

Moama Public School



Term 1 Week 2 Tuesday 5th February 2019

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REMEMBER NO NUTS OR PRODUCTS CONTAINING NUTS ARE PERMITTED AT SCHOOL DUE TO SOME CHILDREN BEING HIGHLY ALLERGIC. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.

CALENDAR DATES 2019

TERM 1, SEMESTER 1

Student banking commences – Wednesday 6th February and every Wednesday onwards

Canteen – Thursday 7th February

Zooper Doopers will be available to buy in the first half of lunch time – Friday 8th February at 50c each (limit of 2 per child). Please bring in coin only.

Primary Swimming Carnival, Moama pool – Friday 15th February

Book Club orders & payment due back - Friday 15th February at 9am



Have you downloaded the SchoolStream app yet? We use this app throughout the year to send out alerts and reminders.

Go to the website link below to download or to learn more about this smart phone and iPad app. Their support number is 1300 721 270 if you need any assistance.

<https://www.schoolstream.com.au/download/>



Chicken Pox alert

We have had notice of chickenpox in the area this week so please be alert to any signs of this viral illness.

We have attached fact sheets from the NSW Health web site with information on this contagious illness.

Students with chicken pox will need to stay home for at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and the blisters have dried.

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/chickenpox.aspx>



Principal's Report – Term 1 Week 2

Welcome Back

Welcome back to 2019! The students and staff have all settled in very well to the school routine. I have totally enjoyed my first week and have observed some brilliant teaching and learning occurring across all stages of the school. I have particularly enjoyed seeing the happy faces of the students each day and am really looking forward to leading this wonderful community into the future. As parents are an integral part of this learning community it is important for you to understand that there may be times when you have a concern or problem. If you do, please speak to your child's classroom teacher first. If you feel this is not appropriate, you can speak to Ms Campbell or Ms Catlow (our Assistant Principals) or make an appointment with myself. It is very important for you to communicate with us as we can't resolve problems if we do not know about them.

Celebrations

As you can see within this newsletter we have included a copy of the article in the Riverine Herald of Madeline Williams at The Australian Open tennis tournament. Madeline was given the amazing privilege of tossing the coin in the men's single match between Roger Federer and Taylor Fritz. If your child has achieved something special please let us know so we can celebrate!! We will also place the article or photo on a noticeboard around the school.

Supervision of students before school

Can it please be noted that the students do not have anyone supervising them at school before 8.35am. Can you please ensure that your child is dropped off after this time. If, for any reason students are here earlier they need to sit quietly on the verandah seats in the quadrangle.

Attendance

At Moama Public School we believe that "every day counts" in terms of attendance. If your child misses a significant amount of school it detrimentally impacts on their academic and social achievement. If for example the student misses one day a week that adds up to eight weeks of school in total, which is nearly a term. Consequently, if your child is missing school for some reason the office needs to be notified. It is totally understandable if students are absent for sickness, bereavement or medical appointments but other absences such as taking a day off to go shopping are unacceptable. On the flip side of this we wish to celebrate attendance so each term certificates will be presented for students who have had low absences.

Road Safety

It has been great to see the parents modelling the correct behaviour around our crossing at drop off and pick up time. We have staff positioned at both the crossing and bus shelter each afternoon. We will ensure that each student follows the road rules and represents the school appropriately during this time. The police have notified us that they will be doing random checks from time to time. If your child has a change of routine, could you please let us know, as we are only too happy to assist. If bus passes are required these need to be completed online. Please contact the office if you would like extra information on how to apply.

Young Leaders Day March 18

Once again this year the grade 6 students will be travelling to Melbourne to participate in this event. Year 6 students will be given all of the details very soon.

Scott McKenzie
Principal

GAME ON Summer

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Local shooters ace Tassie test

IE ECHUCA Clay Target Club has continued their form of 2018.

