



Moulamein Public School

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2023 Term 4 Week 8

Principal Message - 2024 Changes

It is with a very heavy heart that I would like to inform you that I will not be continuing my role as Moulamein's Principal in 2024. I will be taking leave for 12 months and relocating back east, closer to family and friends. Of course, this also means Brett, our current general assistant and learning support officer for sport will also cease work at the school.

I have honestly loved the opportunity to lead the school for 7 years and work with the students and the community. I love teaching, watching and helping students grow academically, emotionally and socially. Building a strong rapport with students has always been a priority for me in my position. I always look forward to my teaching load each week and spending time with students in the classroom and in the playground. Being around the students at Moulamein Public School is the best part of my day and one I will miss immensely. Both Brett and I have been committed and dedicated to this school and wanted to provide a beautiful environment, a place full of opportunities and experiences for all students.

Our school is considered an outstanding education facility and is a well-respected school in the Deniliquin region. It is well-resourced, organised and efficient. The temporary principal job will be advertised this week for 2024. The Director of Education and Leadership, Helen McRae will be responsible for filling this position.



This job will be filled permanently after my leave expires and/or I take a different permanent position within the Department of Education. Brett's general assistant job will be advertised to be filled casually to start with and his learning support role will be absorbed by other staff.

Brett and I would both like to say thank you for welcoming us into Moulamein and including us in your community over the last 7 years. My family has really embraced life here. I have been honoured to be your principal in this time and consider it a true privilege. We plan to return and visit the community and catch up with life-long friends we have made here

We would like to thank the following people:

- Rebecca Gray as the past P&C president for many years, who had a vision, along with Colleen to help make significant changes to the physical space at school. We were an awesome team! Every room is now a learning space for our students and this a great legacy! We turned rooms full of junk and clutter into amazing spaces which includes the addition of a computer lab, new library, new kitchen (leading to breakfast club) and creative arts room.
- Staff at Moulamein Public School over the years for allowing me to lead a great school and make changes to systems, learning programs and procedures to ensure our students could access a great education and one full of diverse learning opportunities.
- Moulamein Football Club for welcoming our children and allowing us to learn all about AFL! We knew literally nothing about the game when we turned up.
- Moulamein Art Gallery Committee for their warm welcome and inclusion. I have loved connecting the gallery through school and personally.
- Cathy and Chris Mertz, for your support, laughs and life-long friendship that has never been taken for granted.



Thanks for the memories!



New teacher for 2024!

Next year, a new graduate teacher will be allocated to our school to fill Rachel Schupfer's position. This year that position has been filled by Jamie Coote for 3 days and I have filled in for the other 2 days because the Department of Education was unable to fill the position for the start of last year. Leah Schaefer will be joining us in 2024 and calling into the school to say hello in a few weeks. Leah has been working as a casual teacher after graduating from Wollongong University. She has grown up in a small town on the south coast of NSW and attended a small school growing up. She is very excited to be part of the Moulamein team.

Art Exhibition this week!

I would like to thank all the staff who were able to spend time putting up our exhibition in preparation for Monday night! We would like to thank the Moulamein Art Gallery committee for allowing us to have the exhibition at the gallery in a space for community members to access. I am really proud of our students for their outstanding work over the last year in creative arts. Each student will have 2 or more art works on display. Year 3-6 will have extra due to the time they have spent with Mrs Kathy Gibson and myself in art workshops throughout the last semester. The students artwork will be on display for at least one week, so make sure you pop in for a look!



Swimming lessons begin this week!

Arrangements have been made to include a learn to swim program in our school curriculum. The Department of Education School Swimming and Water Safety Program is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival.

The Program is conducted over the last three weeks of term, by qualified swimming instructors, Mrs Jennie Wilson, Miss Laura Wilson and Miss Amy Wilson. Each daily lesson is 45 minutes.

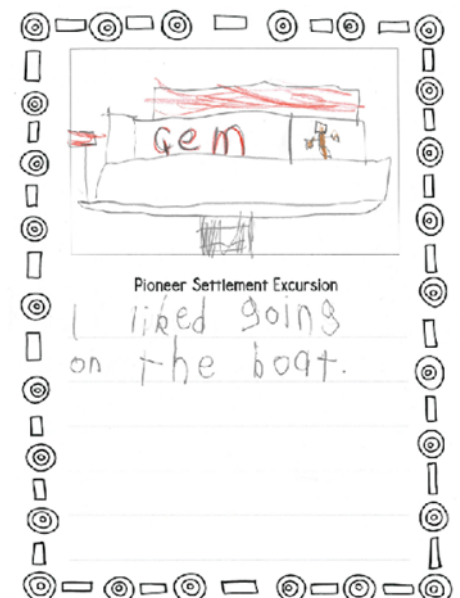
Our swimming program is for all students and consists of:

