

Wonggi

An Aboriginal Word for 'talk' or 'chat'

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Thank you Moulamein PS Teachers
for being awesome.



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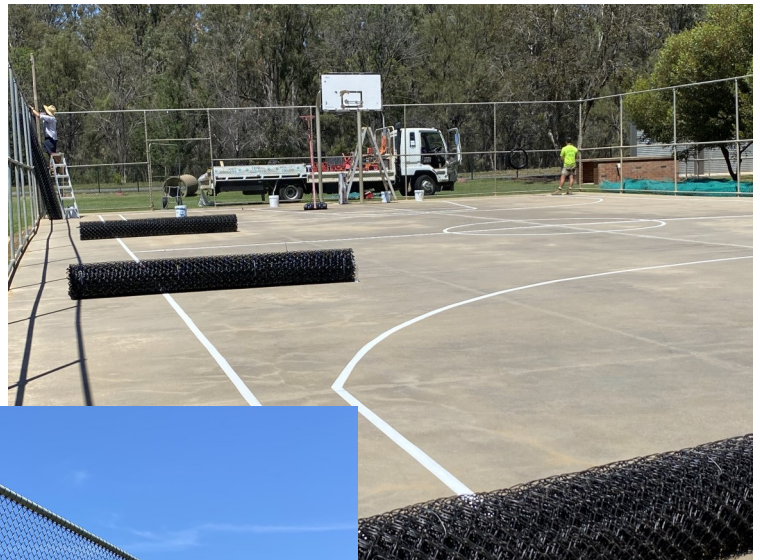
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Principal Messages

You have probably noticed another positive change to our lovely school over the last few weeks. The students are very excited about the new netting around the basketball court. We have wanted to have this upgraded for a few years, so it is nice to see this being completed this week. The old green net is being replaced with a modern new black one and it looks fantastic!



STEM Learning

This term, students are really enjoying our STEM kits we hire from the Department of Education. If you haven't had the chance, jump onto Facebook and have a look at some of the videos the teachers have posted of the students and their learning. Students are given challenges each week and have to collaboratively problem solve. Year 3/4 were challenged to create a front attachment on the Dashes. These were used to 'herd' ping pong balls into a certain area. The students all chose different ideas and loved the challenge.

Below you can see the robot, 'Dash', that has been modified by students. It was a fierce competition to see which team collected the most ping pong balls with their design. They then programmed their robots to complete the task on the ipads. There were not remote controls, students coded their machines instead.



SAFETY REMINDERS

As our school grows we need to ensure that we have strong routines in place to ensure students get to and from school safely. With more students, this sometimes means we need to change rules as safety concerns arise. Please remember that the school is only trying to keep your children safe. We also have COVID restrictions that need to be considered.



Parking

It would be appreciated if parents did not park in the no-standing zone near the crossing as this blocks the view of our bus drivers. Please use the allocated parking areas and park away from the crossing.

Change of Routine

If your child is changing routine in the afternoon you must let the school know. A child's word is not enough. Please phone the office so we are aware of changes. Adults who are listed as emergency contacts can pick up students without phoning the office. When we know of changes office staff will let your child know which areas to go to.

Bus Zone

Please do not park in the bus zone before the buses arrive. This space is only for buses. The bus zone is a really busy spot in the afternoon and difficult to manage when students are getting in and then off the bus due to pick-ups. If your child is on the bus and you are picking them up, phone the office and we will move them to the walkers line. With COVID restrictions, parents are unable to enter school grounds, making routines even more difficult and complicated. Do not park in the Turora Street area at the Triangle, as young students run across the area and we have trucks, caravans, 4WDs and other vehicles unrelated to school parking there sometimes. Please help keep your children safe during pick-up time. If you are not able to call us, and it is a last minute decision to pick your child up and they are already on the bus, please tell the teacher on duty and they will remove your child from the bus. Due to COVID, parents are unable to enter the bus. Decisions are purely based on keeping your child safe.

Crossing the Road

Please use the crossing at all times to cross the road. It is important to model this behaviour for when we as adults are not around. Bikes and scooters should be walked across the road.

Dropping students off

Please park to drop your child off in the morning and not let your students out in the middle of the road.

