



# MOULAMEIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

2018 Term 2 Week 1 Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

THIS FRIDAY! 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Assembly
8 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Blue Earth
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day Luncheon 12.30-1.00
15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN
15 <sup>th</sup> May	P&C Meeting
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Cross Country

**Assembly  
this  
Friday 12.30!**

## Principal Message

Welcome back to Term 2! We look forward to providing a term jam packed with exciting new learning opportunities. This term all students will participate in Music lessons each week on each Tuesday. Students in Years 3-6 will be learning to read and write music, perform songs and pieces of music and also learn music theory that can be applied to all instruments in the future.

Blue Earth will be returning in Term 2, Week 2 on Tuesday and Wednesday. Students will be participating in sporting workshops and learning how to maintain a positive frame of mind, with a focus on wellbeing.

During the last week of last term, Years 3-6 attended an excursion to The Grampians. Over the 4 days we had an amazing time and learnt so much about the environment, ecosystems, native animals, animal adaptations and Aboriginal culture. Next week, we will publish some student reports on the Grampians and share some photos of our learning journey. A big thank you to Miss Midson and Miss Munro for attending with me and working 24 hours a day!





## ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Thank you to the parents and families of the community who attended our service and march on ANZAC Day. We were very fortunate to again have musicians Mr Glen Cox and Mr Mark O'Halloran attend and participate in our service. This year I was fortunate enough to have a good friend of mine travel out to also be part of our service, Chief Petty Officer Glenn Cleary from Shell Cove. Glenn is a serving member of the Australian Navy, HMAS Albatross. He mentioned the story of Simpson and his Donkey, with great interest to the students. It added a nice touch to the service having a serving member of the Defence force complete the Commemorative Address.



Many attendees wanted to know what song was used during the service. This year we changed things a bit and 'Lest We Forget', inclusive of the ode, written by Garth Porter was played and can be found on the ABC CD "Spirit of the ANZACS: featuring Lee Kernaghan". It is available at all ABC outlets and online. The song is recommended by the Australian War Memorial as a suitable song to play during a service. Having purchased the CD for the school and listening to it over the holidays I can highly recommend the entire CD.

Thank you to all the Moulamein students who attended and represented our school with pride for this service. Our speakers spoke with compassion, understanding and respect during the service.









## Mother's Day Luncheon

We will hold a lovely Mother's Day luncheon for the special women in our life on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> of May. This will start at 12.30pm and conclude around 1.30pm. We will be serving soup and bread for lunch in the Green room. Students will need to provide their own lunch if they do not like soup. Staff will be providing this meal and tea and coffee. We look forward to sending invitations out this week with more information.



## NAPLAN

NAPLAN preparation will start this week to prepare the students for the three tests on the 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> of May. It is imperative that your child attends for NAPLAN as they cannot complete the tests at a later date. Also remember this is just one test and teachers collect assessments throughout the term to have a clear understanding of your child's needs.

*Jennie Wilson*

**Principal**

## P&C News

- Meetings this Term:
  - 15<sup>th</sup> May
  - 12<sup>th</sup> June
- Catering for:
  - Staff training 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> May
  - District Cross country 25<sup>th</sup> May

P&C will be requesting donations for both these catering opportunities. A separate note will be sent out to families.

**EAT MOVE SMILE Tip - supplied by the Health Promotions Department – Swan Hill District Health**

### ***Getting Back to the Table***

*Sitting down as a family over a meal, turning the TV off, putting away phones and other devices and just talking and listening to each other is a great way to connect as a family. Try these open-ended questions:*

*"What's the best thing that happened today?"*

*"What was the toughest thing about today?"*

*Having these conversations regularly helps children learn to acknowledge and talk about their feelings and opens opportunities to help children develop coping and problem-solving skills.*

*For more conversation starters head to <http://backtothetable.org.au/>*

