



MOORINE ROCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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"Reach for the Stars"

From the Principal, Miss Sarah Perrett

Dear Parents & Care Givers,

Photo Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered the photo competition. Congratulations to Linda Rose for having her photo chosen to be displayed in the administration area of the school. Thank you to our judges for their role in the choosing of the photographs.

Remembrance Day Service



Our Remembrance Day Service will be held on Monday 11th November at 10:45 am at the school flagpole, which will be conducted by our student leaders. Parents and community members are encouraged to attend. A light morning tea will follow for parents/community members.

School Council News

On Tuesday 12 November, we will be conducting our Annual Open Meeting where we welcome all parents and community members to come along and get an insight into how the School Council functions. I encourage everyone to join with us and get first-hand experience in a School Council Meeting. The meeting will take place at 2:30pm in the staffroom. We look forward to seeing you there.

Further information about a School Council can be obtained from visiting <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/school-councils-boards> or the MRPS website.

VacSwim

VacSwim offers swimming lessons for children aged five to 17 years during the summer school holidays. Lessons are conducted at pools and open water venues across Western Australia.

Visit [education.wa.edu.au/swimming](https://www.education.wa.edu.au/swimming) for more information and enrolment forms.

Senior Room Digital Technologies

Last week the Senior Room students used the Virtual Reality Kits from Merredin College to explore the Great Barrier Reef. Students enjoyed being able to 'dive in' and discover the marine environment.

Students have also been busy preparing their Circuit Breakers project for the upcoming Science Fair at Scitech. We are one of thirty schools in the state participating in the Circuit Breakers project and are looking forward to showcasing our achievements.



Dates to Remember

Date	Day	Event
5th November	Tuesday	Melbourne Cup Day
7th November	Thursday	Playgroup -commencing at 9 a.m.
11th November	Monday	10:45am, Remembrance Day Service at School
12th November	Tuesday	School Council Meeting

Award Winners Term 3 Week 9

Jye Jackson- for his enthusiasm during math lessons and his knowledge of numbers. Great counting Jye, keep it up!

Maddy Berry– for working hard to solve number patterns in Mathematics.

Brodie Eiffler– for working independently to solve problems in Mathematics.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY–

Zion Fogarty- 31st October

Brodie Eiffler- 2nd November



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Moorine Rock Primary School's Christmas Concert and Awards Night

Saturday, 14th December 2019

Commencing at 6 p.m.



Term 4 in The Senior Room

Maths

In Maths we have been learning patterns. The year 5 & 6's have been learning fractions and decimal number patterns while the year 4's are working on number patterns with addition and multiplication. They have discovered that when we use multiplication the numbers get really big quickly. The year 3's have been doing patterns with shapes and colours. The patterns have been challenging and they make us think a lot. After patterns we are going on to Algebra.

By Ethan & Regan

Literacy

This term in literacy we are learning how to write a persuasive text to convince people that you shouldn't buy presents for Christmas. We are looking at the Dr Seuss book "The Grinch that Stole Christmas."

By Lucy

D & T

In D & T we are using circuit breakers to learn how to play music using a micro bit. Also we have nearly finished our town. Everyone has worked together to do a fantastic job.

By Jackson & Reece.

Sport

This term in sport we have been learning how to play netball. We are getting better every week and we are really enjoying it, except when it is too hot!

By Maddy & Claire

Science

In science we have been learning about environmental science. We have been testing gravity and melting marshmallows to watch them turn into liquid.

By Zion & Brodie.



Booklists for 2020

Booklists for 2020 have been sent home.

The school uses Officemax to deliver your books and resources, but if you wish to purchase your books and stationary from elsewhere please feel free to do this.

We hope that you will find the experience as straight forward as possible. Please make sure to only purchase those resources you need. Teachers will be sending home this week any resources that you have supplied this year that have not been used. This will enable you to only order what they will need in 2020. If you do not require a resource don't forget to use the rubbish bin on the right hand side of the screen to remove the item.

For those wishing to utilise this please have your orders in before the 16th December to take advantage of the free delivery.

<https://www.officemaxschools.com.au/WA/Moorine-Rock/Moorine-Rock-Primary-School>

If you have any problems using this ordering system, please get in contact with the school.



Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of the resolution (end) of the First World War (the Armistice) on 11 November, 1918.

The First World War World War I (WWI) was originally known as the Great War. It began in August 1914 when Britain and Germany went to war. Many countries, such as Australia and New Zealand (who formed the famous ANZACs), immediately declared their allegiance to Britain and joined the war. This partnership was known as the 'Allied Forces'. The main nations in the Allied Forces were Britain, France and Russia. Later, they were supported by countries such as Canada and the United States. The Allied Forces fought the Central Powers: Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy, and the Ottoman Empire (Turkey).

During the four years of World War I, Australia was involved in some of history's most tragic conflicts (such as the famous landing at Gallipoli), and horrific battles on the Western Front (France and Belgium) and in the Middle East.

The Armistice

In 1918, after suffering a number of defeats and heavy losses, the German forces agreed to an armistice (a truce) with the Allied troops and this signalled the end of WWI. The treaty was signed at 5am on 11 November 1918, but did not officially come into effect until six hours later at 11am. The armistice was met by celebration around the world; people yelled, cheered and danced in the streets.

For this reason, Remembrance Day was originally called Armistice Day. In Australia, it was renamed in 1997. The name change broadened the meaning of the day, widening the focus from World War I, to a day which commemorates those who served in any war or conflict.

Remembrance Day Traditions

A Minute of Silence

Every year, nations around the globe fall silent for one minute at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month to remember those who have served their country during war. This practice stems from King George V's declaration on 6 November 1919 that people throughout the Commonwealth should suspend their normal activities so that in "perfect stillness the thoughts of everyone may be concentrated on reverent remembrance of the Glorious Dead".

A Red Poppy

The Flanders poppy was one of the first plants to grow on the blood-soaked battlefields of France and Belgium. In nineteenth century English poetry, poppies often symbolised sleep or oblivion. After WWI, silk poppies were sold on Armistice Day with proceeds going to a charity for French children and to the Returned Soldiers League (RSL).

A Sprig of Rosemary

Many people wear a sprig of rosemary on Remembrance Day and on ANZAC Day. Since ancient times this aromatic herb has been recognised as a sign of remembrance and loyalty. For Australians, rosemary is even more significant as this plant grows wild on the Gallipoli peninsula, serving as another reminder of the ANZAC troops who lost their lives there.



A Flag at Half-Mast

On Remembrance Day, flags are flown at half-mast from 10.30am to 11.03am as a sign of mourning and respect. It is said that this tradition stems from sailing ships that lowered their sails at sea to honour an important person or mark a death.

There are a number of rules associated with flying the Australian flag at half-mast. The flag can never be flown at half-mast at night. If in a group of flags, all flags should be lowered to halfmast, however, Australia's should be lowered last and raised first.

The Unknown Soldier

Have you heard of the Unknown Soldier? The Unknown Soldier is intended to represent all men killed during war, especially those with no known resting place. The original Unknown Soldier was entombed at Westminster Abbey in London on Remembrance Day 1920. On the same day, France entombed an Unknown Soldier below the Arc de Triomphe. It was not until Remembrance Day 1993 that Australia laid to rest an Unknown Soldier in the Hall of Memory at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. At his side was a bayonet and a golden sprig of wattle. The soldier was buried in a coffin made from Tasmanian Blackwood which was scattered with soil from the French battlefield, Pozières.

Modern Pilgrimages

It is estimated that over 60,000 Australians died in the Great War, many of these have no known graves. This left the Western Front dotted with memorials and cemeteries commemorating the fallen. Many Australians travel to these locations, as well as others in Egypt and Turkey, to pay tribute to the events that occurred and to remember all who served and fell there.

In modern times, these pilgrimages have become increasingly popular around Remembrance Day and ANZAC Day. On these days, many locations, such as Gallipoli, Villers-Bretonneux and Bullecourt, hold special commemorative ceremonies. These ceremonies are made up of many traditional elements such as a parade, wreath laying, the Last Post (played on a bugle) and a minute of silence.

