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Principal Message

We are back! I hope everyone has had a great Christmas, a relaxing holiday and our students are ready for an exciting term ahead. It seems forever that we have seen families due to the flooding and evacuation. I know staff, including myself, could not wait to see the students last week! Some students certainly look as if they have had a growth spurt over the holidays. This is my seventh 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.

Our school would like to welcome our new families to our school and hope you enjoy the learning opportunities we provide.

I would like to welcome our new staff, families and students. We have a new teacher, local Jamie Coote as well as new classroom support and administration support, Nadine Windmill. Nadine will be helping in the classroom and office. Sharni Prentice who has worked previously in a classroom support role will be helping in the classroom. Amy Wilson, who is now enrolled into university to become a teacher will be a casual support as well.

P & C

This year we will have our **P&C AGM on Tuesday, 14th February at 3.00pm**. We welcome all families to join and encourage participation in our meetings. Last year we had very small numbers attend meetings and we would love to see more people attend. This is a great way of finding out what happens in our school. The P & C welcome new ideas and work together to achieve goals, such as raising money for students to attend excursions, which all families benefit from.

Swimming Carnival

A huge thank you to Mrs Mertz and Miss Wilson for organising and running the Swimming Carnival on Friday, our first week back. The students had an awesome time competing in the swimming events and we are very proud of their efforts and achievements.

It was a very hot day and students did a great job staying under the shade. I know I had to apply lots of sunscreen throughout the day with the kids! We all very tired after it finished when we were back at school.

We would like to thank the volunteers who helped us on the day with time keeping and the Moulamein Pool Committee for their support. The pool is in beautiful condition and it was a joy to be back at our local pool.

We have a number of students who have qualified for the district swimming carnival on Friday this week and we wish those competitors all the best for the day!





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thank you!

*To the Moulamein Pool Committee for the use of
the pool and the parents for supporting our
students.*

*Special thanks to Simone Treloar, Jessica Treloar,
Corissa Worboyes, Melanie Arthur and Aaron
Worboyes for their assistance with time keeping.*

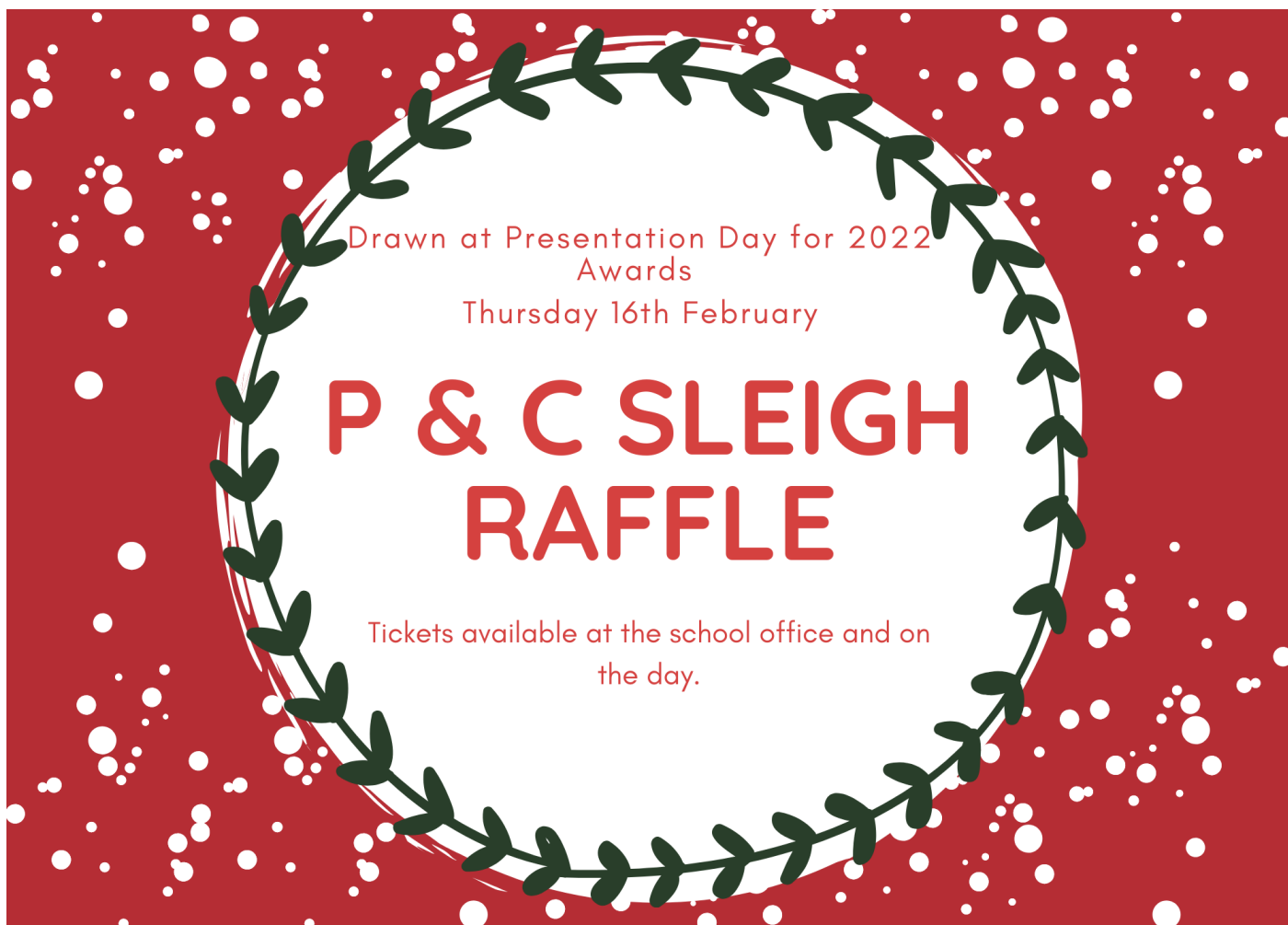
Assembly for 2022 Award winners & Welcome Morning Tea

