



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.**

25th August, 2008.

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

THE POWER OF WORDS

I am proud of being Principal at Moama Public School. I am proud of the students, staff and the community who continually work towards improving our wonderful school. I take pride in what we, as a whole group, have achieved and I am enthusiastic and excited in regard to the direction the school is taking. I look around the playground at the smiling faces and the enthusiastic children learning in the classrooms. Moama is viewed positively in the wider community. Your support and what you say in the community is being heard. Remembering, spreading a positive word often has to be said many times to be heard, yet a negative word needs only to be said once to be misinterpreted or remembered. We must continue to work collaboratively together to ensure the best possible outcomes for our children.

Scientwists

The Scientwists visited the school today and held workshops for the Preschool, Kinder and Year One students. This was funded by the school in lieu of these students missing out on the "I am Jack" performance. The Preschoolers were close up and personal with Kathy's amazing bug pets in the fascinating Bugalugs workshop while the Kinder and Grade 1's looked at magnetism and static electricity. Push Me: Pull Me is an exciting exploration of these invisible forces and how they work. Children thoroughly enjoyed it and we hope to have the Scientwists visit again next year.

Stage Three Transition Program

Congratulations to all students who attended Echuca College last Thursday as part of the transition program. Your behaviour was exceptional and it was very pleasing to hear about your experiences, to view your photos and art work when you arrived back at school. This program is extremely beneficial to support the transition to secondary school. Attendance is required at school if your child is not attending the transition program.

CALENDAR

26/08/08

Spelling Bee
UNSW Computer Test

27/08/08

Book Week Parade 9:20am

04/09/08

Father's Day Stall

08/09/08

Preschool Official Opening
9:20am

19/09/08

Last Day of Term 3

06/10/08

First Day of Term 4

06/11/08

Oaks Day Luncheon

Preschool Official Opening

This will be held on Monday 8th September. The celebration will begin at 9.20am. There will be special guest speakers, a choir performance, a smoking ceremony and some activities from our beautiful preschool children. All community members are welcome to then join us for morning tea. Please contact Jane Atkinson for further details.

UNSW Computer Assessment

This Tuesday the final UNSW assessment will be held. We have achieved some excellent results to date. When we have received all results the Riverine Herald will be notified to help highlight our achievements across a range of areas.

Community Services - OOSH Survey

Thank you to the parents who have returned the Out Of School Hours Program survey. Please continue to return these surveys whether you would use the Out Of School Hours service or not.

School Hats & Uniform

Earlier in the year the School Council voted that hats were to be worn from the 1st September to May. From next Monday children are to wear their hats. Please support the school uniform policy by ensuring that students wear school uniform, including the correct school jumper each day.

School Start Times

If a child arrives after the bell then parents/guardians are to attend the office and complete a late note and have the child signed in. This is a legal requirement and is recorded as a partial absence. It is essential that children attend school from the start of the day. Children can feel unsettled and miss valuable information when not in attendance from the start. It is good practice for children to be at school ten minutes before the bell, i.e. arrive at school at 8.55a.m. so they have time to unpack their bags and prepare for the day. I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Keeping Me Safe Program

On Friday 12th September Senior Constable Diane Chilton (Domestic Violence and Youth Liaison Officer for Deniliquin Local Area Command) will be visiting our children as part of National Child Protection Week. S/C Chilton and Constable Charlie The Penguin will be talking to students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 about road safety and places which are safe to go to such as hospitals, chemists, police stations. As part of this program a colouring competition has been organised, with prizes kindly donated by Deniliquin RSL Club. Students in Kindergarten to Year 3 have been given colouring competition entries last week. Students in Year 4-6 may get a copy from the office. All entries must be returned to the school office by this Friday morning (29th August).

-Julia Sadler,
Principal.

In School Reading Tutor Program - Parent Volunteers Required

I am hoping to start a new individual reading program with six Year 2H students. This program is all ready to go. The students work for half an hour per day with the tutor on the individualised program. It is all pre scripted and easy to use. The tutor work is all voluntary and I will need to train you in the

program before we start. The tutor training will take place this Wednesday afternoon. Please let me know tomorrow by phoning the school if you are able to help us out.

- Melanie Scott.

Book Week Parade

The time has almost arrived for our Book Week Costume/Character Parade. The parade will take place in the quadrangle, commencing at **9:20am on Wednesday**. We look forward to seeing all of the children dressed up as their favourite book character. Your child's costume can be as simple or elaborate as you like.

For those of you who don't have time to organise an outfit, here are a few simple suggestions;-

1. **CAT**

A shortlist book that all of the infants have read - black leggings, black long sleeve top, 2 ears attached to a headband and paint on a nose and some whiskers with black/brown eye pencil.

