

# MOULAMEIN PUBLIC SCHOOL



2018 Term 3 Week 1 Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

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| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> July            | Director visit                 |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> July | Principal Meetings- Deniliquin |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> August        | Police Road Safety Day         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> August                  | Athletics Carnival             |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> August                 | Open Day & Assembly            |
| Week3-6                                 | Mrs Wilson on Leave            |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> August                 | District Athletics- Tooleybuc  |

## Principal Messages



Welcome back to Term 3! This year is flying and we look forward to providing another great term at our school. We hope our families enjoyed a break from the busy school day mornings and routine. I know I certainly enjoyed a sleep in or two in this cold weather! It is great to be back and the teaching staff are all looking forward to Term 3.

At the end of the week I look forward to our new Director, Helen McRae visiting our school who is replacing Mr Troy Mott. Helen has been an experienced principal in the Deniliquin Region for sometime at Finley High School. We welcome Helen to our school and congratulate her on her new role as our director.

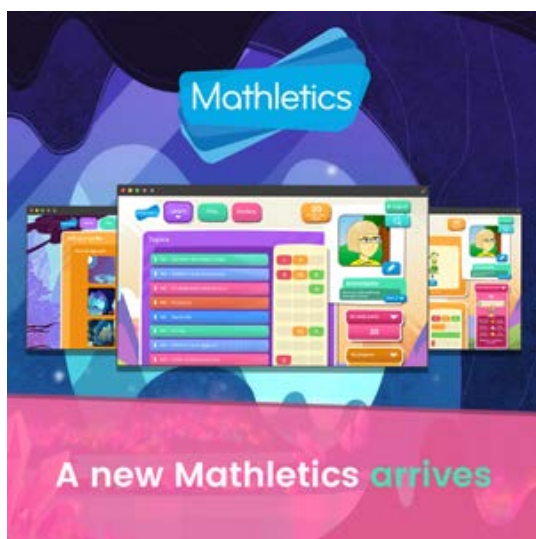
Yesterday, at our Staff Development Day we mapped out our Term 3 and we have some great activities ahead. Blue Earth will return in Week 5, we have our annual Book Fair coming up as well as Education Week. In Week 2 the representatives from the NSW Police Force have asked to hold a Bike Safety course for the school and we will be sending home a note for that this week. Students will need to bring in their helmets and bikes.

**BOOK  
FAIR**  
COMING SOON!

## Staffing

Between Week 3 and 6, I will be taking some long service leave to visit relatives in the United Kingdom and attend a family reunion. Mrs Cathy Mertz will be relieving principal from Monday to Thursday and Mrs Nicole Fitzpatrick will be relieving on Friday. There will be no change to classrooms teachers, other than myself, who will be replaced by Mrs Fitzpatrick who will be teaching my program during these 3 weeks.

## Mathletics



As an initiative to help students improve their Mathematics outcomes and technology skills I have purchased access to an online Mathematics program that is very motivating and engaging. Mathletics is a captivating online learning space providing students with all the tools they need to be successful learners, both in the classroom and beyond. Students have access to a full set of curriculum based activities, aligned with our curriculum at school and at home. Families will be given more information about Mathletics and students will be given their passwords to their accounts to use at home if you have internet access. Stay tuned for a note and we will be training students and teachers on how to use Mathletics over the next few weeks. You can visit the website

<http://au.mathletics.com/primary> and take a tour of the online learning environment. I have used Mathletics at previous schools with great success and value this program and what it has to offer.

## Clothing

When winter and the colder months arrive, so do students with jumpers! Unfortunately jumpers are often taken off during recess and lunch and they do not have a name on them. Please ensure all pieces of clothing have names, clearly marked for easy return.

## Dogs and Cats

Dogs and cats have been entering our playground over the last few weeks of term during school hours consistently. They are also making a mess of our gardens and leaving their excrements over the children's play areas. Please ensure that if you enter our school through the sides, that the gates are shut to help prevent the easy access to the playground for animals and ensure that you have locked your pet up if they are a regular visitor to our school. We are unable to have dogs and cats onsite (policy) and will need to call the council if your pet does not leave our grounds and is consistently found on our grounds. Students have a right to play on grass without worrying about the dog faeces.



