MOAMA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Every Student Matters!
Every Moment Counts!

Remember no nuts or products containing nuts are permitted at school due to some children being highly allergic. Thank you for your assistance.

Newsletter Wednesday 2nd December 2020 Term 4 Week 10

CALENDAR DATES—TERM 4

Wednesday 9th December

Presentation Day—12pm livestream on Facebook
Year 6 Graduation—6:30pm at the Moama Bowling Club
School reports go home today
Last day for student banking

Thursday 10th December

Movie excursion for Years 3 to 6
Movie at school for K to 2 classes with a fancy dress-up option

Friday 11th December

Casual dress day for gold coin donation
Barefoot Bowls for Year 6 students

Wednesday 16th December

End of Term—students finish today at the normal time of 3:05pm.

Reminders: Please return all library books due by the end of this week.

Students must keep hydrated in this hot weather so remind them to bring their water bottles to school.

2021 CALENDAR DATES

Monday February 1st and Tuesday 2nd February

Staff Development Days

Wednesday February 3rd

Preschool and Primary Students all return to school

This will be our last newsletter for this year. We wish you all a VERY happy holiday season! Enjoy the time with your kids and keep safe and well.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 10

Every Student matters! Every moment counts!

As this is the final newsletter for 2020, I would like to acknowledge the people who make our school the wonderful place that it is. I would like to thank the parents who place their children in our care. There is a huge trust that parents place in us and, as a staff, we respect and understand the responsibility you bestow upon us.

2020 has certainly thrown up some challenges for us all. We started the year with bushfires throughout the State and extreme heat and then when we thought that we had some semblance of normality COVID-19 hit us with a vengeance.

We had to contend with remote learning then a staged return to school and finally with much relief we eventually returned back to school full-time. During this time all of our families were absolutely brilliant with the support and effort that each and every one of you put in to continue the education of their children. Also, during this time our whole school staff gelled brilliantly and worked as a team to deliver engaging and purposeful online learning activities. I would like to thank everyone within the school community—parents, carers, teaching staff, non teaching staff and the broader community for their support during this difficult period.

I would especially like to thank the staff of our school. The dedication and commitment the teachers and non-teaching staff have towards developing the academic and social growth of the children is much appreciated. The classroom teachers are highly skilled professionals who I value greatly for their dedication to the school and for the care they show to every child. Moama Public School is a fantastic school and I am very proud to be the Principal.

To our Year 6 children who are going on to secondary school I wish you every success. The grounding you have gained at Moama Public School will certainly assist you as you transition into this new phase of your education. There are several families who are leaving the school as their children graduate from Year 6 and I would also like to wish them well as they navigate their children through adolescence and secondary education. Some families have been with us for well over a decade and their contribution to the school cannot be overstated. Amongst many other things, these families have volunteered for fundraisers, the swimming program, athletics carnivals and as reading helpers. More than anything else, we have shared the raising of their children and they have shown confidence in our staff to do the best they can for their children. This in an enormous trust and I appreciate the strength of the relationship that has grown over time.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge our students. We have a great group of children at our school. It is a pleasure each day to be greeted with happy, smiling faces and the knowledge that our students turn up to school each day striving to be their best.

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NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 10

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To all families of the Moama school community I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. I'm looking forward to the break but excited about the forthcoming school year in 2021.

School Concert

Last week we conducted our concert at school. The students really joined into the Christmas spirit. I would like to thank the teachers for organising the class songs and routines. The students entertained us throughout the afternoon. I would also like to thank the parents and/or carers for supporting this event remotely. All of the concert photos taken are available to view on our school's website .

Preschoolers

KC

NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 10

Every Student matters! Every moment counts!

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NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 10

Every Student matters! Every moment

34H

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NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 10

Every Student matters! Every moment counts!

Careful consideration has been given to class lists. Hopefully this process will assist with the transition from the 2020 school year into 2021.

A full school assembly will also take place Wednesday at around 2.45pm to farewell all of our students. **Students are dismissed on the last day at the normal time of 3.05pm.**

Presentation Day—Wednesday, December 9

Today we held our presentation day at school. During this ceremony we celebrated the wonderful achievements of all of our students. This is whether they received an award or not. We are very proud of all of our students and know that each and every one of them excel in their own right. A huge thank you goes out to our teacher Ms Campbell and our School Admin. Officer Di Atkins for their efforts organising this event.

