

# Moama Public School

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## Newsletter Wednesday 5th February 2020

Term 1 Week 2

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

**EVERY STUDENT MATTERS!  
EVERY MOMENT COUNTS!**



### UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES Term 1

#### **Thursday 6 February**

Swim test day– Primary students

#### **Thursday 13 February**

PSSA Tennis Trials

#### **Friday 14 February**

Primary Swimming Carnival—Moama pool

#### **Wednesday 4 March**

Welcome BBQ at 6pm to 8pm

#### **Monday 9 March**

Labor Day Public Holiday

#### **Tuesday 24 March**

Parent Teacher interviews

*School assemblies are on Friday afternoons  
in the hall at 2:45pm.*



Some of our new  
Kindergarten  
students enjoying class today



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 2

## Every Student Matters! Every Moment Counts!



### Welcome Back

Welcome back to school to all families for the 2020 school year. The children seem refreshed from their holidays and keen to learn in their new classrooms. We welcome back Ms Alison Jeffs into the Year 5/6 area and welcome to our school Ms Kate Buckmaster into Year 2. Our teaching staff are as follows: Scott McKenzie (Principal), Isabelle Campbell (Assistant Principal), Melita McCartney (Assistant Principal), Rachele Camin (Year 5/6 Classroom Teacher), Alison Jeffs (Year 5/6 Classroom Teacher), Jo Hudson (Year 3/4 Classroom Teacher), Laurie Delbridge (Year 3/4 Classroom Teacher), Kate Buckmaster (Year 2 Classroom Teacher), Kerrie Ayres (Year 1 Classroom Teacher), Rana Catlow (Kindergarten Classroom Teacher), Tracey Gray (Preschool Teacher), Kerry Baines (Support Teacher Learning).

Our support staff are: Di Allman (School Administrative Manager), Di Atkins and Sue Campbell (School Administrative Officers), Melissa Tracey (Aboriginal Education Officer), Jenny Harris, Sheree Hunter and Stuart Day (School Learning Support Officers), Alicia Collins & Desmond Atkinson (Preschool Learning Support Officers) and John Loomes (General Assistant).

### Classroom Focus

This year we will be consolidating some of the progress we made in 2019. Our Staff Development Day focus was reading and writing, consequently these will be major areas that we will be concentrating on in 2020. This definitely does not mean that we will be dropping off the other areas of the curriculum though. Student welfare and voice will also be integral components of our work. The mantra "Every Student Matters! Every Moment Counts!" was implemented last year and once again this year we will live by this motto.

As part of our literacy focus in 2020 we will be running our literacy time as uninterrupted time at school. This means that as much as possible all staff will be saturating the classrooms to assist with our literacy programs and I will be overseeing these programs throughout this time. Due to this our assembly will now be held at 2.45pm each Friday.

Research has shown the best learning time for students is in the morning session. Therefore it is imperative that the students arrive to school on time. We commence classes each day at 9.05a.m. so students need to arrive before 9.00a.m. so they have time to unpack their bag and be ready for the day.

**Continued....**

## NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 2

### Every Student Matters! Every Moment Counts!

#### Welcome BBQ—Wednesday 4th March — 6pm to 8pm

We will be holding a Welcome BBQ night this term. All parents/caregivers and community members are invited to attend. The evening is intended to be a chance to relax, meet your teachers and executive staff in a casual manner. We will begin the evening with a quick welcome and address by myself in the hall at 6pm. After this there will be an opportunity for you to meet with your teachers in their classrooms at 6:15pm. During this time teachers will hand out a class newsletter. This should go until 6:30pm where you will then have a chance to mingle with others whilst eating your dinner. Please see flyer within this newsletter. We will provide a complimentary sausage sizzle and a bottle of water. Please fill out the RSVP enclosed for catering purposes.

Scott McKenzie  
Principal

#### Important information for parents and students.

The Department recognises that some families will be subject to family breakdown. In the absence of any notification to the contrary, it will be assumed that both parents retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children and have been involved in making any decisions regarding their children's education. This means that the school will recognise that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving the school. If any changes occur in your family relationships which have the potential to impact on the relationship between the school and your family, you are required to advise the school immediately. This includes providing copies of any court orders that may be obtained.