Having been dominant at the Victorian State Championships, a contingent of Echuca shooters travelled to Launceston for the Tasmanian State Clay Target Championships.

Club member Steve Atkins said the competition was strong, and was not helped by some typical Tasmanian weather conditions.

"I couldn't tell you how windy it was," he said.

"It's far from ideal to be shooting in those kind of conditions, but it meant our competitors had to shoot their absolute best in order to get good results."

The shooters did respond to the conditions, barely missing a shot for the entire championships.

Glen Viney led the way for the club in the AA state single barrel event, claiming second place with 65 targets from 66.

His father Rob also had a big

weekend, claiming the Veterans State Championship in the Champion of Champions event with 122 targets out of a possible 125.

Rob also claimed the Veterans state double rise championship, shooting 47 out of 50.

Atkins fell agonisingly short in the High Roller category, shooting 372 out of 375 to claim second place in the category.

Though he had a better result in the Pointscore event, where he claimed

the overall win with a perfect 165 from 165.

"Only two of us shot the perfect 150 to qualify for the shootout," Atkins said.

"We knew going into that shootout that whoever got the bad target was going to lose. I was just lucky that it wasn't me."

"The reality with an event like this is it's going to come down to luck more often than not, and on this occasion that's exactly what it was for

me. I was just the one who got the better targets in the shootout."

Attention for members of the club will now turn to the National Championships, taking place in Queensland in April.

"We will probably have 10 or 15 people making the trip up to compete in the event," Atkins said.

"It's what most shooters are aiming for every year, so the team will be doing a lot of preparation to make sure they produce their best at the event."



Maddie is the raining champ

In the end, the rain was the spoiler of the day. A group of local tennis future stars journeyed to Melbourne Park for the ANZ Hot Shots program at the Australian Open. Unfortunately the rain set in, denying the youngsters the opportunity to participate on court. However it didn't ruin the day of Rich River's Maddie Williams, with the 10-year-old earning the special treat of tossing the coin in the match between Swiss superstar Roger Federer and American Taylor Fritz (above).



2019 Staffing

We have formed seven classes this year.

Our class teachers are : Hayley Crump (KC), Kerrie Ayres (1A), Rana Catlow (2C), Rachele Camin (3/4C), Jo Hudson (3/4C), Laurie Delbridge (5/6D), Nicky Pyszkowski (5/6P). Our class teachers are supported by Kerry Baines (Learning & Support), Isabelle Campbell (Reading Recovery & PE), Kellie Fritsch (Technology), Cheryl Drake (Hearing Support) and Scott McKenzie (Principal). Tracey Gray is our Preschool Teacher while Melita McCartney is on maternity leave.

Our support staff include: Fay Halatanu (Community Engagement Officer), Melissa Tracey and Keisha Butler (Aboriginal Education Officers), Jenny Harris, Jessie Jepsen and Sheree Hunter (School Learning Support Officers) as well as Sue Campbell, Di Atkins (School Administrative Officers), Di Allman (School Administrative Manager) and John Loomes (General Assistant).

Community Helpers – WWCC

We love having parent and community helpers come into our school.

If you would like to help out at school, please ensure you have given a copy of your Volunteers' Working With Children Check to the office.

Parent Appointments

If you would like to make an appointment to speak with your child's class teacher, please contact the office, to make a mutually convenient time. Please don't ask to speak to teachers when they are lining up their students or teaching their class. We want to ensure that we give you our full attention and the learning of the children is not interrupted.

School Uniform

The school has for many years had a school uniform. We encourage the principle of a school uniform as a means of encouraging school tone, tidiness and preventing undesirable competition in dress.

The summer uniform is navy blue shorts (not stretch fabric) with gold polo shirt with navy blue emblem for boys and girls, with girls also being able to wear the blue and white checked dress. We are a SunSmart School, which means from September to May all students must wear a navy blue broad brimmed hat in the school yard.

