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Term 1 Week 4

Diary Dates:

February

- ⇒ 19th PSSA AFL & Netball Trials @ Balranald
- ⇒ 20th MPS Swimming Carnival
- ⇒ 23rd RSSA Tennis Finals @ Griffith
- ⇒ 26th District Swimming Carnival @ Swan Hill

March

- ⇒ 11th NAPLAN starts

Principals Message - Judy McGuiness

We are pleased to share the positive and enthusiastic start our students have made this year at Moulamein Public School. It has been wonderful to see students settling back into the school routine with excitement and a strong focus on learning. This calm and purposeful beginning has set the tone for a successful and rewarding year ahead.

We thank our families and community members for their ongoing support, which plays a crucial role in creating this positive environment. Together, we look forward to a year filled with growth, achievement, and shared celebrations.

A reminder that in Term 1 & 4 school hats are a requirement as part of our SunSmart practices. Please ensure that your child brings their hat to school each day, or alternatively, they can leave it in their classroom for safekeeping.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our amazing small school. Strong partnerships between home and school make a real difference, and we greatly value the involvement of our families. If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Annual Swimming Carnival – Friday 20th February

Our annual Swimming Carnival will be held this Friday, 20th February. Students aged 8 years and older who can swim 25 metres will be participating in the events. On the day, students need to arrive at school as normal and will then walk to the pool accompanied by staff members.

For students who remain at school during the carnival, we have planned fun water activities on the morning of the event. Please ensure your child brings their swimmers, towel, rashie, and waterproof shoes to take part safely and comfortably.

We look forward to a fantastic day of swimming and water activities!



Congratulations to our PSSA Tennis Trialists!

Congratulations to Hamish, Emma, Marlee, Will, Chayse, Edward and Dan, who recently travelled to Hay to compete in the PSSA Tennis Trials. They demonstrated impressive skills and resilience throughout the competition.

A special shout-out to Chayse and Emma, who have successfully advanced to the 2026 Riverina School Sport Association Final Tennis Trials. These finals will be held on Monday, 23rd February, in Griffith

We are very proud of all of you for your hard work and dedication and wish Chayse and Emma the very best of luck in the finals.

Best Start Kindergarten Assessment

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment is designed to identify literacy and numeracy skills of students as they begin Kindergarten. All Kindergarten students will complete this important assessment within the first five weeks of school. At Moulamein Public School, the assessment will be conducted over the coming weeks. This helps us to understand each child's strengths and areas for growth early on, so we can provide tailored support to ensure every student's success.

If you have any questions about the assessment, please feel free to contact the school.

NAPLAN 2026 – Years 3 and 5

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) is a national assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 complete each year. It is the only national test that all Australian students have the chance to participate in. This year, our Year 3 and Year 5 students will take part in NAPLAN from 11th to 23rd March. The tests assess key skills in reading, writing and mathematics, through four different assessments: Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

All tests will be completed online using computers, except for the Year 3 Writing test, which will be paper-based.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's participation in NAPLAN, please do not hesitate to contact me.


Attendance Monitoring

The accurate monitoring and recording of student attendance is not only a vital part of maintaining a safe and supportive learning environment, but it is also a legal obligation. Regular attendance is essential to ensure students have the best opportunity to engage fully with their education and achieve to their potential.

If your child is absent from school for any reason, it is a requirement that parents or carers provide a clear explanation for the absence. This information assists the school in recording attendance accurately and in responding appropriately to any attendance concerns.

To support this process, we kindly request that parents and carers notify the school office promptly on the day of your child's absence, or in advance where possible. This can be done via phone call, text message or the School Bytes app.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and plays a crucial role in maintaining our commitment to student welfare and education compliance. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.




EVERY DAY COUNTS....

