



MOORINE ROCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians

Extreme Heat Policy

I trust you are all surviving this heatwave which has certainly made it's presence within our Wheatbelt. MRPS lost power for a brief period yesterday around 2.40pm however it was quickly restored which the School Council and I were very grateful for! A very big thank you to Naomi Borona, Leah Lawrence and Ian Maddock for braving the heat to meet with us yesterday. Our classes have settled well this term despite the change in dynamics for the multi-age groups.

Extreme heat is a period of unusual and uncomfortable hot weather that can negatively affect health. Children and young people are more susceptible to heat stress. For this reason, MRPS staff recognise and respond to heat related illness and have strategies to manage the risks associated with extreme hot weather.

Schools do not close at a certain temperature threshold during days of extreme heat. A decision to close any school is made by the Deputy Director General of schools in consultation with the Director of Education. If as the Principal I hold concerns regarding the health and safety of staff and students, I will contact our Director of Education to consider appropriate measures.

Our Extreme Heat Policy is addressed on a daily basis whereby as Principal I direct actions for that given day. Students and staff are encouraged to remain hydrated, external blinds are closed and our air conditioners are working to capacity!

All our staff and students are to be commended for their patience and resilience during this time, hopefully a reprieve is in sight soon.



Multi-Lit Resources

Thanks to our amazing Early Childhood Teacher Miss Glazier we have our Multi-Lit resources onsite and ready to go! A very special thank you to Mrs Josie Kent for overseeing the accessioning of these and to Mrs Lisa Thompson and Mrs Erin Jolly for their great work in helping to cover these books. We are excited to utilise this program and look forward to seeing some great results in literacy.

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Aboriginal Artwork

Our Aboriginal artwork project which was started in Term 4 2023 has now been completed. A very big thank you to Wayne for painting the wall and securing our precious work for us all. Students who did not complete an art piece for this project will be able to create one later this year to add to our wall. Thank you to our amazing staff and students for this great work, specifically Ms Melis who drove this project. We are very proud of our revamped wall which includes the beautiful mural

created with Liv Robinson (artist) and our students.



Arriving at School!

Due to the extremely hot weather please ensure your child has a drink bottle and hat to wear. Our drink fountains are refrigerated and are accessed during recess and lunch breaks. Our staff greet all students on arrival at the gate daily. A very special thank you to Mrs Maddock for driving the bus while Ron recovers.



Roadworks Update

You would have noticed the big drill rig on the Great Eastern Highway last week! Vincent Vercraeije meets with me frequently to keep us all updated of the ongoing roadworks. As there has been significant rock discovered, progress has been delayed by approximately 2 weeks. The Bodallin work crew will mobilise in March to the eastern side of Southern Cross to commence roadworks there. I'm sure you join me in welcoming this next stage which will make a huge difference to our safety east!

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Thank You!!

Once again our amazing parents have donated their time, equipment and effort on a 40+ degrees day to again support our little school. A very big thank you to Sam Lawrence and Ryan Borona for their work on Saturday to spread our donated sand from the Nicoletti family. Thank you Sam and Ryan, your hard work is highly valued and we are now compliant with Dept. of Education soft fall requirements to keep our kids safer!



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School Photos

Monday, 18th March is School Photo Day. We ask that students wear their full and correct uniform (School Polo shirt and green bottoms) with hair neat and tidy. A personalised envelope has been sent home today, which must be returned to school before photo day. If you wish to have sibling photos taken, contact the office and an envelope can be sent home. Additionally you are able to order and pay online if you wish. For more information in regards to sibling photos, please contact Josie.

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School Photography

We Care

Unfortunately our school photos are scheduled for 1.30 pm on the Monday

If you would like to send in brushes etc for staff to tidy up the children's hair, we will endeavour to make them look neat and tidy for the photos.

Chaplain—Dave

It is with regret I inform you that our Chaplain Dave Quinn will no longer be working with us at MRPS. At this time, Dave needs to be with his family and we thank him for his wonderful work with our students and staff. You will be missed Dave and we look forward to keeping in touch with you.

