



Moulamein Public School

2019 Term 1 Week 3

Email: moulameinp.school@det.nsw.edu.au

www.moulamein-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

In this Issue

- Principal Messages
- Communication
- Class Structure
- Swimming Carnival
- Year 6 T-shirts
- Sport
- Library & Home Reading
- Wongi messages
- School Zones
- Visitors to the School
- Dismissal from School
- Voluntary Payments
- What not to bring to school
- Voluntary Payments
- Reports
- Ambulance Cover
- Attendance
- P & C

Principal's Messages

Welcome back to Moulamein Public School. I hope everyone has had a great Christmas, a relaxing holiday and our students are ready for an exciting term ahead.

I would like to welcome our new families and students. It was wonderful to see the bright happy faces of our students last week. Our kindergarten students were all very excited to turn up on their first day in their uniforms. We wish them well on their learning journey!



We have had great feedback from the high schools about our 2019 Year 6 students, who are all doing really well in their new setting.

Communication

We are working really hard to ensure our communication to parents is effective. Our WONGI is our school newsletter and if you do not receive your copy please pick one up at the school office, IGA, Post Office or petrol station. We also place the newsletter on our website and our school Facebook page. Our Facebook page is for you to receive messages. All queries about programs should be directed to the school office. Students receive hard copies of notes sometimes and some notes need signing. Please call into the office if you have any further questions, but we encourage parents and carers to keep notes in a visible place and read the notes provided.

Contact Us

T: 03 58 875 208

Fax: 03 58 875 102

Class Structures

This year we are very lucky to have received a grant to have an extra teacher. We welcome Mr Dave Kerrigan from Sydney to Moulamein and our school and feel so lucky to have him join us this year. This also means our teacher class ratio is amazing and students are able to have support and greater teacher attention to achieve benchmarks and goals. We have 4 permanent classes, with a large Kindergarten enrolment and 59 students in total. Our numbers have steadily increased and therefore Colleen holds a permanent 5 days a week position, leading to our office being open every day. Kindergarten will be taught by Mrs Cathy Mertz and Miss Midson in the afternoons and Fridays. We also welcome back Miss Schupfer and are privileged she has decided to return for a second year to teach Year 1 and 2, which is Stage 1. In our Year 3 and 4 class, we have Mr Corey Svenssek and Mr Dave Kerrigan, an experienced Stage 3 teacher will be teaching our Year 5 and 6 class. The smaller classes and varied teaching strengths and skills means our students will have varied learning opportunities throughout the year. On Friday, our students will rotate around the teachers and use their expertise across K-6.

Friday for Term 1:

SPORT- Mr Corey Svenssek

GYMNASTICS-Miss Rachel Schupfer

LIBRARY-Miss Eryn Midson

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES: Mr Dave Kerrigan

Classes are supported by learning support officers at times, which are Penny Munro, Suzanne Mead and Michelle Buckley. We also have our casual teachers, Mrs Kathy Gibson, Miss Sarah Lahy and Mrs Nicole Fitzpatrick who will support our teachers and special events.



Each teacher is entitled to Release from Face-to-face teaching (RFF). This time allows teachers time to program and prepare for teaching and to complete a range of duties and tasks associated with teaching and learning, assessment, teacher professional learning and additional and special school activities. The year, Miss Midson will be teaching HSIE (History and Geography) to all classes for RFF.

Swimming Carnival

Friday 14th February is the date of our School Swimming Carnival to be held at the Moulamein Pool.

The day is set to begin at **9.45am**. Walkers and bus travellers will come to school as normal and walk with teachers to the pool in time for the 9.45am assembly. Students travelling in with parents need to be at the pool before 9.45am. Students will need to **wear school uniform and appropriate sports footwear to and from the pool**. They will change into bathers at the pool and may wear thongs around the pool during the carnival.

