



# MOORINE ROCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

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### Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians

I am very proud to be the Principal at Moorine Rock Primary School in 2023. It has been wonderful meeting everyone and getting to know your children. Arriving from Kalgoorlie where my husband and I have lived for the past 28 years, (and where he was born), I am well versed in life in a rural community and the educational challenges we face. I will be leading this school with the intention of providing your children with a strong and consistent team to ensure they reach their true academic potential. Prior to my role here I was teaching at North Kalgoorlie Primary School for 9 years and was Associate/Deputy Principal at Kalgoorlie Boulder Community High School where I worked for 8 years. As you can imagine this has been a huge lifestyle change moving from such a big school filled with 950 teenagers and over 100 staff to MRPS! I am thoroughly enjoying not dealing with mobile phones, uniforms and truanting issues and am delighted each morning when our students arrive bright eyed on their buses ready to embrace their day.

I am well aware there have been issues with staffing prior to my arrival and this has been very unsettling for our school community. I can assure you I am working closely with our recruitment team to address this. In the meantime, I would like to acknowledge the dedicated staff behind the scenes who have gone above and beyond over the last 12 months to maintain our school. A very special thank you to Mrs Josie Kent, your expertise is valued and I am extremely grateful to be working with you this year. Josie is a wealth of knowledge and has certainly ensured my transition has been a smooth one. Mrs Leeanne Cappelli our EA, your knowledge of our students and experience is greatly appreciated and I thank you for your commitment to our students. Mr Wayne Hewitt our dedicated Gardener, we are very fortunate to have you on our team Wayne. Your work ethic and pride in our school grounds ensures our school looks top notch every day. I would like to welcome Miss Bianca Swift who has joined us this term and is teaching full time. Miss Swift has extensive skills in Primary teaching and has a wealth of experience catering for students with diverse needs. Welcome also to Mr Paul Smith who will be teaching on Fridays, Mr Smith brings with him years of experience teaching at Secondary and Primary rural schools. Finally we welcome Mrs Naomi Barona who will be teaching Mondays and Thursdays. Mrs Barona will be with us throughout Term One as she is expecting another bundle of joy in July! Special thanks also to Mrs Sarah Capelli-Adams for her excellent work as our cleaner this term and Mrs Emma Booth for stepping in as relief EA last week. Thank you all for ensuring we had the BEST start to 2023.

A reminder also, this Thursday 9th February 2023 at 9am—10am, we will be holding a Meet and Greet morning. We would love you to join us. If you could bring a plate of morning tea with you to meet our new staff, our students will be joining us. A very special welcome to our Kindy students this week, this is a huge transition for them and we were very impressed with their first big day at MRPS.

In closing I would encourage you to be involved in our school community and to ensure you maintain a high level of communication with our staff regarding your child. Please feel free to call me or to make an appointment if you have any concerns. I am excited to be working with you all throughout 2023 to ensure MRPS students receive the very best education they deserve.

Kind Regards

Mrs Katrina Tedge

Principal

## Upcoming Events

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
<b>Week 2</b>	06/2 Kindy Day	07/2 Newsletter	08/2	09/2 Kindy Day	10/2	
<b>Week 3</b>	13/2 Kindy Day	14/2	15/2	16/2 Kindy Day	17/2	
<b>Week 4</b>	20/2 Kindy Day	21/2 Newsletter	22/2	23/2 Kindy Day	24/2	

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- ⇒ Tuesday is Library day for both classrooms —please bring in your library bags
- ⇒ Thursday is Library day for the Kindy Children
- ⇒ Friday is sport for the whole school
- ⇒ Thursday is Icy pole Day—50c per icy pole

## School Facebook Page

We have a new Facebook Page—find us by searching for 'Moorine Rock Primary School' - The cover page is a photo of our beautiful flagpole area. Like and follow our page to see all the wonderful things happening and to hear about any upcoming events.

## FROM OUR JUNIOR ROOM WITH MISS SWIFT

We have been very productive in our Junior Room this week!

We started our school year by getting to know each other – making our faces out of paper plates, making paper versions of ourselves that are displayed in our room and completing 'All About Me Bees' which are displayed in the front office!

In Maths we have been learning about patterns. We have been creating patterns with our body movements in dances, with counters and beads, and even drawing and colouring patterns in our books.

We welcomed the Kindy's on Monday who had a great first day completing their own 'all about me' activities.



