



Moulamein Public School

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2021 Term 2 Week 1

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Principal Messages

Welcome back to all students, staff and families! I hope you enjoyed your break and the Easter long weekend. We have many great learning opportunities this term for students and teachers and we are looking forward to implementing those.

You can look forward to:

- Music Workshops - Week 1
- ANZAC Day Ceremony - Sunday 25th April
- Life Education Van - 3rd May
- School Cross Country - 4th May
- District Cross Country - 25th May
- Canteen reopening
- Swimming Program - starting Friday
- Parent/Teacher interviews - mid term
- Visual Arts workshops - various dates
- Public Speaking Competition- end of the Term
- Mother's Day Afternoon Tea-10th May

ANZAC DAY

Once again Moulamein Public School will be conducting the ANZAC Day service for the local community. Students past and present will conduct the service for the community on behalf of the school.

We ask as many families as we can to attend and support our school and commemorate the men and women who have served our nation in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. We ask all students who plan on marching to meet us at the Business Centre at 9.45am. All students with a speaking part are to meet me at the school at 9.15am. Students are to wear their school uniform.



Swimming – Starts Friday

All students will be expected to participate in the Swimming Scheme starting this Friday. This will benefit all students. Swimming will be our sport on Friday. We will have an adjusted recess and lunch time. We would appreciate if all students could have a packed lunch on the day rather than lunch delivered to the office due to the shorter time slot and the staff needing to have their own limited lunchbreaks and organising students for swimming.

Recess: 9.50-10.00

Lunch: 11.00-11.30

The bus will leave at 12.00 and return at 2.45pm.

We ask all students to bring a swimming bag with:

- Towel
- Goggles - if they wear them
- Thongs or slides to wear to the pool

Students will change at school and just take their swimming bag. Students will get changed though at the pool back into their uniform. Please ensure your child's uniform is labelled with their name. Students can wear thongs or slides to the swimming pool to save worrying about shoes and socks.

Library Changes

Due to swimming we will need to change the weekly library program. Please note when your child's class will have library:

- ⇒ **K/1- Friday (no change)**
- ⇒ **Class 1/2- Friday (no change)**
- ⇒ **Year 3/4-Wednesday**
- ⇒ **Year 5/6- Wednesday**

NAPLAN & Check-In Assessments

This term our students will participate in two external assessments.

NAPLAN is an Australia-wide assessment for English and Mathematics. Students in Year 3 and 5 will participate. This is a paper-based test (we have opted for the paper version) that will be completed by students between May 4th-14th. Each student will complete 4 tests. Results are shared with parents in September. It is important that your children attend on these days.

The Check-in Assessments is a NSW Public School assessment test for Reading and Numeracy. Students in Year 4 and 6 will participate. This is an online test that students will complete over the next three weeks. Each assessment is designed to be quick and easy to administer, consisting of approximately 40 multiple choice questions. Results are not shared with parents and used at school for planning and feedback.

Students with disabilities are not expected to complete these tests.

Easter Day

Thank you to the community for supporting our Easter Hat parade and coming to our assembly. It was lovely to see parents and families re-connect with the school and be part of the celebrations. Students had a fabulous day making their hats and participating in craft and games.



Parent Survey

A survey went home the last week of school (Term 1) for parents to complete. We have not had many returned and this is an opportunity for you to share your opinion. At our school, we value your feedback. Your feedback is completely anonymous. We take our role very seriously and work hard to make sure your child receives the best education possible. While we are bound by curriculum, we want our students to enjoy school and be happy and enthusiastic about projects and extra activities we provide.

This is also an opportunity to hear positive things about our school. Principals are generally only ever contacted about negative issues or problems, so feel free to also tell us about things you think we do well. It is nice for staff to hear that their hard work is also appreciated.

Please return the parent survey if you still have one at home. If you would like another survey sent home, please call the office on 5887 5208.

Attendance Issues

Attendance remains a concern at our school and this has been highlighted by the Department of Education NSW. It is continually monitored and there are many students who have poor attendance and further action will need to be taken if this does not improve. Families can be given an 'improvement plan' from district office due to a student's attendance rate and average. This is currently why, I now need to collect medical certificates for students who are away sick for more than three days in a row. My attendance reminders in the WONGI are not a personal reminder to one person or family. Due to our poor attendance, I am legally obliged to place continual reminders in the newsletter until we have reached our attendance target.

Late

If you are dropping off students late, please ensure your child or children go to the office first so we can enter them on our attendance system. If you are able to, please also write a short note to explain why they are late, as we also need to enter this information on our system. Thank you for supporting our Department of Education NSW procedures.

Starting Dates for each Term

Starting dates are published in various places for parents to access if you are confused about when students are to start and finish each term. You can find this information:

- In the Wongi nearing the end of each term
- School Website- newsletter tab
- Department of Education website and phone app
- On our Facebook page we also put reminders

NSW School calendar dates are also available for 2022 on the website.

Here is the link: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/calendars>

Printable calendar: https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/media/documents/Calendar_2021_A4.pdf

Here is a copy of the 2021 School Calendar available on the Department of Education website.

We did print calendars, laminate them and placed magnets on the back for all families a few years ago, but the feedback was that they were not valued and used.

Calendar 2021



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Key dates



Term start and end dates*

Term 1 (Eastern) – 27 Jan to 1 Apr 2021



Term 1 (Western) – 3 Feb to 1 Apr 2021

Term 2 – 19 Apr to 25 June 2021

Term 3 – 12 July to 17 Sept 2021

Term 4 – 5 Oct to 17 Dec 2021

Staff development days

All schools – 19 Apr, 12 July and 17 Dec 2021

Eastern – 27 Jan and 28 Jan 2021

Western – 3 Feb and 4 Feb 2021



School vacation dates 2021

Summer (Eastern) – 21 Dec 2020 to 26 Jan 2021



Summer (Western) – 21 Dec 2020 to 2 Feb 2021

Autumn – 5 Apr to 16 Apr 2021

Winter – 28 June to 9 July 2021

Spring – 20 Sept to 1 Oct 2021

Summer (Eastern) – 20 Dec 2021 to 27 Jan 2022

Summer (Western) – 20 Dec 2021 to 3 Feb 2022



Education Week

26 to 30 July 2021



Exam dates

Selective high school placement test – 11 Mar 2021

NAPLAN paper test – 11 to 13 May 2021

NAPLAN online test window – 11 to 21 May 2021

Opportunity class placement test – 21 July 2021

HSC written examinations – 12 Oct to 4 Nov 2021



Public holidays