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Principal Messages

Enriching Art Workshops

This week we have Art workshops for selected students in Year 3-6. Thank you to Jazmyn and Tarlia, who spent time helping me set up for these workshops.

We have students attending from Booligal Public School and Wakool Burraboi Public School. This is part of the Small Schools Art program, funded by the Rural and Remote grant that we secured at the end of last year. I am looking forward to teaching this class and love inviting other small schools to Moulamein.

We are going to use Autumn as inspiration and focus on building character through expressions in animals. With our beautiful deciduous trees in Moulamein, it is very easy to be inspired. I am planning on teaching students how to use watercolour brush pens and techniques. I am looking forward to sharing the results with you in the Wongi next week. Again, we hope to send a few special artworks off to the Operation Art competition.

PSSA District Cross Country

Next week, those students who qualified for the District Cross Country carnival will participate. Mr Svensen will be running the carnival and we are looking forward to inviting Tooleybuc, Barham, Balranald and Wakool Burraboi schools to join us at the football oval. Students will be notified if they are participating in the carnival. We wish the students the best of luck competing against the other schools!

If you are able to offer any assistance, by volunteering on the day, we would appreciate that and you could let Colleen know at the office. This help can be from any parent whether they have a child competing or not. Thank you to the P&C for running the canteen for the carnival on behalf of our school.

New K-2 English and Maths curriculum released

The NSW Government is seeking feedback on the new syllabus for Kindergarten to Year 2 students.

Teachers, parents and the broader community are being asked to help shape the new English and Maths syllabuses for Kindergarten to Year 2.

The release of the new curriculum for feedback is the first major milestone in the NSW Government's ambitious curriculum reform, which will see a renewed focus on the core subjects of English, maths and science.

The new syllabus will start to rollout next year.

NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian said the new evidence-based curriculum would deliver on the government's goals of decluttering and raising standards to equip students for the jobs of the future.

"The new curriculum prioritises the basics and will ensure students develop strong foundations in maths and English," Ms Berejiklian said.

"Thank you to the 45 expert Kindergarten to Year 2 teachers who have already met with the NSW Education Standards Authority to review and provide feedback on the new curriculum content.

"The curriculum is more explicit in the direction of what Kindergarten to Year 2 students need to be taught and does not leave room for interpretation.

"We are now calling on all NSW teachers, parents and the broader community to provide their feedback on the draft Kindergarten to Year 2 curriculum."

Minister for Education Sarah Mitchell said literacy and numeracy skills were critical to unlocking young people's potential while at school, improving their academic outcomes and enhancing their life choices.

"The evidence speaks for itself, and we need all teachers following the evidence, teaching essential knowledge in evidence-based sequences," Ms Mitchell said.

"We have prioritised essential content and provided clear examples to teachers to reduce ambiguity.

"Teachers are the drivers of student outcomes. By reducing the clutter and confusion for teachers, it allows them to focus on their students.

"Our approach to these reforms is evidence-driven and focused on student success. The feedback we have had from teachers so far is very positive and confirms we are moving in the right direction."

To have your say, please head to the NESA website.

<https://www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au>

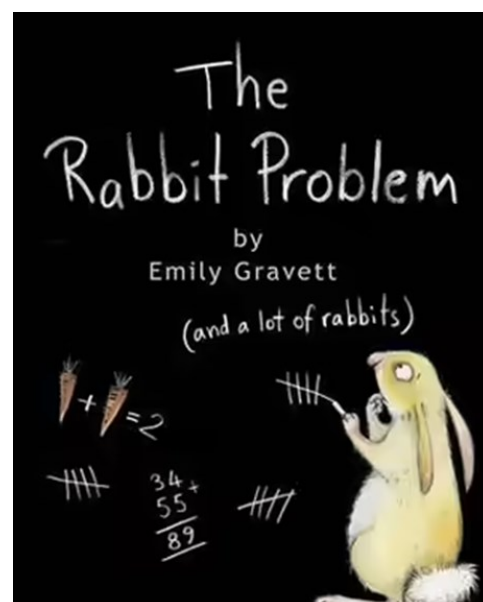
Five Great Picture Books that support Mathematical Thinking

Maths is used every day in almost everything we do. Parents and carers can support their child's mathematical skills and understanding with these fun and enriching picture books.

The Rabbit Problem

Written and illustrated by Emily Gravett

How does one lonely rabbit end up with an overflowing field of rabbits? This beautiful, pop-up and interactive picture book gives us lots to puzzle over as it explores mathematical ideas like patterning, time and quantifying collections. Hidden within the pages is a baby book for bunnies and a recipe book dedicated to carrots.



Which One Doesn't Belong? - Playing with Shapes

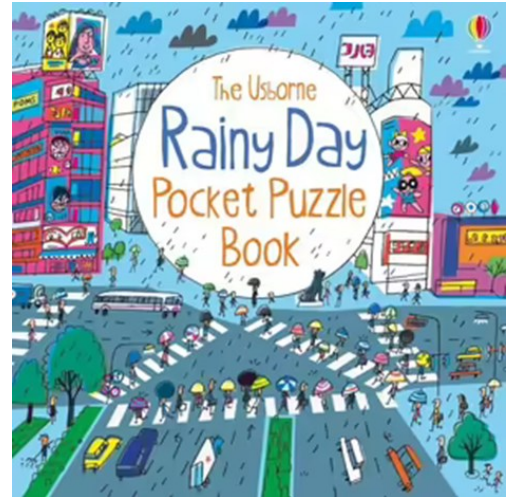
Written and illustrated by Christopher Danielson

This picture book will encourage your child to notice features about 2D shapes and develop a convincing argument to decide, 'Which one doesn't belong?'. With plenty of opportunities to notice and wonder, it can help show your child there is often more than one solution to a mathematical problem.

Rainy Day Pocket Puzzle Book

Written by Simon Tudhope

Featuring mazes, spot-the-difference, brain teasers, jumbled sequences and other mind-bending puzzles, this collection is sure to give your child's critical-thinking muscles a workout. Perfect for after school, during the holidays, or on a rainy weekend, you can play through the pages with your child, building your skills in communicating, reasoning and problem solving!



1001 Animals to Spot

Written by Ruth Brocklehurst and illustrated by Terri Gower

If your child loves animals, hide-and-seek or has an adventurous streak, they'll relish the challenges in this book. From elephants in the Serengeti to sloths in the Amazon Rainforest, they'll learn about wild animals and their habitats as they enhance their noticing and reasoning skills. This book will also help your child enhance their skill in quantifying collections, position and patterning.

Math Appeal: Mind-Stretching Math Riddles

Written by Greg Tang and illustrated by Harry Briggs

In this book of riddles, artworks, puzzles and fables, you'll find insightful tips for effective problem solving. Your child will be encouraged to keep an open mind, look for unusual number combinations, use multiple skills and look for patterns.

News from Year 1/2

This term, students in Year 1 and 2 have been enjoying using Bee Bots as part of their Science unit. This week, they also discovered they could be used in other areas of learning, such as Maths.

We split into two teams and raced the Bee Bots. After rolling a dice, we had to decide if the number rolled was odd or even and move forwards or backwards accordingly. The first team to the end of the ladder won.

We also programmed our Bee Bots to show the answer to addition and subtraction problems.

We are looking forward to seeing what other learning areas we can use the Bee Bots in.

