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2023 Term 3 Week 8

Principal Message

Father's Day

On behalf of everyone at Moulamein Public School we would like to thank our special visitor's that attended our Father's day breakfast. We hope everyone enjoyed the morning and it was lovely to see so many generations attend. I would also like to thank staff for the extra effort they go to in holding this event. It was an early morning for Brett and Colleen on the BBQ and staff setting up for serving treats to students and guests. Rivalea kindly sponsored this event and IGA were able to offer discounted food for the morning.











P & C Efforts

I would like to thank the community and the P&C for cooking and running the Book Week cake stall. We had lots of yummy items to sell and the students really enjoyed having a munch on the baked goods.

This year, our P & C have been very active in their fundraising efforts. We still have some outstanding socks and money to be returned to the school. If you have those at home, can these be returned as soon as possible.

Parents are also catering for the Dog Trials this week and I would like to thank those who are cooking, helping and serving on the day. Many hands make light work and the Dog Trials are very much loved by the wider community.

Another great P & C initiative recently has been our Father's day stall. I am sure everyone would agree that this was fantastic for our students and families. Courtney made some yummy cookies, Simone and Jess went shopping and arranged presents in packages as well as sold them on Friday. The stall was sponsored by the local Tattersalls Hotel and we thank them for their generous donations.

Congratulations to Ebony!

Last week Mila, Nate and Ebony competed in Albury at the regional athletics carnival. All students participated with pride and we are all very proud of our three students. Thank you to our families for taking them over and we hope that they managed to bring home some regional merchandise to wear on sports days. Ebony has qualified for high jump at the state level which is an outstanding effort and achievement!

Attendance

Parents have a legal responsibility to send your children to school every school day. We are still having issues with attendance. Many students are sitting below the benchmark and our school is well below average for the state. The state average in a primary school is 95% and we are currently sitting at 83%. Many students have an attendance rate below this and therefore flagged by Department of Education to be under review.


Next term, the P & C would like to start a little rewards system to help improve attendance. I am hoping when the weather warms up, we will have less colds and flus around.

Students should only remain at home if there is a valid reason. Our school attendance at times is considered poor and below state averages.


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Why attendance matters


When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn




Make friends






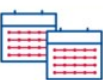
Build skills through fun

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Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss weeks per year	and years over their school life
1 day per fortnight 	= 4 weeks 	= Over 1 year missed
1 day per week 	= 8 weeks 	= Over 2.5 years missed

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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 the follow details name of child, date of absence and reason for their absence on 0428 313 580. A generic text is sent home after class rolls are completed for any absences. Letters are sent home if there is no response because it is a legal requirement of the school to do so.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

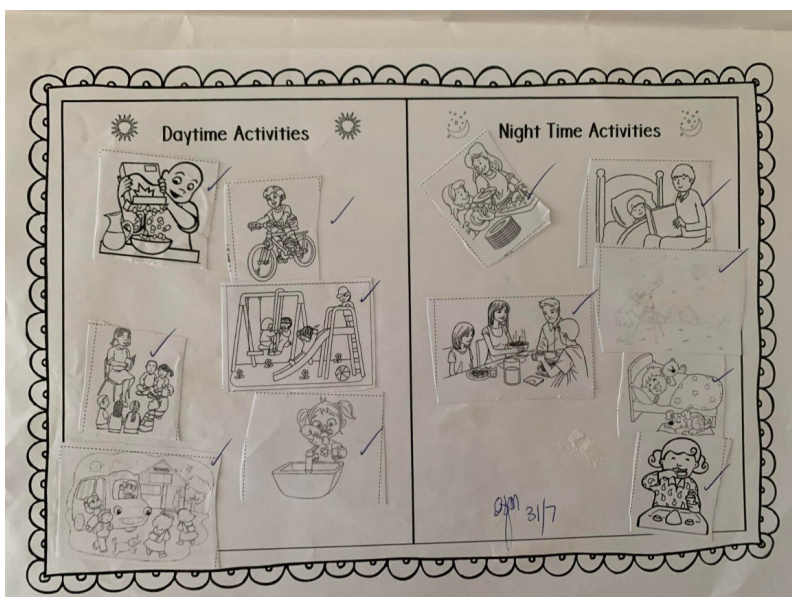
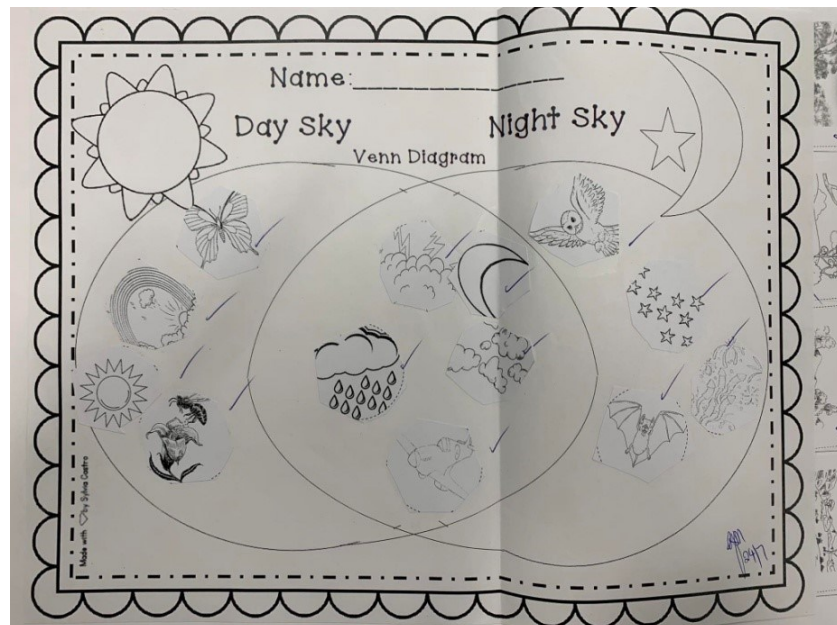
- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Term 3 Science in the Kinder and Year 1 Classroom

This term students are learning about Earth and Space in Science, with a particular focus on daily and seasonal changes as well as observable changes that occur in the sky and landscape.