Baseball/basketball caps are NOT permitted.
NO HAT – PLAY IN THE DESIGNATED SHADE.
Jewellery may only consist of a watch and stud earrings. All other jewellery is not permitted.

Booklists & Supplies



A list of basic requirements for each class was sent home with the students at the end of last year. If you have misplaced it, another copy is available from your child's class teacher or the office.

The Voluntary School Contribution is \$49 per child (*see below) for the year for students in Kindergarten to Year 6. This covers all exercise books, art supplies and local bus travel for some excursions/sporting events, and for 2019 only will include the handwriting book.

*Families with two or more students receive a discount against the Voluntary School Contribution, being 10% for the second child, 20% discount for the third child and 30% for the fourth.

Cash/EFTPOS/Cheque \$\$\$\$

Our NSW Department of Education guidelines state that we are not permitted to hold large amounts of cash on our premises. Therefore we are required to bank our money each day. Please try to have smaller notes and coins available when paying for items at the office. We do have EFTPOS facilities available and we also accept cheques payable to Moama Public School.

Toys

We would like to remind students to please leave their toys at home, as these items can be easily lost, misplaced or stolen. We have toys and activities in the playground that students are able to utilize during playtime. If students do bring in a special item for news, we ask that their first and last name is clearly placed on the item. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Absences

Just a reminder that if your child is absent, an explanation is required on the day your child returns to school. You are also able to send an absence note via the School Stream phone app. These records are kept for 7 years by law. Frequent absences can disrupt the continuity of a student's learning. Whilst your child should be kept at home when they are unwell it's preferred that appointments, where possible, be made out of school time. The Home School Liaison Officer visits the school on a regular basis to check attendance. If your child arrives to school late, or is early to leave, you are required to attend the office to complete a sign in/out form and will be given a pass which must be given to their teacher.

Medications at School



Should your child require medication at school, please contact the office for further information. Only students who require asthma medication are permitted to keep the medication in their bag for self-administering, however the office must be given an Asthma Action Plan, and a medication form must be signed.

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Sign of the week 2



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Morning

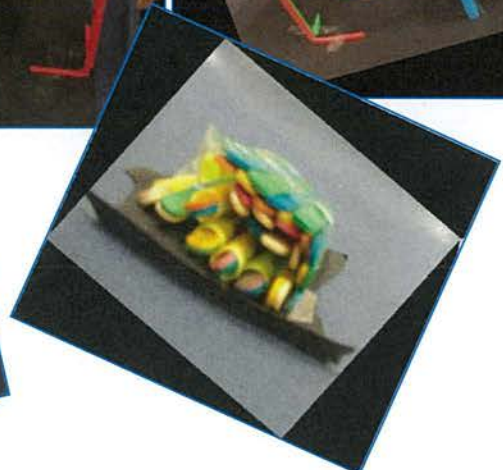
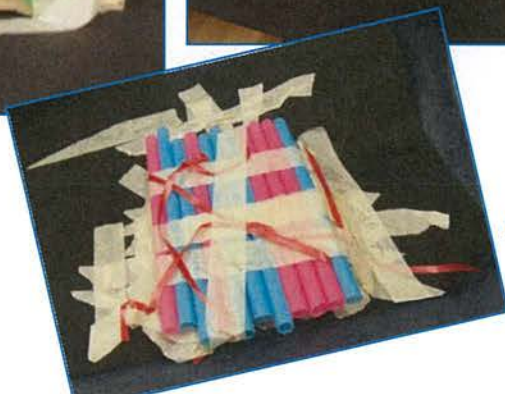
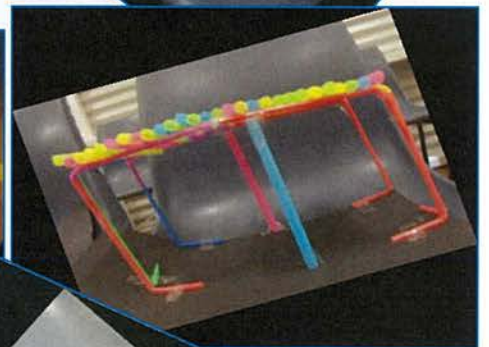
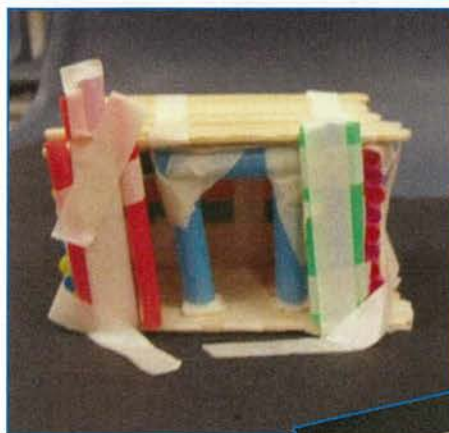
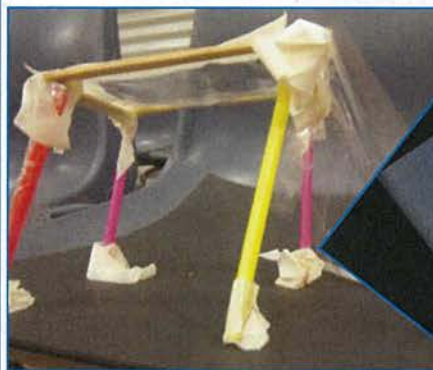
Place dominant hand, bent at third knuckles into armpit on opposite side of body, and tap fingertips into armpit twice. *May use armpit on dominant side of body. (V, S, W, NT, T)

