



# Moulamein Public School

2020 Term 1  
Week 4

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## Principal's Messages

Students have settled well into routines and I can already see our new kindergarten students learning to read and write. Other classes have started their units of work and are active in their learning.

## Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all students who participated in the school swimming carnival. The students had a fantastic day and I would like to thank Mrs Cathy Mertz and Mr Corey Svensen for organising the event. Thank you to our parent volunteers who helped time keep, other teachers, Brett and Colleen for helping throughout the day. It was great to finish the day with a parent versus teacher race. This is a tradition we would like to continue, so start training everyone for the 2021 carnival!







## Sydney Morning Herald Summit

This week, I will be a guest speaker at the Sydney Morning Herald School Summit in Sydney at the International Conference Centre in Darling Harbour. The SMH Schools Summit will facilitate a much-needed insightful debate and discussion around the future of Australian education. Moulamein Public School will again be in the spotlight and hold the torch for rural and remote schools in NSW.

### SPEAKERS



**The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian**  
Premier of New South Wales



**Mark Scott**  
Secretary, NSW Department of Education



**The Hon. Sarah Mitchell**  
Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning, NSW



**Paul Martin**  
CEO, NSW Education Standards Authority



**Professor Geoff Masters**  
Review Lead, NSW Curriculum Review and Chief Executive Officer, Australian Council for Educational Research



**David de Carvalho**  
CEO, Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority



**Jennie Wilson**  
Principal, Moulamein Public School



**Murat Dizdar**  
Deputy Secretary, School Operations and Performance, NSW Department of Education



**Tracey Breese**  
Principal, Kurri Kurri High School



**The Hon. Adrian Piccoli**  
Director, Gonski Institute for Education, UNSW



**Megan Krimmer**  
Headmistress, Abbotsleigh



**Karen Maraga**  
Principal, School Leadership Institute, NSW Department of Education

### Key topics to be addressed:

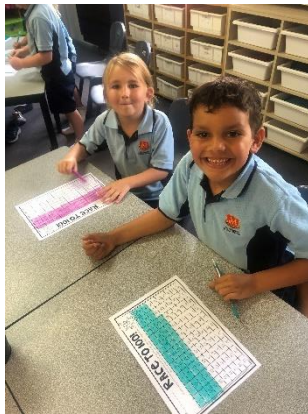
- NSW Curriculum Review
- Gifted Students and Gifted Programs
- PISA and International Insights
- Teacher Education
- Play-Based Learning
- Project-Based Learning
- Education in Rural and Regional Communities

- School Improvement
- General Capabilities
- School Fundraising
- The Future of Assessments
- School Improvement

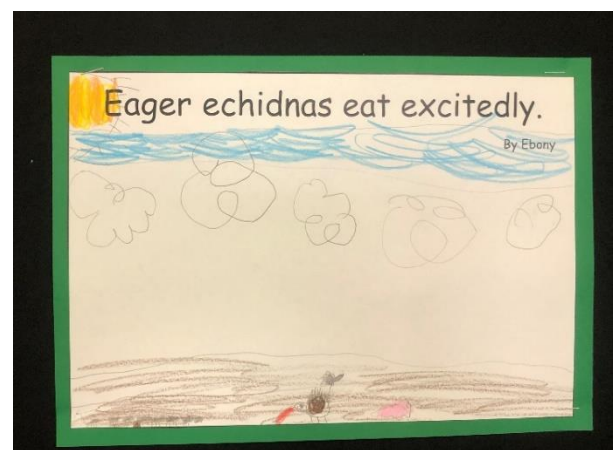
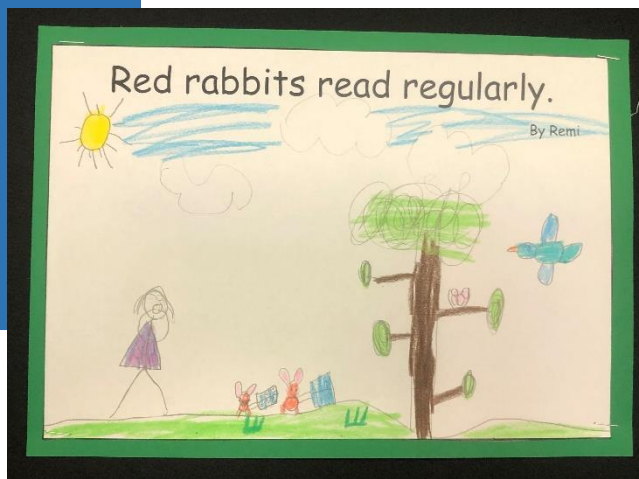
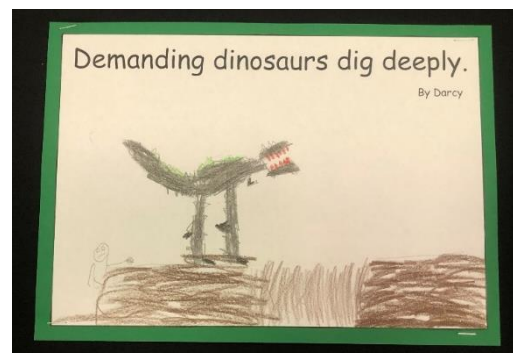
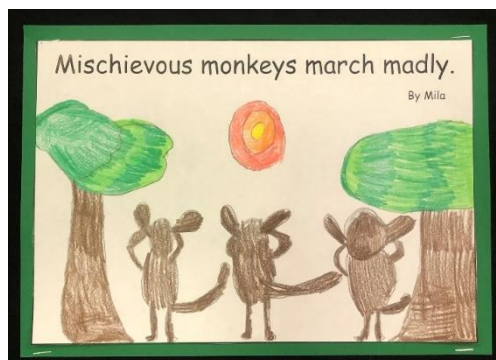
## News from Miss Schupfer