Please note the following:

- Infants' students will go to school as normal, walking to school or being delivered by bus. They will spend the morning session and recess at school with Miss Midson and Miss Munro.
- Infants will change into their swimmers at school. At approximately 12:15 they will then walk to the pool and participate in a series of novelty events in the shallow end of the pool supported by our senior students. They will stay for lunch at the pool before returning to the classroom (approximately 1.30-1.45pm).
- All students eligible for PSSA events, i.e. turning 8 years or older in 2020 will participate in this event provided they are able to swim 25 metres. No student from Year 3/4/5/6 will be left at school with the Infants.
- **All students are asked to bring a packed recess and lunch as we are unsure if a canteen will be operating. We will advise via note and the school Facebook page if there are any changes to these arrangements.**

Students will need to take:

- bathers and towel
- rash tops
- a large water bottle
- recess and lunch
- school hat
- personal sunscreen if unable to use the school's sunscreen
- extra dry underwear or clothes if needed

Students may not leave the Moulamein Pool Complex during the Carnival, and may only leave at the end of day with a parent, or a carer that the school has been notified of.

Parents are asked to consider giving some time to assist with the carnival duties such as timekeeping. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated and helps us to run the carnival safely and on time. Please indicate on the return slip if you are able to assist on the day.

Students and parents are advised that students must display appropriate stroke technique to be selected to compete at the PSSA Swimming Carnival in Swan Hill. In the interest of fairness, all students will be advised that events at Moulamein must be swum and that walking in the shallow end will result in disqualification from the programmed event. A marshal will judge on the shallow end.

Year 6 T-shirts

Thank you to the P & C for supplying and Colleen for ordering our great Year 6 t-shirts early. Our students have already been presented with their shirts and wearing them proudly.



Sport

Friday will continue be our Sport day and students are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and appropriate school uniform for easy movement.



Wongi Messages

Wongi messages can be emailed directly to moulameinwongi@hotmail.com or dropped into the school during office hours.

Library & Home Reading

Miss Midson will be taking Library on a Friday each week. Please ensure they have their library bag each week and return their books. It is great to ask your child what book they have borrowed and use it for story time at home.

All students K-6 will be given a folder to use for home reading. We will be encouraging all students to read each night for 10 minutes. Parents are to sign their booklet and rewards will be given to students who participate in this valuable activity. More information will go home with each class within the following week.

School Zones

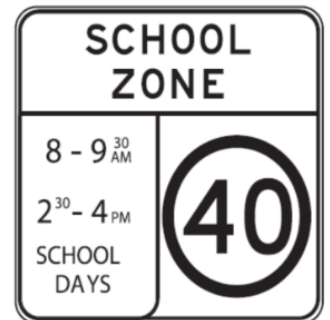
40km/h speed zones operate on all NSW gazetted school days, whether you can see children or not.

Signs and white *Dragon Teeth* road markings indicate that a vehicle is entering a 40km/h speed zone.

In addition, our school has a flagged School Crossing that signals students may be crossing.

This Crossing is manned in the afternoon but not in the mornings.

The bright orange flags are highly visible. Road users are asked to be especially vigilant with the commencement of the school year. We urge all drivers, riders and pedestrians to be *alert* and move safely and carefully on and along the road.



Please teach your child to cross the road at the crossing. This is a shared responsibility.

Visitors to the School

Anyone entering the school premises must **SIGN IN** and **SIGN OUT** so that we know who is on premises at all times. This is a *Child Protection* and *Work Health & Safety* requirement.

A 'visitor' is anyone entering our school grounds, including parents delivering items to children, parents picking or dropping off students, parent volunteers, community members, tradesmen and sales persons.

Sign In & Out at the school office or, on the day the office is unmanned, follow directions posted on the office door.

Please do not enter our school grounds without permission. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dismissal from School Routines

Students are dismissed from class at 3.00pm. They will then move to either the Bus line or Walkers line.

Walkers Line

Students walking or being collected line up next to the Staffroom, and riders line up next to the Kinder door. Students are supervised leaving the school via the front gate. The teacher on duty will instruct students to move to parents outside the gate (please do not call them to you prior to this), and to walk across the school crossing on Brougham Street and along the footpaths on Tallow Street. Riders will be directed to move off after walkers. The teacher will supervise all movement to ensure students move and behave in an orderly and respectful manner.

The following guidelines promote safe travel:

- Children travelling by car must be correctly restrained.
- Make sure children use the kerb side door to alight from a car.
- Never allow children to walk behind a parked car.
- Do not leave children unsupervised in parked cars.

