



# MOORINE ROCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

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### Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back to our amazing school for 2024 everyone! We've had a fabulous start back to school and welcome 2 new students and 3 new staff. Hopefully you have managed to meet our new staff, if not feel free to contact us to catch up.

Senior Room Teacher – Ms Ashley Hong

Education Assistant – Miss Erika Edis (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)

Cleaner – Mrs Lorraine Parker

A very warm welcome to you all, you have already made a very positive impact on our students and staff this term. I am extremely pleased we will now have an Education Assistant on site everyday to support our wonderful students.

#### International Recruitment

Ms Hong sent me this photo from the International Recruitment Induction in Perth in January. Check out which school was highlighted for all the new recruits. We are famous!!

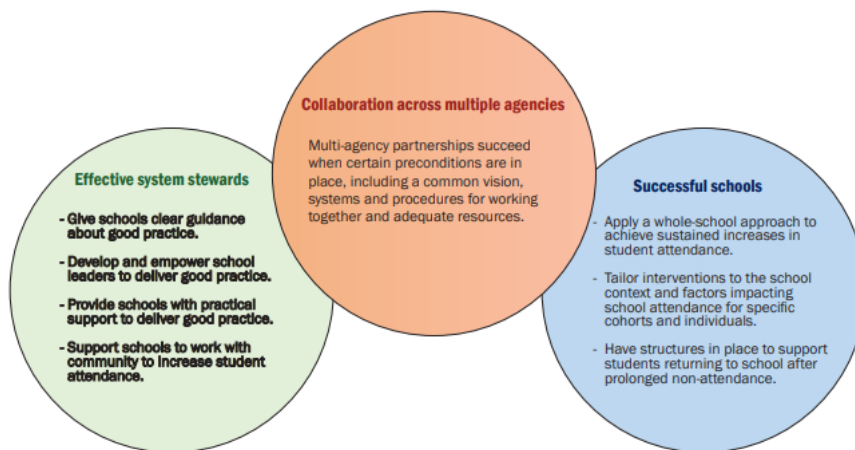


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## Attendance

In following the words of our Director General of Education this year 'Our students are at the heart of everything we do and every decision we make from planning the first week of lessons, to implementing state-wide education initiatives. Having this mindset at the fore only increases the positive impacts we can have on the students in our system.'

### Strengthening student attendance requires a whole community approach.



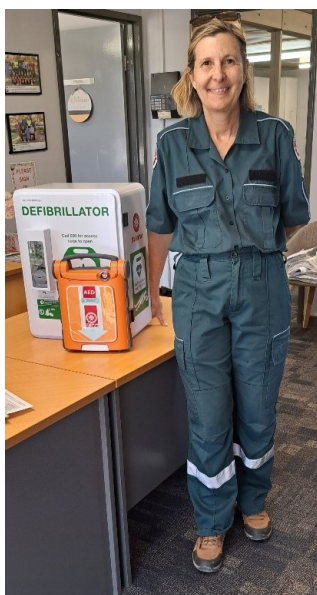
Regular attendance at school is fundamental to student learning. In our Staff Development Days last week, we looked at student attendance and how we can improve outcomes for our students at MRPS. Poor attendance patterns can start as early as Kindergarten, and are linked to long-term cycles of declining attendance, poor engagement and lower levels of student achievement. For all students across all years, every day at school contributes to learning. There is no 'safe' threshold for non-attendance, but more significant effects are likely to occur when students are absent for substantial periods:

- ◆ Overall, the learning outcomes for students from highly disadvantaged backgrounds decline more rapidly with any absence from school, particularly in the early years
- ◆ Students with higher rates of achievement are not immune to the potential impacts of absence. These students often experience larger drops in academic achievement through absence.
- ◆ While a majority of students who miss school do so for legitimate reasons, such as illness, it is concerning that about a third of all student absences are unexplained. This type of absence is most strongly associated with lower achievement outcomes
- ◆ We will be in contact with you if your child was considered 'at educational risk' in 2023 so we can work together to ensure your child receives the best opportunity to true potential.

I will be in contact with you to create an attendance plan for 2024 if your child's/children's attendance is of concern.

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## Thank You St. John's Ambulance Southern Cross



Lisa Granich (St. John's Ambulance Volunteer)

The wellbeing of our students and staff are of the utmost importance, and we also have a stewardship role to be a part of a community. In November 2023, our Director General Lisa Rodgers mandated Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in all public schools as a standard component of workplace first aid equipment.