Our Presentation Day for last year's award winners will be held at school on Thursday next week. We will be running an assembly at school with students in the centre at 10.00am. Parents have been notified if their student is receiving an award. In each grade an academic award is given along with most improved. Other awards and scholarships will be presented. Year 6 from 2022 have already received their awards at their graduation dinner.

Presentation Assembly: 16th February Time: 10.00am sharp

Welcome back Parent Morning Tea: 16th February, directly after Presentation Assembly.

Please bring a plate of morning tea to share for parents. No nuts or kiwi fruit due to allergies. Tea and coffee will be provided. Morning tea can be dropped off at the canteen at drop off time.



Class Structures and current student numbers

This year we will have 4 permanent classes. We are funded for 3 classes, but to ensure students have greater access to teacher support, we fund an extra teacher creatively with our allocations. Funds have been used to create smaller classes as a priority for more individualized learning. Our current enrolment is 72 students and has increased from last year. This attracts a little more funding than in previous years, but we need 78 to be allocated another full-time teacher.

This year we will be operating in teams. K-2 will be working together and Year 3-6 classes will be working together to ensure students can access expert knowledge in many areas and increase their learning opportunities across the curriculum.

Kinder/1- Will be taught by Mrs Catherine Mertz (Monday-Wednesday) and Miss Regina Hogan (Thursday -Friday)

Year 1/2- Miss Wilson will be teaching our Stage 1 class.

Year 3/4- Mrs Jamie Coote (Monday-Wednesday) and Mrs Jennie Wilson (Thursday- Friday). If Mrs Wilson must attend principal meetings, Mrs Fitzpatrick will be on the class casually.

Year 4/5/6- Mrs Jacinta Wheeler

Teachers will send home a class note with details of routines later this week.

RFF Role- Mrs Regina Hogan

Casual Teachers- Mrs Nicole Fitzpatrick and Mrs Kathy Gibson



Kindergarten / Year 1 with Miss Hogan and Mrs Mertz



Year 1 / 2 with Miss Wilson and Suzanne



Year 3 / 4 with Mrs Coote and Maddy



Year 5 / 6 with Mrs Wheeler and Amy

School Attendance


Going to school every day is important and Kindergarten sets children up for the rest of their Schooling.

What your child learns each day builds on what they learned the day before. If your child misses school, their learning routine is broken. Students can also lose confidence and miss out on building their friendships.


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Why attendance matters


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



Learn




Make friends






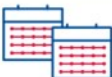
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Days missed = years lost

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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When your child misses one day per fortnight, they miss upwards of 4 weeks per year which equates to one year missed over their school life.

You have a legal responsibility to send your children to school every school day.

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

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 following 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.

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)

Chaplaincy Program and Breakfast Program

We have applied for funding to continue the breakfast program by having a school chaplain. The National School Chaplaincy Program is a Commonwealth-funded initiative to support the emotional wellbeing of students and the broader school community through the provision of pastoral care services. Participation in the National School Chaplaincy Program is voluntary for both schools and students. Each year I apply and last year we were successful for the first time.

The school chaplain position is now currently vacant due to Mrs Mertz returning to the classroom. At this stage, funding is not confirmed so we will not operate Breakfast club until we can confirm we have a position available and someone to fill the position.

Degree or Diploma-qualified candidates in Education, Social Work, Psychology, Welfare, Youth Work will in most cases be deemed to have met minimum qualifications and are encouraged to apply for this position if advertised. Certificate IV in Youth Work is also acceptable. More details on how to obtain this qualification through TAFE NSW can be found following this link:

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/course-areas/community-and-youth-services/courses/certificate-iv-in-youth-work--CHC40413-01#courseUnits>

Jennie Wilson

Principal

CALLING ALL CAKE BAKERS!

The Moulamein Public School P&C are seeking donations for their upcoming cake stall.

The cake stall will be held on Saturday the 18th February 2023 from 10am - 3:30pm or until sold out. Located at the Jeraly Homestead - Moulamein Heritage Site as part of the Celebrate Moulamein community event.

Please contact Hannah McCullagh 0472904724 or Jess Treloar 0458657612 by Thursday 16th February 2023 if you would like to make a donation.



Cakes - Slices - Honey Joys - Muffins - Scones - Biscuits

School Photos

There is a change to how you order school photos this year. We encourage all orders to be done via The School Photographer's website, see the details below. Individual photos can be ordered after photo day but sibling photos must be ordered prior to photo day. There will be some generic envelopes available for people not wanting to order online.



PHOTO DAY COMING SOON!

Wednesday 5th April 2023

Head to our website to view the available packages and to place your order

VISIT OUR WEBSITE & ENTER THIS CODE:
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