

Weekly Newsletter



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Principal's Report

ANZAC DAY

Next Monday at our School Assembly we will be commemorating Anzac Day. As part of the assembly a member of the Moama RSL will address the School. On Anzac Day itself we will have students participating in the Dawn Service at 6.00am, the Moama Service at 9.00 am and the March and Service in Echuca. It is important for us to take part in these activities as the sacrifice made by our forebears should not be forgotten. Any parents and students who wish to attend any of the above are very welcome. Those who wish to march in Echuca should wear winter

uniform and the formal hat, and should be at the assembly point in Pakenham Street by 10.45 am.

BUILDINGS

The Food Technology Building is very close to completion and we hope to be holding classes there after the Anzac Day long weekend. Art/Technology classes will be able to shift into their new rooms in May. The slab has been poured for two of the new classrooms and the slab for the remainder of that block will be poured soon.

SCHOLARSHIPS

This weekend a number of students from within and outside the School will be sitting for our first scholarship exams.

The School advertised in the local press last month the fact that it would consider offering scholarships to Years 9-11 for Academic Excellence for students who are yet to come to the School and General Excellence Scholarships for students who may or may not be currently enrolled. Scholarships would cover all or part of the fees for students across the remainder of their time at this School. The number and nature of the scholarships will depend on the quality of the test results, the written applications and an interview process for short listed applicants.

Andrew P Pullar

INVOICES FOR SCHOOL FEES ISSUED LAST WEEK ARE DUE BY 30 APRIL

School Zone Safety Program

The School Zone

The majority of school zones operate between 8:00am – 9:30am and 2:30pm – 4:00pm on gazetted school days. Motorists are required to drive at no more than 40 km/h through school zones. There are a small number of non-standard school zone times in New South Wales. These zones are identified by red/orange school zone signs which indicate non-standard times. Signs at these schools display the times which apply.

The Penalties

To improve the safety of our children, penalties for many traffic and parking offences in school zones have increased. If you are not already aware, the new fines and demerit point increases include:

- ◆ **Speeding** – minimum fines of \$128 and 4 demerit points;
- ◆ **Approach children's crossing too quickly to stop safely** – \$384 fine and 4 demerit points;
- ◆ **Double parking** – \$231 fine and 2 demerit points; and
- ◆ **Stopping on or near a children's crossing** – \$308 and 2 demerit points.

The Murray Shire Local Government Road Safety Program, Moama Anglican Grammar School and local Police take a zero tolerance approach speeding, and will target motorists breaking the law in School Zones. We are encouraging parents and local residents to:

- ◆ **Observe school zone speed limits;**
- ◆ **Scan Ahead and look for danger;**
- ◆ **Check Your Speed on the speed advisory board that you will see around town; and**
- ◆ **Report dangerous motorist behaviour to local Police immediately.**

For further information on this or any other Road Safety Program in the Murray Shire, please contact: Purdey Sanderson-Ash Murray Shire Council - Road Safety Officer 03 5884 3400 or via email at rso@murray.nsw.gov.au



Anzac Day—Friday 25 April

They shall grow not old,
As we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
And in the morning –
We will remember them.
Lest we Forget.





WINTER UNIFORM—THE TIME HAS COME! (And so too will the rain, we hope!) Students were informed at assembly on Monday of this week that as of next Monday 21 April they are required to wear their full winter uniform. We understand that some students are waiting on the arrival of kilts or long sleeved shirts. Boys in this situation may continue to wear their short sleeved shirts with their ties, and perhaps girls could wear the blue school trousers if they have them. If not, please continue to wear your summer uniform and complete an Out of Routine pass (from diary) which is to be handed to the tutor group teacher. Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.

Uniform News

Uniform Shop
hours of
operation:

TUESDAY

8:45—9:15 AM

THURSDAY

2:45—3:15 PM

SHOP—Orders, with payment included, may be sent to School Office at any time and will be distributed to students, provided the items are in stock, on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons.

SHOP VOLUNTEERS—Thank you to these parents who have volunteered their time in our Uniform Shop:

Tuesday 22 April

Louise Smith and Sandra Carey

Thursday 24 April

Michele Perry and Robbi Wood

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES—People buying second hand uniforms should be aware that the School reserves the right to say an item of uniform needs to be replaced if condition is poor and must therefore ensure they only purchase items that are in good order.

A bulletin of available items will be published in the weekly newsletter.

If you have secondhand items you would like advertised in the newsletter please send written details—name, contact number, item information and price (Fax 5480 1313, email:

info@moamagrammar.nsw.edu.au or delivered to the office by 4pm Wednesdays.

