



# MOULAMEIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

2018 Term 2 Week 3 Newsletter

T: 03 58 875 208

Fax: 03 58 875 102

E: [moulamein-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:moulamein-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) [www.moulamein-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.moulamein-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

## Principal Message

Term 2 has already had a busy start!

Blue Earth provided two fabulous days again for students and teachers. Students learnt new games and how important it is to self-umpire, ensuring fair play. Being honest in play, leads to great sportsmanship and trust. Our leader Richard taught students games which promoted agility, persistence and team work. The teachers and students all enjoyed the dynamic chasing games and teachers were disappointed they couldn't catch a few agile students. There was a lot of laughter and great feedback from staff and students. This is a very worthy program which addresses mental health issues, such as anxiety and feeling anxious as well as physical health. A few teachers were limping at the end of the day, so I think they also had a great workout! There is a parent page on the Blue Earth website for you to access if you would like more information about the program. There are parenting tips and active play ideas. For more information please visit their website:

<https://www.blueearth.org/parent-talk/>

## Literacy Training at Moulamein

Staff from as far as Clare, Finley, Jerilderie, Berrigan as well as schools surrounding Deniliquin and

In this week's issue ....

- ▶ Principal's Message
- ▶ The Grampians - Photos
- ▶ Mother's Day Luncheon
- ▶ NAPLAN Reminder
- ▶ Literacy Training at Moulamein

### Upcoming Events

15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN
15 <sup>th</sup> May	P&C Meeting 2pm
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Cross Country
25 <sup>th</sup> May	District Cross Country

Tooleybuc joined in our professional learning conference on Thursday and Friday. These literacy and teaching workshops will continue twice a term throughout 2018. We hope that Moulamein Public School will become the leaders in literacy training for teachers and a centre of teaching excellence in our region. I would like to thank the P & C for catering and organising the food. Thank you to the parents who cooked and provided lovely morning tea and lunch. It was well noted by the guests and they are looking forward to returning just for the food! Colleen did a great job organising the administration side and organising coffee!

# The Grampians Excursion

## Report

### Year 3-6

During the last week of last term, Year 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. Students are currently drafting their excursion reports that will be published in the WONGI later throughout the term.



With an early start on Monday morning, the Grampians excursion had begun. We knew we were close to arriving at our destination when we could just see the outline of the mountain range. After traveling through the winding roads we arrived at our first destination, McKenzie Falls. We embarked on the steep decent to the bottom of the falls, where we sat and listened to the roaring of the waterfall. With our tummies grumbling for lunch it was time to endure the incredibly steep and challenging journey back to the top. What a way to start our excursion! Our next stop was to Brambuk National Park and Cultural Centre, where we learnt about Aboriginal culture, including the dreamtime story of how the Grampians were formed. With the help of our guide we were able to create our

own Aboriginal stories by using traditional methods of painting symbols onto boomerangs.



We started the next day with 6km hike up Picaninny Mountain (Bainggug) that looked towards Mount Abrupt. The views from the top were spectacular!







We continued our adventurous 2 days at the Grampians retreat, by participating in team building obstacles, facing our fears on the giant swing and zipline, building shelters from natural materials, giggling our way through the low ropes course, singing around a camp fire, searching on nature walks and peddling on an 8km mountain bike ride. It was fantastic!



As our excursion came to an end we had one last destination to visit on the way home, Halls Gap Zoo! It was breath taking! We experienced the opportunity to hold an olive python called Oscar, cuddle friendly dingos, pat free roaming deer, get a photo with a wombat and view amazing creatures from all around the world. Some included American Bison, African Cheetahs, Shetland ponies, fennec foxes, Madagascan monkeys and lemurs. Our tour guide discussed the endangered animals, animal adaptations and different habitats, which related to our Science and Geography learning.

We would like to thank Mrs Wilson and Colleen for organising a wonderful excursion. We would also like to thanks Miss Munro, Mrs Wilson and Miss Midson for taking us on the excursion.

From Students in **Year 3-6 Students**







# Mother's DAY

A great big thank you Miss Midson, Colleen and Miss Fay for helping me cook and prepare for the Mother's Day luncheon. Teachers and office managers spent time on the weekend preparing the soup for our special women! We thank them for the extra hours they put into our school for our community. I am sure you appreciate it.







## NAPLAN

NAPLAN will start this week to 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 after Friday. 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*