We would like to say a very special thank you to Bryan Close at St. John's Ambulance Southern Cross for their very generous donation of our AED. A very big thank you to Lisa Granich St. John's volunteer for delivering it to our school and to Josie Kent who coordinated this for us. I am delighted to have this onsite, our AED will be situated outside of our school office.

## Thank You Aleisha and Malcolm Nicoletti!

It takes a village!! A very special thank you to Malcolm and Aleisha for their very generous donation of sand for our playground. Such a huge effort and contribution to our school, two full trailers!. I must say I am extremely impressed with your reversing skills Mal (from someone who cannot even back a trailer). Thank you both so very much from us all at MRPS.



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## Indonesian

The Languages curriculum for Western Australia has been written on the basis that schools provide a Languages program, in at least one language subject, from Pre-primary to Year 10. As a minimum, all students will study a Language subject from Year 3 to Year 8. At MRPS, all students Yr. 2-6 will be learning Indonesian online with Ms Pearl (SIDE- School of Isolated and Distance Education) teacher. Students will be supported with an EA during their lessons and link in with the students at Nungarin Primary School:

INDONESIAN TIMETABLE		
Wednesday	9.30-10.10	Yr.3-5
	11.50-12.30	Yr. 2
Thursday	11.10-11.50	Yr. 2
	11.50-12.30	Yr.3-5

### New Programs To Improve Our Literacy!

#### Spelling Mastery

**Grades: 1 - 6**

*Spelling Mastery* provides structured lessons to effectively and efficiently teach the spelling skills students need to become proficient readers and writers. Our students will be using this spelling program to improve their spelling. Spelling Mastery is quick paced and a fun way for students to learn to spell! Here is the link if you would like more information:

<https://www.mheducation.com/prek-12/program/spelling-mastery/MKTSP-UTC03M0.html>

#### Literacy Pro

Literacy Pro measures reading comprehension (using research-based, online assessment), identifies books to promote reading growth in each student, and then motivates them to keep reading via quizzes and certificates. The program also provides meaningful and actionable data for teachers and administrators at a student/class/school level. Our school already has the levelled library books across a range of genres. Here is the link if you would like more information:

<https://www.scholastic.com.au/education/education-home/literacy/literacy-pro/>

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## Roadworks Update

After many phone calls, meetings and emails we FINALLY have 40km/hr signs!! I cannot tell you how happy I was to see these on Saturday morning. Slowly yet surely, our postcode does not determine our standards!!



I met with Vincent Vercaerije (Project/Contract Manager) in January who will provide us with an update each month of the roadworks outside our school. I will keep you updated, please let me know if you have any concerns. We have had no issues at school however I would encourage you to take extra precautions when turning right from Moorine Rock South Rd, especially when trucks are parked waiting to move.

From Vincent 'Work has been progressing very well and the last couple of weeks have concentrated on removing the rock on the North side of Great Eastern Highway.

Sealing of the extension on the North side of the highway began on Saturday, with traffic being swapped over to the extension either on Sunday or Monday (red line in the illustration below). This will allow works to be carried out South from the existing centre-line of the highway, i.e. focusing on the new acceleration lane heading out from Parker Range Road towards Merredin (orange line in the illustration below).

As always, we appreciate everyone's patience whilst these works are taking place – which may mean waiting a couple of minutes at one of the temporary traffic lights'.

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## Legend:

- Approximate extent of Great Eastern Highway & Parker Range Road upgrade works
- Approximate extent of new acceleration lane Perth-bound

## **Extreme Weather**

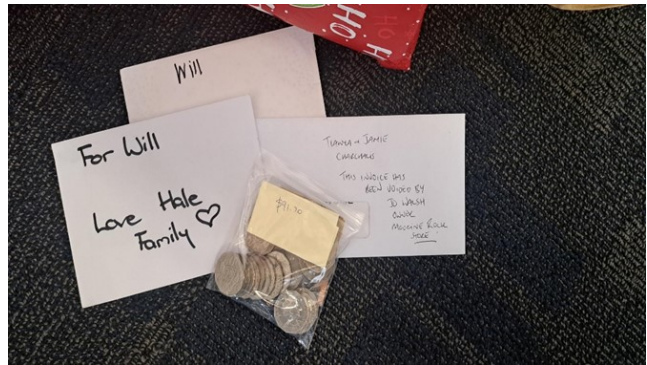
Extreme weather will be managed at the Principal's discretion to ensure staff and students are safe. Where temperatures exceed 38 degrees and during storms, students will remain in the Junior Room at recess and lunch times. Students must be supervised at all times by the duty teacher and have access to toilets. Staff will encourage students adhere to our Sunsmart Policy.