Secondhand Uniform Bulletin #5

1 x sports polo—\$10 1 x boys trousers size 82cm—\$25

2 x short sleeve old style shirts—\$10 @

2 x long sleeve old style shirts—\$10 @

Contact Meredith Golding 5483 8249

Lost Property (Enquire at Office)

* Size 18 S/S Shirt

* 3 x Sport Shorts—12, M, L

* Sports Hat

Social Service Committee News

The Social Service Committee is up and running for 2008. **Our first meeting for term 2 will be at lunch time on Thursday 24 April.** The SSC Committee members for 2008 are:

GDE 5 Bek Lock, Catherine Nesbitt

GDE 6 Izzy Lucic, Georgina Rykers

YEAR 7.1 Sophie Cox, Chloe Hughes

YEAR 7.2 Emmy Glasson, Rhyanna Smith

YEAR 7.3 Alex Humphrys

YEAR 8.1 Jack Young, Lili Slatter

YEAR 8.2 Ashley Clarke, Rhiannon Morgan

YEAR 9.1 Mitchell McCann, Anna Claringbold

YEAR 9.2 Imogen Allan, Jayden Stapleton

YEAR 10 Hannah Martin, Shelby Pridham, India Mitchell, Jemima Draper

Mr Bowles and myself look forward to working with you all!

Mrs Kemp



ITALIAN ADULT CLASSES are back! Starting Thursday 24 April at 7.30pm. There is a \$5.00 charge which goes toward beautifying the school grounds. Please call the school to register your interest.

Signora Slatter

Italian News

Careers News

- ▶ **Aquarist for a Day** An exciting program is being offered to secondary students interested in a career in marine science. Providing unique opportunities to experience life as an aquarist at Melbourne Aquarium, this day long program includes basic training in aquatic animal husbandry, food preparation and aquatic feeding. It includes a guided tour of the aquarium; glass bottom boat tour; animal feeding and interaction with animals; discussion of possible study and career pathways. There is a maximum of five participants daily. **When:** 8:30—3:30pm every school holiday and weekend **Cost:** \$65.00 **Info:** Education Liaison Officer -03 9923 5911 or www.melbourneaquarium.com.au

- ▶ **Discover the secrets of Chinese Medicine** Back pain? Headaches? Go and hear RMIT lecturer, Dr Zhen Zheng, present her research into Chinese medicine and pain management. Dr Zheng has been working alongside a Melbourne private hospital investigating the role of acupuncture in pain management. Find out about Chinese medicine and speak to RMIT staff about study and career opportunities. **When:** 5:30 for 6:00pm start Wednesday 30 April **Where:** Storey Hall, Level 7, 336 Swanston Street, Melbourne. **Info:** Sandy Ebell—03 9925 7746 or sandy.ebell@rmit.edu.au or www.rmit.edu.au/chinese-med

Students should approach our Careers Advisor, Mrs Harrison, if they have any queries regarding their career options.

- ▶ **Health Science course changes at La Trobe University** Currently, the Faculty of Health Science's Bachelor degrees in Health Information Management, Occupational Therapy, Orthoptics, Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Prosthetics and Orthotics, Speech Pathology and Social Work take between three and a half to four years to complete. From 2009 these programmes will become Bachelor/Masters degrees leading to the same professional qualifications and registration. Students will enrol into a single Bachelor/Masters programme in Commonwealth Supported Places (subject to approval by DEST). These double degrees can be completed in four years. There will be more emphasis on professional practice in interdisciplinary settings under the new structure. **Info:** www.latrobe.edu.au/health/coursechanges.html

Lunchtime Chess Club

This term we have begun a lunchtime Chess Club. It is open to all, grades 5—10, whether you are complete beginner or have played before. Come along each Friday at 12:45pm to Mr Davidson's room (Room 9). Bring your lunch and enjoy this challenging board game. I look forward to seeing you there.



Mr Davidson

School Musical—Bugsy Malone

AUDITIONS will be held over the next week, at lunchtimes, beginning at 12.45 sharp, in Room 1. Friday 18 April—Yr 10; Thursday 24 April—Yr 9. Year 7 students will be notified of their audition time in our daily notice.

Interested students will need to sign up on the appropriate Auditions Sheet outside Room 1. In the audition, you will be expected to read a part from the play. (Excerpt to be posted in Room 1 and also available from office for those students who ask nicely!). You will also be asked to sing a short song. You may prepare one beforehand, or you will be asked to sing 'Happy Birthday'. Dancing auditions will be held in Week 4 of Term.

COSTUMES & PROPS

We are seeking support from anyone in our School community who would be keen to help out with costumes and props. We have received some articles, among them a lovely fur stole, but we really need much more! Thank you to those families who have already contributed. In particular, we will need lots of "gangster" / roaring 20's era clothes—think double breasted pinstripe suits, hats, braces for the boys and "flapper" style dresses, cloche hats, beads etc. for our actresses.



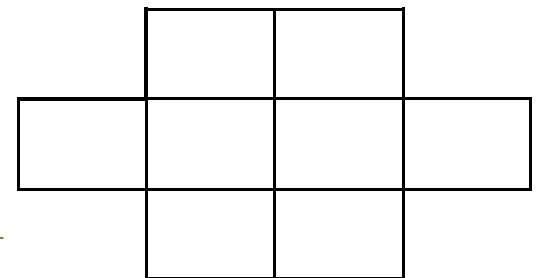
Maths Corner

NEWSLETTER MATHS QUIZ PROBLEM

As you may have noticed the Newsletter now includes a Maths problem that needs to be solved each week. The problems are to be solved by any student at Moama Anglican Grammar School and once solved the written solution should be placed in the purple box at reception. The first correct solution drawn out will win its solver a prize!

