



# MOORINE ROCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

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### Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians

We have had a fabulous start to 2023, thank you all for a very warm welcome to our school and community. I am thoroughly enjoying our new lifestyle in Southern Cross and working at our beautiful school. I am still adjusting to sharing our site with the 3 bobtails in residence who still manage to scare the living daylights out of me and provide our students with a daily laugh!

Our students have been very busy settling in and getting to know our 2023 staff. It was lovely to chat and meet some of our parents in Week 2 and I look forward to working with you all. Feel free to contact me anytime to discuss any queries or concerns.

**NAPLAN** commences 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 for Dustin and Nikolai

**SOCIAL FOCUS:** This week we are focusing on using our manners when we respond to others.

It is with regret I advise that Ms Swift our amazing Flying Squad teacher will be leaving us at the end of Week 4. Ms Swift has been an absolute asset to our school this year and we all wish her well on her next placement. Thank you Ms Swift, you will be missed by us all at MRPS and we look forward to hearing about your future travels!



In Week 5 we welcome Ms Jessie Glazier from Perth. Ms Glazier is looking forward to working with our wonderful school community and we extend a very warm welcome to her. Feel free to pop in and introduce yourself prior to our next assembly in Week 9.

A few more important introductions regarding school services:

**School Psychologist:** Emily O'Brien

**Speech Therapist:** Rochelle Roberts

**School Nurse:** Jessie Della Bosca

Please contact Mrs Tedge if you would like your child referred to any of these services, parents will be advised if a referral for their child is required.

**ATTENDANCE:** Please continue to let us know if your child will be absent from school. I have attached some information to outline the effects of students not attending on a regular basis. It is vital we support regular attendance at school to build resilience, social skills and academic progress.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**NAPLAN:** 15<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Photo Day:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Teddy Bear Hospital:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**School Council Meeting:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**P&C Meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Finally, please follow our Facebook page where you will see updates weekly of our learning at MRPS

Kind Regards

Mrs Katrina Tedge

Principal

## ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT!

What is your child's attendance like? Do they miss a day here and there? Are they late to school sometimes? If you need support getting your child to school or have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs Tedge on 90489800.

Here is an example of how days accumulate and impact on students' learning.

<b><i>Surely 1 or 2 days absent a week doesn't seem much - but this is how it is...</i></b>			
If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years
<b><i>If your child is late 10 minutes a day - surely that won't matter or affect my child...</i></b>			
Only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	½ a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years
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## BUSHFIRE

Moorine Rock Primary School has been placed on the Department of Education bushfire zone register as it is located in a designated bushfire risk area.

If a '**Catastrophic**' fire danger rating has been declared for the YILGARN SHIRE, a school **MAY** be required to invoke a pre-emptive (planned) closure. A 'Catastrophic' fire danger rating poses a significant threat to the school if a fire starts, it is likely to be uncontrollable, unpredictable, and fast moving.

Parents will receive a message by phone, email, facebook page and school website which will inform them of a possible Pre-emptive closure of the school.

The final decision to pre-emptively close the school will be confirmed with the principal no later than 4.30pm on the day before the pre-emptive closure. If the forecast changes after the 4.30pm deadline, the school remains closed to limit confusion within the school community.

Parents will receive a message by phone, email, facebook page and school website to either confirm or reverse a Pre-emptive closure of the school.

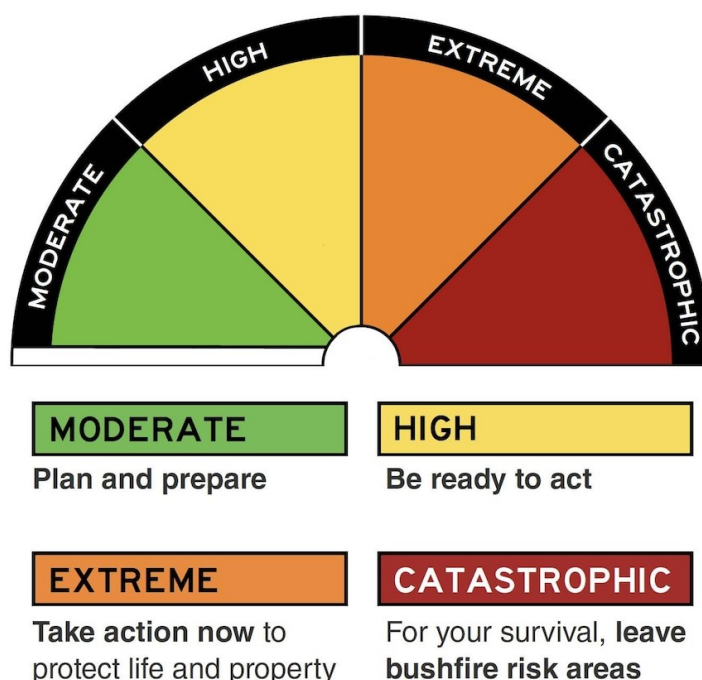
Typically, schools will only be required to close for a day at a time. However, this will depend on changing weather conditions. Parents will receive a message to advise if the school will reopen the day after the pre-emptive closure, or whether it will remain closed.

