



MOORINE ROCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Principals Message

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back to a new year at Moorine Rock Primary School. I hope you all have had a relaxing holiday period. All staff are looking forward to getting back into the swing of things and seeing all our wonderful students again.

I would like to welcome two new staff members to our school community this year, Ms Sally Burton and Mr Andrew Ellis. They have both been working at primary schools in the country for a few years and are looking forward to being apart of the Moorine Rock community.

COVID-19

As we are still in Phase 4 of the COVID restrictions we are still required to clean high touch surfaces and objects throughout the day and maintain good hand hygiene. We will be going over hand washing with all students in the first week of school. Students will be required to wash their hands multiple times a day and I know this can irritate sensitive skin. If this is the case please feel free to send in soap for your child to use. Ensure they have their name on it, in order to distinguish it from others. At this point in time we do not need to keep a covid register on school grounds but as our sign in process does this for us we ask that you ensure you sign in at the front office whenever you are on school site.

Voluntary Contributions

Your voluntary contributions assist the school in providing materials to improve your child's learning experiences. It would be fantastic if all contributions could be received during Term One. Families may choose to send in cash, a cheque or pay by direct deposit to our ANZ Account. The Voluntary Contribution of \$40 equates to \$10.00 per term.

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ACCOUNT NUMBER 253884676.

Bushfire

As in previous years, Moorine Rock Primary School is classified as 'Very High' on the Bushfire Zone Register. This means that in the event of a catastrophic fire danger day the school is required to close. As per the Department of Education's policy, the school needs to comply by ensuring the relevant plans are reviewed, communicated and tested. Staff and students have been familiarising themselves with emergency evacuations in the previous year and will continue to do so this term. If such an event does occur you will be informed via a note sent home with your child and we will keep you informed via the school Connect community and the school website.

Attendance

Over the past two years Moorine Rock has been working hard on improving attendance of all students. It is pleasing to see the overall attendance of students from Semester 2, 2019 to Semester 2, 2020 has increased from 90.6% to 93% with 99% of absences being authorised. This is fantastic to see as regular school attendance is vital to the continuation of learning.

In 2021, we will be continuing with the strict rules regarding staff and student illness set last year. If your child is ill please do not send them to school. If your child is absent for any reason, please let the school know via your child's communication diary, by ringing the school or send an email to the office.

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“Reach for the Stars”

Upcoming Events

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
1	01/02 Morning Meeting First Day of School	02/02 Newsletter	03/02	04/02 First Kindy Day	05/02	06/02 & 07/02
2	08/02 Morning Meeting Kindy Day	09/02	10/02	11/02 Kindy Day Playgroup 9am	12/02	13/02 & 14/02
3	15/02 Morning Meeting Kindy Day	16/02 Newsletter	17/02 Beatz and Pieces Excursion to SCDHS	18/02 Kindy Day	19/02	20/02 & 21/02
4	22/02 Morning Meeting Kindy Day	23/02	24/02	25/02 Kindy Day Playgroup 9am	26/02	27/02 & 28/02

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- ⇒ Kindy Students start school for 2021 on Thursday 4th February 2021
- ⇒ Tuesday is Library day for both classrooms—please bring in your library bags
- ⇒ Wednesday is sport for both classrooms
- ⇒ Friday is icy pole day—these are being sold for 50 cents each
- ⇒ Beatz and Pieces Excursion to SCDHS on Wednesday 17th February—permission notes to be sent out shortly
- ⇒ Labour Day Public Holiday on Monday 1st March
- ⇒ Fotoworks School Photos on Wednesday 17th March
- ⇒ Last day of Term 1 on Thursday 1st April

FROM OUR JUNIOR ROOM WITH MS BURTON

Hello my name is Sally Burton and I am the Junior room teacher for this year.

I have come from Newman in the Pilbara teaching Year 1. I have done most of my teaching in the Pilbara and South West region teaching various classes and roles within the school.

I am very excited to join the staff at Moorine Rock Primary School. I have 2 children one attending Year 8 at Southern Cross and my youngest daughter is living with her Father in Perth attending Year 7.

My favourite colour is blue and I am an Eagles supporter. I look forward to seeing you this year.

FROM OUR SENIOR ROOM WITH MR ELLIS AND MISS SUTTIE

Hello everyone in Moorine Rock Primary School community.

My name is Andrew Ellis and I have been appointed to teach the year 3, 4, 5, 6 class this year. I have been married for 30 years and have two children, who are off making their own way in the world. My wife is also a primary teacher at Toodyay DHS and living in Northam, where I will travel back to at the weekends.

I am qualified to teach Primary school, which I have been doing for the last 6 years as a relief teacher at schools around Northam. Prior to this I was the Maths teacher at Toodyay DHS for 7 years. So, while I have been teaching for 13 years this will be my first primary classroom. This means I am both excited and nervous about teaching your children.

I am excited about the STEAM focused approach to teaching at Moorine Rock PS, about teaching 'farm kids' and the great facilities and resources our school offers. I am nervous about meeting the needs of all the students and getting through all the work that needs to be done. However, be assured I will be working hard for all students and will make learning engaging.

I believe a good primary education should be preparing students to become productive, caring and capable members of the community. It is not the be all and end all, but it can open up possibilities and create opportunities. Students should learn the importance of working hard, following rules and routines, being positive and courteous and working cooperatively with others.

Finally, I am looking forward to having positive relationships with everyone connected to Moorine Rock Primary School community.



FROM THE ART ROOM WITH MRS NICHOLL

Halo! Welcome back for 2021 and yes, I am back for 2 days this year teaching many different classes from the art room.

SCIENCE - I will start science this week with the whole school swabbing areas for evidence of micro-organisms. We will see what bacteria and fungus have evaded through Covid- 19 cleaning regime and try to get them to multiply on an agar plate - whilst correctly following the scientific method and using equipment safely.

INDONESIAN - My first task is to translate 'Happy Birthday' into the second language. Be prepared to follow the verse at assemblies.

PE - This week will be about fitness and basic skills. The students will be surveyed on their strengths and weaknesses in this area and what team sports they would like to experience or further develop. Future lessons will be planned from these responses.

I will also be taking the Junior room for art and computer skills every Wednesday - I'm hoping to develop some future graphic designers!

Thank you for your wonderful children and *sampai jumpa!*

Mrs Chrissie Nicholl