Year 6 Graduation—Wednesday, December 9

Tonight we will be holding our Year 6 Graduation night at the Moama Bowling Club in a COVID safe environment. This event will be completely different to previously held graduations due to COVID however we are looking forward to it immensely. The change in format did take a lot of organisation. Therefore I would like to especially thank Ms Camin, Ms Jeffs, Ms McCartney and Ms Campbell for their efforts. I would also like to thank all of the families for their support too.

Reports

Reports went home this afternoon with the students. If you have any questions please feel free to contact your classroom teacher.

Step Up—Week 11

Students will all gather in the hall for a special assembly on the Monday of our last week. During this time we will then announce and organise them into their classes for 2021. After this the students will spend time with their 2021 teachers and classmates throughout Monday and Tuesday.

On the last day for students, Wednesday December 16, students will return back to their 2020 classrooms to celebrate the end of the school year.

This whole process will allow them to have time to become familiar with the students they will be learning with in 2021.

Scott McKenzie
Principal

MOAMA PUBLIC SCHOOL
PRESENTATION DAY AWARDS 2020

Congratulations to all the recipients of the following awards!
In order of presentation. Please also visit our website for all of the photos.

CLASS AWARDS

KC— River Taylor, Ruby Currie and Autumn Corlett Love

1A—Jazmine McSweeney, Lincoln Cleathero and Zahli Green

2B— Jett Plattfuss, Lucy Hearn and Liana Cain

34H—Maddison Files, Ava Plattfuss and Kyron Griffith-Sharma

34D—Rohan Stringer, Alexis Mason and Eli Powderly

56C—Oliver Glover, Ayessah Torres and Jett Huddle

56j—Mia Hipwell, James Mason and Hayley Irving

Technology Award —Evie Marriott and Summer Carter

Rising Stars—Allira Edgar and James Cain
Sports Stars—James Mason and Madeline Williams

Primary Reading Challenge Awards— Jessica Rose-Bartlett, Tahlia Sime, Indie Edgar, Lukas Weiser, Sienna Slade, Julie Tran and Zadie Nathan

Special PRC Awards — Tahlia Sime and Aaron Dodman

PBL—Ayesssah Torres and Kaiden Peace

Ryan Meager and Mia Hipwell—Moama Health Clinic Prize for making a difference by looking out for your friends

Isobel Currey, Alicia Stringer, Allira Edgar, Heidi Marriott, Lily Cole, Beam Omjang, Jett Huddle and Wil Anderson—Year 6 Award winners

Rich River Golf Club Scholarships— Cooper Hunter and Madeline Williams

RSL Rodney Franklin Scholarhip— Aaron Dodman and Tegan Gray

DUX of the year —Georgia Armstrong

School Captain—Ryan Meager, Vice Captain James Mason, School Captain Leni Bringans and Vice Captain Indie Edgar with Principal Scott McKenzie reciting the school pledge.

We would like to thank and acknowledge our sponsors below for their generosity and support of Moama Public School and the awards presented to our students this year.

Moama RSL Club

Rich River Golf Club

Moama Bowling Club

Moama Health Clinic

Work Locker Echuca

Member for Murray—Helen Dalton MP

NSW DoE Director—Helen McRae

Moama Lions Club

Wilden Building Services

Echuca Lions Club

Moama Apex Club

Murray River Council

The Riverine Herald

Echuca/Moama Rotary Club

DNC Trade Services

Infants News

Movie Day

On Thursday 10th December the infants will be treated to a Movie Day at school. The children may wear "fancy dress". Class teachers will provide the students with a movie snack. The students will be required to bring their recess snack and lunch, as normal.

Readers

We have noticed that many of the Home Reading boxes have a minimal number of books in them. These boxes were full at the beginning of term so we would appreciate it if you could have a look for these at home. Please check book shelves, under the beds, in the bottom of school bags or any other place that they could be lurking. This will ensure that our reading boxes are full and ready for use at the beginning of next year.

Library Books

All library books need to be returned by the end of the week. As with the readers, please have a look for these and return to Mrs. Baines or your class teacher as soon as possible.

Reusable Shopping Bags

Could you please ensure that your child brings a reusable shopping bag or heavy duty plastic bag to school by Thursday of this week. This will be used to transport all of their school books home.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to our final few weeks.

Have a safe and happy Christmas.

Rana, Kerrie and Kate

Congratulations to the winners of the Proud and Deadly Awards last week

Ashley Taylor	Summer Carter
Jazz Warde	Jessica-Rose Bartlett
Chanze Egan	Ashanti Cooper
Jhye Clarke	Raudan Bray
Mia Higgins	Jessiea Bray
Fenella Johnson	Autumn Corlett

Well done everyone!

