

# MOORINE ROCK PRIMARY SCHOOL Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians

It has certainly been a busy time this term with our amazing staff out on professional learning in Perth and the Wheatbelt. This week we are enjoying some teaching and learning time with our wonderful staff and students before the next few weeks become very busy! Following our Eastern Wheatbelt Education Network meeting with Principals last week, our school has made a five year commitment to the Multilit program which targets literacy. In Kindergarten to Yr. 2 Miss Glazier and Mrs Capelli will take an explicit approach to the teaching of pre-literacy and literacy skills. Our priority is to provide all students with the essential core knowledge and strong foundations to become successful readers and writers.



#### **YSSSA Dinner**

Last week I enjoyed dinner with Bob Grant (Principal St. Joseph's Primary School), Louise Davidson (Principal Southern Cross District High School) and their staff. This dinner was to recognise staff's contributions for the YSSSA throughout 2023. One of the most enjoyable aspects of working in our community is the collective belief from leaders and staff that we prioritise teaching and learning at our schools regardless of which school we lead. A very special thank you to everyone who has been involved with the YSSSA events.

#### **Numeracy Day 2023**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023, MRPS students will attend St. Joseph's Primary School with SCDHS to participate in our combined Numeracy Day. We are looking forward to another amazing day of learning together with our students and staff. Sausage sizzle lunch will be provided by St Joseph's for Staff and Students. If your child does not wish to have a sausage sizzle lunch please provide lunch for them. Stay tuned for the photos!

#### Principal's Message—continued

#### **KPMG Property and Environmental Services**

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023, Duratec Limited will be conducting an aerial survey using drones as part of the 2023 Building Condition Assessment. This survey will not cause any disruption to our normal teaching program, see me if you have any queries.

#### **Christmas Concert**

As you would be aware students are busy rehearsing for the upcoming Christmas Concert on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Please ensure you let us know if your child will not be attending. We are all looking forward to spending this special evening with you!

#### **Swimming Lessons**

Due to instructor availability the Moorine Rock PS 2023 Interim swimming lessons have been modified to an 8 day <u>series</u> (no lessons on Thu 23/11 & Fri 24/11). To accommodate the number of students attending, additional lessons have been added to the timetable which has also meant a change in some lesson times. I will keep you informed, in the meantime thank you all for returning your consent forms so promptly. Here is the schedule for your information.

School	Times	Student # (Approx)	Year Groups/ Stages (Approx)	Notes						
Southern Cross DHS St Joseph's School Moorine Rock PS	9:10 – 9:50	10	Stg 7 - 13	8 Day Series No lessons Thur 23 & Fri 24/11						
Southern Cross DHS St Joseph's School	9:55 – 10:35	12	Stg 5/6	8 Day Series No lessons Thur 23 & Fri 24/11						
10 minute break										
Southern Cross DHS Moorine Rock PS	10:45 – 11:25	12	Stg 3/4	8 Day Series No lessons Thur 23 & Fri 24/11						
Moorine Rock PS	11:30 – 12:10	6	Stg 1/2	8 Day Series No lessons Thur 23 & Fri 24/11						
30 minute break										
Southern Cross DHS St Joseph's School	12:40 – 13:20	10	Stg 4	8 Day Series No lessons Thur 23 & Fri 24/11						
Southern Cross DHS St Joseph's School	13:25 – 14:05	10	Stg 2	8 Day Series No lessons Thur 23 & Fri 24/11						
Southern Cross DHS St Joseph's School	14:10 – 14:50	10	Stg 1	8 Day Series No lessons Thur 23 & Fri 24/11						

#### Principal's Message—continued

#### **Booklists**

A few weeks ago we sent home a copy of the personal items list for students attending Moorine Rock PS in 2024. Can you please have your orders back at school by Monday, **20th November** and Josie will drop them off to Nextra in Merredin. Once Nextra News has completed the orders Josie will pick them all up and distribute them to the families. This will be before the end of 2023, so that you have the holidays to label and cover the books etc. You may also wish to drop your child/rens off at Nextra News directly when it is convenient for you or you are welcome to purchase your booklists from another supplier.

