



# MOULAMEIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

2018 Term 1 Week 7 Newsletter

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School Assembly & Technology Room Opening <b>FRIDAY!</b>	
Cross Country Training	
Year 3-6 Writing	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 12.30	
Assembly & Technology Room Opening	
Starting Next Week!	
Cross Country Training	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	
Year 5/6 Girls Netball Trials	
9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> April	
Grampians Excursion	

## Principal Message

This term is certainly flying! We are off to a really positive start with students working really hard in class and reaching their learning goals.

This week we say goodbye to Dhuragoon. This was housing our sports equipment and we look forward to a new shed replacing this building funded by a grant and topped up with school funds. Dhuragoon has been donated to

the Moulamein Historical Society and we wish its new owners the best of luck and look forward to seeing it in the future in a new setting. I would like to thank the team who moved the building over the weekend for leaving our grounds and school in great condition. Moving this building has been a long process and many hurdles needed to be jumped for this occur. The volunteer team never gave up and got there in the end!

## 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!



## Assembly & Technology Room

This Friday we will have an assembly. Students will share some of their work and some students will receive a merit certificate. We finally have access to our School hall after the installation of the new roof. Due to the netball trials and due to one of our new 2018 School Captains being unavailable, we will need to complete an official captain's induction at the next assembly by the end of the term. I will unfortunately be attending a Principals Association meeting in Deniliquin Thursday afternoon and Friday and will not be able to attend the assembly (much to my disappointment). Miss Midson will be running the assembly and also share with you some news about our new technology room. We

have invested around \$11000 already on this fantastic resource for the school. Improving students' digital skills is a priority and we cannot do this without the right infrastructure. So, I am pleased to announce we have used our budget wisely to invest in our students' future. There is still a new teacher board to be purchased, but the students' computers and lessons are ready to go! New interactive boards are very expensive and we will replace these within the school in time as they are coming to the end of their life. We hope you take the time to come and view our new technology room and stay for lunch.



## Grampians Excursion

Our excursion is fast approaching and the payments for the deposit is now overdue. Please ensure you let us know if your child is not planning on attending. This excursion is part of the learning program and it is very important that the students attend to help understand the content delivered in school time for Geography. Just a reminder that students will need comfortable clothing and shoes for sporting activities. They will need comfortable shoes for bushwalking and bike riding too. Students will need to bring a fitted sheet and sleeping bag. A pillow is not required. Any student that needs travel sickness tablets must let us know previous to the excursion, not on the morning of the excursion. This excursion is something new for our school and part of the new changes we are making due to the new curriculum.



## Cross Country Training



We will be starting training for our cross country next week as part of our fitness program and preparation for this event. Students will be running for 10-15 minutes Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Students

must wear comfortable shoes. Students can either wear joggers or bring some in their bags. Please ensure that your child also has a drink bottle.

I am looking forward to joining the kids on some days to see if I can get a little fitter too!



## Great Feedback!

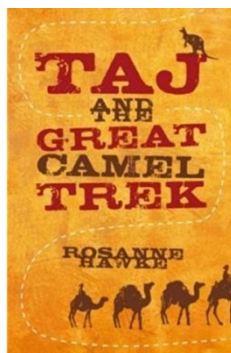
We have had a number of visitors into our school for various reasons and many people have commented how well-behaved our students have been and noted that they also have excellent manners. A presenter from the ROAR program also sent an email to say that she felt our classes have been the most polite group of students she has taught in many years. This has been fantastic feedback for us as teachers and I felt that it was important to pass on this message to our school community.

## 2017 Moulamein Student – Dux Award

Congratulations to Amy Wilson who attends Swan Hill College for receiving the 2017 Year 7 Dux Award. This proves to our community that our small school offers a fantastic education! Congratulations to Amy, I know that her past teachers are very proud of her. A worthy mention!

## Year 3-6 Learning Program

This term, we have integrated our programs in geography and science to learn about animals and how they adapt to the environment. We have studied desert animals, been reading novels and texts about deserts and learning about deserts in general. One of our favourite books in Year 5/6 is:



*Taj and the Great Camel Trek*, by award-winning author Rosanne Hawke is an inspirational, gripping adventure and a tribute to the Afghan camel drivers who helped explore Australia.

Twelve-year-old Taj and his camel Mustara are about to embark on the journey of a lifetime. They are joining explorer Ernest Giles on his second attempt to cross the Australian desert where wild dogs, scorpions,

poisonous snakes and a constant shortage of water mean they are never far from disaster. As if things weren't tough enough, Taj, raised in the ways of the Afghan people, is struggling to find his place in this new and exciting land.



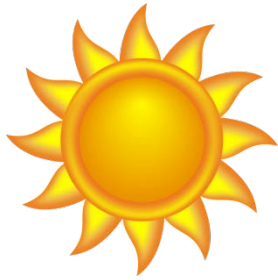
Our writing has been focused on deserts as a theme as well and we have worked on building up our vocabulary. Students have also learnt to use prepositions, similes and metaphors and adjectives to build an image in a reader's mind. Our results have been outstanding and both Miss Midson and I work as a team to bring this great learning program together. The students have worked hard and really experimented with writing devices and produced some amazing texts. We would like to share some of these with you at our assembly and within the next few newsletters.

## The Desert by Kye Lucas



*The slimy snake is slithering on top of the rock. The dancing thorny devils stop under the shady bush. The hot air is disintegrating the leaves on the bush. In the endless horizon the shy hawk is soaring over the unforgettable golden sand. On the sunny days, the baby geckos hide in their prisons underground, but at night they are free to come out and play.*

## The Sunset by Colby Skipsey



*The golden bright sun is waiting for the rain to fall. The animals scatter around looking for critters. The crisp brittle spinifex is calling for some rain. The scorching sun rises as the kangaroos hop through the fossilized desert. Only when the sun falls as the desert nerve calms and the animals appear.*



### Moulamein P&C Notes

- The woodchop is going to be in June, as this is our biggest fundraising event of the year we would like to encourage all families to please come along. More information will be released at a later date.
- The school will be hosting Literacy Workshops throughout the year for which the P&C will be catering. Assistance will be required.
- The old Dhuragoon school building, used as our sports shed, has been removed from the school grounds. Construction of our new sports shed will be starting shortly.
- The P&C catered for the swimming carnival at the start of the term, it was a successful fundraising event, thank you to all the parents that helped.
- Years 3/4/5/6 are going on an excursion at the end of this term, P&C have contributed a 40% subsidy to the excursion which makes it much more affordable for families.

# DON'T FORGET!



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
orders are due:

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

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