Parents are encouraged to monitor official bushfire information sources for current information about fire danger ratings:

**Emergency WA website** - <https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/>

As per the Department of Education's policy, the school needs to comply by ensuring the relevant plans are reviewed, communicated and tested. Staff have been familiarising themselves with emergency evacuations plans and as in previous years will practice emergency evacuations with the students.

**If you have any questions in regards to the "Catastrophic" fire danger rating, please give Josie or Katrina an email or phone call.**



## Upcoming Events

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
<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	
<b>Week 5</b>	27/2 Kindy Day	28/2	1/3	2/3 Kindy Day	3/3	

## 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 SENIOR ROOM WITH MRS BORONA

In the senior room we are finally into a routine with our lessons and the boys are getting so much work done!

Last week they learnt about toy making in design and technology, which at the end they had to design and make their own toy that had to have an elastic component, I think they did really well!

Also enjoy this picture of the junior room kids at lunch "painting" the art room with water, on one of our hot days.

Mrs Borona



## FROM OUR JUNIOR ROOM WITH MISS SWIFT

We have had a very busy two weeks in the junior room! We have been working hard on our reading and spelling, finishing up our exploration of patterns in maths, and learning all about different families.

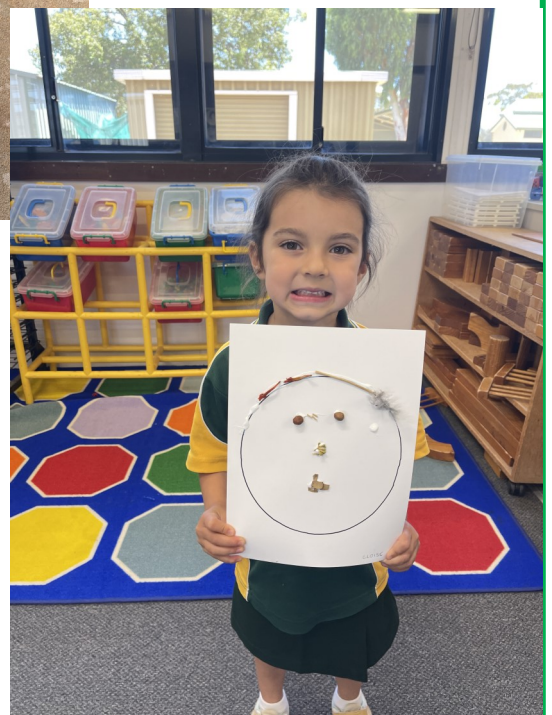
We have had some very hot days over the last 2 weeks, so we have been getting creative on how to keep cool at school! One thing we have tried during playtime has been painting on the pavement with water – which has been a hit!

In Kindy we have been exploring different things about ourselves and our surroundings. This includes lots of practice on writing our names, making self-portraits and lots of crafts about our families. Last week we went on a nature walk with Mrs Capelli where we collected things in nature to make a self-portrait! We were all very proud of our work.

Last week we got to celebrate Valentines Day, where we did lots of heart related spelling and maths. We talked about kindness and gratitude and even made Valentines crafts which we gave to people that we appreciate/love.

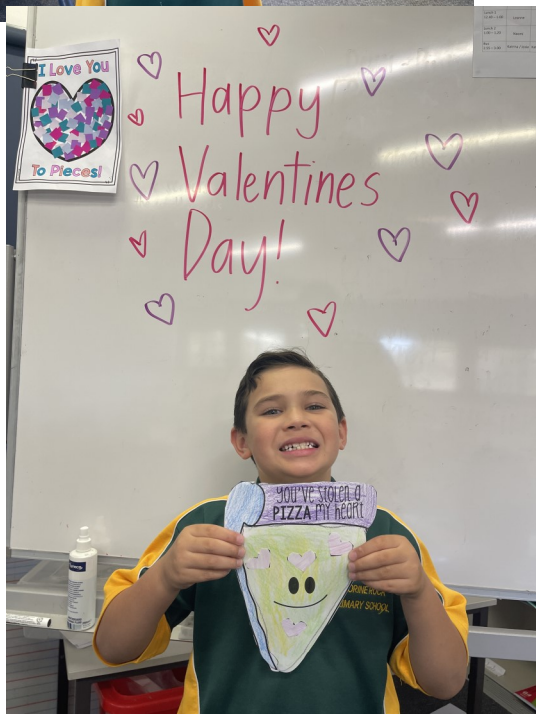
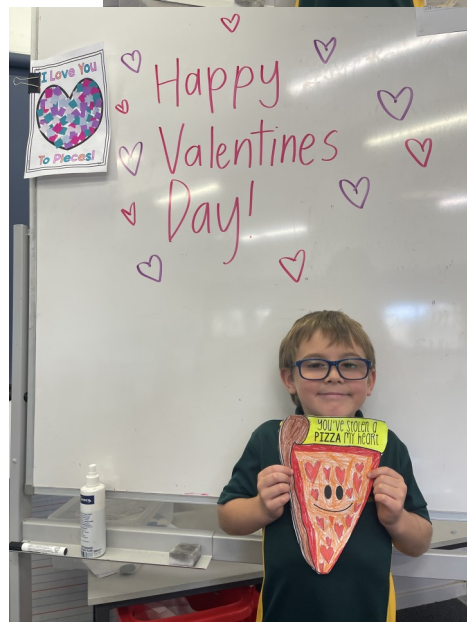
And finally, as many of you now know we have a new teacher taking over next week - which sadly means that my time at Moorine Rock has come to an end. I have had such a great time at this school and I am going to miss this community. I am so grateful for the warm welcomes and support from everyone – parents, students and staff! Thank you everyone for such a great time in Moorine Rock. All the best for the future!

