

# Moulamein Public School

2019 Term 4 Week 8

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# Principal's Messages

The term is wrapping up really quickly. Each class is really busy preparing for the end of year Presentation Day. We will be joined our Director of Educational Leadership, Helen McRae and Debbie Wray, Aboriginal Education Officer for the Deniliquin Region. We will be starting at 9.30am and all students will be performing. Students are currently rehearsing in the hall and I can't wait to see their performances. Mr Svensek, Miss Schupfer and I went shopping yesterday for their costumes. The school funds will pay for these items, however, we are asking Year 4/5/6 boys to supply their own sunglasses. Students are all very excited and we welcome all community members, family and friends on the morning. We expect the Presentation Day to be finished by 10.30-10.45pm. Please also bring change for the P & C Sleigh Raffle. Tickets will be sold and the sleigh will be drawn at the end of the day.

#### Carols on the Green

Next Tuesday night, we will hold our Carols on the Green at 7.30pm. Students have been learning Christmas Carols and will lead our families in a singing festival. This is a social occasion for our community and Moulamein families. We welcome all parents and citizens. During the evening, we will ask parents to sing along (we will supply the song words) and join in the festivities. We expect the evening to conclude at 8.45pm, after a visit from Santa. The canteen will not be operating. This is a social event and after the singing, families can chat until close. Students, parents and visitors are asked to wear Christmas themed clothes. No alcohol please (by law). Please bring food, picnic rug, chairs and your best singing voice!

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#### Canteen Helpers & Parent Helpers in 2020

All parent volunteers are now subject by law to supply the school with 100 points of identification and fill out a form before any voluntary work that is a declaration of good character for parents and close relatives. Volunteers are not required to hold a valid Working With Children Check clearance.

### **School Captains**

Speeches have taken place today in the hall for 2019 School Captains. Mrs Mertz will be running the voting system and all students who are present on the day will vote. All students in K-5 will vote for their two new captains. Teachers will also vote on who they think will represent our School well. We will announce the new 2020 school captains at the Presentation Day. All students in Year 5 have the desire and the ability to represent our school. They are a very caring, responsible and respectful bunch of students who would all do an amazing job.

#### Year 6 Graduation Dinner

We are looking forward to the Year 6 Graduation dinner in week 9. Year 5 students are invited to attend to help celebrate, but this is not for Year 5 parents. Only Year 6 parents, family and close friends can attend the dinner. Students are able to wear their party outfits and do not need to wear school uniform. This is a celebration of their learning journey through primary school and it will be a fun night! Everyone loves a little bit of music and dancing too! Please ensure that guests arrive on time and this is a non-alcoholic event, even though we are at the club. No alcohol can be assumed at school events, due to Department of Education Policy.

# **Contacting Staff After Hours**

Over the last month staff are being contacted continuously on weekends and at night regarding school matters. Please understand most matters can wait until the next day, unless there is a family emergency. People do like answers straight away in this modern world, but we are finding most messages can be answered by parents reading notes and following our Facebook page. There has been a dramatic increase of this and it is against our Code of Conduct to speak and deal with school matters outside school hours and school grounds. It is important to understand that teachers and office staff are not on call. I do understand that friendships exist within communities, but we need to follow our Department of Education policies. Staff have been instructed not to answer calls on their personal phones or Facebook messenger about school matters. While you may send only one message to a teacher on a weekend, 6 other people may do the same. Please respect school staff and their personal time. I would appreciate your support and understanding in this matter.



# Jennie Wilson- Principal