



# MOULAMEIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

2019 Term 1 Week 2 Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

8 <sup>th</sup> February	▪ 1st Day of Canteen
12 <sup>th</sup> February	▪ P&C AGM 5pm VC Room
18 <sup>th</sup> February TBC	▪ Small School Swimming Carnival at the Swan Hill Pool
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	▪ District Swimming Carnival, Swan Hill



## Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2019 school year!

I am sure students have enjoyed their summer break and are now ready to engage in the exciting educational programs teachers have planned.

Our Year 1-6 students have settled into their new classes with their teachers on their first day of returning to school. Tomorrow we welcome our new kindergarten students into our lovely school. We also welcome new families into our school community!

This year we have 57 students enrolled, with multi-stage classes. The structure of our classes has changed and we are looking forward to the new timetable.

## Class Structures



This year our class structure has slightly changed to suit the needs of our students and the numbers we have in each grade. Careful consideration is made at the end of each year to ensure we have come up with the best solution that provides the **most** opportunities for your children and to ensure that they have the best possible learning environment.

It is not the class structure and size that affects learning, it is relevance, it is interest, a student's learning to date, and many other factors including the **student's active involvement in the learning and the quality of the teaching**. Therefore in all our classrooms, our educators are focused on ensuring **teacher clarity**: what is to be learned, ongoing feedback to and from students based on the success criteria, **students being assessment capable**: knowing what level they are at, setting goals, naming strategies to help them learn, using feedback and seeking feedback. Teachers work closely with students, support staff, the leadership team and families to ensure your child/ren have quality education which includes academic, social and emotional development.

This year we will have **three classes**. K/1 will be taught by Mrs Cathy Mertz and Miss Eryn Midson, Year 2/3 will be taught by Miss Rachel Schupfer who arrived from Bathurst and Mr Corey Svensen will be teaching Year 4//5/6 with me. Students in Year 6 will be spending each morning with me for literacy and numeracy, separate for further differentiation of the curriculum. So at times our Year 4/5/6 class will run as two classes to ensure all needs are met.

We are very excited to welcome our two new teachers and look forward to the learning experiences and opportunities that they will provide our students. Don't forget to introduce yourself to our two new recruits!

## School Captains

Our two new school captains, Mia Bennett and Max Morvell are looking forward to the year ahead as our school leaders. This is a very important role in our school and the community and I know that they will enjoy this role immensely and represent our school well throughout the year.

## Communication

We are working really hard to ensure our communication to parents is effective. **WONGI** is our school newsletter and if you do not receive your copy please pick one up at the school office, IGA, Post Office or petrol station. We also place the newsletter on our website. Students get hard copies of notes sometimes and some notes

need signing. Please call into the office if you have any further questions, but we encourage parents and carers to keep notes in a visible place and read them. It is vital that parents stay updated by reading the WONGI each week.



Our Facebook page will also be launched this term and we will let you know when it has been approved by Department for use. Please remember that all parents and users are bound by a Code of Conduct and rules must be followed to ensure this remains a positive tool for communication.

### **Birthday Cakes**



Due to student allergies, **we are unable** to allow parents to supply birthday cakes for the class as a safety measure. This also includes lollies and other food as an alternative. We hope you understand that this is for the safety and wellbeing of students. A great alternative is to let parents know you have a cake and to meet at the park outside school hours.

# FUN

# FRIDAY!

### **Sport, Gymnastics, STEAM and Library Program**

Friday will continue be our Sport day and students are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and appropriate school uniform for easy movement. Mr Svensen will be teaching **Sport** across K-6 and Miss Schupfer will be starting a **gymnastics program** for all students K-6. Miss Midson will be running a library program with integrated technology and craft. Students will rotate between library, Sport and Gymnastics. In the afternoons we will also run a STEAM program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) program for students which will be a project based activity. This will be a fantastic day for our students!

### **Support Staff**

Mrs Colleen Wilson, School Administration Manager (SAM) supports staff and students in her role in the office. She is very knowledgeable and we appreciate her commitment to our school. Miss Penny Munro will be working in the office and as a student learning and support officer in the Year 2/3 classroom two days a week.

## Swimming Carnival

At this stage, due to the pool closure, we are looking at alternative ways to run a swimming carnival. As soon as new arrangements are finalised, we will be sending a note home.



## School Office Hours

The school office will be open every day, now that our numbers have reached and exceeded 51. Where possible, on an unmanned office day (due to Colleen attending training), parents are asked to notify the school of any variation to end of day routines via a written note to the class teacher in the morning. Telephone messages may not be received in time to deliver a message to a child prior to 3.00pm.

## Wongi Messages

Wongi messages can be emailed directly [moulameinwongi@hotmail.com](mailto:moulameinwongi@hotmail.com) or dropped into the school during office hours on days when the office is manned.

## Visitors to the School

Anyone entering the school premises must **SIGN IN** and **SIGN OUT** so that we know who is on premises at all times. This is a *Child Protection* and *Work Health & Safety* requirement.

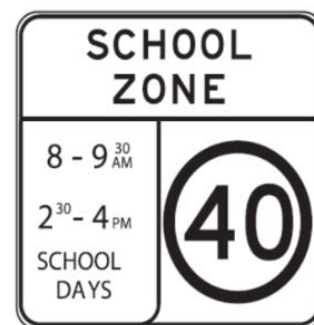
A 'visitor' is anyone entering our school grounds, including parents delivering items to children, parents picking or

dropping off students out of regular time, parent volunteers, community members, tradesmen and sales persons.

**Sign In & Out** at the school office or, on the day the office is unmanned, follow directions posted on the office door.

## School Zones

40km/h speed zones operate on all NSW gazetted school days, whether you can see children or not.



Signs and white *Dragon Teeth* road markings indicate that a vehicle is entering a 40km/h speed zone.

In addition, our school has a flagged School Crossing that signals students may be crossing. This Crossing is manned in the afternoon but not in the mornings.

The bright orange flags are highly visible. Road users are asked to be especially vigilant with the commencement of the school year. We urge all drivers, riders and pedestrians to be *alert* and move safely and carefully on and along the road.

Jennie Wilson

Principal