2. **PEARL BARLEY & CHARLIE PARSLEY**

Another short list book that most classes have read - striped pyjamas.

3. **FOOTY KIDS & SPECKY MAGEE BOOKS**

These are not short list books, but they are favourites with a lot of the boys -footy clothes.

4. **MAX RUMBLE BOOKS**

Footy or cricket clothes.

Have fun getting organised and we look forward to seeing lots of excited children on Wednesday.

PARENTS AND TODDLERS ARE MOST WELCOME TO DRESS UP TOO!

Gazza Award

This weeks Gazza Award winner is Rove Hocking from KZ. Congratulations Rove!

Sports News

Good luck to the following students who will participate at the Regional Athletics Carnival in Albury next Monday 1st September.

Riley Rickard: 10yr Boys Discus

Tegan Milne: 12yr Discus, 12yrs 100m race, 12yrs 200m race

Mardi Lee Hutchins: 11yr 200m race.

Senior Girls Relay Team (Mardi Lee Hutchins, Kayla Arkinstall, Jacqueline McCarthy, and Tegan Milne)

Students should have returned their permission notes for this event to school. The Deniliquin team Manager for Albury will be confirmed in a few days.

Thinking Workshop

On Wednesday 20th August, Helena Lethlean and Jack Carter participated in a thinking workshop in Deniliquin. The theme of the workshop was Table Tennis. Helena and Jack learnt lots of new facts and skills about table tennis and also about the modern Olympics, the periodical table and scientific facts. They also learnt about being better prepared for higher order and creative thinking tasks. Helena and Jack will also participate in a weekly task presented to them on the internet. They will have the opportunity to use their new skills to solve the weekly problems and share the problems with their class.

We hope that next term more students from Moama Public School will be able to take part in the next thinking workshop in Deniliquin.

-Rachele Camin

Gifted and Talented Committee

Daffodil Day Footballs

We still have some Daffodil Day footballs available from the front office for \$7.00. Be quick as these will be sent back on Wednesday. The proceeds from the sale of these go to the Cancer Council.

Spelling Bee

Our school Spelling Bee will take place tomorrow in the library from 9:30-11:00am. There will be a limited student audience this year. Two junior and three senior students will compete in the district final in Deniliquin on Tuesday 23rd September at Deniliquin South Public School.

-Rachele Camin
Spelling Bee Coordinator

STAGE 3 NEWS

This Friday, 29th August, a selection of our 5/6 students will be travelling to Mathoura Public School to participate in an afternoon of netball and AFL matches. Students who have been selected into these teams will take home a note today explaining the details of the day. Students will need to arrange their own transport to and from Mathoura Public School and it is expected that children travelling in cars will provide \$5 to the driver of the car to cover costs. Thank you to those parents who provide transport for our children. Your support for events such as this is greatly appreciated.

-Mr Rhijaan.

Book Club Orders

All Scholastic book club orders are due in at school by **9am Wednesday September 3rd**. Please make cheques payable to the Moama Public school. EFTPOS is also available at the school office.

P & C NEWS

Hi Everyone,

A pretty quiet week this week in fundraising. Our yummy pies are arriving on Thursday afternoon. If anyone is able to come along at 2pm to help pack the orders, please contact Vicki Bavich. It is anticipated to be a fairly quick job as the pies are labelled. Many thanks in anticipation of your help!

RELAY FOR LIFE

Thank you to those who have contacted Lisa regarding Relay for life - there will be a meeting held this Friday 29th at the Border Inn at 10.30am for those who can make it. Registration details and orders for shirts will be taken on that day, cost is \$15. We still need more walkers, so if you can spare one hour on the weekend of 25th and 26th October please let Lisa Smith know on 54838251.

PRE SCHOOL SAND PIT

The P&C allocated funds to the Pre-school to enable them to have shade sails erected and a sand pit built. The sails were put up last week and a BIG thank you must go to ECHUCA MINI MIX for donating the sand for the sand pit. Please support the businesses which support our school.

FATHERS DAY STALL

Don't forget this important date - Thursday 4th September - we will be having a father's day stall. There will be great things to buy for dad ranging in price from \$1 to \$5.

CORVAN HALL'S AWARD

The P & C hope Corvan Hall has a great time in Sydney receiving his award and have given \$300 to Corvan to help with expenses.

P & C Executive Contacts are

President Megan Fawcett Ph 54803693

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Vice President Kelli Johns 54800449

Treasurer Vicki Bavich 54807791

These people can be contacted if you have any queries regarding P & C matters.

Until next week

Your friendly P & C.

