# MOULAMEIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Thursday 5th April	Homework Morning Tea
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Moulamein PSSA Netball Trials – Barham Rec Reserve
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday	Cross Country Training
Week 11	Grampians Excursion- Please return forms and payment ASAP
April 25 <sup>th</sup> 10.00am	ANZAC Ceremony



### **Principal Message**

We hope you and your family had a great Easter break! It was very busy along the river and I know lots of families enjoyed catching up with friends. Our Easter gala day was fantastic and lots of students enjoyed the activities we organised for the day. I know the students in Year 5 and 6 really enjoyed their bunny cake making and decorating. Younger students loved their Macedonian egg wrapping activity too.

#### **China Gibson Retirement**



It is with great sadness, but appreciation, that China Gibson has decided to let the ink dry and retire from contributing to the WONGI each week. He has caused chaos at times for our school, but always provided a great article for readers each week. I would say, as an outsider to Moulamein, he is definitely the 'unofficial' mayor. One that appreciates a good joke!

Anyway, we thank China and for his support and look forward to hearing what adventures he gets up to in the future. So don't forget to thank China for his contribution to the WONGI when you see him and congratulate him on his retirement.

Maybe after the close call with a snake over the weekend he has re-evaluated life?

#### **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!

# **Grampians Excursion**

Our excursion is fast approaching and **payment is now due**. Notes will go home today with more information on what to bring. 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.

A big thank you to the P & C for subsidising the excursion to the Grampians. The school has also subsidised the cost, to make it more affordable for parents and carers.



#### **ANZAC DAY Arrangements**

ANZAC Day will be during the school holidays this year. Most staff members will not be able to attend as they visit their families during the holidays. This year, I have made myself available, to ensure the ceremony takes place. I am hoping to also provide a close friend, who is part of the Australian Navy to also speak at the service. This year, we have invited our lone piper, Mr Mark O'Halloran and appreciate that he is able to attend. Mr Glen Cox will also be attending to play the bugle. Senior students will run the service under the formal guidelines of the Department of Education ANZAC Day. At times, we have community members wonder why we operate the service differently to other ANZAC Day town services, and as a school, we must follow the guidelines and rules from the Department of Education. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

We ask all students who are available during the school holidays to join the ANZAC march with the school and ex-service men and women, family representatives, special guests at 10.00am. We will again meet near the Business Centre at 9.50am. We look forward to providing this service to the community and hope you can join us on this special National occasion.

## **EASTER GALA DAY**

