If you or anyone you know maybe interested in applying for this role, please contact Sal Marais. 0429 203162 or sal.marais@youthcare.org.au or see the advertisement at the end of the newsletter.

Principal's Wheatbelt Conference

On Wednesday 28th February – Friday 1st March 2024 I will be attending the Principal's Wheatbelt Conference in Perth. I really look forward to networking and sharing with other Principals within our Wheatbelt region. It provides a valuable opportunity for us all to share what is going well within our schools and what we can do to improve. I will provide you with an update in our next newsletter. Until then, stay cool everyone and stay safe.

Thank you

Thank you to Mrs Hewitt (Wayne's Mum) for making these beautiful curtains to cover up the cupboards in the Junior Room.

Warm Regards
Katrina Tedge
Principal



Upcoming Events

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
Week 4	19/2 Kindy Day	20/2 Newsletter Staff Meeting	21/2	22/2 Kindy Day P and C meeting 2 pm	23/2	
Week 5	26/2 Kindy Day	27/2	28/2	29/2 Kindy Day	1/3	
Week 6	4/3 Labour Day Public Holi- day – Staff and Students Do Not At- tend School	5/3 Newsletter Staff Meeting	6/3 School Review Day	7/3 Kindy Day	8/3 Swimming Carnival	

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
- ⇒ Thursday 22nd February—P and C Meeting 2 pm
- ⇒ Monday 4th March Labour Day public holiday
- ⇒ Wednesday 6th march—School Review Day
- ⇒ Friday 8th March—Swimming Carnival at the Southern Cross Aquatic Centre

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

We have been having lots of fun in the Junior room. We have great little bunch this year. We are practising our writing every day and it's amazing how quickly our Pre-Primaries are getting the hang of it. Our favourite song right now is Pevan and Sarah's pencil grip song! We have started our design and technology unit this week and learnt about the design and planning process. Students drew and labelled a dough nut they would like to make and then crafted it using paper plates and lots of different decorations representing the toppings.

The Kindy's have been doing lots of fun activities learning about letters and numbers – they loved tracing letters in the colourful sand with Miss Edis.

We also learnt about Japanese ink painting in visual art and how it is at least 700 years old! We did some amazing paintings using water colours of Popular Japanese painting subjects such as cats, bamboo, koi fish and cranes.

For Valentine's day we discussed how we can show people we care about them and things people do that make us feel loved. The students drew some lovely pictures of places, animals and things they love.



FROM OUR SENIOR ROOM WITH MISS HONG

Hello from the wonderful and joyful Senior room! Students are adjusting quite well to their routines, and I am very impressed with their recall and ability to take initiative when transitioning between both classes on DOTT days. I have been observing students helping each other out, whether it's carrying someone's laptop or reminding someone what goes into their large "tray." Seniors are well into their learning with Ibu Pearl this year for Indonesian and I am happy to hear all students participating and trying their best. We have a lot going on, especially as we start new units. For Science, Year 2s are focusing on Earth's resources, Year 4 is learning about the Earth's surface, and Year 5 has started the Solar System. Who remembers the mnemonic device used to learn the order of the planets?

Students have also started new History units, with Year 2s focusing on learning about the past, Year 4 is diving into pre-contact of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, and Year 5 is learning about the development of Australian colonies.

Regarding assessments, I have completed placements for Year 4/5 Spelling Mastery and next week I will be conducting the Ballard Westwood assessment for all students (maths). NAPLAN is on the radar as well and we have one student writing the exam this year in March.

Here are some photos from the last two weeks! We enjoyed Icy Pole Tuesday, STEAM (airplane building), Lunar New Year inspired Physical Education, and paint-brush free art creation.



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Happy Birthday to



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
Star of The Week
Wynter

Week 3
Star of The Week
Aliyah



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Mitchell



Moorine Rock P&C

Join our 2024 Footy Tipping Competition

Begins 14th March

\$60 to register

Register and go into the
draw to win **\$100!!**

(closes 12th March)

Overall Prizes

1st - \$500

2nd - \$250

3rd - \$100

\$50 Weekly Prizes



For more information contact Aleisha

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