



# Moulamein Public School

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## Principal's Messages

Thank you to all parents and families who helped cater for the Literacy Course last week! Your reviews were outstanding! This is one of the easiest fundraisers we have this year and it earns our school \$7,000 which is used to fund our excursions and our library makeover.

### Mark Wilson – Author and Illustrator

Last week author and illustrator, Mark Wilson visited our school. Mark Wilson is a multiple award-winning author/illustrator with 17 books in print worldwide in nine languages. Mark has a particular passion for Australian history and the environment, particularly endangered animals, exploring these themes through his picture books and workshops. The students in the K/1 and 2/3 class learnt about endangered animals and sea life. Mark was very impressed with their enthusiasm and language.



Students completed a few illustrations with Mark during the workshop. They heard about how he developed his ideas for his books and illustrations. The students were particularly interested in the endangered animals and were lucky enough to draw a great sea turtle with Mark.

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Students in Year 4/5/6 also learnt about how Mark visited the war memorial to help come up with his ideas on writing a series of books based on war. The students learnt about his numerous historical recounts, which have been based on fact and research.



## Cross Country

It was a perfect day last Wednesday to run Cross Country! It was lovely to see our students all give things a go and strive to do their best. I must say, I think we have one of the nicest Cross Country tracks in NSW. Running around the beautiful river amongst the gum trees is so idyllic.

Congratulations to the students who have earned a place in the races, **some** qualifying for District (highlighted) :

<b>BOYS</b>	8/9	10	11	12/13
1st	<b>Fletcher</b>	<b>Baxter</b>	<b>Rhys</b>	<b>Max</b>
2nd	<b>Clem</b>	<b>Will</b>	<b>Lenny</b>	Jacob
3rd	<b>Colby</b>		Ryleigh	Kye
<b>GIRLS</b>				
1st	<b>Hope</b>	<b>Jie Ann</b>	<b>Meg</b>	<b>Charlotte</b>
2nd	<b>Paige</b>	Faith	Mia	Allira
3rd	<b>Tarlia</b>	Keely	Jessie	Shona
4th	<b>Sophie</b>			



We have a number of people to thank :

- to the parents, grandparents and family members who came along to support our runners, the students really enjoy having someone there to cheer them on and it was great to see so many of you.
- to the volunteers who sat on a checkpoint for us, your help ensures student safety and is very much appreciated.
- to Luke Hull for collecting and returning the chairs to the school.
- to the shire for their support with road closures and spare tape.
- to our support staff who happily took on a duty so that the day would run smoothly. Especially Mrs Mertz and Mr Svensen for organising such a great carnival.

**This Friday** we are hosting the district Cross Country with students from Barham, Wakool Burraboi, Tooleybuc and Balranald attending. Competitors will walk the track at 10am, with the first race to commence at approximately 10:45am.

Members of the community are once again advised that some road closures will be in place until approximately 2pm on Friday 31st May (see notice on the following page).



To ensure student safety during the running of this Friday's District Cross Country, MPS wishes to advise that the following roads/tracks will be closed from **8am to 2pm** (approximately) on **Friday 31st May**:

- The **Big Tree riverside track** between the back of the Bowling Club and the Edward River Bridge
- The **Bowling Club end of Endeavour Drive** in front of the Dining Room
- The track behind the bowling greens and tennis courts
- Sections of the road around the **outside of the Football Oval**

## Friday District Carnival- 31<sup>st</sup> May – Order of Events

STARTING TIMES: Welcome, Information and Lunch Ordering 9:40am

Walk the Track – 10:00am Sharp

Recess – Approximately 10:30am

1<sup>st</sup> Event – Approximately 10:45am

EVENTS:

Each girls' event will commence 2 minutes after the start of the boys' event, for each age group.

