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Principal Messages - Jennie Wilson

Check-In Assessments

Year 3-6 students will participate in a reading and numeracy Check-in assessment.

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

The assessment will be scheduled for our students over the next few weeks.

Restrictions

Just a reminder the school is still closed to parents and all non-essential visitors. The office remains open for essential purposes only. If you are unsure, please call before you enter our school grounds.

Presentation Day, Swim School, Assemblies and Year 6 Graduation are still all on hold. Decisions about each of these will be made shortly and parents will receive notification regarding each activity.

Merit Card Recipients

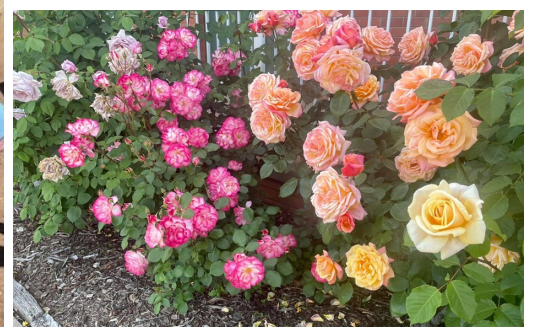
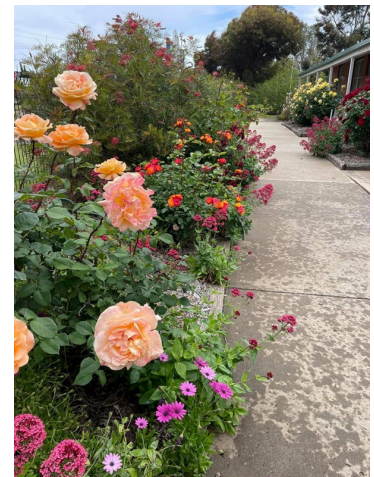
Merit cards were handed out this week in class due to restrictions. Congratulations to all our hard-working students who received an award.





Loving our Playground and Outdoor Areas

Our playground and gardens are such an inviting place to be this this of year. Here are some photos of our beautiful surroundings! A big thank you to Brett for our lovely gardens and Mrs Downie has been busy with the students planting our vegetable garden. Our outdoor area is a hype of activity and learning for everyone across K-6.



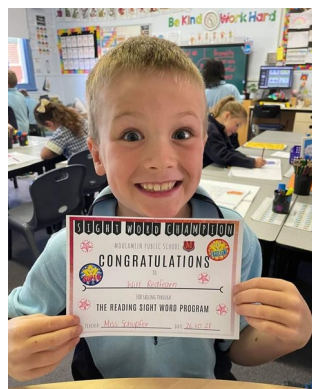
Bird Count

Mrs Downie and our students have participated in the Aussie Backyard Bird Count and had a great time learning about local birds in our playground. The students identified 25 species and counted 390 birds which were entered onto the database. Our students enjoyed being community scientists! Thanks to Mrs Downie for organising this great activity.



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. Often parents are asked by the school to listen to their child read at home. It's a good way of supporting your child's reading. We are so pleased that the number of students who are reading at home has increased dramatically this year. A big thank you to those parents and older siblings who are ensuring this happens each night. The students have been really excited about receiving their Home Reading awards.



Reading at Home Tips

- Try not to let television intrude on reading time. Make a special time for reading with your child, away from interruption.
- Listen to your child every day, even for a short time.
- Before reading, talk about the cover, the title, the pictures, and discuss what the book may be about.
- During reading, discuss what has been read up to that point, and imagine what will happen next time.
- After reading is finished, talk and ask questions about the story and the pictures.
- When reading a harder book together, take turns. Beginning readers can read the repetitive parts and more experienced readers can read a paragraph or a page.

Reminders

- ♦ All students must wear a school hat every day
- ♦ All students must have a drink bottle they can refill each day
- ♦ Notes are to be returned to the office
- ♦ Parents are currently unable to enter the classroom or playground
- ♦ Please wear a mask if you need to enter the school office
- ♦ It is best to call before entering the school office
- ♦ Please use the parking areas to drop and pick up students
- ♦ Please do not park on the crossing

Jennie Wilson

Principal

News from Year 1/2 and Miss Schupfer

In English this term, students in Years 1 and 2 have been identifying and discussing fantasy creatures in story books. The students enjoyed the story, *Wild Things* by Maurice Sendak and wrote about what they would do if they were a wild thing. There were some very cheeky responses to this activity!

If I was a wild thing, I would eat kids for dinner and teachers for dessert. Lewis McGlashan

If I was a wild thing, I would eat my teacher for lunch! Peter Arthur

If I was a wild thing, I would eat my mum, so I didn't have to do any jobs! Harry McGlashan



In science lessons, students watched a video called, What a waste! They discussed ways they could help others understand how important it is to place rubbish in the bin. They created bright, eye-catching posters to display in the courtyards at school, hoping to spread their message to all students at Moulamein Public School.



Last week in Maths, the students enjoyed getting outside in the sunshine and completing a QR code scavenger hunt. Students had to locate and scan codes around the playground with their iPad and identify a range of numbers to find their next clue and finish the challenge.