## Parent Volunteers Required

At our small schools carnival on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of August we urgently need parents to volunteer to help with the running of events. We currently do not have enough staff to do this without

volunteers. Can you please let the office know if you or a family member can help us out on this day for the smooth running of events. We also need volunteers for the District carnival on August the 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **New Sports Shed**

At long last our new Sports Shed has been built! Our first step was to have Dhuragoon removed and then we were able to go ahead with the construction of the shed. We did need to find a new spot for the shed due to a few issues, but it is up and we will be moving all our sports equipment into the shed. Students will have easy access to the shed and have free range of the equipment they would like to play with at lunchtime. A great big thank you to Colleen Wilson who never gave up and made this a reality!



## **K/1/2 Science Day!**

To celebrate a successful Term 2, K/1/2 participated in an exciting and experimental Science Day on the last day of term.

Over the course of the term, students learnt about weather and seasons in Geography. After watching some clips on cloud formations, students made a 'Cloud in a Jar'.

In pairs, students filled a quarter of a glass jar with hot water. They then turned the lid of the jar upside down on top of the jar, and placed crushed ice in the lid. They left the jars to sit for

approximately a minute, before quickly removing the lid, spraying hairspray in the jar, and returning the icy lid back on top. This process created a cloud-like formation floating in the jar. When the lid was removed, the cloud floated up and out of the jar. It was quite the spectacle!



*Blayk, Georgie, Millie & Makenna observed their clouds.*



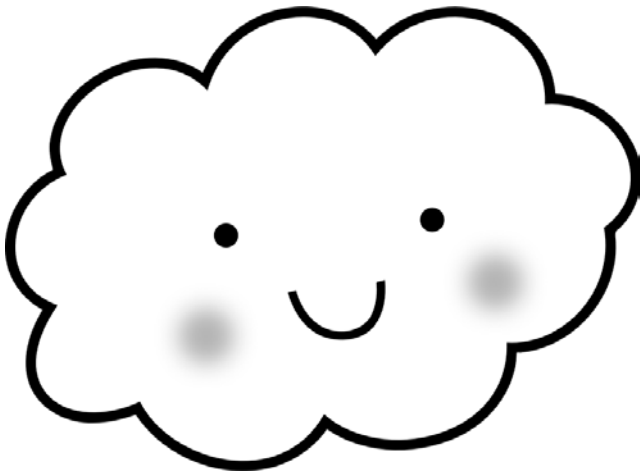
*Tarlia and Aleisha's cloud looked great in their jar!*



*Seth and Paige enjoyed completing the experiment & worked well as a team supporting each other.*



*Lilly & Hope's 'Cloud in a Jar'.*



After lunch, and again in pairs, students showed off their skills in engineering by performing an 'Egg Drop'.

By using provided materials such as cotton wools, paper, boxes, bubble wrap, felt, tissue, plastic bags and more (including a WHOLE lot of sticking tape) students built safe 'packaging' for

their eggs. They were careful to create insulated and safe packaging around their precious cargo, before dropping them off the top of the playground fort three times! 7 of the 9 eggs survived the drops – not a bad ratio – Miss Fay was VERY impressed.

Students learned the importance of having the eggs insulated tightly and securely. Some of the designs included parachutes and layers of cushioning supports.



*Makenna & Millie's egg carrier included a parachute made of plastic bags!*



*Seth and Paige put their egg safely in a box and surrounded it with tissue and bubble wrap – it survived!*



*Phoenix & Holly made their egg drop parcel out of boxes, felt and bubble wrap – tightly compacted and compressed – the egg landed safely!*



*Oh dear, we have a Humpty Dumpty! Tarlia and Aleisha's egg didn't quite make the three falls all in one piece.*



*Fletcher & Peter with their intact egg! Well done boys!*



*Georgie and Blayk complete their drops. They're looking pretty confident...*

## CHANGE OF DATE

General Meeting

*This week*

*3pm Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July*

In the VC Room

All Welcome



*Rightly so! It survived. Poached eggs, anyone?*



*Maddy and Lawson are pretty happy with themselves – no cracks here.*

Students thoroughly enjoyed the day and we hope to complete another like in terms to come!

- Miss Lucy Fay

### **New Seating**

School has purchased new outdoor seating for our infants students. They look fabulous and will be soon accompanied by 2 larger outdoor settings donated by the P&C.



P&C's Annual Woodcut raised \$7497!! An awesome effort by those few that attended.



