



Moama Public School

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Caring For Moama's Future

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

24th February, 2009

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

MEET THE TEACHER

Thank you to the many parents and caregivers who attended the information evening. I trust the evening was extremely informative and enabled parents the opportunity to develop an understanding of the routines within the classroom and a chance to have queries answered. The wonderful Moama staff are always willing to make appointments at a time convenient to you to discuss the individual progress of our children.

Swimming Carnival

This Thursday our swimming team will be travelling to Hay to compete in the District Swim Carnival. Congratulations to all students and we wish you well in your competitions. I would like to thank Mr Delbridge for his organisation of practice sessions and a bus to travel to this venue. Travelling together helps promote the team ethos. A thank you to the many parents who have supported the bus.

University of NSW Competitions

A reminder to return the permission note and payment to class teachers if your child is in stage two or three and wishes to sit for the University of NSW competitions.

ANZAC Day

The Monday following ANZAC Day is not a public holiday for NSW schools following the Victorian school holidays. School will be as normal on Monday the 27th April.

Additional Professional Development Days

As part of the staffing agreement, the Department of Education has awarded two additional Professional Development Days for staff. These days in 2009 will be on the 17th and 18th of December. Therefore the last day for students in 2009 will be Wednesday afternoon 16th December. Informing parents early should allow for appropriate arrangements being made at the end of the year.

CALENDAR

26/02/09 District
Swimming Carnival at
Hay

01/03/09 P & C Golf
Day Fundraiser

06/03/09 Year 6
T Shirt order due back

03/04/09
Last day of Term One

Voluntary Contributions

Sincere appreciation to the parents who have paid the voluntary contributions. This contribution of \$39 for students from K-6 and \$50 for Preschool assists in purchasing classroom resources and needs (which the school provides free of charge) to support your children. These contributions can be paid at the office, any day.

Premier's Reading Challenge

This year, all children will be invited to be part of this challenge. The reading challenge promotes regular reading of quality books and all students are encouraged to participate. Mrs Ayres has been busy organising all the challenge books in stages, colour coding for easy access and a more detailed note regarding the challenge will be forthcoming. A big thankyou to the P&C Association for purchasing the books last year to allow our children this wonderful opportunity.

Hats

A reminder that hats are to be worn each day. We have blue bucket hats in the office for students from Years 3-6, and wide brimmed hats for students in Preschool to Year 2. All hats are \$12.10.

School Assistance

This is a challenging time for many people with the uncertain economy. This school has a small amount of funding available to assist parents with limited support for textbooks, uniforms or for excursions. This is entirely confidential. Please make an appointment to see me to discuss this.

Have a wonderful week.

-Julia Sadler
Principal

Preschool News

A little bit of confusion! What will the children call Becca and Deb?

In Aboriginal culture Koorie people call Elders 'Aunty' and 'Uncle' as a sign of respect. It does not always mean that people are closely related. We infused this cultural protocol into our Preschool as we have a strong indigenous focus.

We want you to feel comfortable however and if you would prefer your child to call us simply by our first names, then this of course is absolutely fine!

We are very sorry for any confusion. Speaking of confusion though, on a lighter note, Becca has been working as a casual teacher on Thursday and Friday and is known around Big school as Miss Meldrum. This has been lost in translation on several occasions and she has been referred to fondly (and with much conviction) as Miss Melbourne!

Head Lice

Please, please, please check your child/children's hair each week for any signs of head lice. We have had cases reported recently and if everyone keeps checking and treating as required, we shall be rid of these annoying little critters. If you need any advice on how to handle this situation please call the school office. It is appreciated also if parents can let us know if their child has had head lice, so that notes can be given to children in that class so as other parents are more aware.

Year 6 T Shirts

The \$35 for the Year 6 T shirt order is due at school on Friday 6th March. Please make sure that the sizing of shirts is correct on the orders, as we will not be able to exchange if incorrect.

Thank you.