Bus Line

Students will line up in the Bubbler shelter, and must not proceed to the buses unless lead by a teacher. The teacher on duty will lead students to the exit gate/ bus zone on the south side of the school adjacent to the Triangle Park. Students will be instructed to move onto each bus, each line in turn, in an orderly and respectful manner.

Bus behaviour is a shared responsibility between the school, parents and bus operators and owners who will have their own set of rules and guidelines to ensure safety.

Please note

- Your child's word will not be sufficient for them to be allowed to change their 'dismissal' routine. Teachers will instruct students to follow their normal dismissal routine unless notification has been received from parents or caregivers – in writing or by a verbal or telephone message, i.e. to go on the bus or walk home as normal.
- The school must be notified if someone new or different is collecting your child. People unknown to the school will need to present identification.

- The *marked crossing* (flagged) must be used by all *adults and children* crossing Brougham Street, whether walking home or to moving to a parked car on the other side of Brougham Street.

Children under the age of 10 do not have the capacity or skills to be safe in traffic environments, and should be accompanied to and from school and the bus stop.

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

Voluntary School Contributions

Each year, parents are to consider paying a small, monetary contribution to the school. These funds are used to cover the cost of additional student programs not funded by the NSW DEC.

The Voluntary School Contribution is supported by the school's parent representative association, and the amount is reviewed in conjunction with this body each year.

The Voluntary School Contribution is currently \$30.00 per child and is payable at the beginning of each school year.

Parents will receive a request for payment at the start of the year. Please make payment at, or send your contribution to, the front office.

School Times- New eating times

- | | |
|-------------------|------------|
| • 8.45 – 9am | Arrival |
| • 10.45 – 11.10am | Recess |
| • 1.10 – 1.55pm | Lunch |
| • 3pm | End of day |

Reporting

Moulamein PS reports to parents on the progress, learning habits and applications of their children twice yearly – at the end of Semester 1 and Semester 2. Parents are invited to Teacher-Parent interviews following the issue of these Semester Progress Reports to discuss the report and discuss ways to support and promote future learning.

Kindergarten students are assessed 'on entry' to school in Term 1 to ascertain their level of skills in Literacy and Numeracy. This information is shared with parents and immediately directs teaching and learning programs, ensuring individualised learning that addresses each child's needs.

Parents are welcome to speak with teachers at any time during the year, or when factors are identified as having the potential to affect their child's engagement or progress in learning.

Ambulance Cover

The Ambulance Service of *NSW Ambulance Group Cover Scheme-Schools: Policy Guidelines* provides coverage that ensures that in the event a student enrolled in a NSW government school has an accident or falls ill while at school or on an organised, fully supervised school excursion and requires an emergency ambulance service, that neither the school nor the parents will be responsible for the payment of the ambulance account under the terms and conditions of the policy.

The cover does not extend to incidents that occur at non-approved, unsupervised activities. Nor does the scheme cover incidents or illnesses that occur outside of normal school hours, before school has started or after school hours while these students are unsupervised and not engaged in an approved school excursion or other activities.

For the 2020 school year, coverage of the scheme extends for cross-border excursions and other planned activities to all to all State and Territories except for Queensland and South Australia. We do not plan on heading to these two states anyway, and we are glad that our students will continue have ambulance cover in Victoria. Please ignore previous reports that indicate otherwise, due to a change over the holidays.

Attendance

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the

Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling. Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

Students should only remain at home if there is a valid reason. All absences must be explained in a note on the child's return to school, or a phone call to the office. You may also text on our school mobile, leaving your name, name of child, date of absence and reason for their absence on **0428313580**.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 3 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence. Regular letters are sent home asking for explanations as per DoE policies.

P&C

The P&C Association meets at 3.00pm on Tuesdays in Week 3 and Week 7 of each term. The Annual General Meeting and election of office bearers occurs in February. P&C meetings are held in the classroom next to the school office. Yearly membership to the P&C is \$1.00.

Membership is open to all parents and interested citizens. The meeting is a forum for parent/teacher exchange of information and depends on active involvement and support being shown by all parents. It is an important forum for discussion and evaluation which assists with the setting of school direction and school planning.

The group also has a fundraising function within the school. Active participation and the assistance of all school families are encouraged. Funds raised are allocated to school projects and activities that benefit every student. School excursions in the past have been heavily subsidized by the P & C.

Jennie Wilson- Principal