Year 1 and 2 have settled back into school life beautifully and are really excited for a new year of learning and fun experiences.

We began the year with lots of number work to build on our existing number skills. Here are some of the students racing to 100 in a number game warm up activity.



The students have also been learning to use a dictionary and participated in a fun exercise where they had to choose an animal beginning with the first letter of their name and create a sentence using words they could find in the dictionary. We look forward to sharing much more with you in 2020!

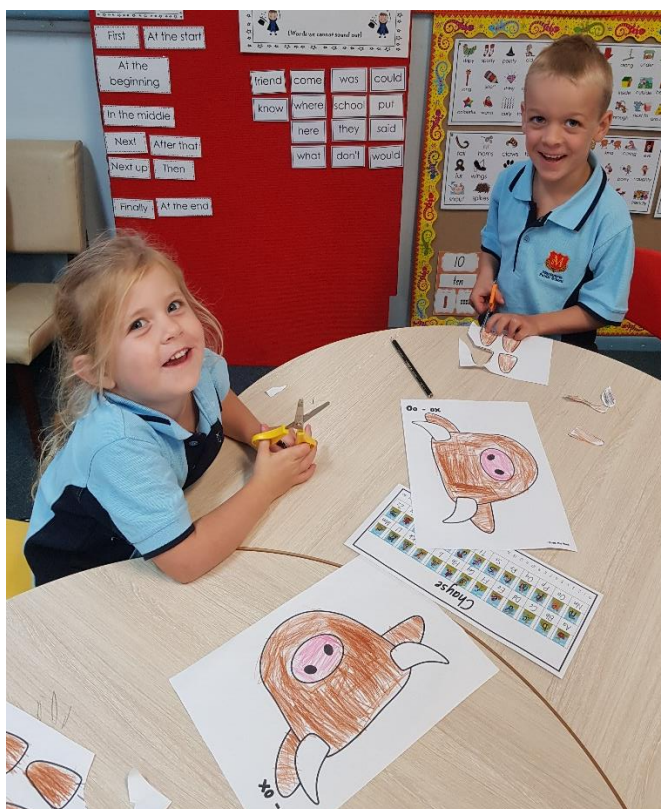
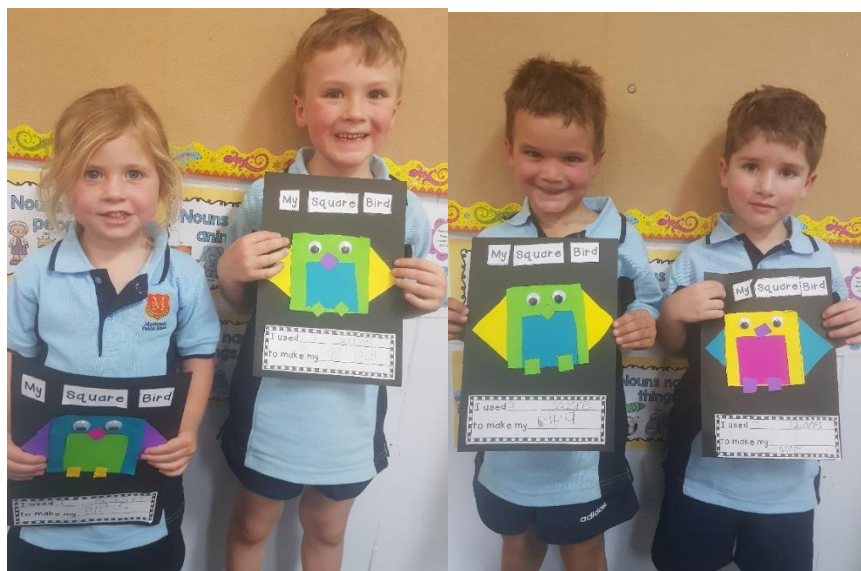