Remembrance Day Facts

- * The word 'armistice' means a truce or peace arrangement. It comes from the Latin word 'arma', meaning arms and 'stitium', meaning 'a stopping', giving us the meaning: to put down your arms (weapons).
- * The famous poem In Flanders Fields that made the red poppy such an iconic symbol, was written by Canadian Lieutenant Colonel John McRae. It is said that it only took him 20 minutes to write and that afterwards he threw it in the trash (from which it was thankfully saved by a fellow soldier).
- * It was not just men who went to war. In World War I, many Australian women volunteered as cooks, drivers, interpreters and other skilled positions. Female nurses served in countries such as Egypt, France and Greece, often in dangerous conditions, close to the frontline where they were exposed to shelling.
- * World War I was the first armed conflict where aircraft were used. There were around 3000 Australian airmen who served with the Australian Flying Corps.



- * The conditions in WWI trenches were so horrifying that they gave their name to numerous ailments that occurred there. These include: 'Trench Foot' (a fungal foot infection), 'Trench Nephritis' (an inflammation of the kidneys) and 'Trench Fever' (a painful infection caused by lice).
- * It is estimated that the WWI trench system on the Western Front measured approximately 475 miles (764km) in length.
- * Rosemary is often worn on Remembrance Day. An old tale describes the Virgin Mary spreading her blue cloak over a flowering rosemary bush. The story says that the white flowers turned blue and from that day on the bush was called the 'Rose of Mary'.
- * Many countries (such as Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Belgium and Poland) also observe Remembrance Day.

In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae

**In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing , fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders Fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.**



Moorine Rock Tennis Club

Junior Coaching

Tennis Coaching will commence on Thursday 17th October 2019 at the Moorine Rock tennis courts from 3.30 – 4.30pm

The coaching program will run Thursday afternoons for 5 weeks.

Can players of all ages please be at the courts by 3.25pm, so we are able to register and grade players.

Cost is \$20 per child or \$50 for a family of 3 children.

Participants will need to bring their hats & water bottles.

Sherree Nicholson or Lib Irving have offered to escort the kids from school to the tennis courts at the conclusion of school. Please send in a permission slip and pack something for their afternoon tea. We are not offering milkshakes this year.



Any child who is in preprimary or primary school is invited to register their name with:
Lib Irving : mob:0429498000, email:townfoot13@bigpond.com

Melbourne Cup – Tuesday 5th November

Melbourne Cup Sweep

I will be running a Melbourne Cup Sweep again this year. The cost of a horse is \$5. We need 24 starters, first in with their money are assured a horse. You may have more than one horse and if there are enough starters we will have two sweeps.



First Place Prize Money \$70
Second Place Prize Money \$30
Third Place Prize Money \$15
Lucky Last Prize Money \$5

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FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS

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7TH November 2019

INFO SESSION FOR PARENTS:

Emotional Well-being for Young People - How to help your children gain skills for an emotionally healthy attitude to life!

2pm—3pm

INFO SESSION FOR YOUTH:

Emotional Well-being for Young People - Skills and tips to keep emotionally well!

3.30pm—4.30pm

Presenter: Kaye Bell, Wheatbelt Agcare Family Counsellor - qualified Social Worker, with additional qualifications in Family Studies and Counselling.



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swimming lessons during
the summer holidays.

Choose from three programs:

8 Days 10 Days

Program 1

31 Dec – 10 January
45 minute lessons
Enrolments close
10 November

Program 2

13 – 24 January
35 minute lessons
Enrolments close
17 November

\$30 per child / \$20 concession
\$81 for a family of three or more /
\$54 concession
(plus pool entry).

5 Days

Short program

6 – 10 January
35 minute lessons
Enrolments close
10 November

\$16 per child / \$10.50 concession
\$41 for a family of three or more /
\$27.50 concession
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APPLY NOW TO ENROL YOUR CHILD FOR 2020

It is time to apply to enrol your child in a public school for 2020 if they are:

- starting Year 7 (first year of secondary school)
- changing schools.

For more information and to find a public school in your area visit education.wa.edu.au.

Merredin College Year 7 Enrolments for 2020

Enrolments are now due for next year if you are planning on your child attending Year 7 at Merredin College in 2020!!

Please ensure you get them in as soon as possible so we are able to distribute information regarding Transition Day being held on Monday 25 November 2019.

Any queries please contact Vanessa Morris on 90410900.