



# Moulamein Public School

2019 Term 3  
Week 3

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## Events

6<sup>th</sup> August –  
Athletics  
Carnival

8<sup>th</sup> August –  
Bookfair &  
Assembly

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>  
August –

Literacy  
Training  
(P&C to  
Cater)

20<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>  
August –

Yr 6  
Excursion  
to Charlie &  
The  
Chocolate  
Factory

## Principal Messages

### Athletics Carnival Today!

See you all at 9.30am for field events first, followed by track events! Wakool Burraboi PS will be joining us for the day and the P & C will be catering for the event. Thank you to all the parents who will be able to help on the day and supply food.



A huge thank you to Chris Mertz and Corey Svensek for spending their Sunday marking out the track and field events for the carnival. It is a huge effort and appreciated by staff, students and the community. It has been a very long time since the Mertz children attended our school and we are still benefitting from their community spirit. We are so lucky to have Chris's expertise and each year he probably hopes to pass the role onto someone else. Thanks Chris!

## Education Week & Book Fair

This week is Education Week! We would like to invite our parents, carers and family members to join us in celebrating Education Week on Thursday this week from 11.30am. The schedule and information is included in Wongi. Guests are invited to come and look around in the classrooms and join in Bluearth activities, as well as stay for a picnic lunch. This is a great way to learn about what great activities and programs we have running at our school.



## Robotics at Moulamein!

Our Robotics program has already started at school and let's just say the students are ecstatic! Students are learning to use an iPad to code robotics to move and perform a task. Our older students are learning to build robots before programming them for tasks.



## School Drive Subsidy

If you live a long way from school or the school bus stop, you may be able to get financial assistance.

The School Drive Subsidy provides eligible parents and guardians twice-yearly payments to help cover some of the expenses of getting children to school.

To find out if you're eligible, and to apply online, visit:

[transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive](http://transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive)

Here are some photos of last week's lessons!

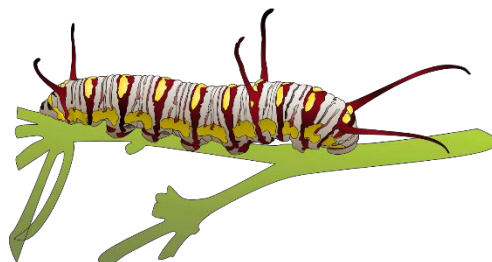


## Kindergarten and Year 1 Class News with Miss Midson

To finish up our study of living things, Kindergarten and Year 1 have continued to use their green thumbs to keep their grass seeds and pumpkin plants growing. They each know the basic needs of plants and assure me that they have been watering their grass plants at home. We are waiting on our pumpkin seedlings to grow before planting them into our vegetable garden at the school.



They particularly enjoyed our special visitor Mr. Caterpillar from our school's garden found by Harper. They observed how he moved and watched him eat. After our visit, he was released back into his natural environment.





**Jennie Wilson- Principal**

**Parents- Keep your Kids Safe On-line!** *With the modern world, parents are often 'left behind' in regards to knowing and understanding the games our children play on devices. Some students at school have been talking about **Fortnight** and it is important to remember that this App has a recommended age of **12 plus**. So, not for primary school students due to the content. Do you know what Fortnight is? Please find below some information about Fortnight from the Carly Ryan Foundation.*

**Fortnite is a video game for PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Windows, Mac and mobile allowing up to 100 users per game onto an island/map to build structures, hunt for weapons and equipment. Players are dropped onto the game map and must compete to be the last one standing. There are three modes of play in Battle Royale: Solo, Duo and Squad.**

## Challenges

### Micro transactions

There are opportunities for players to spend real money on items in the game. Fortnite encourages a membership upgrade called a Battlepass, as well as in-game currency called V-Bucks to buy bonus items. You can buy things like new looks and new dances. Most platforms allow you to block in-app purchases via parental controls, so be sure to set up yours if you don't want your kids maxing out the credit card. CRF recommends using a pre paid credit card or gift card for in-app purchases.

The game's online chat feature (especially in Battle Royale) can expose younger players to offensive language, mature content and contact from strangers. CRF doesn't recommend games with open chat for kids under 13.

### How do I turn off voice chat?

Open the Settings menu in the top right of the Fortnite home page by selecting the three bars, then the cog icon. Choose the audio tab at the top of the screen. From there, you can adjust several audio features, including voice chat. Turn the setting from on to off by tapping the arrows. You will need to take steps to make sure your child isn't exposed to the inappropriate language of other players by keeping them in solo mode or ensuring that they're teaming up with friends.

### To report

Users can report other users for harassment, inappropriate language, bullying and hacking. Just click 'Email Us' and fill out the required fields. After selecting the Product and Game Mode, select Report Player as the Issue Type. This will make sure these reports are directed to the correct team.

If a user wants to delete a 'friend' within the game they can simply go to the icon on the top right of the screen with the three figures and select the user and click 'unfriend'. There is no way to block a user in the game. If a user is harassing another user they should follow the appropriate steps above to report them.

Like any online game, Fortnite can be a positive social activity that keeps kids connected to their friends (not to mention a great potential bonding experience if you choose to play with your child). Just be mindful of screen time and monitor that chat. We always encourage open conversations around privacy and personal safety.

App Fact Sheets available from the Carly Ryan Foundation. Please email: [info@carlyryanfoundation.com](mailto:info@carlyryanfoundation.com)

Montlainein Public School

would like to invite you to join us in  
celebrating

# Education Week & Book Fair

8th of August, 2019

**Schedule:**

11.30am- Open Classrooms

12.00pm- Bluearth Activities

12.40pm- Assembly

1.00pm- Lunch! Join us for a Sausage Sizzle  
in the quadrangle

1.30pm- Book Fair opens in the Green Room

2.00pm- Event concludes



Students are encouraged to come dressed  
as their favourite book character or  
dressed in this year's Book Week theme of  
Secret Power.