Dogs at School

If you bring your dog at pick-up time it needs to be on a leash and remain outside with you. We have a number of students scared of dogs and school is their safe place. Please also pick-up any droppings they leave on our front lawn.

Phones

If your child has a mobile phone or device, they must bring it to the office as soon as they arrive at school and then pick it up at the end of the day. Mobile phones are not permitted to be in students' bags or classrooms throughout the day. They are also not able to use them during break times.

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO SCHOOL

- ◆ Valuables or precious possessions.
- ◆ Any item likely to cause injury to others.
- ◆ ipods/electronic devices/cameras/mobile phone.
- ◆ Dangerous implements, glass containers or glass toys.
- ◆ Precious or valuable toys
- ◆ Make sure your dog does not follow your child to school
- ◆ Laser light pointers
- ◆ War toys
- ◆ Knives or any weapons

End of Year Functions

All end of year functions are on hold until further notice unfortunately. This includes the Year 6 graduation dinner with parents. We are still awaiting decisions and guideline may change in the next few weeks. Fingers crossed!

Leave

I will be on long service leave next week to attend an important family function. If any issues arise, classroom teachers will be the first point of contact. I will be returning in Week 6.

Photos of Bee-Bots in the Kinder Classroom



News from Miss Schupfer

Over the past three weeks, Stage 1 have been lucky to have an extra teacher in the classroom. Miss Georgia Dudley from Deniliquin has been completing her third year placement with us and will finish this Friday. We have loved having her in the classroom and we wish her all the best for her future! We know she is going to make an amazing teacher and we hope to see her back at Moulamein in the coming years!



This term, our literacy focus has been on fractured and traditional fairy tales. The students have enjoyed listening and responding to different fairy tales and have written some great character descriptions as seen below.

Little Red Riding Hood is nice and as sweet as a rose. She was brave and smelt like perfume. I liked her voice.