## News from Miss Midson

### Kindergarten

The Kindergarten students have had a fantastic start to their learning journeys. They are settling in well to routines and know classroom rules. We have been learning about two-dimensional shapes. Using paper, they cut squares out to make colourful birds. They have also been reading books with the common theme of farming. The students showed off their colouring, cutting and folding skills to make crafty cows for the classroom.

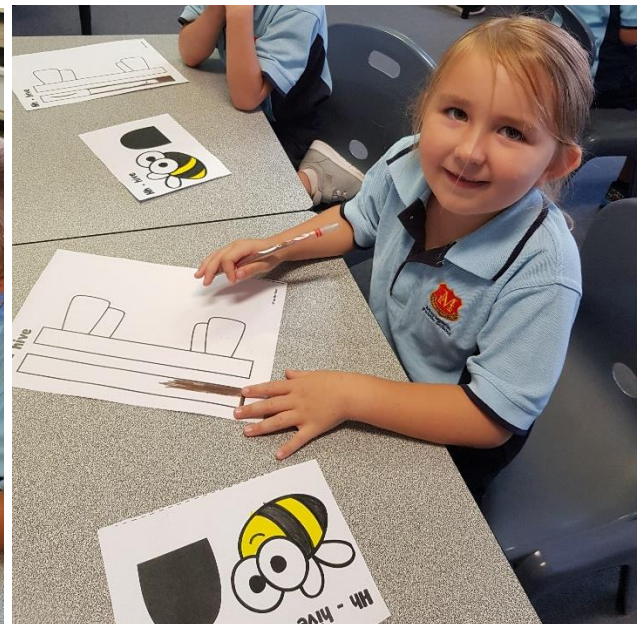






## Year 1/2

Last week students from the Year 1/2 class explored the importance of bees. Focusing on how bees assist certain vegetable crops in growing and producing vegetables. To finish up the lesson the students participated in making their own beehive craft. They are BEEautiful!





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## 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.

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## P&C

The Annual General Meeting and election of members was held last Tuesday. All positions were declared vacant and we thank the past members for their dedication and hard work, especially Rebecca Gray and Colleen Wilson. This year, we currently have all positions open as past members have decided it is time to retire and hand over the reins to some other families. No-one has currently accepted any position on the P & C.



A note will go home to parents regarding the P & C and the future possibilities. We will explain the positions on the P & C and be asking if anyone is interested joining. Not many parents came to our meeting and those who did were not interested in an official position on the P & C, therefore we could not form a committee. The school is able to run without an official P & C and I do not rely on any fundraising to run the school. Our school is financially viable without any fundraising or extra funds from the P & C. In the past, the school excursions have been heavily subsidised by the P & C and therefore parents will now pay full price for excursions (which is around double the 2019 cost). The P & C have also funded projects in the past.

If we have enough parents interested in forming a P & C, a new meeting will occur shortly. Please be aware that the P & C can be as active as it chooses. We have had a very active president over the years who has spent many hours and time organising fundraising events. A new P & C may only choose to run 2-3 fundraising events a year and choose to have canteen twice a term. Nothing is set in concrete. It is entirely up to the new members and committee.

Kylie Tink will keep running the uniform shop until further notice and the canteen will remain closed.

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## Canteen Closed

The canteen will remain closed until further notice. Many small schools are unable to have a canteen day due to the lack of volunteers. This is a problem here too. It seems most parents really value canteen, but we are finding it more and more difficult to staff the canteen with volunteers. Parents want other parents to volunteer, but this is not always achievable and we are relying on the good will of just a few parents time and time again, who are unavailable this year. Due to the size of the school, it is not profitable for another outside agent to run it.

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## Jennie Wilson- Principal

