



# Moulamein Public School

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2022 Term 1 Week 10

## **Principal Messages - Jennie Wilson**

### **Important Dates**

- ⇒ **School Photos - 4<sup>th</sup> April**
- ⇒ **Easter Hat Parade and Parent Picnic - 6<sup>th</sup> April**
- ⇒ **Last day - 8<sup>th</sup> April**
- ⇒ **NAPLAN Online - 3<sup>rd</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> May**
- ⇒ **Staff Development Day - 26<sup>th</sup> April**
- ⇒ **Students Return - 27<sup>th</sup> April**

All parents should have received a calendar with these key dates last week. There is a magnet on the back of the calendar so you can pop this reminder on the fridge. This should help parents plan for events. In regards to sporting events, we need to wait for Regional and District carnival dates to be set by other schools before setting our own, so some of these dates are still to come.

## **Picnic Information**

We invite all parents to attend our Easter picnic on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. All toddlers must remain with parents and will be the responsibility of parents in regards to supervision. We are looking forward to having parents and carers back in our school now that restrictions are lifted and we can have cohorts together. If you are unwell and have COVID symptoms we ask you not to attend though.

All Easter hats will be made at school with resources we have purchased before the day. All students will be designing and making their own in class with their own classroom teacher. I can't wait to see their creations.

### ***Schedule***

- 12.15pm - Parents are invited to our Easter hat parade, open classrooms and BYO picnic lunch. Please enter through the gate in front of the office. All visitors are required to sign-in if they are on school grounds. Easter hat parade will be in the centre of the school and Merit card assembly. The Easter Raffle will be drawn as well. Classrooms will be open if you would like to visit your child's room. This is also a great opportunity to visit the new library, art room and kitchen as these have had significant work completed on these room over the last 18 months.
- 2pm - Tabloid games for students and parents/carers.





# Easter Raffle

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We are kindly seeking donations of Easter eggs for our Easter Egg Raffle with all funds raised going towards the flood appeal.

Donations can be taken to the school office before April 5th with the raffle to take place at our Easter Hat Parade/Picnic on Wednesday, April 6th.

Tickets can be purchased on the day or at the school office prior to this event if you cannot attend.

Tickets are \$1 each.

We are looking forward to celebrating with you!

## Excursions

Year 3-6 will be attending excursions later in the year. These excursions allow students to access learning outside the school walls. All excursions relate to the curriculum and enrich their knowledge. We are currently working out costs and notes will go home shortly about these two camps. We would like parents to know the costs in advance and allow families to pay small amounts each week to make these affordable. Families will need to pay for the excursions before going. The school will be paying for a percentage of both these camps, by paying for the buses. Most schools charge parents 100% of the cost, but I have budgeted this year to pay for a percentage of the total costs. Year 5/6 will be attending Canberra and Year 3/4 will be going to Ballarat.

## School Photos

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April is our photo day. This is the last week of school for Term 1. We ask all students to wear their best school uniform on the day and to ensure faces are washed and their hair is brushed. We also request students to wear appropriate footwear.

## New Roof

One of our buildings containing our new kitchen and art room has had a new roof installed over the last few weeks. Hopefully our temporary fencing will be down by the end of the week and the students can use the rooms again. The new roof looks great! The old tin from the roof will stay in the community and will be donated to the Moulamein Historic Society for their projects.

## Swimming Success

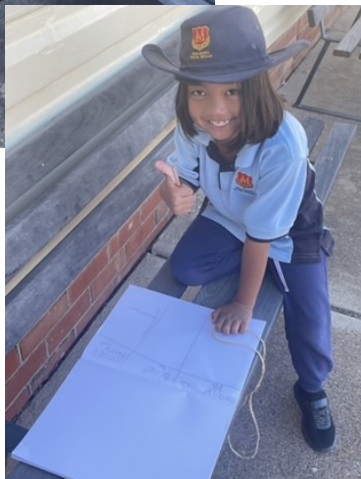
To finish our swimming program from last year, which was interrupted from health and travel restriction, students have been travelling into Swan Hill Leisure Centre for lessons. The students are all enjoying the program with their swimming teachers and are split into ability groups. We have seen a lot progress in some students and hope they continue to go to lessons with parents. While our swimming program is great, learning to swim takes consistent time and children need to access lessons after school to learn this vital skill. The 8<sup>th</sup> April will conclude our swimming program (which is the last day of school).