GREAT DESERT ISLAND STEM CHALLENGE

The students in 3/4C and 3/4H worked collaboratively on activities based around the story of a shipwrecked traveller Sir Harley Houndstooth III, who has been stranded on a deserted island. The students this week have completed the challenge of building him a hut that will withstand a wind storm.

Each member of the team had a specific job role and everyone was required to input ideas.

For their first challenge they did a fantastic job. We can't wait for Sir Houndstooth III's next challenge





MUSIC LESSONS.
ENROLMENTS NOW BEING TAKEN FOR 2019.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocal • Guitar • Keyboard/piano | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drums • Bass guitar • Ukulele |
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Dillmac Entertainment has tutors teaching at the following schools in 2019:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katunga Primary School • Lockington Consolidated School • Moama Public School (New in 2019) • Nathalia Primary School • Sacred Heart Tatura • SMOTA Nathalia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Augustines F-12 College • St. Francis Nathalia • St. Patricks Tongala • St. Anne's College, Kialla (New in 2019) • Tatura Primary • Tongala Primary School |
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Dillmac also runs classes after school in our Kyabram and Echuca Studio.

Group lessons:

- **Tots & Tunes** - 2-4 yr olds – introduction to everything performing arts
- **Dance** – Modern Dance and Tap available
- **PERFORMING ARTS** – Singing, Acting, Dancing Performance all in ONE class!!!!

To enrol or for further information please call (03) 58 521 358 or email andrewmoore@dillmac.com

Chickenpox is a common viral infection that can reappear later in life as shingles. Vaccination is recommended for all infants and non immune adults.

Chickenpox and Shingles

Last updated: 08 April 2018

What is chickenpox?

- Chickenpox is a viral illness caused by the herpes zoster virus (also known as the Varicella-Zoster virus)
- In children it usually causes a relatively mild illness.
- Chickenpox in adults and immunosuppressed people can be severe.
- Infection in pregnancy can cause foetal malformations, skin scarring, and other problems in the baby.
- Before routine vaccination began in November 2005, chickenpox was a very common illness. The incidence of chickenpox appears to have decreased as more people receive the vaccine.

What are the symptoms?