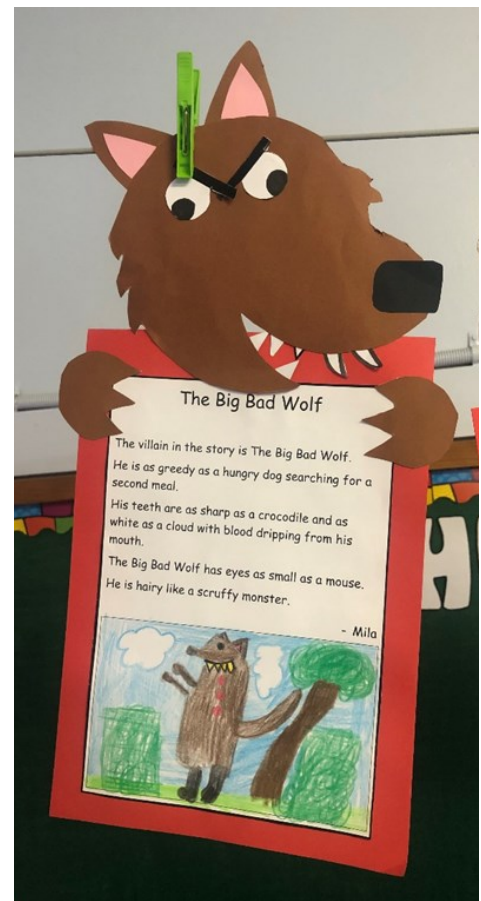
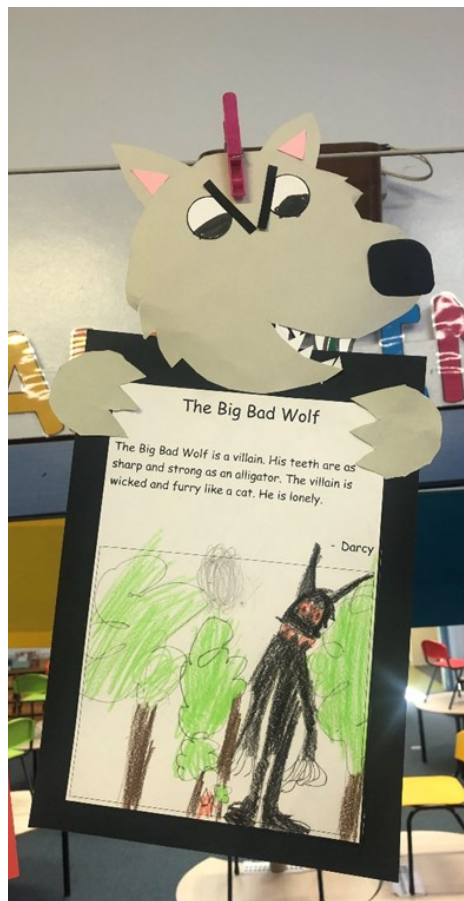
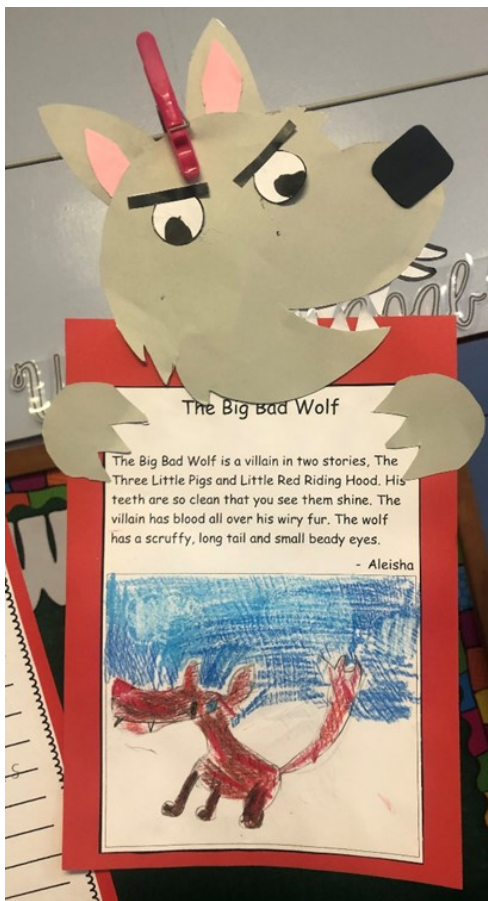
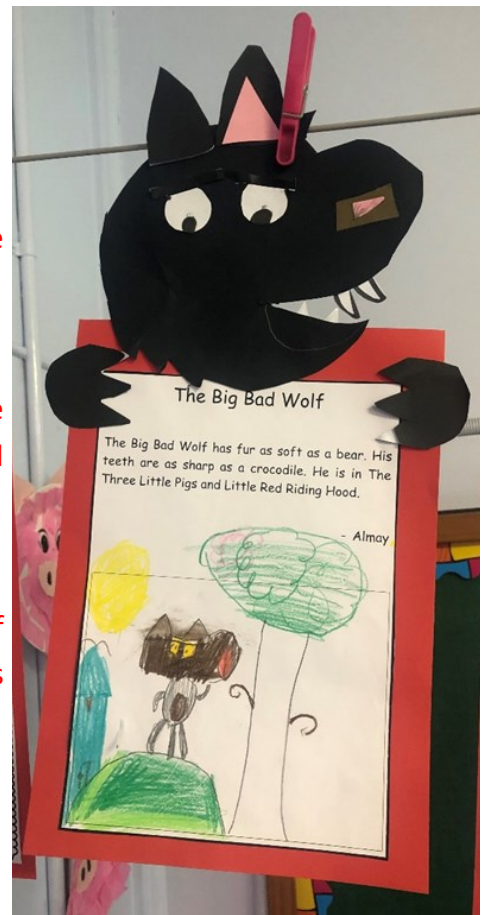
- Willow James

Little Red Riding Hood is a kind girl. She was scared when she saw the wolf and freaked out. I liked her personality. She was thoughtful and nice.

- Spencer Buckley

Little Red Riding Hood is forgetful. She was scared when the wolf came. She is nice when she picks flowers. Little Red Riding Hood is curious.

- Colton Sherman



After listening to Jack and the Beanstalk, the students planted their own magic beans and have been patiently waiting for them to grow. There were some very happy faces when they arrived to school on Monday to find some sprouting beans.