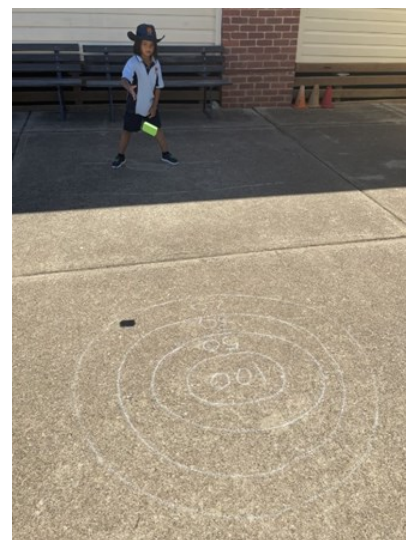
## Mathematics fun in Year 1 / 2!



The students love being outside exploring maths concepts. Over the past few weeks, they have enjoyed estimating and measuring things with a 1 metre piece of string. They sorted their findings into things that were shorter than, longer than and about 1 metre long.

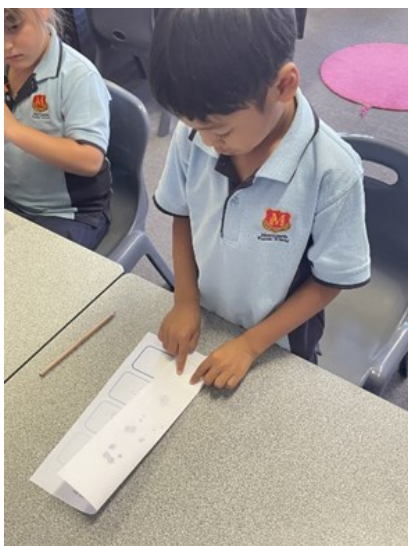


There was a bit of friendly competition in a game of Data Toss, where students threw small objects at a target and used their addition and tallying skills to add their results. Kamilah, Miss Munro and Barney proved very hard to beat in this game.



## Doubling Numbers

In class, the students enjoyed experimenting with paint and folding paper to explore number doubles.



## Vertical Jump

In sport, students were practising how to jump vertically in the air using correct form. They measured their jumps by marking the office wall with chalk.



## Kinder/Year 1 Science News

We have been very busy in the K/1 classroom over the past weeks investigating seeds as part of our 'Living Things' science unit. Students have learnt that seeds are living things that grow and change and are able to tell you the 5 things seeds need to thrive - soil, water, sunlight, space and air.

In Week 7 students investigated a range of seeds using a magnifying glass. They were asked to predict what the seeds would grow into if planted. Some were trickier than others to identify!



Once students had finished their investigations, we discussed what each seed was. There was great excitement when some realised their predictions had been correct.



In Week 8 we looked at seed germination and what happens when we plant a seed in soil. Students learnt that the seed's protective coat cracks open and that roots grow down while a shoot grows up. We set up a "Wheat Head" experiment to demonstrate this process and were amazed at what happened in just one week!

**Day 1** - seeds planted into the soil



**Day 3** - the seeds had developed roots and small shoots were starting to push up to the surface



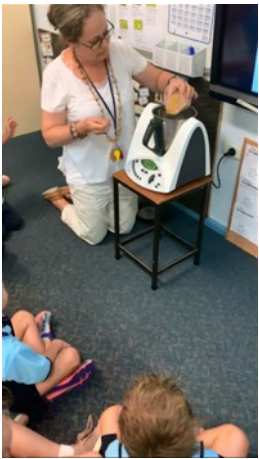
One Week Later - our wheat heads had gone berserk!



Last week, we focused on the next stage in the wheat seed journey, how it is turned into flour. We used a mortar and pestle to grind some wheat seeds and managed to produce some rough flour.



But then it was time to try Colleen's Thermomix! The end result was much finer flour that was soft to touch.



There is one more stage to investigate in the wheat seed journey. Keep an eye on future Wongi editions to find out what it is.

Jennie Wilson  
Principal

Miss Wilson and Miss Schupfer are looking forward to running the Premier's Reading Challenge during Term 2 this year.

Stay tuned for more information!



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## 2022 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

Key dates for students in K-10:

Challenge opens  
Monday 28 February  
Challenge closes for student entries  
Friday 19 August

Artwork by Stephen Michael King

[www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)







# MOULAMEIN ANZAC DAY

Monday, 25th April

## Dawn Service



0615 hrs Moulamein Triangle  
Following this service there will be a cooked breakfast  
Cost – gold coin donation

## ANZAC Day March

leaving from Moulamein Business Centre at **09.50am**

## Commemorative Service



10.00am at the Cenotaph

*Moulamein Public School students will proudly conduct this commemoration service honouring the service of all Australian service men and women.*

❖ *There will be limited seating so please bring a chair if you require one.*