Principal’s Message

There has been a flurry of activity at Moulamein PS lately. Our senior students have been out and about learning about some local sites of significance and interviewing some of our community members. K/1/2 head out into the community this week to research the history of our local general store and see how it has changed over time. And these young students are keen to learn about the games and toys of yesteryear, which they hope the community and school families can help them with.

We also have had visits from Charles Sturt University pre-service teachers and their supervisors last week and had the opportunity to showcase rural Public Education and the spirit of our local community. It was wonderful to see these people enjoying their time at Moulamein PS.

Thank you to Moulamein Polo Cross for giving the P&C the opportunity to cater for their carnival on the weekend and raise some funds for our students and school. Many of our parents and school supporters found time to help and we are very appreciative of their efforts. The funds raised will benefit all students at school.

Catherine Peach

KARATE AT ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

Karate has been the theme for Term 3’s Active After School Sports sessions. Students are learning the basics of Karate, including its purpose, the sport as a ‘discipline’ and the moves and fitness required to participate well.
Richard Lucas joined our regular deliverers Kathy Munro, Kate Slaven, Karina Peake and Will Eldridge to introduce our students to the discipline of Karate. Thank you so much Dick!

And last week we were lucky to have Christina and Alice from the Beyond the Line program helping out as well.

“ADAMRIGINAL – THE DIDGERIDO’S AND DON’TS OF URBAN ABORIGINAL ARTS”

Multi-talented Dhungatti Aboriginal artist, Adam Hill joined us on Tuesday to present a humourous and energetic show that included some traditional songs, personal stories and Yidaki (didgeridoo).

Adam spoke about the various language groups and indigenous regions, and explained how certain instruments and songs are traditional to particular areas.

Students enjoyed listening to Adam’s stories, dancing, singing, and echoing beats played on the drum by Adam. Adam’s demonstration of techniques to play the Yidaki (didgeridoo) was amazing. The whole session was informative and lots of fun.
ALICE & CHRISTINA – ‘BEYOND THE LINE’

It was a pleasure for us last week to host two pre-service teachers from Charles Sturt University. Alice and Christina joined us for three days as part of the Beyond the Line program to learn more about the opportunities, rewards and challenges of teaching in rural schools.

Both girls were a delight to have in our school – happy and enthusiastic to join in and be part of the action, in and out of the classroom. Christina and Alice spent time in all our classrooms, helping out with learning in many subjects and spending time with all of our teachers.

The girls arrived just in time to take a short excursion out to the Old Mooloomoon Woolshed and learn about some local history with the 5/6 students, and from there became part of the Moulamein Public School staff supporting our students in learning over three days.

As it happened, Christina is trained and holds qualifications in Karate and so was keen to be part of the activities at Active After School Sports, as was Alice.

We were thrilled to see the girls so willingly becoming part of the action at our school.

We wish both Christina and Alice all the best for the rest of their studies, and hope their visit to Moulamein entices them to teach in a rural school in NSW in the future.
CATERING AT THE POLOCROSS
On the weekend the P&C were pleased to cater for the end-of-season Polo Cross Carnival at the Moulamein grounds. This was a great opportunity to be part of this community activity, and to raise funds to support our school and student programs.

Thank you to everyone, parents, teachers and even a couple of students, for their assistance. Donations of items for morning and afternoon teas, and people cooking and serving throughout Saturday and Sunday helped make this fundraising effort a success, raising almost $700.

It was great to see some of our locals in action, playing in various teams and umpiring. It was entertaining for us all as we chatted with players and learned more about how to play the game. Thanks Bluegate for the opportunity to be involved.

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TEST OF SOWING RICE BY AIR
Barham, Thursday

Rice will be sown from the air tomorrow on 50 acres of prepared, bayed, and irrigated land at Tooranie Station, near Moulamein.

The rice-sowing plane will fly between 30 and 40 ft. It will sow one and a half bags 1 to the acre. Half of the seed sown will be pre-germinated.

It will be the first attempt made in Australia to sow rice from the air.

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