-Rachele Camin.

P & C News

The kids are back into the routine of school, and it is time that we start raising some money for our wonderful school! We are very aware that many families are finding the current financial crisis hard, so we are planning affordable and fun fundraisers for the year. Your support in any way is greatly appreciated.

Our first P & C fundraiser of the year is on this Sunday March 1st with a "4 Ball Best Ball" competition at the Rich River Golf Club commencing at 9am. Mens and Ladies Teams welcome. Part proceeds from player fees will be donated back to the P & C. There will also be great prizes and a yummy cake stall on the day. If you like golf and can spare a few hours Sunday, come along and support this great fundraiser! For our cake stall we will be asking for each family to donate a cake, slice or biscuits if possible. Plates will be sent home with students on Thursday and we would like these to be returned to the school on Friday afternoon or dropped off to Vicki Bavich at 19 Martin St Moama before 12 noon Saturday. Alternatively we will be setting up our stall at the Rich River Golf Club for 10am Sunday morning and deliveries can be made to the club at this time. We would also appreciate if anyone can spare an hour on Sunday to help man the cake stall between 10 and 3pm. Please call Vicki on 5480 7791 or 0439096464 for bookings or enquiries.

Next week we will be sending home order forms for our Bulb Drive, which is always popular, especially with current water restrictions. It is anticipated that orders will be placed and returned before the end of term. See next week's news for more details.

Also planned for this term is our Easter Raffle. This is one of our major fundraisers, and will see hundreds of dollars of eggs up for grabs! Tammy & Justin McLeish from *JT's Fishing & Camping* have kindly donated a 70-litre esky (valued at \$150) as a part of our 1st prize, which will be filled with eggs! Just in time for camping at Easter!! We thank them very much for their donation. Raffle tickets will be sent home in the next few weeks. We are also planning a Family Easter BBQ for the end of term, where we will draw the raffle, with a special visit from the Easter Bunny! We are also hoping to have an egg-hunt on the night. So stay tuned for further information.

Please feel free to contact any of the Committee members for any further enquiries, or if you are happy to help out in any way. Enjoy your week!

Canteen News

Please remember to include 20c if your child requires a brown bag or tomato sauce, etc.

If any families do not have a copy of our menu, please come to the canteen to collect one. A good start to the day for your children is a healthy breakfast, so if they need some, remind them to come over to the canteen between 8.40-9.05am.

-Rose

Canteen Manager

Advertisements:

Moama Public School P & C Association Presents
4 Ball Best Ball Competition Golf Day Fundraiser

Where : Rich River Golf Resort

When : Sunday March 1st 2009

Time : 8:30 assembly, 9am shotgun start

Mens and Ladies Teams Welcome

Great Prizes - Yummy Cake Stall

Grab a partner and come have a fun day out and support this great fundraiser.

Enquiries to Vicki Bavich - P & C Treasurer

Tel : 5480 7791 or 0439 096464



Auskick

How would you like **free** tickets for you and your family to attend an AFL match in 2009 to support your favourite team?

By registering online, Victorian Auskick participants will receive the NAB AFL Auskick Club Connect Package.

Visit www.aflauskick.com.au and follow the instructions.

Online registrations must be completed before April 3rd to access this package.

Make sure to print off your registration and take it with you to your local centre when they have their registration day.

For more information, collect a form from your school.

River Readers Junior Book Club

Open to all primary aged children - No cost or need to book

What to do - Read and share our favourite stories, discuss authors and latest releases, play games, craft and activities.

Where- Echuca Library

When- Every 3rd Monday of each month

Time- 4-5pm

More information contact the Librarian on 54 821997

ECHUCA & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC A0000568

SATURDAY NETBALL REGISTRATIONS

ARE AVAILABLE NOW

All PRIMARY & SECONDARY Students year 1 to year 12.

Enquiries Netball Office 54801725.

Closing date Wednesday 18th March.

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.