8/9 Boys – 2000m

8/9 Girls – 2000m

10 YO Boys – 2000m

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11 YO Boys – 3000m

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12/13 YO Boys – 3000m

12/13 YO Girls – 3000m

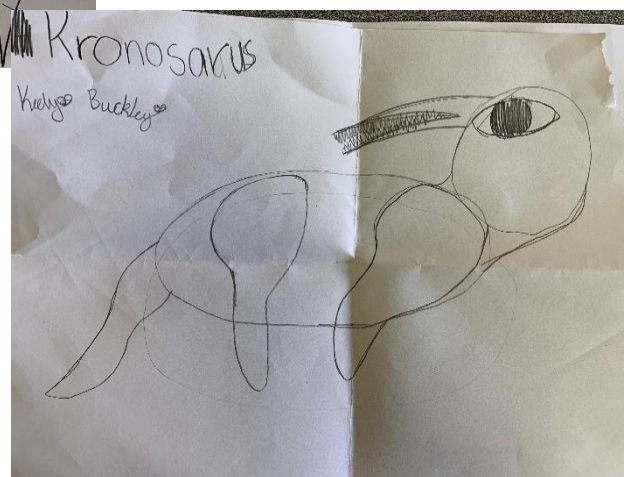
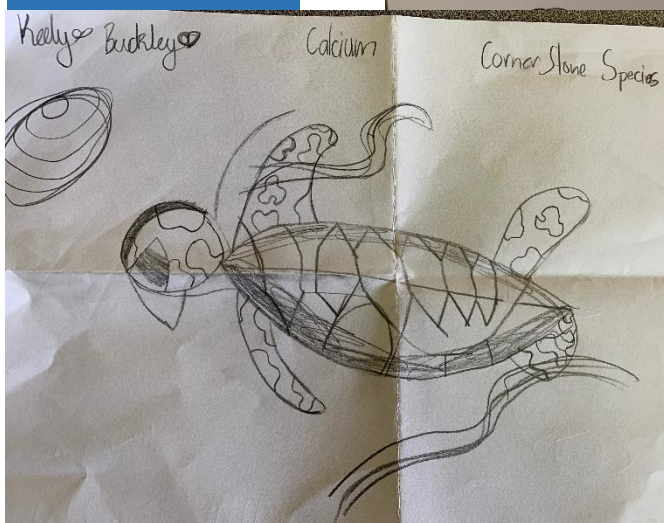
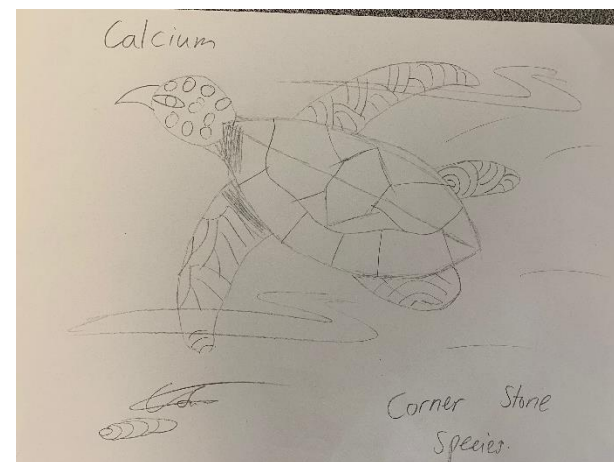
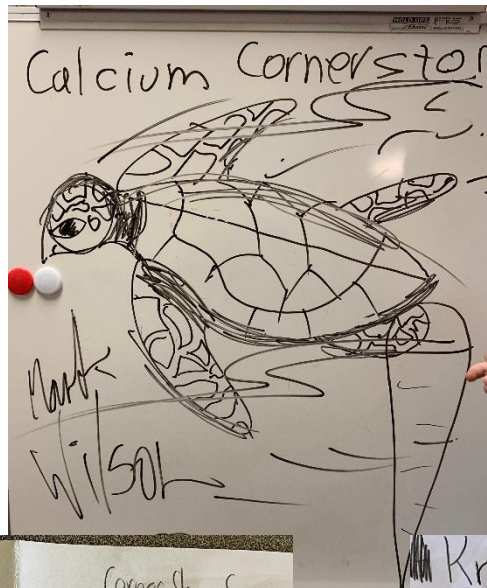


**HELPERS NEEDED** - if you are able to help out with one of the checkpoints, please let Mrs Mertz or Penny in the office know ASAP.

## Year 4/5/6 Report about Mark Wilson with Mr Svensen

Last week in 4/5/6 we had the privilege of having a well-known author and artist, Mark Wilson, come to visit our school. We have enjoyed studying Mark's books throughout this year and appreciating that time and creativity that has gone into creating them. We looked at "the Angel of Kokoda" last term when we studied the Kokoda Trail in our Papua New Guinea Unit, as well as "The Convict Children" series this term in our Colonisation Unit. The students thoroughly enjoyed listening to all of Marks stories, how he creates his picture books and where his ideas come from. We were lucky enough to have Mark talk us through his books, explaining their themes and messages, along with taking the students through some drawing activities. Below you will see some examples of the drawings that were completed along with some recounts of the day from our students.

