



# Moulamein Public School

2019 Term 1 Week 4

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## Principal's Messages

We have had a strong start to the year and our students have already settled into routines. Students are busy working away when I visit classrooms and enjoying their learning. What a great set up we have this year!

## Best Start Testing

Our Kindergarten students seem like they have been here for a Term already. This group is already zooming through the curriculum. This week they will participate in a BEST START test, like all other kindergarten students in New South Wales. Data is collected by the state and parents will receive some feedback on their child and their ability entering into school. This test has been designed to assist schools in gaining knowledge about a child's literacy and numeracy skills so we don't teach them things they already know. Mrs Mertz will withdraw students for the one-on-one assessment.

## Facebook

Don't forget to join our FACEBOOK page! We already have over 70 people following our page and notices and reminders are placed on here throughout the week. It is a great place to visit to see photos of classrooms and work that students have completed. We have not started placing photos of students completing activities and work yet, until we have all notes back which indicate permission to publish on our page. We welcome parents, community members, grandparents and family members to follow our page to share in our education journey. We have many things at Moulamein Public School to be proud of.



***Don't forget to like our page and give us some positive feedback!***

## Assembly

It was lovely to see so many visitors attend our first assembly last Thursday. Mia and Max, our new 2019 school captains did a great job running our assembly. This was another opportunity to welcome our two new teachers, Mr Svensen and Miss Schupfer. Year 4/5/6 shared some of their Science work with us and the audience loved the bridge strength test.

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**K/1 Talked about what it means to be a Bucket Filler and told the audience how they fill a bucket in class by the way they act.**

#### **What is the "bucket"?**

The bucket represents your mental and emotional self.

#### **How do you feel when your bucket is full?**

When your bucket is full, you feel more confident, secure, calm, patient, and friendly. Your thoughts are positive and you expect positive results. When your bucket is overflowing, you experience an intense happiness that can spread to those around you. Have you ever felt better after someone gave you a friendly smile or happy grin? This is the "ripple effect" of a full bucket.

#### **How do you feel when your bucket is empty?**

When your bucket is empty, it contains few, if any, positive thoughts or feelings. When your bucket is empty you can easily become sad, negative, insecure, nervous, angry, depressed, stressed, worried, afraid, or physically ill. When you experience any of these feelings, it's easy to believe that life is too challenging and that nothing you attempt will be successful. An empty bucket can affect your behaviour and cause you to express your emotions in a way that empties the buckets of those around you.

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*Fill  
Someone's  
Bucket  
today!*

### What affects the level of happiness in your bucket?

Negative life events. The careless or even cruel words and behaviour of others can also affect the level of happiness in your bucket. Your own self-talk and thoughts can dramatically reduce or raise the level of happiness in your bucket. It's important to know that you are responsible for what you choose to think and when your thoughts are positive and healthy your bucket levels will reflect it.

### What is Bucket Filling?

Actions or words that show that you care about someone. Saying or doing something kind. Giving someone a heartfelt smile. Using names with respect. Helping without being asked. Giving sincere compliments. Showing respect to others. There are hundreds of wonderful ways to fill buckets. The language of bucket filling has become synonymous with being kind and thoughtful. Your bucket will be filled when, at the close of each day, you reflect on the ways in which you have filled buckets.

### What is Bucket Dipping?

Making fun of someone. Saying or doing unkind things. Refusing to help. Failing to show respect or being intentionally disrespectful. This is a partial list of ways in which it's possible to dip into another's bucket. Another is bullying, the behaviour that has become the essence of bucket dipping. It is very important that we learn to understand the motivation for these behaviours.

## Have You Filled a Bucket Today?





## Our Merit Award Recipients



## Reading Testing

Over the last week and this week your child may come home and talk about completing reading tests with Mrs Wilson. This is true! I will be listening to all students from Year 1 through to Year 6 to gather information about their ability, so we can monitor their progress throughout the year. This also gives me valuable information about what kind of teaching needs to occur to ensure that each and every child is progressing in reading. Some students may need to work on decoding large words, others may need to work on fluency and phrasing, others may need to work on their phonic knowledge. I will be monitoring all students reading ability throughout the year with their classrooms teachers. We are here to ensure all students progress as individuals in Literacy. Testing will occur throughout the year.



## Small School Swimming Carnival

Our Small Schools Swimming Carnival was held yesterday at the Swan Hill outdoor pool, with Wakool Burraboi PS students joining us. A great day with great weather and many ribbons being handed out. Congratulations to all students on great sportsmanship and having a go. We had some students that entered every event.

Championship Results are:

**Junior Boys Champion** Colby Skipsey

**Junior Girls Champion** Sophie Bennett

**11 years Boys Champion** Archie Miller

**11 years Girls Champion** Mia Bennett

**Senior Boys Champion** Max Morvell

**Senior Girls Champion** Shona Wood





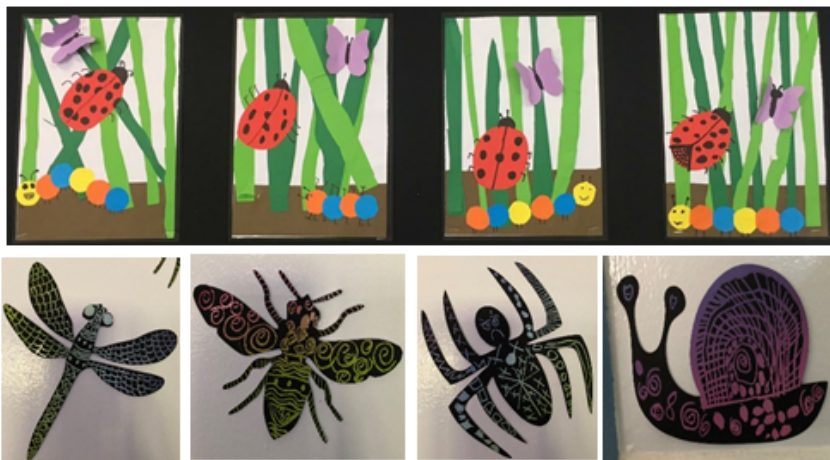


## News from the Year 2/3 Classroom

Mini-Beast Artworks by

2/3.

If you've liked Moulamein Public School on Facebook, you may have seen that Year 2 and 3 have been studying Mini-Beasts in Science with Mrs Mertz. To coincide with the Science unit, students have also created some very cute artworks. Check them out here or on our Facebook page to see the bright beautiful colours!



Jennie Wilson- Principal



# Fun Friday!



Last Friday was an exciting day as we started our *Fun Friday* rotations. The children from K-6 were provided with opportunities to participate in Sport with Mr Svensen, Gymnastics with Miss Schupfer and Library activities with Miss Midson. We then spent Friday afternoon participating in a range of exciting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activities. The children were excited to learn and develop new skills in Sport and Gymnastics and display their clever thinking in Library. Everybody, including the teachers thoroughly enjoyed rotations and cannot wait for next Friday to do it all again!