## FROM MR SMITH

My name is Paul Smith, the kids know me as Mr Smith. I am taking the Pre-primary to Year 4 on Fridays. We will have Maths period 1, then a STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) class period 2. In STEM in term 1, we will focus on biological science. The pre-primary began with a investigation into how birds make nests, they wandered through the surrounding bush looking at nests and collecting materials to make their nests. They then went and made the nests in the art room.

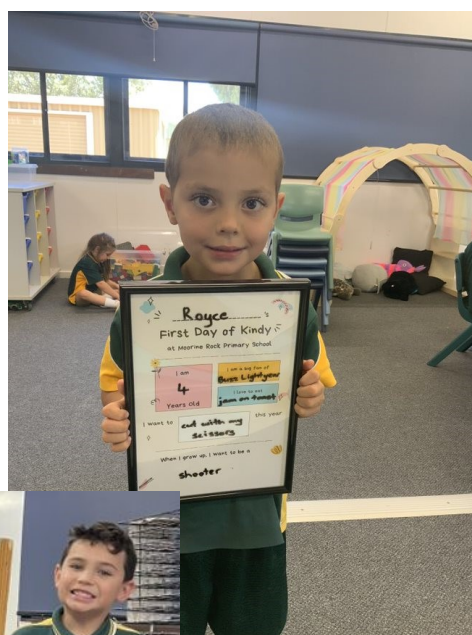
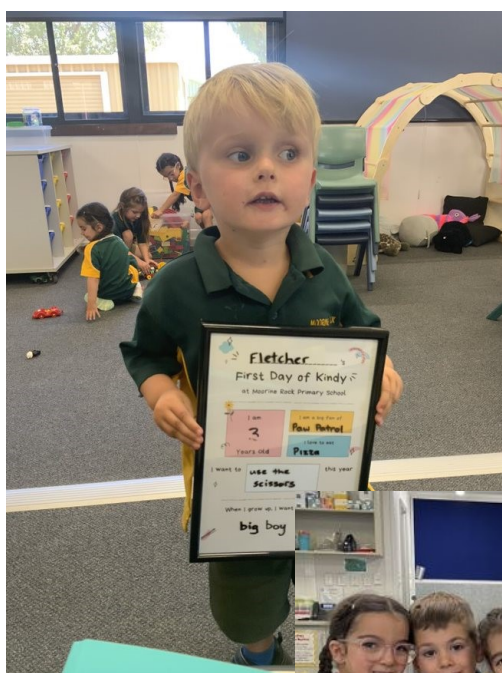
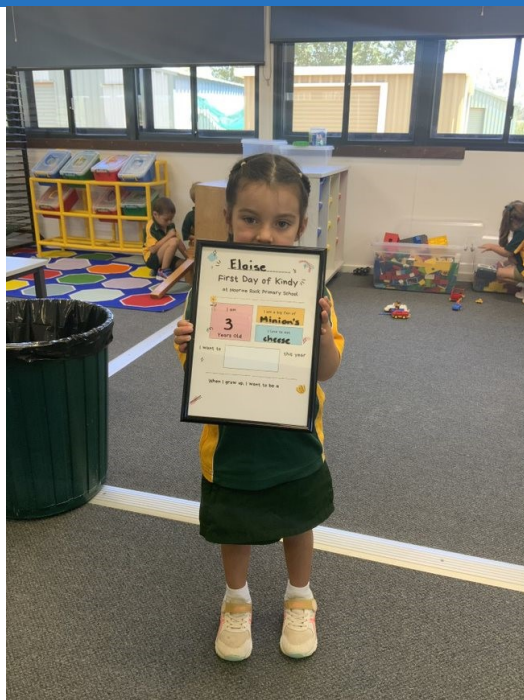
The year 3 and 4's studied how animals adapt to their environment. They focused on the thorny devil shown below.



After recess the year 3 and 4's did science with a focus on how animals camouflage themselves. They found out about the thorny toad, its camouflage and its ability to squirt blood from its eye. Which they then showed to the younger students through a presentation. An image is shown below.



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## FROM OUR SENIOR ROOM WITH MRS BORONA

We have had a nice start to the year in the senior room!

This week we started our term one program. In maths we are learning about chance and the students got to play a game of snakes and ladders on the interactive tv at the end of the lesson. The start of their homework program has been sent home with spelling words being the main focus this term.



Happy Birthday to

**Mitchell Borona 6 Years Old**

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

### 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. Please pay by direct deposit to our ANZ Account. The Voluntary Contribution of \$40 equates to \$10.00 per term.

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Week 1  
Junior Room Stars of The Week



Week 1  
Senior Room Star of the Week



Birthdays for January and February