## 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...
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!**



## NSW AMBULANCE SCHOOL COVER —2020 update

Arrangements for the NSW Ambulance School and Group Cover Scheme are now in place for the 2020 school year.

This scheme, managed by the NSW Ambulance, provides assurance that any student enrolled at a NSW public school, who has an accident or falls ill whilst at school or on an organised school excursion or activity, and requires the ambulance service, will have this cost met through the scheme.

For the 2020 school year, coverage of the scheme will continue to include interstate travel for students attending fully supervised school activities within all States and Territories with the exception of South Australia and Queensland. In these instances, it will be necessary for individual student travel insurance for activities within South Australia and Queensland.

NSW public school students travelling under the Assisted School Travel Program are included in the scheme when they are travelling to and from school provided the journey is not broken for any reason. NSW school students enrolled in Saturday School for Community Languages are also included in the scheme.

## CURRENT ADVICE—CORONAVIRUS



Current advice from the Australian Government Department of Health for parents and affected staff is:

- Any student and staff arriving in Australia **from 1 February 2020** who has been in, or transited through, mainland China (not just Hubei province) is excluded from school and child care services for 14 days from the date they left mainland China (as the novel coronavirus' incubation period can be as long as two weeks).
- Any confirmed case of novel coronavirus will be excluded until they are medically cleared to return.
- Close contact of a confirmed case of novel coronavirus will be excluded for 14 days since last contact with the confirmed case.
- Any student and staff arriving **before 1 February 2020** our previous advice remains that students and staff who were in Hubei province are excluded from school or child care services for 14 days, and those who were in the rest of China are requested to not attend school or child care services for a period of 14 days after leaving China.

More information can be found at [NSW Health External link](#).

Students who returned to Australia from mainland China more than 14 days ago and have shown no symptoms are able to return to school.

The Ministry of Health has processes in place to identify any close contacts of cases confirmed in Australia. Advice about not attending school would be provided to these close contacts by the Ministry of Health.

There has been a small number of confirmed cases of novel coronavirus in NSW.

Consistent with current guidelines, staff and students who are unwell with respiratory illness should remain at home until symptoms resolve. In accordance with our current practice if any child becomes unwell we will implement our infection control guidelines and follow the advice provided by the Ministry of Health as appropriate.

The Department of Education will continue to work with the Ministry of Health to monitor and respond to the unfolding international novel coronavirus situation

### 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.

Uniform items can be purchased from Work Locker 130 Hare Street, Echuca.

### Community Helpers – WWCC

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

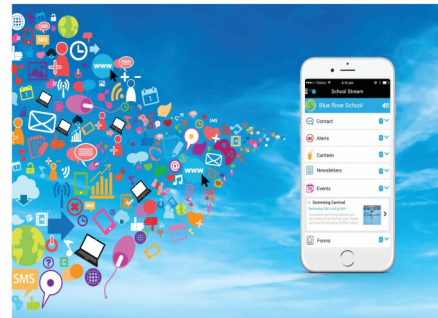
If you would like to help out at school, please ensure you have given a copy of your Volunteers' Working With Children Check to the office.

### 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. You may also like to pay online via the secure payment option on the school website.

### Your school now has a **FREE app**

Receive school information, instantly and directly to your smartphone



#### How to download your FREE app

- 1 From your mobile device go to the **App Store (iPhone/iPad)** OR **Google Play (Android)** search for **School Stream** and download the app to your phone
- 2 Make sure you agree to **push notifications**
- 3 Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search **THEN** select your school

For more detailed instructions go to [schoolstream.com.au/download](http://schoolstream.com.au/download)



### 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 \$50 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 2020 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.

### Absences

Just a reminder 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 (before going to the classroom) to complete a sign in/out form and will be given a pass which must be given to their teacher.



## Bus Roll

Students who travel home on a bus are marked on the bus roll before they enter the bus. This helps to eliminate any students missing the bus and thus causing inconvenience and angst to the families involved. If your child is being picked up from school, please notify the office so we can mark the bus roll accordingly. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Information on how to apply, if you are eligible, is set out below. As advised last year, applications need to be in asap.