#### **Kindy Orientation**

On Monday 27th November, we will be hosting our Kindy Orientation. 2024 kindy students are invited to attend our morning block for a morning of learning fun. Please bring in a piece of fruit, water bottle, hat and something for morning tea if your child intends to stay for recess. If you would like to put your child on the bus, please contact the bus driver to organise this. We look forward to welcoming our new kindy students for their orientation. Children are to be picked up from School either at 10.40am or 11 am if staying for recess.

All other classes will transition for the morning block to their classes for 2024 (go up a class) This will mean that the Year 1 students will go into the Senior Class for the morning block.

#### **Job Vacancies**

Currently MRPS has 3 vacancies advertised on Jobs WA for the following roles in 2024:

Cleaner – Permanent, part time hours can be negotiated

**Education Assistant** – Permanent, part time 1 day/week with the possibility of extension

Teacher - Permanent, full time

Please contact me on 90489800 if you or anyone you know is interested.

Warm Regards

Katrina Tedge

Principal

## **Upcoming Events**

W	eek	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
We	ek 6	13/11	14/11 Newsletter	15/11	16/11 Three Year Old Kindy 9.15 am – 10.40 am	17/11 Numeracy Day @ St Joseph's	
We	ek 7	20/11 Swimming Lessons Booklist Due Back at School	21/11 Swimming Lessons	22/11 Swimming Lessons	23/11 Swimming Lessons Cancelled Three Year Old Kindy 9.15 am – 10.40 am	24/11 Swimming Lessons Cancelled	
We	ek 8	27/11 Swimming Lessons Kindy Orienta- tion Day	28/11 Swimming Lessons Newsletter	29/11 Swimming Lessons	30/11 Swimming Lessons Three Year Old Kindy 9.15 am – 10.40 am	1/12 Swimming Lessons	

#### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- ⇒ Tuesday is Library day for both classrooms —this includes kindy children please bring in your library bags
- ⇒ Tuesdays are icy pole days
- ⇒ Friday 17th November -Numeracy Day at St Joseph's PS
- ⇒ Monday 20th November –Booklists due back at school
- ⇒ Monday—Wednesday 20th November—22nd November
- → Monday—Friday 27th November—1st December Swimming Lessons
- ⇒ Monday 27th November—Kindy Orientation Day
- ⇒ Saturday, 9th December commencing at 6pm—Our End of Year Concert and Awards Night
- ⇒ Monday 11th December—Reports are emailed home
- ⇒ Tuesday 12th December Parent/Teacher Interviews—timetable will be sent out
- ⇒ Wednesday 13th December—School Christmas Party including the Three Year Old Kindy's ,Playgroup children and Parents
- ⇒ Thursday 14th December—Last Day of 2023 for Students
- ⇒ Wednesday 31st January—First Day for Students 2024

#### **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 GLAZIER

The whole school is still loving the mud kitchen water play area. Their dams seem to be getting more complex everyday. It is awesome to see the teamwork happening every day when the very serious business of damn building is happening.





The kindy's have been loving the playdough lately and have been getting into making patterns with beads. The juniors enjoyed colouring and cutting poppies to wear for our remembrance day ceremony.





The juniors have been doing lots of writing this term, we have started learning about poetry and persuasive writing.

#### FROM OUR SENIOR ROOM WITH MS MELIS

The last few weeks has seen students in the Senior Room continuing their novel study on "How to Train Your Dragon, with students creating images and descriptions of their own dragons and are developing a set of instructions on the 'right way' to train a dragon.

We have been focussing on time and multiplication in maths and continuing our studies on climate for Geography. Students even found out that Antarctica is actually a desert. Please ask them to explain why it is a desert. We have also been looking at lifecycles of plants and animals in Science.

