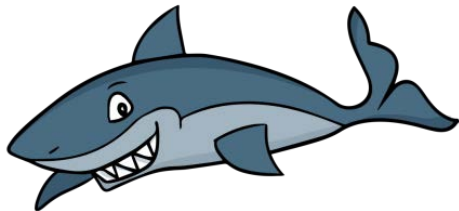
By Baxter



SPLASH!!! I saw the salty water bubble as I launched into the shark-proof cage in the middle of the Indian Ocean. I heard my on heart beat and the sharks breathing...but where was it?

AHHH! HOW DID THAT SHARK GET HERE?! I thought to myself in horror. I almost peed my wetsuit. Why did I want to do this? Her eyes were staring straight at me. It was horrible. Luckily, the cage was made out of titanium...but could that shark break it? I guess I was about to find out.

By Clem

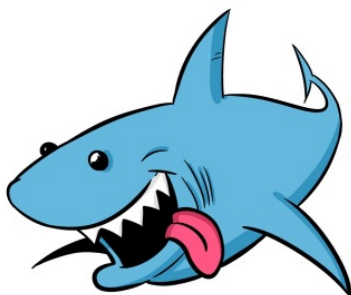


Splash!!! I could see the fizzing bubbles rising on the surface of the sea. I jumped in the shark cage floating along the Great Barrier Reef. I could hear the noisy, savage crew above me. They were talking about what might happen and if I might die!

Then, I saw it. The enormous, grey living-killer...The Great White Shark.

I could see her red, beady eyes staring at me as I swam out of the cage. I launched myself at the shark and grabbed her fin. She pulled me...Was this the end?!

By Colby

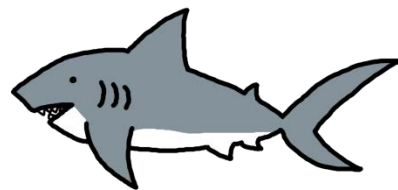


Splash! I saw a shark as I launched into the water. I could just hear the shark bumping the cage.

Da, da, da!

I saw she was ready to attack. Oh no! She came at me with the force of an elephant and the cage smashed open! It launched me out of the water and sprayed me in the air. I landed face first on the boat.

By Jason



PLOP!! THE bubbling, swirling water of the Pacific Ocean was flowing around me as I sprung into the titanium shark cage. I could hear crunching and biting down on the cage. My breath was quickening inside my mouth. All of a sudden, she was right behind me!! The blood-killer had scary looking eyes staring right at me. She had bloody teeth all around her mouth. I felt a shiver of horror come over me...This was a bad idea!

By Jie Ann



Fizzzzzz!!!The salty, bubbly water smashed against my face as I launched off the boat and plopped into the Indian Ocean. The faint sound of my breath quickening filled my ears. I was petrified, as I nervously felt impending doom.

WHAAAACCCCKKKKKK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Then, I saw her.

The living killer Great White. Her beady, blood-shot eyes popped out as she darted towards the titanium cage. As I tried to scream, she guarded the path for me to exit. I wanted to pee my wetsuit!

SWISHHHHH!

In a swift second the **big** beauty drifted at the cage and smiled at me with her glimmering teeth. I shivered all over my body. This was the worst idea of my life.

By Sophie



SPLASH!!! The fizzing water swirled around my face like a small tornado into the titanium shark tank. I could just hear my heartbeat vibrating through my body and the shark teeth scratching the steel poles. I was skittish.

Bardump....bardump....bardump!!!

Then, I saw the monster. The 1000 year old killer. I felt her powerful tail spray me. Her bullet-proof skin had signs of battles with other sharks. She rammed the tank like a colossal elephant!! Would there be blood?!

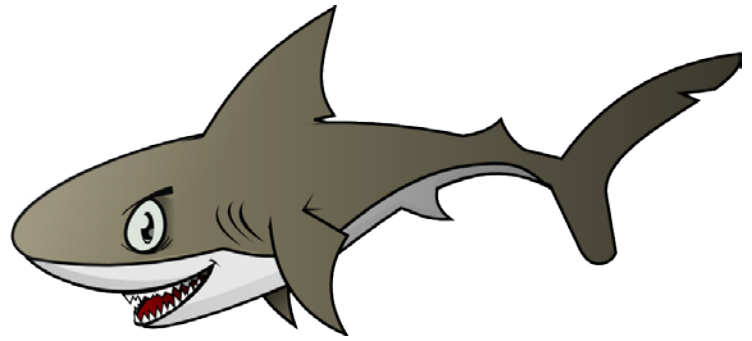
By Archie

Splash! I saw the enormous, grey living killer in the Atlantic Ocean when I jumped into the titanium cage from the boat. I could hear my own heartbeat; I was terrified.

