



Moulamein Public School

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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 district school swimming carnival in Swan Hill. The students had a fantastic day and I would like to thank Mrs Fitzpatrick and the parents for attending. The students had a fantastic day and Archie Miller received the senior boy champion award after winning the 100m and 50 m freestyle and 50m backstroke. Congratulations to Peter Arthur, Colby Skipsey, Mila Gray, Sophie Bennett and Meg Gorey who all received places at the carnival.



Voluntary School Contributions

Each year, parents are asked 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 have received a request for payment at the start of the year. Please make payment at, or send your contribution to, the front office.

P&C

All positions were declared vacant at our P & C AGM. 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. Thank you to those parents who returned their notes and declared their interest or lack of interest. It is always good to know where we stand. Out of the all the Moulamein parents, only two parents have put their hand up to volunteer in the canteen. This makes it very difficult for a canteen to run and therefore our canteen will remain closed until further notice.

Due to a small number of interested parties I have decided to run another meeting. Please be aware that the time and day has been made to suit most people who indicated availability on their notes. Unfortunately, I could not cater for everyone and their desired day or time.

**New - P & C Meeting
Wednesday
18th March
5.30pm
All welcome!**

Attendance

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. 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 circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

Each week we will be sending home notes if we have not received an explanation for an absence. Our school has made an enormous amount of effort to improve school attendance and we have seen it slowly increase. This year has not got off to the most positive start and our current absence rate is below state average. I cannot encourage you enough to consider and understand the link between poor attendance and poor academic growth and to consider this before you allow your child to miss a day of school.

Reading is important!

Reading has always been an important skill. In our modern world it is more important than ever. Children learn about the importance of reading as they watch family members use reading and writing for everyday purposes. Reading with your child at home will help your child in all learning areas of school. Children see you reading and writing in everyday life – reading for pleasure, sharing a story with your child, using a recipe, making a shopping list, writing a birthday card or reading street signs. This teaches them that reading and writing are useful skills in today's world. A great way to support your child's learning is to listen to them read at home each night for 10 minutes.

All students have been given a homework reading folder and home reading log. Please record in the home reading diary when your child reads and our school will be offering rewards for students who take the time to read at home. Make sure you listen to your child and you will get to see and hear some of our new readers we purchased at the end of last year!



Jennie Wilson- Principal