Regards  
Mrs Katrina Tedge  
Principal

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## Charchalis Family

Steve and I visited our Charchalis family in January and took lots of gifts, donations and the children's school work. William has a long road ahead with the best possible support from his family. Here are a few pics with Tianya and Jamie's consent. A very special thank you to Mrs Capelli, William absolutely loved his plane which promptly landed on the Ronald Mc Donald House! A very big thank you also to Jo and Nick Walsh at Moorine Rock Store for their support and Joseph and Gladys Papertalk for their donation. All icy pole funds from Term 4 2023 were also donated to our Charchalis family. I'm sure William would love to hear from you if you'd like to write to him. Thank you to everyone who continues to assist.



## Upcoming Events

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
<b>Week 2</b>	5/2 Kindy Day	6/2 Newsletter	7/2	8/2 Kindy Day	9/2	
<b>Week 3</b>	12/2 Kindy Day	13/2	14/2	15/2 Kindy Day	16/2	
<b>Week 4</b>	19/2 Kindy Day School Council Meeting 3.05pm	20/2 Newsletter	21/2	22/2 Kindy Day	23/2	

## 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
- ⇒ Tuesday Icy pole Day—50c per icy pole

**If there is anyone that would like to help cover our new reading books (MultiLit Readers) on Friday the 9th February, please feel free to join us at school. We will be covering books from 8.30 am—3.00 pm.**

**Thanks**



## 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

What a great start to the year! It has been great to see our students again and to see how excited they are to be back at school. I am so glad to be starting my second year at Moorine Rock PS. It is such a good little school, and we have an awesome team this year.

We started off with lots of hands-on activities like cutting and play dough on the first day. The students have enjoyed the Doctor's office set up too. We have done a few goal setting activities and created an all about me class display. We also got a bit messy with pastel crayons drawing pictures of the best part of the holidays.

This year we will be implementing a new literacy program called Initial Lit. This program covers everything to do with literacy and I'm excited to be using it. I think our students will have great results.

Year One's will have home readers sent home in week 2 along with sight words and the reading log to be checked off at home. Students will also be reading to a teacher or EA at school who will also tick that the student has read the book.

Pre-primaries will have a book that you can read to them sent home each day. Throughout term one they will be learning letters and sounds and how to blend and segment so they can begin to read decodables with assistance at the beginning of term two.



## FROM OUR SENIOR ROOM WITH MISS HONG

Hi everyone, thank you to all students, staff, and parents for such a warm welcome to Moorine Rock. I am excited to be here and join this kind and caring community. I am thrilled to be the new Senior teacher at Moorine Rock, and I cannot wait to see what we all accomplish this year. As many of you know, I have arrived in WA from Canada in August of 2023, and I am working towards my permanent residency (PR). It was a pleasure meeting many families last week, but for those of you that could not make it, I have included a short bio and photo. I look forward to meeting everyone very soon.

Last week flew by and everyone is adjusting quite well. We spent time organising the classroom, reviewing rules and co-creating a classroom contract, which will be hung on one of the walls. Ask your senior student what a "great classroom" looks, feels, and sounds like! We spent time recounting stories, writing, reviewing maths, reading, tackling a joint junior/senior STEM challenge, and going on a scavenger hunt.



# FROM OUR SENIOR ROOM WITH MISS HONG





Meet the Teacher  
**MS HONG**



## HELLO!

I am very excited to welcome you and your child to a new school year at Moorine Rock! I have a passion for teaching and I am dedicated to creating a positive learning environment.

## MY EXPERIENCE

I am a graduate teacher trained in Canada. Previously, I worked in hospital management in mental health and addictions along with working in Indigenous child welfare. My background is in Indigenous health and research. I have worked on and off with children, youth, and adolescents for over 10 years.

## MY EDUCATION

- Master of Teaching, Primary
- Graduate Diploma in Community Health
- Bachelor (Honours) of Arts, Sociology and French



## MY FAVOURITE THINGS



Movement/Fitness



Baking



Travel and hiking

Please contact me via email:  
[ashley.hong@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:ashley.hong@education.wa.edu.au)

Happy Birthday to

**Mitchell Borona**      **11th February**

**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  
Star of The Week



HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
Xzavier and Lilah