## Bus Travel

There was an 8 week moratorium period for student travel at the beginning of each year that has now been altered to 4 weeks, ending **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020**. As mentioned last year, this meant that students who require travel in 2020 needed to apply early to **avoid any possible delays** with receiving the student's travel pass before the end of the moratorium period. All rural and regional school bus operators have been informed of this change and will be enforcing the new 4 week period. Therefore, please apply for your school travel entitlement as soon as possible if you haven't already done so.

### Save time. Apply online

You can now apply online for free school travel in rural and regional NSW instead of using paper forms. This means you only need to complete one form, even for journeys using more than one bus company. It's also easier for schools and bus companies, as Transport for NSW now handles the applications.

### Who can apply

To be eligible for free school travel, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

#### Years K-2 (Infants)

There's no minimum distance.

#### Years 3-6 (Primary)

More than 1.6km straight line distance or at least 2.3km walking.

#### Years 7-12 (Secondary)

More than 2.0km straight line distance or at least 2.9km walking.

### Who needs to apply

You only need to apply if the student has never been approved for free school travel before.

However, you need to update student details online if the student is:

- changing schools or campuses
- changing address
- changing operator
- requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

### How to update your details

If the student has already been approved for school travel and they change addresses, schools or their name changes you will need to update your details at [apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updatedetails](https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updatedetails)

### How to apply for free travel for the first time

**You can apply for free school travel for next year from the start of Term 4 this year.**

#### Step 1

Once you have enrolled your child at the new school, apply online at [transportnsw.info/school-students](https://transportnsw.info/school-students) giving your home address and telling us which bus company the student needs to travel with between home and school.

#### Step 2

The school then confirms to us that your details are correct.

#### Step 3

We will then work on your application. You will get an email confirming if the student is approved for free travel. If so, we will tell your local bus company who may send a school travel pass (if needed) to your school or, in some cases, the bus company will contact you directly about travel arrangements.

A parent or guardian must apply for students aged 15 years and under. Students who are 16 years and over must apply for themselves.

### Frequently asked questions

**How can I apply if I don't have internet access?**

Call **131 500** to get help with your application.

**Does the approved free travel include travel outside school hours?**

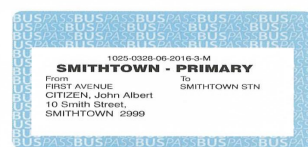
Approved free school travel is only for travel to and from school. So for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays, students will need to buy a ticket.

**What if there's no public transport in my area?**

In areas where there is no public transport, you may be able to get a subsidy for driving the student to school. For details visit [transportnsw.info/school-students](https://transportnsw.info/school-students)

**How do I apply if the student needs to travel from two addresses because the parents live separately?**

Each parent (or the student if aged 16 or over) needs to apply separately for each address. The same minimum distances apply.



**Student Banking** is on Wednesdays .

New students can open an account at their local Commonwealth Bank. We also have forms here that can be sent on but will take a little longer.



**WEDNESDAY**



# Community Notices



MUSIC LESSONS.  
ENROLMENTS NOW BEING TAKEN FOR 2020.

- Vocal
- Guitar
- Keyboard/piano

- Drums
- Bass guitar
- Ukulele

Dillmac Entertainment has tutors teaching at the following schools:

- Katunga Primary School
- Lockington Consolidated School
- Moama Public School
- Nathalia Primary School
- Sacred Heart Tatura
- SMOTA Nathalia
- St. Augustines F-12 College
- St. Francis Nathalia
- St. Patrick's Tongala
- St. Anne's College, Kialla
- Tongala Primary School

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](mailto:andrewmoore@dillmac.com)

## Welcome to Echuca and Moama YMCA AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

#### BENEFITS TO YOUR CHILD

Our after school program is designed to complement your child's school learning through activities and socialising. Your child and family will benefit from our programs because we focus on:

- ✓ Building their emotional intelligence.
- ✓ Improving cognitive development through activities.
- ✓ Offering families flexibility and support.