- 6 x 45 minutes lessons for Years 3-6 students - Swim & Water Safety
- 4 x 1 hour lessons for Year 3-6 students- Stroke Correction for confident swimmers who can easily swim 25m and are preparing for zone swimming- parents to be notified after Swim and Water Safety lessons are complete- limited to 20 students.
- 6 x 45 minutes lessons for K-2- Swim & Water safety

I would just like to thank the Swimming Committee for allowing us to use the pool for the lessons. It is great to have support from the community and pool to run this free of charge for parents. I would also like to acknowledge our teaching staff who have been committed to running this program and spending

Pioneer Settlement

Kinder and Year 1 had a wonderful time at the Pioneer Settlement in Week 6. They got to explore and experience many different things linked to our History Unit 'Past and Present Family Life'. Here are their thoughts about the things they liked best:





Pioneer Settlement Excursion

I liked seeing
the chickens
in the pen.

DeRoda



Pioneer Settlement Excursion

I liked the old
abandoned boat. It
was big and had
spider webs all
over it.

Francesca



Pioneer Settlement Excursion

I liked going
inside the gaol.

Enzo



Pioneer Settlement Excursion

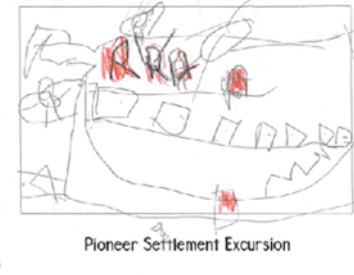
I liked the
gaol and when
I got shacked
up me.
Tanner



Pioneer Settlement Excursion

I liked
the old school
and when the
teachers pretended
to get grumpy.

Lucia



Pioneer Settlement Excursion

I liked the
boat The gem

Ryan



Pioneer Settlement Excursion

I liked going
on the boat and
watching the TV.

Dusty



Pioneer Settlement Excursion

I liked when the
teachers pretended
to get grumpy
in the old school

Ava



Pioneer Settlement Excursion

I liked The old
Paddle Steamer
The gem.

Alex





Position Vacant- General Assistant- Casual

From January – 11 hours per week (flexible with days and hours between Monday and Friday)

Primary purpose of the role

Performs a range of tasks relating to the routine maintenance and upkeep of a Departmental school/grounds. The role may assist with the set-up and removal of furniture and equipment for school activities. The range of duties performed at the school will be dependent upon the time allocation of a General Assistant to the school.

Key accountabilities.

A General Assistant may be required, subject to Workplace Health and Safety obligations, to perform duties from the range listed:

- Organising rooms, furniture, audio visual aids, public address systems, lockers and other items/equipment for school activities as required; dismantle and store items when not in use (with assistance where required). (NB. the role is not responsible for operating audio visual equipment or public address systems)
- Identify and report maintenance / safety issues to the role supervisor; undertake minor maintenance of buildings and equipment not covered by contracts or requiring a qualified tradesperson
- Maintaining and caring for school grounds, including: mowing school lawns and playing fields; marking of school playing fields; preparation of ground for planting trees and shrubs and planting and watering of same; pruning shrubs, trimming hedges, light lopping and trimming of trees. Safely and proficiently operate mowers, tools and equipment; store and maintain mowers, tools and equipment in accordance with WHS standards.

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- Unpack, store and/or distribute supplies in accordance with school procedures and safe work standards (e.g. chemical storage and handling); assist with school stocktakes as required
- Monitoring school security systems and reporting faults to the Principal or School Teaching Executive. • Other related duties of the role, within the capabilities of the General Assistant, as directed by the Principal or School Teaching Executive.
- Working cooperatively with the role supervisor to prioritise upcoming tasks
- Responding flexibly to competing / emerging minor maintenance priorities
- Maintaining cooperative relationships with teaching and non-teaching staff

The salary range for this position is \$21.30 (junior) \$27.37 after 12 months or at age 20 - \$31.27 adult rate per hour.

How to Apply

If you are interested in this role please apply to jennie.wilson@det.nsw.edu.au and attach a covering letter (max 2 pages) and your resume (max 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of this role. It is a requirement that you include the name and contact details of two referees.

If you are successfully progressed to interview, you will be required to provide your proof of identity information and complete a CRIMTRAC declaration. As this is a child-related position, you will also be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check>

Please note that this is a casual position. When the position becomes permanent, it will be advertised online via iwork for NSW.