



Moulamein Public School

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Principal's Messages

Reconciliation Week

At the heart of reconciliation is the relationship between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. To foster positive race relations, our relationship must be grounded in a foundation of truth.

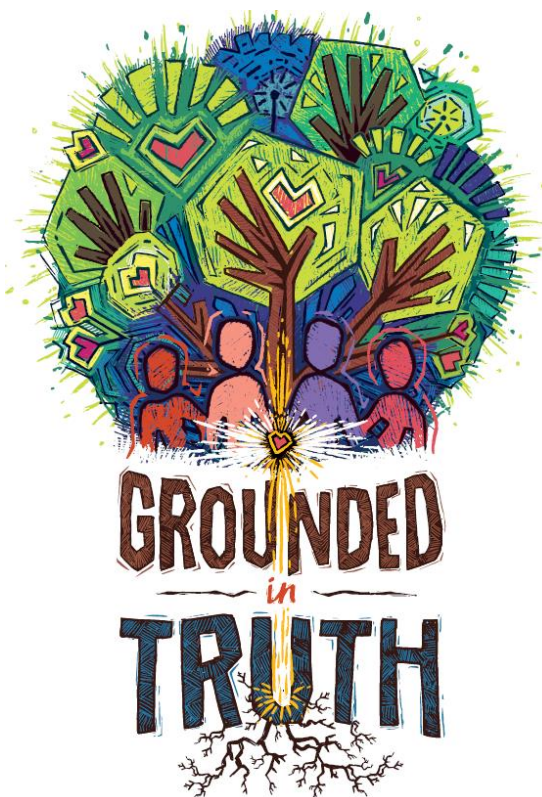
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have long called for a comprehensive process of truth-telling about Australia's colonial history. Our nation's past is reflected in the present, and will continue to play out in future unless we heal historical wounds.

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Our school is taking the time to recognize Reconciliation Week with activities on Friday this week instead of last week due to the District Cross Country carnival at our school. Each class will be broken up into mixed aged classes and complete a number of different activities that help students understand what reconciliation is and how it is important to everyone.



WALK TOGETHER WITH COURAGE

*Moulamein
Public
School is
dedicated to
providing an
engaging and
innovative
learning
environment
that encourages
each child to
excel and thrive.*



"Reconciliation isn't a single moment or place in time. It's lots of small, consistent steps, some big strides, and sometimes unfortunate backwards steps ..." – Karen Mundine – Chief Executive Officer, Reconciliation Australia

Cross Country

While it was a chilly day last Friday, we hosted the district Cross Country with students from Barham, Wakool Burraboi, Tooleybuc and Balranald in attendance. Congratulations to the students for displaying wonderful sportsmanship and encouraging each other as each crossed the finishing line.

It was pleasing to see a number of our students achieving their personal best. While we didn't have any winners on the day, we did have students qualify for the next level to be held in Gundagai on Thursday 13th June. Congratulations to:

- ☐ Tarlia McGlashan 2nd 8/9 Years Girls
- ☐ Hope Morvell 4th 8/9 Years Girls
- ☐ Rhys Wilson 2nd 11 Years Boys
- ☐ Max Morvell 4th 12/13 Years Boys
- ☐ Charlotte Burnside 3rd 12/13 Years Girls
- ☐ & Baxter Russ who is a reserve for the 10 Years Boys after placing 5th

We once again extend our thanks to the people who manned checkpoints, the shire for assisting with road closures and the P&C volunteers who were run off their feet in the canteen. It is the support of all that makes for a successful day. This was a great event and well supported by the community.





Mrs Mertz-What's happening in the Kinder and Year 1 classroom?

This term Kinder and Year 1 have been reading a beautiful book called *Leaf* by Sandra Dieckmann as part of our growth and change unit.

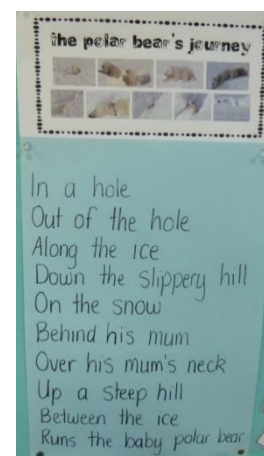


We have created our own classroom display and word wall relating to *Leaf*.