CLASS AWARDS

Class awards were presented to:

	Respect	Responsibility	Achievement
KC	Kenny Kerr	Kayshon Weekley	Ella Flynn
1A	Julie Tran	Sorayah Roberts	Trent Harrison
2B	Liana Cain	Cienna Slade	Jasper Goodwin
3/4D	Rohan Stringer	Taya Nathan	Allira Edgar
3/4H	Mia Eddy	James Cain	Ava Plattfuss
5/6C	Isobel Currey	Summer Carter	Ashalee Jenkins
5/6J	Mia Hipwell	Madeline Williams	Beam Omjang

Congratulations to all students for your efforts to support your learning this week

Please note that **'NPP'** means that parents have not granted permission for these students to have their name published in the newsletter.

Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No. 6: School Community

Everyone in the school community has a role to play in helping with school attendance.

Having students attend school is extremely beneficial to the future of local communities. However, many students do not attend school regularly or fail to attend at all.

Schools, parents and caregivers, local community members and businesses are all an essential part of providing and supporting education in our schools.

The NSW Department of Education and Training employs Home School Liaison Officers across the state. These officers are teachers who support schools and the school community to ensure that all students attend school regularly.

Parents having difficulty getting their child to school should not hesitate to contact either the school principal or the Home School Liaison Officer at your nearest Department of Education and Training office.

Call toll free 131 536 for your nearest regional office.

Missing school leaves gaps in your education

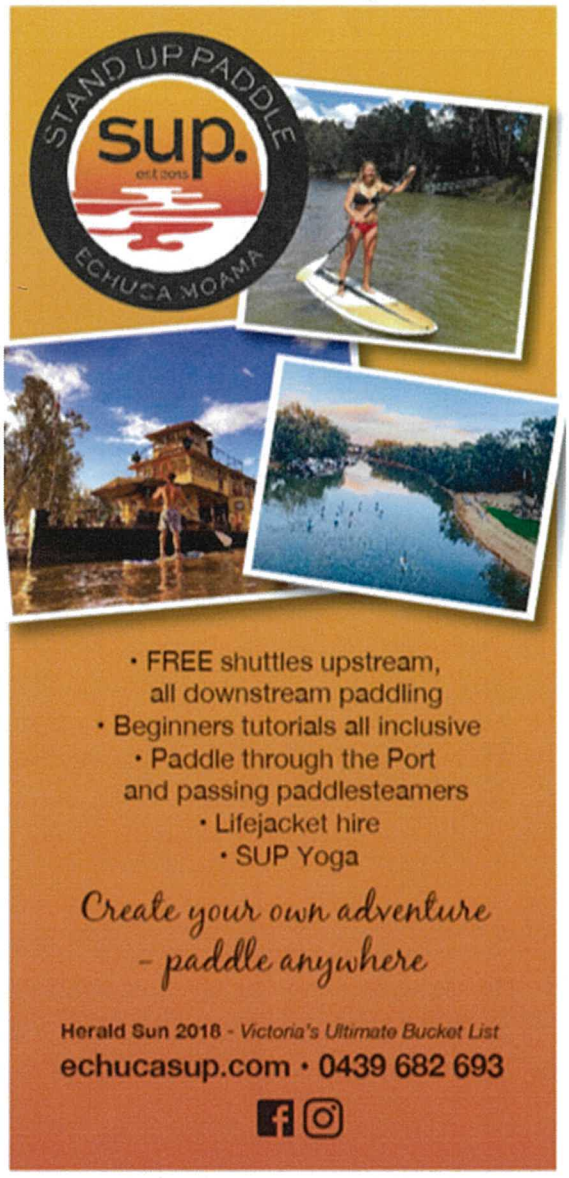
Our Year 6 students looking so grown-up on their transition day to high school yesterday

CONTINUE LEARNING AT MOAMA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Please contact the school office for further information on enrolling new children into any of our classes from Preschool to Year 6 in 2021.

Visit our school website home page to watch a virtual tour of our school and preschool.

https://moama-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/



SCHOOLSTREAM APP

Did you know that you can reply to a lot of our Schoolstream messages?

Look for a box at the bottom of the message called Write a Reply where you can send your question or comment directly to us.