Here is some of the learning and inquiry questions students have been engaged in so far:

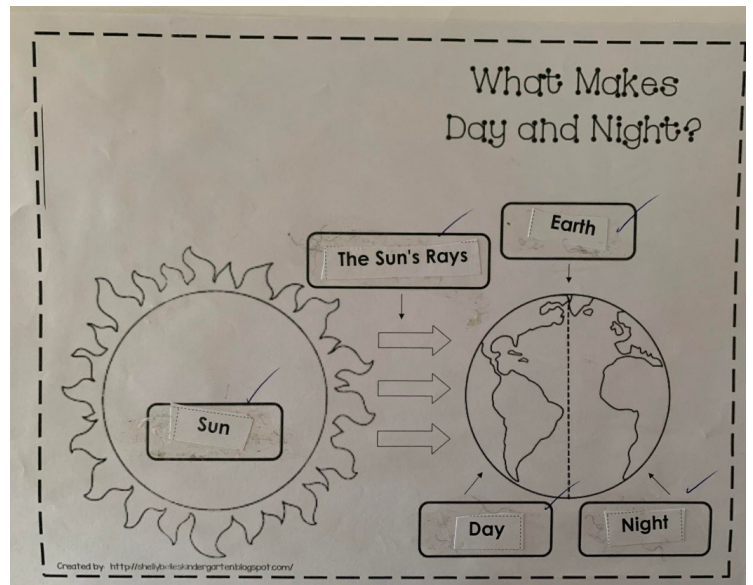
What do we see in the daytime sky compared to the night time sky?



What activities do we do in the daytime and what activities do we do at night time?



Why do we have night and day?
Students loved exploring this question so much that they asked if they could make their own 'Day/Night' boxes to teach their family.



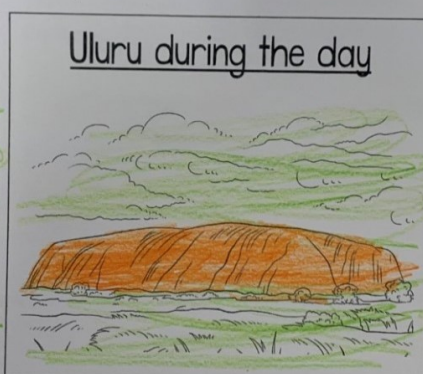
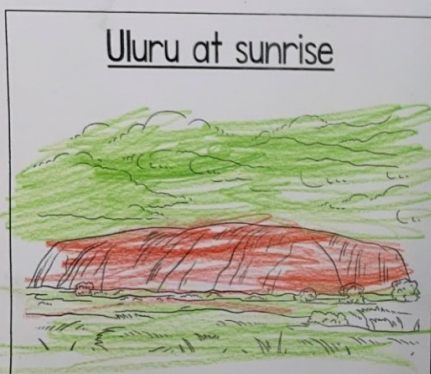
The sun moves across the sky in a pattern each day

Word bank:
~~morning~~ evening sun moon afternoon

Every morning, the sun rises in the east.
By the afternoon, the sun is high in the sky.
In the evening, the sun sets in the west.
At night, we cannot see the sun.
We see the moon instead.

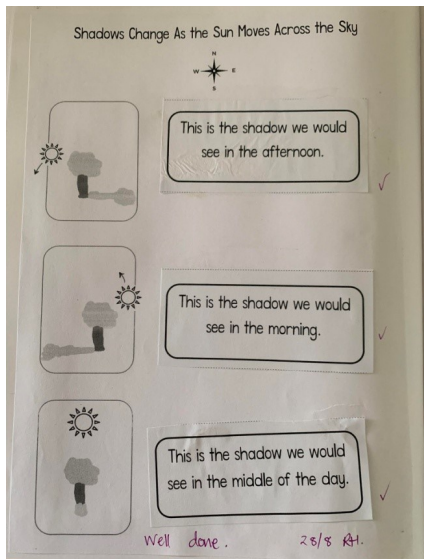
What pattern does the sun follow in the sky each day?

As the sun moves across the sky, Uluru changes colour



How does the sun's movement across the sky change the way the landscape looks?

Why do shadows change during the day?



Our shadow experiment in the quadrangle highlighted for students the change in length and direction an object's shadow undergoes throughout the day.



Staffing

From Wednesday this week, I will be attending a Primary Principal Conference in Moama until Friday. Next week, I have been seconded to work in Griffith for over a week for the Department of Education in a different role and returning in Week 10 on Tuesday. While I am away, Mrs Fitzpatrick will be teaching my class on Thursday and Friday using my program and Mrs Mertz will be available to support parents and students in my absence. I will be checking my emails daily at night if anyone needs to reach me urgently jennie.wilson@det.nsw.edu.au. You are most welcome to also contact Colleen in the office for any issues or questions and she can ask a teacher or Mrs Mertz to call you back.

Jennie Wilson - Principal