- Chickenpox (varicella) begins with a sudden onset of slight fever, runny nose, feeling generally unwell and a skin rash.
- The rash usually begins as small lumps that turn into blisters and then scabs.
- The rash appears over three to four days. At any one time, the lesions of the rash vary in stages of development.
- Symptoms usually occur two weeks after exposure to the virus.
- Most people recover without complications, but sometimes the infection can lead to serious complications, such as pneumonia and inflammation of the brain. Rarely, the infection can be fatal.
- Persons who are previously vaccinated can still get chickenpox. If chickenpox occurs in a vaccinated person it is usually mild and less contagious than in an unvaccinated person.

How is it spread?

- Early in the illness, the virus is spread by coughing.
- Later in the illness, the virus is spread by direct contact with the fluid in the blisters.
- The infection is highly contagious to people who have never had chickenpox or who have not been vaccinated.
- People are infectious from one or two days before the rash appears (that is, during the runny nose phase) and up to five days after (when the blisters have formed crusts or scabs)
- Chickenpox infection triggers an immune response and people rarely get chickenpox twice.

Who is at risk?

- Anyone who has not had chickenpox or been vaccinated in the past can get chickenpox.
- People with a past history of chickenpox are likely to be immune to the virus. Even adults with no history of chickenpox have a chance of being immune (because of past infection that was mild). Doctors sometimes perform a blood test to see if these people need a vaccination.

How is it prevented?

- A free varicella containing vaccine (MMRV) is now recommended for all children at 18 months of age.
- The Varicella vaccine is recommended for all non-immune adolescents (>14 years) and adults. This involves two doses, at least 1 month apart. It is especially recommended for people at high risk, for example, health care workers, people living with or working with small children, women planning a pregnancy, and household contact of persons who are immunosuppressed.
- People with chickenpox should avoid others (and not attend childcare or school) until at least five days after onset of the rash and all the blisters have dried.
- People with chickenpox should cover the nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, dispose of soiled tissues, wash their hands well and not share eating utensils, food or drinking cups.
- Pregnant women should avoid anyone with chickenpox or shingles and should see their doctor if they have been around someone with these illnesses.
- Children with an immune deficiency (for example, leukaemia) or who are receiving chemotherapy should avoid anyone with chickenpox or shingles as the infection can be especially severe.

How is it diagnosed?

Most cases can be diagnosed based on the symptoms and by appearance of the rash. Sometimes the diagnosis is confirmed by testing samples taken from the rash or from blood.

What is Shingles?

- Shingles is caused by the reactivation of the virus that causes chickenpox, usually in adulthood and many years after the initial chickenpox illness.
- The illness is characterised by a painful chickenpox-like rash on a small area of skin, usually on one side of the body.
- Pain and tingling associated with the rash may persist for weeks or months after the rash has cleared. This is called post-herpetic neuralgia.
- The virus can be spread by direct contact with the skin rash of infected people. This causes chickenpox in people who are not immune.
- Shingles develops more commonly in people who are immunosuppressed.

How are shingles and chickenpox treated?

Shingles can be treated with special antiviral drugs such as acyclovir. Your general practitioner can advise on ways to minimise the discomfort associated with the symptoms of infection.

Chickenpox infection usually resolves without treatment.

What is the public health response?

Chickenpox is not currently notifiable in NSW but the incidence is monitored through the number of patients attending emergency departments and the number of patients who are hospitalised with chickenpox or shingles.

- Varicella vaccine protects against chickenpox, even if given up to five days after exposure.
- Short-term immunisation with varicella-zoster immunoglobulin (VZIG) - which is made from antibodies in donated blood - can prevent illness in people at high risk of complications. This needs to be given within 96 hours of exposure to the virus to be effective. People at high risk of complications following exposure include pregnant women who have not had chickenpox and who have not been immunised, newborn babies, and some immunosuppressed patients.

For further information please call your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055 or visit the New South Wales Health website www.health.nsw.gov.au