New parents can download the app here :-

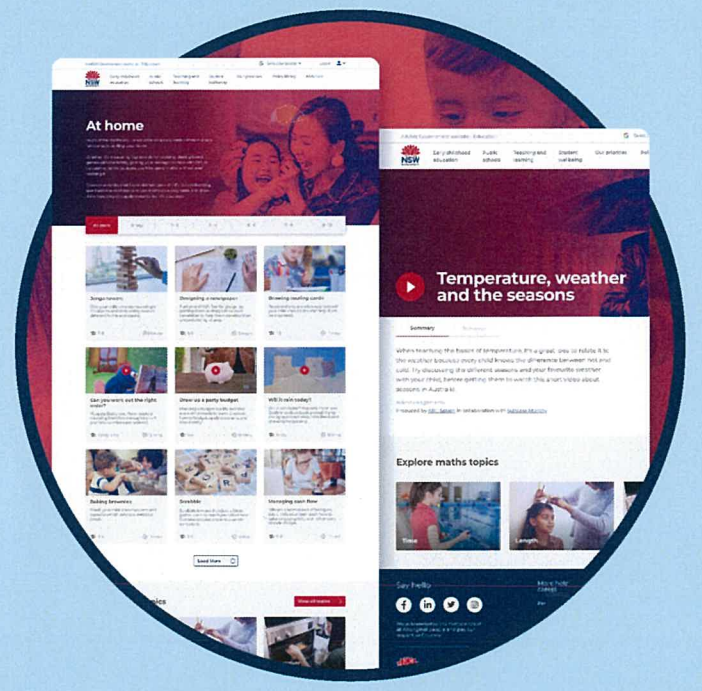
https://www.schoolstream.com.au/download

Our 2021 calendar is now on the app in the Calendar section.

Moama Public School have been fortunate to receive some **free vouchers** from Stand Up Paddle .

We are going to present these to students at our school who demonstrate our school values of respect, responsibility and achievement in the forthcoming weeks.

Thank you to Ms Snelson for this great incentive.



NSW Department of Education

Explore the **Everyday Maths Hub** ›

It is easier for children to understand maths when they relate it to something real and see it as part of their everyday life. The Everyday Maths Hub is designed to support parents and carers to bring mathematics into their home, the outdoors and anywhere else their children learn and play.

You can find the Everyday Maths Hub at **education.nsw.gov.au/everyday-maths**

NSW GOVERNMENT

PARENTS AND CARERS

— this new Maths Hub is made especially for you and our teachers, so have a look around. This is your go-to place to explore and play with mathematical skills and ideas and to help build confidence in talking with your child about mathematics in everyday life through books, videos, games and activities .... and lots more!

BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

Students can drop bread tags off at school into a blue container in the school foyer!

These bread tags are being collected for donation to Country Care Echuca to be recycled for wheelchairs in South Africa.

PHOTO GUESSING FUN

There were no correct answers for Photo No 8 which was Mrs Kerryn Baines!

We hope you enjoyed playing.

CHOCOLATE DIPPED CANDY CANES—an easy fun recipe for kids to make for the holiday season with some supervision.

1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
12 candy canes
85 gms white baking chocolate (chopped up)
Coloured sugars, or sprinkles for decoration

Carefully Melt the chocolate chips in the microwave or in a pot inside another pot filled with water and then stir gently until smooth.

Dip the candy canes into the chocolate allowing the excess to drip off. Place onto baking paper.

Melt the white chocolate and stir until smooth. Drizzle over chocolate and then decorate with toppings if desired. Let them stand until set.

Can be used to stir your hot chocolate!

Enter Now!

2021 Harmony Day
Poster and Song Writing Competitions

Theme:
'Harmony - Everyone Belongs'

Poster and Song Writing Competitions
Prizes will be awarded in two categories:
- Secondary (Year 7 – Year 12); and
- Primary (K - Year 6)

Poster Competition Prizes
In each category the following prizes are awarded:

- State Winner	$500
- Regional Winner	$150
- State Winner's School	$500

Song Writing Competition Prizes
In each category the following prizes are awarded:

- First Prize	$300
- Second Prize	$150

Closing Date
2 April 2021

Entry Forms and Competition Rules
Are available at:
www.movingforwardtogether.org.au

Prize Giving Function
Will be held at the NSW Parliament House
(Date to be advised pending Covid-19)

Certificate of Participation
Every entrant will receive a Certificate of Participation

More information from:
Web: www.movingforwardtogether.org.au
Email: poster@movingforwardtogether.org.au
song@movingforwardtogether.org.au

Winning posters from 2020

2020-2021
Dungala-Kaiela Writing Awards

Express Yourself

Open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with a connection to our region