Dun, dun, DUN!

Her gigantic, Great White fins were as pointy as a bull's horn. Her eyes were hideous. She was trying to shatter the cage but she couldn't. And then, I was shaking. Would I survive?

By Faith

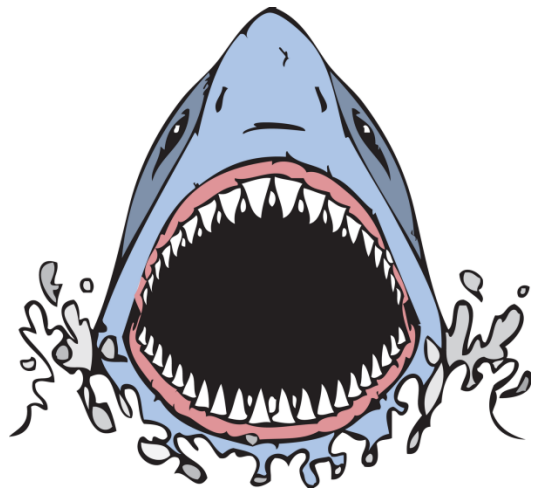


SPLASH! I sprung in terror into the horrifying cage made of titanium. I saw bubbles of the Pacific Ocean and blue water. I just could hear mumbled voices of the crew. I could hear my heartbeat going out of my skin. I was very nervous. Then I saw a hint of a vicious, big thing.

Dun, dun, DUN!

I saw big eyes that glowed and her teeth were sharp like a needle. She had blood and fish all over her teeth and her skin looked like rubber. I touched the titanium cage, I was horrified! I could taste the salty water and saliva in my mouth. I smelt my own breath; it smelt disgusting.

By Jennifer



Fizzzzz!!! The bubbly, salty water of the Pacific Ocean whizzed around me as I slowly slipped into the titanium shark cage. I could just hear the loud noises of the caption and his crew above the surface. I could hear the rushing waves passing me as my heart thumped. I wanted to scream.

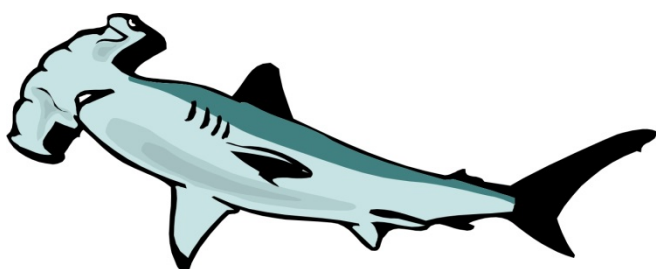
Bdump, Bdump, Bdump, Bdump....



At that moment, I saw her. Her monstrous sharp fin stuck up in the air. The massive living killer looked me in the eye. I looked back at her red, beady eyes wanting to get out of there. Her grey, rubbery skin sparkled in the ocean like stars in the night sky, reflecting the light above. Her pointed, spikey tail darted towards me, like a cheetah running in the wild. She tried to bite the cage with her yellow, pointy teeth. She had opened the cage!

“Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh” I screamed. Could I do it? Could I survive?

By Meg



SPLASH!!! I slowly lowered myself into the shark cage. I could see the fizzy bubbles traveling around me as I looked at the Shoalhaven Coral Reef. I could hear the breath in my mask and the voices above me sounding like a group of monkeys yelling at each other. I was shivering with horror. My heart was pounding out of my chest.

Then I saw a HUGE female. She darted past me then came back with an aggressive smile. Would I survive, or die, I asked myself? She was a giant blood thirsty killer. Her jagged gills were like huge scars across her body. She circled around me until her pitch-black killer eyes spotted the meat.

Dong! The shark cage vibrated and her bullet-proof skin was blue and white with sea animal blood all over her chin. This shark was smart. She chewed on the wire and the shark cage sunk to the bottom of the sea. I was trapped!

By Rhys

**Moulamein Public School**

**P&C Assoc.**

**Sleigh Raffle**



**Drawn Presentation Night**

**12<sup>th</sup> 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



## **Important Dates**

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

- 12<sup>th</sup> December, 5.30pm



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

- 14<sup>th</sup> December (Change of Date)



- **Last day of school**

- 15<sup>th</sup> December



- **First day of school 2018**

- 5<sup>th</sup> February **STAFF**
- 6<sup>th</sup> February **Students Yr 1-6**
- 7<sup>th</sup> February **Kindergarten**