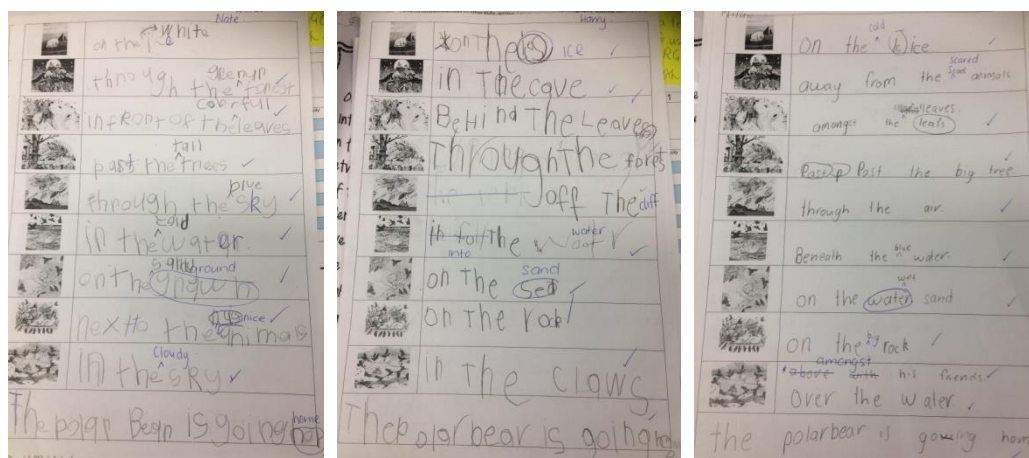


Miss Midson and Mrs Mertz have taught us to write preposition poems after they learnt about them in their literacy course in Week 3.

We started by watching a clip about polar bear cubs and recording what they were doing in each frame. We then jointly constructed a preposition poem so that we would know what to do when it came time to write our own.



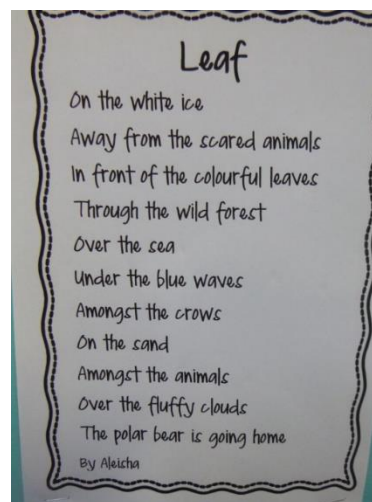
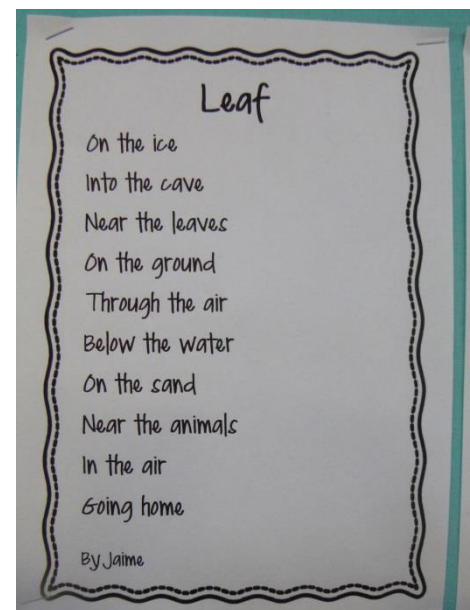
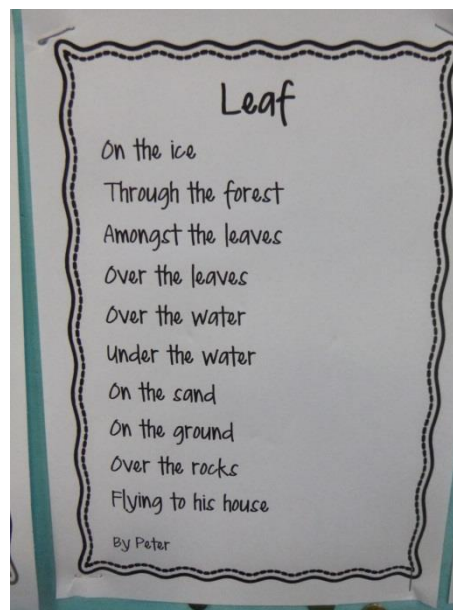
Using images from *Leaf* as a prompt, we drafted our own preposition poems, that told the story of Leaf's journey.



They have now been published and are on display in our classroom.



Here are some samples



Jennie Wilson- Principal