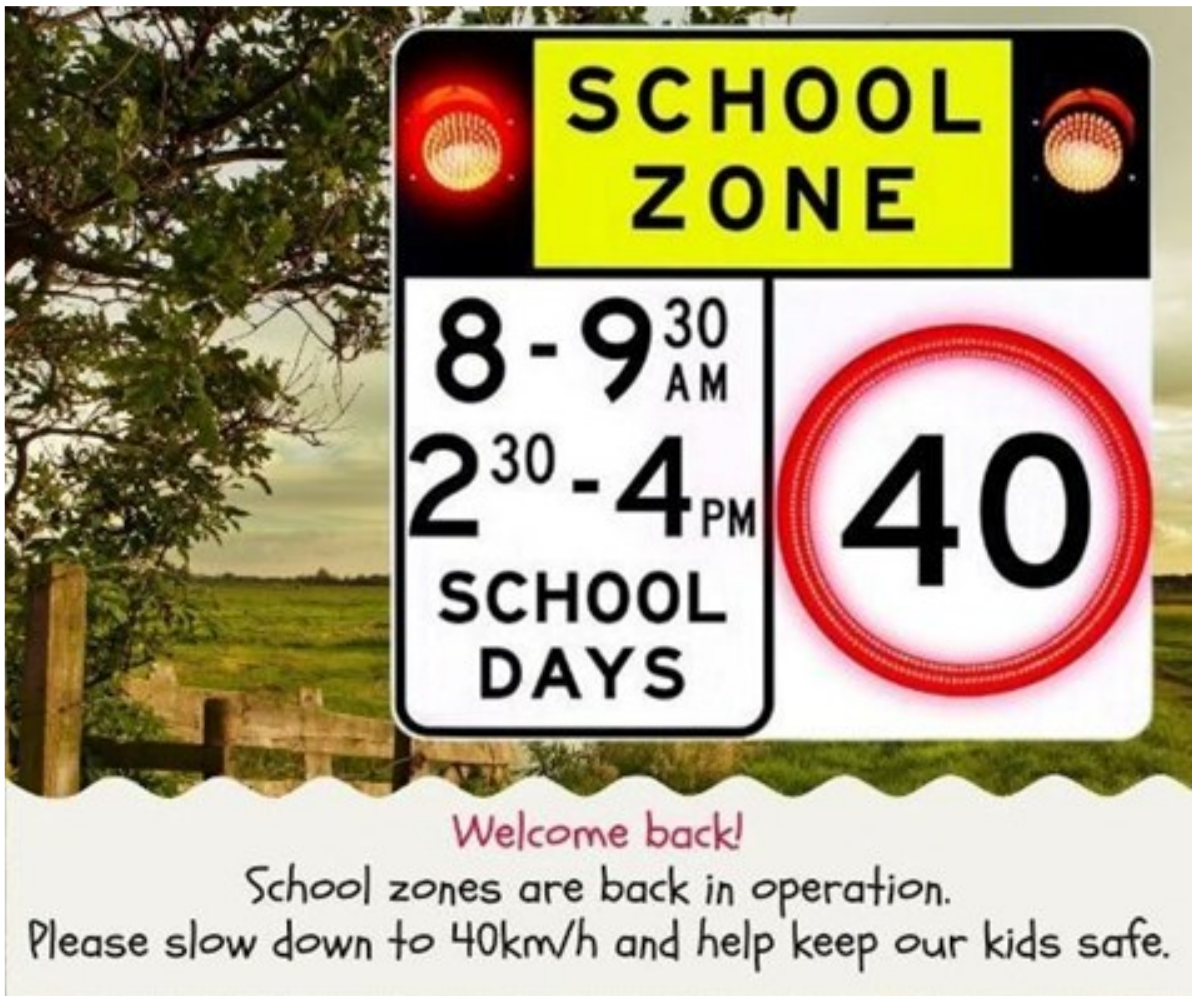
A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

| When your child misses just... | that equals... | which is... | and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is... | This means that the best your child can achieve is... |
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| 1 day each fortnight | 20 days per year | 4 weeks per year | Nearly 1 ½ a years of school | Equal to finishing Year 11 |
| 1 day a week | 40 days per year | 8 weeks per year | Over 2 ½ years of school | Equal to finishing Year 10 |
| 2 days a week | 80 days per year | 16 weeks per year | Over 5 years of learning | Equal to finishing Year 7 |
| 3 days a week | 120 days per year | 24 weeks per year | Nearly 8 years of learning | Equal to finishing Year 4 |

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!





Top Nutrition = Top Marks

Welcome to SWAP IT!

SWAP IT supports you to make informed choices about your child's health and wellbeing. Good nutrition leads to greater wellbeing for your child and can even have a positive impact on how well they do in class. One swap from a sometimes food to an everyday food can make a big difference.

Here are some great ideas you can swap today:

- Cake to scone
- Chips to popcorn
- Juice to plain milk*

SWAP FROM



Chocolate cake



SWAP TO



Fruit scone

You will receive weekly tips and ideas about healthy swaps you can make!

*The Australian Dietary Guidelines recommend low or reduced fat milk, yoghurt and cheese choices for most people two years and over.