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# **Diary Dates:**

#### December

- ⇒ 5th to 18th Swimming Lessons
- ⇒ 11th Yr 6 Graduation Dinner
- ⇒ 17th Presentation Day
- ⇒ 18th LAST DAY of 2024 for students



# 2024 Term 4 Week 9

# **Relieving Principals Message - Jacinta Wheeler**

This term is coming to an end quickly! We only have a few days left of school. The school term will end for students on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Staff will return on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December for professional learning. The school office will be closed on those days.

### **Year 6 Graduation Dinner**

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who will finish their primary schooling this year. We will be celebrating at the Bowling Club on Wednesday evening, with a presentation and dinner. Thank you to everyone for supporting this night, and I know the students will enjoy it. I'm sure that Year 5 will enjoy serving dinner to Year 6 students and families.

# **Presentation Day**

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, students will be walking to the Moulamein Bowling Club to attend our annual Presentation Day. Students will be performing throughout the presentation, some students will receive awards and scholarships. Parents are invited to attend the ceremony, which starts at 11.00am. Selected music students will be performing a collaborative piece together as well. After the ceremony students will be staying at the club for a Christmas lunch. Notes about a Christmas lunch will be sent out shortly.

\*\* Please note that all Department of Education functions are ALCOHOL FREE events. \*\*

#### **Swimming Lessons**

Students of K-6 have begun Water Safety and Swimming lessons. It has been wonderful to be in the water during the warmer weather. Students have been learning about:

- Floating and buoyancy
- · Safe entry strategies
- Water safety signs
- · Making good decisions around water
- Freestyle skills including breathing, body positioning, arms and kicking from the hips
- · Backstroke and correct action for the body, legs and arms
- Shallow dives
- Safety steps into the pool
- Deep water exits strategies
- Rescuing techniques

We recommend to parents that all students access swimming lessons outside school hours and the school program to continue building their swimming skills. For more information regarding the community swimming program see the next page.

# 5 DAY SWIMMING PROGRAM - MOULAMEIN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST JANUARY 6TH - 10TH 2025

\$60 FOR FULL WEEK OF LESSONS PER CHILD
5 X 40 MINUTE LESSONS
NON POOL MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO PAY
\$15 FOR FULL WEEK OF POOL ENTRY FEES
WITH LOCAL INSTRUCTOR

Pre-school 3-4 years old WATER SAFETY AND BASIC STROKE FOCUS

School-age Beginner
(CHILD CANNOT SWIM UNASSISTED)
WATER SAFETY AND STROKE DEVELOPMENT

Will be split into different groups

School-age Intermediate
(CHILD CAN SWIM UNASSISTED)
WATER SAFETY AND DISTANCE STROKE DEVELOPMENT

Will be split into different groups

Please contact Amy by text 0457 146 789 or email amybwilson262@gmail.com to book your children in!

# **Staff changes for 2025**

As my time as Relieving Principal comes to a close, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to each and every one of you for your incredible support and collaboration over the past twelve months. It has been a blessing to work alongside amazing staff, wonderful students, and a supportive community. Together, we have navigated challenges, celebrated successes, and worked towards ensuring that every student has the opportunity to thrive. I would like to extend a special thank you to the staff for their commitment to excellence in teaching and learning, as well as to our students for their enthusiasm, curiosity, and resilience. To the parents and caregivers, your partnership has been invaluable, and I appreciate your trust and involvement in our school community. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve as the relieving principal, and I look forward to remaining an integral part of MPS for the foreseeable future.

Next year, we welcome Mr Liam Mason back to MPS! He will be filling Laura Wilson's position. We will also welcome our new substantive Principal, Mrs Judy McGuiness. I'm sure you will all join me in welcoming our new team members to Moulamein.

# Class structures for 2025

At this time of year, I am organising class structures which includes allocating teachers and students to perceived classes.

Please be aware that changes may occur before school resumes.

**Draft** classes for 2025:

- ♦ K/1/2
- ♦ 4/5
- ◆ 5/6

#### Staff for 2025:

- ♦ Judy McGuiness Principal
- Jacinta Wheeler Teacher/AP C&I
- Leah Schaefer Teacher
- ◆ Liam Mason Teacher
- Cathy Mertz Teacher/ LAST
- Cassie Donaldson Teacher
- Regina Hogan Teacher
- ♦ Colleen Wilson SAM
- Maddy Houlihan SAO/SLSO
- Suzanne Mead SLSO
- Craig Gray GA

I hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing Christmas with family and friends. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in 2025.