Story/Yarn/Article/Play	Aboriginal Language of this Region in any written form	Poem/Lyric/Rap
- Elder Section - 1st Prize $200		- Elder Section - 1st Prize $150
- Open Section - (19 years and over) 1st Prize $400 500 to 3,000 words	- Open Section - (19 years and over) 1st Prize $400	- Open Section - (19 years and over) 1st Prize $200
- Youth Section - (13 to 18 years) 1st Prize $150 500 to 2,000 words	- Youth Section - (13 to 18 years) 1st Prize $150	- Youth Section - (13 to 18 years) 1st Prize $100
- Junior Section - (Prep to Grade 6) Prize $75 100 to 500 words	- Junior Section - (Prep to Grade 6) 1st Prize $75	- Junior Section - (Prep to Grade 6) 1st Prize $50

Entries must be received by 30 April 2021

Entry forms available from: GVL branch libraries or gvlibraries.com.au
All enquiries contact: Sharon Charles, Dungala-Kaiela Writing Awards Co-ordinator: dkwa@gvrlc.vic.gov.au or 0488 044 058

Follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/dungalakaiela

Fairer Futures Fund
Dungala Kaiela Foundation

Echuca Christmas Storytimes

Baby Rhymetime (Under 18 months)
Thursday 10 December, 11am
Thursday 17 December, 11am

Rhymetime (18 months - 3 years)
Monday 7 December, 10.30am
Monday 14 December, 10.30am
Monday 21 December, 10.30am

Storytime (3 - 5 years)
Friday 4 December 10.30am
Friday 11 December 10.30am
Friday 18 December 10.30am

Cost
Free!

COVID Safe arrangements will be in place.

Sessions outside.
Sessions will be cancelled if weather is to be inclement. Notification sent via email to booked families.

Bookings Absolutely Essential
www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library
Phone 03 5481 2400
Limited numbers

Campaspe Shire Council

Campaspe Library | 03 5481 2400 | www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library

DON'T SPEND XMAS ALONE.
"Spend Christmas with us"

Will you or someone you know be spending Christmas Day alone this year?
We would like to invite single parents with kids, individuals and lone couples who would otherwise be dining alone Christmas day, to come along and join others for a FREE Traditional Christmas Lunch

Echuca Moama Community Xmas Lunch 2020
Where: Moama Sporting Complex, Martin St Moama
When: FRIDAY 25th December 2020
Time: 11.00 am -3.30 pm

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
To reserve a seat - phone Julie 0475 707 412
Proudly coordinated by
Echuca Moama Community Projects

COVID
Due to current COVID safety measures we must adhere to the following:
All attendees must:
Register and allow details of name and contact to be held for COVID tracing; follow social distancing rules; must be able to obtain a NSW border pass (if in effect); use hygiene items when entering; have fun….
Please be aware that if COVID restrictions are toughened we may be forced to CANCEL this event at the last minute. IF you are registered to attend, please let us know if you cant come, due to limited numbers permitted.

MOAMA PUBLIC SCHOOL 2021

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN	Week
FEB	1 SDD	2 SDD	3	4	5	6	7	1
FEB	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	2
FEB	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	3
FEB	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	4
MAR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	5
MAR	8 SH	9	10	11	12	13	14	6
MAR	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	7
MAR	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	8
MAR/APR	29	30	31	1	2 PH	3 PH	4 PH	9
APR	5 PH	6	7	8	9	10	11	
APR	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN	
APR	19 SDD	20	21	22	23	24	25	1
APR/MAY	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	2
MAY	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	3
MAY	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	4
MAY	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	5
MAY	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	6
JUNE	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
JUNE	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	8
JUNE	14 PH	15	16	17	18	19	20	9
JUNE	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	10
JUNE/JULY	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	
JULY	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN	
JULY	12 SDD	13	14	15	16	17	18	1
JULY	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	2
JULY	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	3
AUGUST	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	4
AUGUST	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	5
AUGUST	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	6
AUGUST	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	7
AUG/SEPT	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	8
SEP	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	9
SEP	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10
SEP	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
SEP/OCT	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN	
OCT	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1
OCT	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	2
OCT	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	3
OCT	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	4
NOV	1 SH	2 SH	3	4	5	6	7	5
NOV	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6
NOV	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	7
NOV	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	8
NOV/DEC	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	9
DEC	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	10
DEC	13	14	15	16	17 SDD	18	19	11

S.D.D. = School Development Day i.e. Pupil Free Day (Staff are required to attend)

S.H. = School Holiday P.H. = Public Holiday

Staff resume on Monday 1st February 2021

Preschool to Year 6 commence on Wednesday 3rd February 2021