As a whole school we have continued with our weather journey, creating posters of clouds and then the following week we created our own weather stations.







Star of the Week
Term 4 Week 5
Issabella



Star of the Week
Term 4 Week 6
Eloise



Congratulations Lydia and Mitchell for receiving great results in Maths Seeds







Remembrance Day

On Friday we observed a minute's silence to remember those soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation.



## No Birthdays for this fortnight





Congratulations to these students who have achieved 50 dojos so far this term and received their choice of reward.

**Brodie** 

Lydia

**Xzavier** 

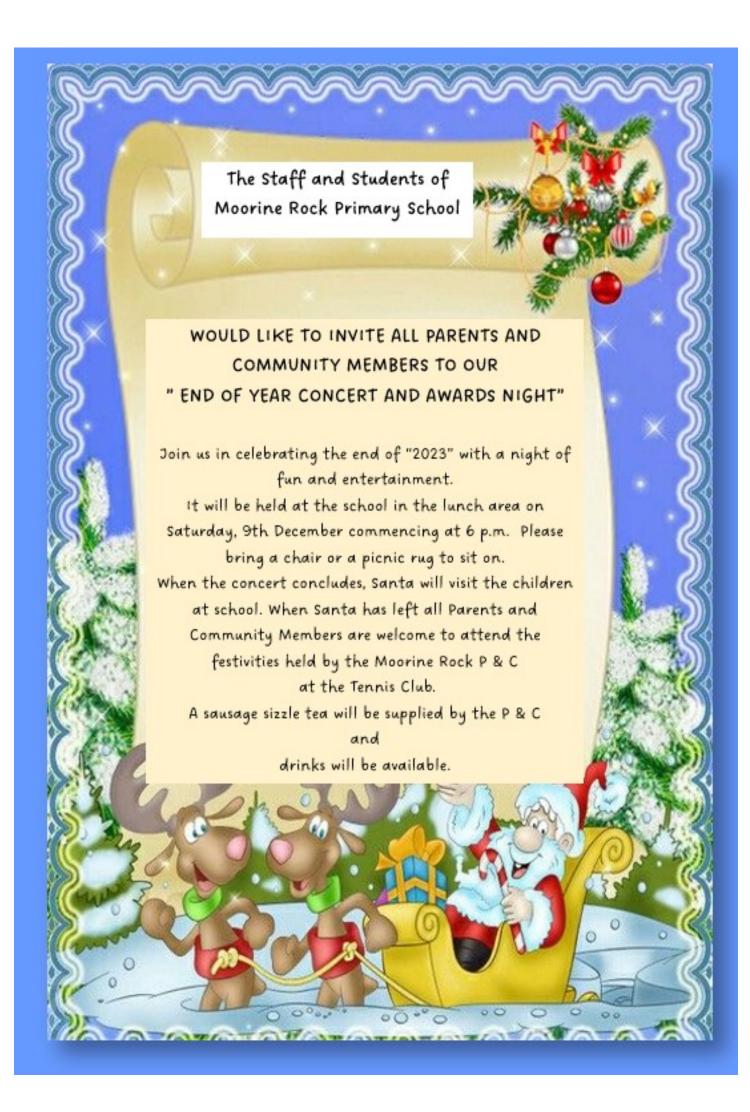
Charlie

Issabella

**Felix** 

**Dustin** 

Everyone else is so close to reaching 50! Keep it up!!



Can you accommodate a

couple of medical students for three nights?



Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program
TUESDAY 12 TO FRIDAY 15 MARCH 2024

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

More than one hundred medical students will be coming to the Wheatbelt in March 2024. 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
- Narrogin
- Cunderdin
- Southern Cross
- Kellerberrin/Tammin
- Westonia
- Merredin

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.

### RURAL HEALTH WEST



#### 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, who have previously been hosted through this program, 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 Rural Health West:

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