Miss Swift

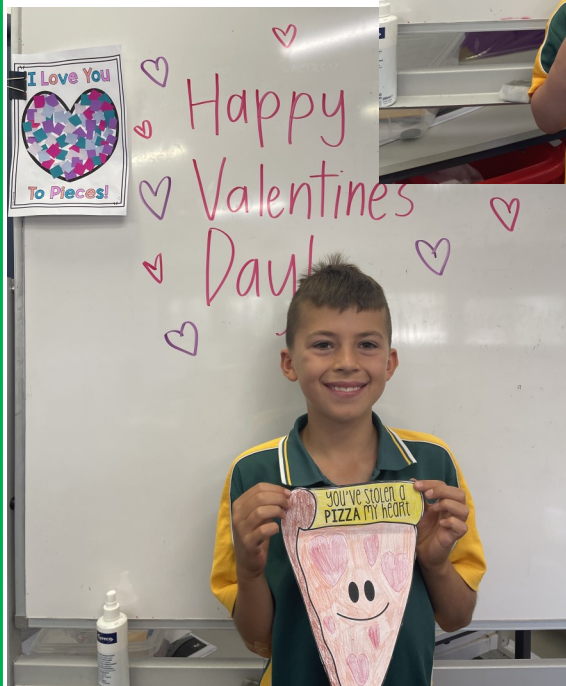




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# FROM MR SMITH

Year 3 / 4 Science

The students have been seeing how plants and animals (birds) have adapted to their environment.

They looked at the plant life in a desert, rainforest, mangrove and four-season environments for plants and how birds beaks have adapted to the way that they hunt and feed.



Generalist



Insect catching



Surface skimming



Scything



Grain eating



Coniferous-seed eating



Probing



Filter feeding



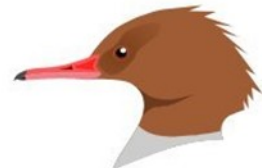
Nectar feeding



Fruit eating



Aerial fishing



Pursuit fishing



Chiseling



Dip netting



Scavenging



Raptorial

**Happy Birthday to**

**No Birthdays for this fortnight.**



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 2  
Junior Room Star of The Week



Week 2  
Senior Room Star of the Week



Week 3  
Star of The Week



# Can you accommodate a couple of medical students for three nights??



## Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program TUESDAY 14 TO FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2023

### Share what **living in the Wheatbelt** is like with **doctors of the future**

One hundred medical students will be coming to the Wheatbelt in March 2023. During their stay, they will visit local farms, industry, general practices, hospitals and schools, and participate in community activities.

We need you to provide real-life experiences that will give them an understanding of what it is like to live in the Wheatbelt and perhaps inspire them to become rural doctors.

The students will visit the following towns:

- Bruce Rock
- Kellerberrin/Tammin
- Merredin
- Southern Cross
- Westonia
- Narrogin

As a host, we will ask you to provide accommodation for two or more students, be able to assist with transporting them to/from town, and share what it is like to live in your town with the students. You are invited to come along to a Thank You dinner with the students on the Thursday night.

#### Why host?

*Even if you need the students to roll out a swag in the living room, we want to hear from you if you can host.*

This is a life-changing experience for the students, with many having no previous exposure to rural life or the Wheatbelt.

By providing these rural immersion opportunities early in their degree, it has been proven that students are more likely to explore rural career opportunities.

Some students continue to keep in touch and visit their host families, some return to do seasonal work and placements, others have joined mentoring programs, some have inspired host family members to pursue tertiary studies in health and medicine, and some students are now doctors in the Wheatbelt and other parts of rural/remote WA and Australia.

For further information, contact **Betony Dawson**:  
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