

MOORAK PRIMARY AND PRESCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

23rd - 27th August

Adelaide Camp
(Year 6/7)

Tuesday 31st August

Book Week
Dress Up Parade (9am)

Thursday 2nd September

Reading with Loved Ones Night
(COVID dependent)

Tuesday 7th September

Governing Council

Tuesday 7th September

Hot Shots Tennis

13th - 16th September

Robe Camp
(Year 2-5)

Friday 24th September

Last Day Term 3
Early Dismissal (2:15pm)

Speech Eisteddfod

This week students took part in a school based Speech Eisteddfod. This event was based at school as the original Mount Gambier date was postponed due to COVID. This was a great way for children to challenge themselves and showcase their public speaking and performance skills. Sharon Holmes who is one of the main organisers of the Eisteddfod agreed to come into school to help judge the competition. Many of our students received awards from the eisteddfod with the accolades ranging from first place through to honourable mentions. Well done to everyone who took part. We could see all the hard work you had put in and you should be proud of your efforts. A big thank you to Penne for organising this and making sure that the children got to share the public speaking skills after all the practice they had done.

Book Week

A reminder that our Book Week will take place week beginning 30th Aug 2021. The theme for 2021 is "Old Worlds, New Worlds, and Other Worlds". We will hold our usual Book Week parade at 9am on Tuesday 31st August. Children are asked to dress up as a character from a book and will be able to show off their costumes at the parade. It would be great to see as many children as possible dressing up as their favourite book characters. This will be followed with a day of book related activities as part of a Better Buddies Day. COVID permitting we are also planning a Reading Night on Thursday 2nd September (more details to follow later).

Year 6/7 Victor Harbor/Adelaide Camp

After many ups and downs throughout this year our Year 6 and Year 7 students will finally head off on camp to Victor Harbor and Adelaide on Monday next week (fingers crossed); along with Glenburnie, Yahl, Compton, Kongorong and Mil Lel students. This camp is replacing our usual Canberra camp due to the many COVID restrictions and lockdowns in NSW, Victoria and ACT. Although not Canberra, we have still worked our very best to plan an interesting and fun filled camp for the students to enjoy. Some of the highlights include:

- Adelaide Oval tour
- Granite Island and the Goolwa Cockle Train
- Survivor Challenge
- Kaurna Cultural Centre and the Botanical Gardens
- Beachouse Glenelg (overnight adventure sleepover)
- Monarto Zoo
- Night activities at the Victor Harbour Campsite

We are sure that the students will have an amazing time and will no doubt make many new friends and create lots of happy memories that will stay with them for many years to come.

Learn
ONE NEW THING

everyday

SAPSASA Basketball



Ten Year 5, 6 and 7 boys visited the Icehouse to compete in the Lower South East SAPSASA Basketball tournament. The boys were inexperienced but performed extremely well, learnt a lot and also had a lot of fun. They won 3 out of 5 games.

School Soccer



The Moorak Primary School soccer team began their season on Saturday against St Martins. A lot of players had not played organised soccer before but performed extremely well. We went down 2-6 against an experienced St Martins team.

This Friday night we face the other St Martins team. The team have begun their trainings on Tuesday nights straight after school.

If any Year 3, 4 or 5 students are still interested in representing our school, they can see Mr Hammond. We are looking for more players.

Science

with Miss Hocking and the 1/2s.

In Science, we have been exploring the water cycle. Water is one of the Earth's resources that we need to take care of. We explored where we use water at school and where we use water at home.

We made our own mini water cycles in our classroom using a zip lock bag and water. We drew our water cycle on the outside of the bag and put them on the window. When the water heats up it starts to evaporate into condensation. When the condensation cools down it precipitates (rains) back into the collection.

We have loved watching our water cycles change and go around every day. The best part is watching it rain (precipitate).



To learn the water cycle, we listened to the water cycle song. Here is what we have learnt.

"The water collects in lakes, ocean and rivers."
- Charli

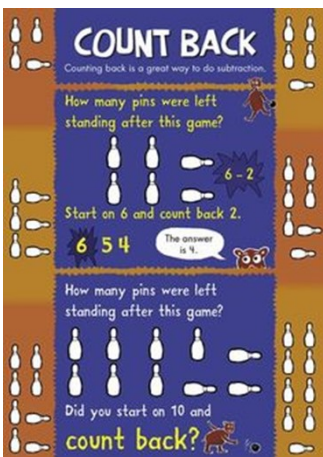
"The sun heats up the water and it goes into the sky."
- Ollie

"Water evaporates up into the clouds and it cools down."
- Lucy

"Precipitation is when the rain falls down." - Fraser

Maths

Miss Wilson's 1/2s



In Miss Wilson's Year 1 / 2 class we have been learning about 'count back'.

We have learnt the count back strategy and had lots of fun with playdough smashing the playdough for our subtraction numbers.