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Housekeeping

It's that time of year again as the weather cools we get ready in anticipation of sniffles and snuffles! The school desperately needs tissues! If every student could bring in a box of tissues for their classroom, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in anticipation of your support. Thank you to those families who have already generously sent tissues to school.

Please return plastic newsletter envelopes promptly. This system is designed so that newsletters, notes and other items are able to make it home and return in good condition.

Senior students: would anyone still with a school recorder at home, please return it to Mrs Broughton URGENTLY.

We value your contributions to our weekly Eggstra. Emailed items have been very successful; thank you. It would be appreciated if any handwritten articles be at the office by Tuesday afternoon. Emailed items are required by Wednesday morning.

Just a reminder that the office is for staff only, please use the window if you have any enquiries.

Remember that the school drop off point is in the designated parking area in Charles St. Please do not drop children off in Wellington St. This is our school bus drop off and pick up point and staff car parking area.

Appointments

If you wish to speak to a teacher regarding your child please ring or email and make an appointment and let us know your concerns so that we can prepare necessary information for you. Please understand that it is often difficult when parents/carers come to school and expect to see a teacher immediately. It is especially difficult for a teacher on duty to watch over all the students in their care if they are being diverted by an adult.

Safety Message – School Zones & Parking

We have been advised that police are increasingly monitoring school areas. Please remember the speed limit, 40km/hr and to park appropriately. In the interest of student safety, please park in marked areas and keep through areas (entries and exits) clear at all times.

School Hats

Please make sure the proper school hats are worn at school. The only acceptable hats are the broad brim and legionnaire. The 'No hat - No Play' policy will apply if students are wearing a non-approved cap.

Due to Health and Safety requirements, we no longer have 'spare' hats to borrow at school.
Principal's Message
At Moonbi PS our focus is on improving literacy to improve student communication in all its many forms. Writing has been our weakest area in the NAPLAN test for many years. As a result of surveys, focus group meetings, data collection and analysis by staff, writing will be a major focus in 2015. Teachers will thoroughly investigate upskill and implement a variety of strategies to improve student writing.
Teachers will seek out best practice in the area of writing and will be unpacking their findings for parents and the community.
The knowledge, skills and understanding of writing will be taught using an explicit and systematic approach so that students are able to write for a range of purposes and in a variety of contexts.
Teachers will also be seeking out innovative practices to engage students in writing such as developing email buddies with other schools both locally and abroad, visiting author workshops, and writing for authentic purposes.
For this purpose, student sample writings will be regularly included in our newsletter. If we have any budding writers in our community that would like to have their work included in our newsletter please email to: moonbi-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Bonita Broughton, Principal

Library
Due to program changes, all classes, K-6 will now have library on Friday mornings. Please remember library bags for borrowing.

PSSA Small Schools Soccer Knockout Competition
Our first game will be held in a few weeks and at this stage we have not had a full team turn up for training on Wednesday afternoons. This makes it very difficult to allocate positions and develop game tactics. Could all students who nominated to be part of this team, please make a concerted effort to attend training. Thank you.
K Harris - coordinator PSSA Small Schools Soccer Knockout

P&C News
P&C will be catering for the Moonbi Museum Project Official Opening Sunday 24 May commencing at 10.30am. We will be serving tea, coffee, cakes and slices. Any donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer please contact Jen Hernando 0429 181727 or Jackie Robertson, 0458201127
Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 May 2015 at 6pm in the old staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

Lunchbox Reminder
With the cooler weather upon us, some children require more food in their lunchbox. Could you please consider packing a little extra during this time of year? Perhaps an extra sandwich or piece of fruit will suffice.

There has also been a noticeable increase in students eating the majority of their food first thing in the morning and in particular on the buses on their way to school. We encourage parents/carers to check with their children to see if more food may be needed or to guide them through which foods to eat when. At school we have three eating breaks: Fruit Break at 10am, Lunch at 11am and Recess at 1.10pm, so students should have something to eat at each of these times. Thank you.

PSSA Zone Cross Country
Good luck to students who will be attending the Zone Cross Country in Barraba on Monday 18 May.

Netball Knockout
Well done to Jemma-Rose, Indi, Felicity, Makayla, Kaydee, Shaelynn, Hannah, Hermarni and Indiah who competed against Uralla on Monday for the knockout competition. Our team played well and their defence was excellent. It was a close game with a score of 7-2 and Uralla taking the win. The girls worked together as a team and are looking forward to improving their netball skills for future games. Well done team! (unfortunately Laura had an injury, but still went along to support and barrack for her fellow team mates)
K. Reilly

Busy Beehive Canteen
We have 2 new exciting items on our menu this week
*Chicken Jump's
*Chicken JJ’s
Price $1.00 each

This week volunteer is: Penny & Anita
Canteen Supervisor - Jackie Robertson (67605686) or (0458201127)

Mother’s Day Stall
Our Mother’s Day Stall was a great success. We hope you loved your beautiful gifts, and that you all had a wonderful Mother’s day. I would like to thank all Jen H, Penny F, Kelly C and Cheryl J for their help. Also, thank you for all the donated wrapping paper.
Cross Country Canteen
The canteen was a success again this year. Thank you to the tireless volunteers that helped out on the day. Penny F, Kelly C, Kim K, Jen H, Marty H, Anita B and Stew R. We had a great day and all the kids ran very well.

Without the continued help and support of all our fantastic volunteers, whether they are Parents, Grandparents, Carers, Aunts, Uncles or even neighbours, these special events would not be as successful. Thank you all Jackie Robertson

SRC
Starting Wednesday 20 May the SRC will be selling delicious Warm Milo every Wednesday at the 1st half of lunch for only $1.00

Clothing Pool
I am usually available at school Thursday mornings or Wednesday, Thursday, Friday afternoons by appointment only. You can contact me on 67605218 or 0429445253. Clothing Pool Supervisor – Penny Foster

Student banking
There have been a lot of rewards being claimed this term so far, with the Invisible pens and handballs proving to be very popular. If anyone has their pictures or handouts they were given from the 19th March they can be returned tomorrow. Still have all those awesome prizes to give away. This terms rewards are Invisible Ink Martian Pens and Intergalactic Rockets. Commonwealth Bank has a website that the kids can interact with. It has some fun interactive games, colouring pages and puzzles. 

Keep smiling, Lisa Madden School Banking Coordinator

Photo competition entry forms are available at the school office. Thank you.

MOONBI MUSEUM PROJECT OFFICIAL OPENING

You are invited

President, Tim Coates and the Committee of Moonbi Community Development Committee cordially invites you to the above. We appreciate your contribution to this community project and we would appreciate and welcome your attendance as one of our VIP’s.

Event Date : Event Time
Moonbi Park and Museum
24 May 2015
from 10:30am

FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT BILL HUMPHRYS ON 0412885760

For catering purposes RSVP if you wish to tim.coates43@gmail.com