#### PROGRAM DETAILS

Your child will enjoy a nutritious menu (afternoon snack) and a range of activities planned by our experienced educators to keep even the most active of minds entertained! We offer a variety of activities, including:

- ✓ Sports, ball games and team games
- ✓ Arts and crafts
- ✓ Cooking
- ✓ Creative and expressive arts such as drama, singing and dancing
- ✓ Board games and puzzles

#### THE TEAM

Our passionate and experienced educators are there to support children and their families and are accredited with Safeguarding Children Training and Working with Children's Checks.

#### HOURS

To accommodate our families, we provide **after school care** from **3:00pm to 6:00pm** at Echuca Primary School. We also run a School Holiday Program at Moama Public School.

#### OTHER ECHUCA SCHOOLS PICKUP

Echuca after school care collects children every day from:

- ✓ **St Mary's Primary School**

An educator travels with the children on the bus from St Marys to the service at Echuca Primary School.

If your children attend a different school in the Echuca/Moama area please contact the service to discuss your requirements.

#### FEES/ CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

Below is the full paying fee per day. These do not include access to Child Care Subsidy (CCS) amounts you may be entitled to.

SESSION TYPE	HOURS	SESSION FEE	SESSION FEE (with transport)
After School Care (ASC)	3:00pm - 6:00pm	Permanent \$27.70 Casual \$32.80	Permanent \$31.80 Casual \$36.90
School Holiday program	8:00am - 6:00pm	\$84.00	

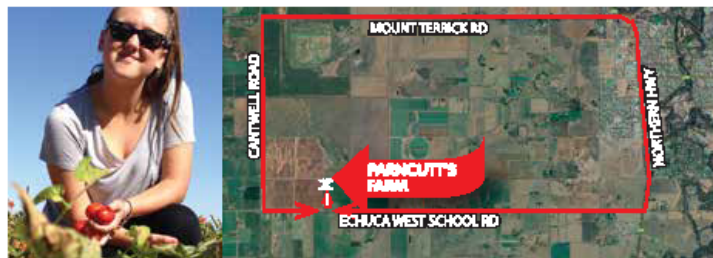
For further information and details on how to register for your Child Care Subsidy (CCS) entitlements please contact the Family Assistance Office (FAO) on 13 61 50.

Please note that if you are only attending School Holiday Program you will be required to reconfirm CCS before each program commences.



**BEFORE & AFTER  
SCHOOL PROGRAM**

## Pick-a-Box with Kagome and make our region a little healthier!



The tomato harvest season has begun and our farms are heaving with flavoursome, beautiful, vine ripened tomatoes.

We would like to extend to everyone in the local community an invitation to Pick-a-Box of our world class quality, 100% Australian Grown, sustainable tomatoes on **Saturday February 15th from 9am - 12 noon** at our Parncutt's Farm, access via Echuca West School Road, Echuca West, VIC 3564.

Each Pick-a-Box of tomatoes will cost \$10, with a maximum of 5 boxes per person. All proceeds will be donated to Echuca Regional Health.

Kagome Australia will provide signage on Echuca West School Road, as well as supervise the carpark at the property so that you can find the location easily. All you need to bring are your own boxes, closed toe footwear, hat and sunscreen as well as \$10 cash for each box you intend to pick.

Echuca Moama Rotary BBQ on site.



Echuca Regional Health  
Supporting everyone to live healthy and live well



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"We could turn off the TV and go for  
a walk to relax as a family."



What could you do?



Health  
Murrumbidgee  
Local Health District

Parents, caregivers and community members

# WELCOME BBQ

Come along to an informal get together  
to meet your teachers and school executive at  
Moama Public School

**WEDNESDAY EVENING 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020**

6pm - Principal's welcome and address in hall

6:15pm - Meet with your teachers in classrooms

6:30 - 8pm Sausages in bread + bottle of water  
will be provided



*Whole family is welcome.  
We look forward to seeing you!*



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## WELCOME BBQ RSVP

Please return to Moama Public School  
by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020

Number attending (for catering purposes) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed .....

