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Upcoming Events

23 rd March	School Assembly- School Hall 12.30
Week 11	Year 3-6 Grampian Excursion Please return forms and payment.
Term 2, Week 3	NAPLAN- Year 3 & 5 15th-17th April
Thursday 5 th April	Homework Morning Tea

Principal Message

Football Trials

Last week, some Year 5 and 6 boys attended Barham for AFL Football trials. All students who participated, represented our school and two students were chosen to represent Moulamein Public School at the next level. Congratulations to Jacob and Caleb!

Homework – Morning Tea Reward

To help encourage students to complete their home reading, sight words and assigned homework in Year 3-6, we will hold a special free morning tea for those students who consistently hand their work in as a reward. Students must complete 80% of their homework to attend the morning tea. This also means they must hand it in on time as well. We feel that students who consistently complete homework to a high standard deserve a reward. We must always find time to celebrate success and effort!

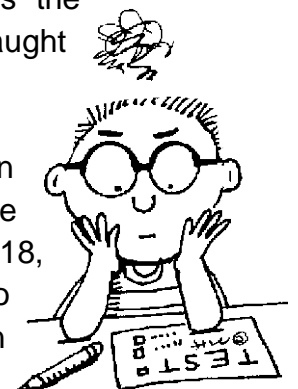


NAPLAN

There is currently a lot of discussion around the validity of NAPLAN and its purpose in the media. As a Department of Education School, we must participate in these tests each year. While these tests are valuable to teachers and parents, but they are just **one test on one day**. Students can get nervous, worry and place extra pressure on themselves about these tests, which can also impact some students' performance. Teachers collect a variety of other pieces of evidence to make decision about your child's learning and report on their achievements in their reports twice a year.

If your child is absent these days they are not able to complete these tests the following week, but can be caught up if possible.

Some schools have been asked to move to the computerised test for 2018, however, I have opted to complete the paper version instead, due to the students'



digital skills (which is why we are building the infrastructure to set up a technology room, so students can be explicitly taught how to use computer technologies).

What is NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

How can I help my child prepare for the tests?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students have already been learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

Help your child prepare for NAPLAN by reassuring them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and reminding them on the day to simply try their best. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

School Assembly

Due to our Hall being out of action, with the installation of a new roof, we have been unable to hold a school assembly. The school hall is almost back in use and we have planned for a school assembly to take place on **Friday, 23rd of March at 12.30-1.10pm.** Students will share some of their work and some students will also receive merit cards for their work in class. All parents, carers and friends are welcome, but we insist on toddlers and those students not attending school to remain with their parents in the seated area and are to be supervised by parents throughout the assembly. Families are welcome to stay and have lunch with students.

ROAR Program- Year 3-6

This term our Year 3-6 students are participating in the ROAR program. ROAR is a new program that aims to improve the emotional health and wellbeing of children and young people. It provides early intervention support to people up to the age of 18, and their families, who may be showing early signs of, or are at risk of developing a mental health issue. At the moment, intereach staff are working on positive relationships and dealing with feelings, including nerves and anxiety.

Intereach, who run the wellbeing and mental program at our school are also available to help students and families in our community.

So, how does it work?

Have you been:
feeling down or anxious?
not coping at school?
not sleeping well or
sleeping too much?
bullied, hurt or sexually
harassed?
having relationship
issues?



The Intereach ROAR service supports you and your family if you are showing early signs of, or are at risk of developing a mental health issue. ROAR works with children and young people in our local area. It is a completely FREE and confidential service. If you would like at any stage for me to refer you, please come in and see me. Or you can call the Deniliquin office on 03 5890 5200. The toll free number is 1300 488 226.

Jennie Wilson
Principal

Moulamein P&C Association Inc.

General Meeting
2pm Thursday 15th March
In the VC Room
All Welcome