



# Moulamein Public School

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## Principal Message

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 this 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!





Some students certainly look as if they have had a growth spurt during the holidays. I am feeling very short amongst the Year 6 students once again! This is my fourth year at Moulamein Public School and I will continue to ensure that students are achieving goals, enjoying school and being provided with a wholistic education by providing various learning opportunities.

## First Day Photos



## Communication

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. Notes that need to be signed must also be returned before the due date.

## Class Structures

This year we will have 4 permanent classes.

**Kinder/1-** Will be taught by Mrs Cathy Mertz Monday to Thursday. On Friday Mrs Nicole Fitzpatrick and Mrs Jennie Wilson will be teaching the class. Both Mrs Mertz and Mrs Fitzpatrick are ongoing temporary teachers.

**Year 1/2-** Miss Rachel Schupfer has returned to teach our Year 1 /2 class. There will be times that this class will be working alongside Kinder/1 for activities across the curriculum. Miss Schupfer is a permanent teacher at our school.

**Year 3/4-** Mr Corey Svensen is teaching our stage 2 class and also leading sport across K-6. He will be organizing carnivals and other sporting events throughout the year. Mr Svensen is our other permanent teacher.

**Year 5/6-** We welcome Mrs Jacinta Wheeler to our school for our stage 3 class. Mrs Wheeler is an experienced teacher who has worked at small schools as well as a larger school in Deniliquin. Mrs Wheeler is looking forward to teaching back in a small school and has planned an exciting year ahead with our Stage 3 class.

**RFF Role-** All teachers are entitled to release from face to face teaching for administration, planning and assessment each week. Mr Liam Mason will be teaching music to all students during this time, Mrs Wilson will be teaching visual arts and all students will visit the library on Friday for borrowing books. This is the arrangements for Term 1 only and subject to changing in Term 2.

**Sport –** All students will have sport on Friday with their classroom teacher.



Classes will be supported by our students learning support officers. This year we have Penny Munro, Suzanne Mead and Madison Houlihan working in this role. Students who have additional needs are funded to have support with their learning. This is approved by the Department of Education in Sydney after applications are received from the school. There is a strict criteria and allocations are needs based. Students without additional funding are supported by the classroom teacher and the school does fund some time for extra support. Due to COVID-19, all public schools in NSW have been allocated additional learning support money to spend on supporting students who have not met benchmarks. Mr Liam Mason will be also providing learning support to students across the week for Term 1.

Our administration team remains the same, Penny Munro works in the office at times and the office manager is Colleen Wilson. The school library is also supported by Kathy Gibson.



## 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. Thank you to LeeArna for presenting the t-shirts, I think she noticed how excited they were to put them on straight away!



## Wongi Messages

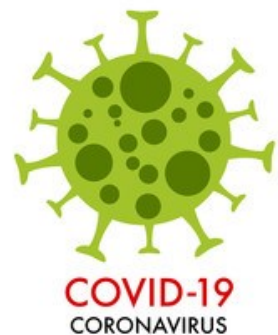
Wongi messages can be emailed directly to [moulameinwongi@hotmail.com](mailto:moulameinwongi@hotmail.com) or dropped into the school during office hours.

## Visitors to the School and COVID-19 Updates

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. We also need you to use our NSW QR code to sign in due to COVID-19 tracking and tracing. Schools are still limiting parents and non-essential visitors to the school.

Parents of students in K-2 are allowed to walk their students to the classroom each morning, but not stay. Parents dropping off students in the morning do not need to sign in. If you enter the office for any reason, you do not need to sign in. All pick ups within school time, must be from the office only.

**Please do not enter our school grounds without permission.** This includes canteen volunteers.



## School Attendance

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 0428 313 580.

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
- self-isolating and awaiting a COVID-19 test
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

In accordance to NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms.

NSW Health has requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or COVID clinics.

Students and staff with flu-like symptoms will need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom-free before being permitted to return to school.

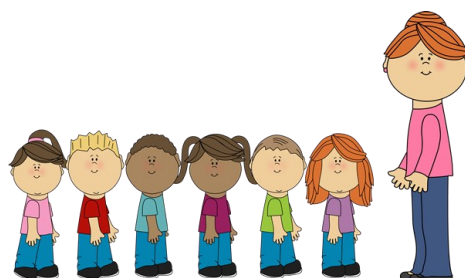
Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test will not be permitted to return to school for a 10-day period. Additionally, they must be symptom-free for at least 3 days prior to returning to school.

Students who have seasonal allergic rhinitis or another condition that presents similarly to flu-like symptoms are still required to get tested for COVID-19 and return a negative test result. Where their symptoms continue beyond 10 days, students should provide documentation from their GP confirming their symptoms are typical for their condition. If the student develops new or changed symptoms, they should get tested for COVID-19.

COVID-19 testing for students with complex health or disability may be challenging. In these situations, schools will ask the parent or carer to have their child assessed by their medical practitioner. Where a medical practitioner determines that a COVID-19 test is not required, documentation must be provided to the school to confirm that the student does not have symptoms that warrant a COVID-19 test. The certificate must also indicate that the student is able to return to school.

All schools will be vigilant when implementing infection control, physical distancing and personal hygiene protocols to protect the health and safety of students and staff. Schools will promote the need to follow good hygiene practices such as:

- regularly washing hands.
- avoiding sharing drinks or food.
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately



## 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 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.

The Voluntary School Contribution is currently \$30.00 per child and is payable at the beginning of each school year. This payment has remained at this price for many years and will not increase this 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

8.45 – 9am	Arrival
10.50 – 11.10am	Recess
1.10 – 1.55pm	Lunch
3pm	End of day

**Jennie Wilson**

**Principal**



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