The next step for our class is to use their knowledge of picture books and how to create engaging stories, to make our own picture books which we will be giving to K/1 to use in their read





### Marie Wilson Visit

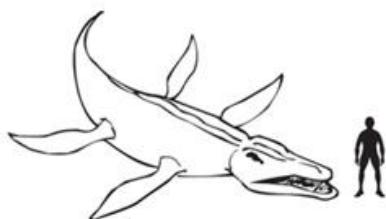
On the 21 of May Marie Wilson came to our school. He told us his books are based on fact and they are true stories. Marie Wilson writes stories about war he uses names of relatives that have been to war. He taught us that the Thylacine had a bounty which cause it to become extinct.

The Thylacine had a bear mouth, stripes like a tiger and back half of a kangaroo. He showed us how to draw turtles and a Kronosaurus Queenslandicus.

He taught us that a sea turtle is a corner stone species, meaning that they are vital to the livelihood and survival of all marine life.

I loved Marie coming to show us his skills and pass on his knowledge. I am looking forward to the next time he can come to visit.

By Jennifer Bath 4/5/6

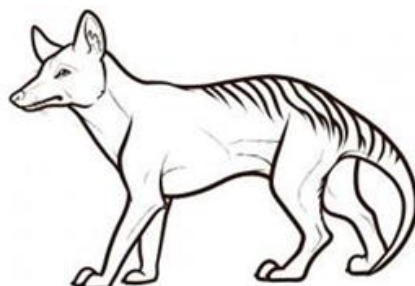


### Mark Wilson

Last Tuesday on the 21 of May Mark Wilson visited our school. He came to our school to show us some of his books and gave us a lesson in drawing different creatures and characters. He spoke about the Thylacine also known as the Tasmanian Tiger, highlighting that it has been extinct since 1937. Mark explained to us that they are a combination of three main animals: they have a jaw like a bear that can dislocate and hinge open to eat large prey, they have a body like a tiger with stripes to be camouflaged in the long grass and strong back legs and tail like a kangaroo. He told us about the sea turtles and how they are so important because they provide calcium to the ecosystem and that they are a corner stone species. He taught us how to draw his favourite animal the extinct Kronosaurus Queenslandicus to finish up the session.

I really enjoyed Mark Wilson coming to visit our school and I am looking forward to him coming back again.

By Rhys Wilson 4/5/6



### MARK WILSON

Last Tuesday on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May Mark Wilson visited our school. He came to talk about his books and gave us a drawing lesson. Most of his books are about war and animal conservation. His war books were mostly about his relatives, and the animal books are about animals that are endangered and who have accomplished amazing things. He also told us about the Thylacine also known as the Tasmania Tiger which became extinct in 1937. It had the mouth like a big grizzly bear, the body like a tiger and the tail and back legs like a kangaroo. Mark said the reason they got extinct is because all the people at the time hunted it to extinction. He wrote a book about the Tasmania tiger as well.

As a class we began drawing different features such as eyes, noses, mouths to warm up. He then show us how to draw a turtle, while he spoke about how there are a cornerstone specie in the marine ecosystem. They are a cornerstone species because they are vital to the ecosystem as they provide calcium to marine life. For the last activity Mark showed us how to draw his favourite animal species, which is the Kronosaurus Queenslandicus. It took us a while to figure out what his favourite animal was but Lenny guessed it. This was the first time he has come to Moulamein and after his visit to the school he was going to go and see the big tree. Once he left we started to write books for the K/1/2/3. I really enjoyed Mark Wilson coming and I hope he comes again soon.

By Meg Gorey 4/5/6



### Marie Wilson

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of May last Tuesday Marie Wilson payed a visit to our school. He showed us some of his original drawings from his books and answered some of our questions. We learnt about the characters and how he relates his books to extinct animals and war. Marie Wilson showed us how to draw with shapes by helping us draw a sea turtle. He spoke about how they are a corner stone species because they are vital to the eco system, as they provide calcium to marine life. He told us about the Thylacine and how people are doubt- full that the animal is extinct. We also had a think fast session as we drew the first thing that came to our minds as he called out random body parts and objects. Then we drew a Kronosaurus Queenslandicus and had a bit of a challenge guessing what it was. Lastly some over whelmed students got signatures just before he left. This was a really fun day and we learnt a lot.

By Sophie Bennett