This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and siblings to be involved with their children's/sister's/brother's mathematics. These problems have been put in the newsletter so that all the family can be involved in solving them.

This week's problem: Arrange the numbers 1 to 8 in the squares (see diagram) so that no two consecutive integers touch at a side or a vertex. (NOTE: 3, 4 and 5 are consecutive numbers because they are immediately after each other. Integers are whole numbers. Vertex is a corner.)



Quote for the week: "Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler". Albert Einstein

Joke for the week: To what question is the answer '9W'? Answer: "Dr Wiener, do you spell your name with a V?"

MATHS CLUB—Next Maths Club will be held on Thursday 24 April. Come along at lunchtime to utilise the help on offer! (BYO lunch and any maths issues you may have.)

MATHS CLUB DATES

TERM 2

Thursday 24 April
 Tuesday 29 April
 Thursday 1 May
 Thursday 8 May
 Tuesday 13 May
 Thursday 22 May
 Tuesday 27 May
 Thursday 5 June
 Tuesday 10 June
 Thursday 19 June
 Tuesday 24 June

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PROBLEM:

What is the greatest number of Black Fridays (Friday the 13ths!) that can occur in any one year? Is it possible to have a year in which there are none?

The greatest number of Black Fridays in any one year is 3. It isn't possible to have a year in which there are none.

(To solve this problem, it was helpful to observe calendars of the last few years—Google has a 10 year calendar which would be a helpful resource in this instance—and actually count the Friday 13's. You will see a pattern emerge and discover there has been no year where there has been none.)

Mrs Kate Kemp—Maths Coordinator



Upcoming Landscape Working Bee Dates

Yay!! Our Food Technology area should be ready for us next Thursday!! With the commissioning of our new learning areas, we begin the task of beautifying the gardens around them. Please mark in your calendars Sunday 11 and Sunday 25 May to plant established trees in quadrangle; preparation of front garden/flagpole sand dune for "National Tree Day" project and to establish surroundings of new buildings.

Mrs Jenny Martin

Request from Science Department

WE HAVE A LAST MINUTE REQUEST FROM THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT FOR CORKS. Therefore if you have the choice of screw top or corked wine anytime soon, please think of the kiddies—Cheers! (Oh, and don't forget to send the corks along to School!)

Co-curricula Music Tuition—Drums

We are pleased to announce that our DRUM teacher will commence on Monday 28 April at 3pm in classroom 1. Michael Ladson is currently a drum tutor with the South West Music Regional Conservatorium in Deniliquin. Michael has been involved in numerous and varied musical ventures such as: drummer with Deniliquin Municipal Band, Deniliquin Dance Band, Deniliquin High School Band, Deniliquin Youth Concert Band, Anglican Church Junior Band, Riverina Touring Concert Band and Outback Theatre; bass guitar player, percussionist, songwriter and audio technician. His interest in musical style is widely varied from jazz, contemporary, rock, pop, gospel, funk, Latin and blues to musical theatre. There are still vacancies for learning to play drums. If students are interested, please complete an application form, available from the School office, and return prior to 24 April.

Mrs Vicki Reid

SRC News



BIGGEST MORNING TEA—TUESDAY 20 MAY

We will be holding a cake stall to raise funds for The Cancer Council at recess on Tuesday 20 May.—Please mark this date on your calendars.

Mr Brad Downie

From the English Department

English assistance will be available to students in Years 5, 6 and 7 every Monday lunchtime in Room 1. Students are encouraged to take this opportunity to improve grammar, spelling and writing skills and receive assistance with homework tasks.

Mrs Kathy Sinnett

Have you been selected for a Committee at MAGS?

Selection for any committee at Moama Anglican Grammar School is a wonderful leadership opportunity for students and is a privilege. Students should be aware that a record is kept of all students who have been chosen to be on one of the school's different committees. This can be very valuable for students who are wishing to get a reference from the school at any stage.

Students are expected to be actively involved if they are a member of a committee - it is not enough just to be a committee member. Students need to attend and participate in regular meetings and show initiative by instigating, organizing and following through relevant activities.

Being involved in a committee in your early years of schooling is also a good opportunity to see whether or not you want to be involved in a committee or leadership in the future. School committees and leadership are not for everyone and it is O.K. if you decide it is not for you. If you do decide that you no longer want to be involved in a committee that you have been elected to, it is important that you tell the relevant teacher. Similarly if you cannot attend a meeting for any reason you must let the relevant teacher know beforehand and follow them up to find out what went on at the meeting.

In next week's Newsletter I will write about what is "Good Leadership" to follow on from the above and to help students recognize what good and wise leadership is all about.

Mrs Kemp—Teacher in charge of Student Leadership

Community Billboard



ADVANCE NOTICE To raise money for the Biggest Morning Tea we are going to run a competition: "Guess the Staff Member by their Preschool Photo" All students and Staff will be able to enter the guessing competition with an entry fee of \$1. There will be a prize for the first correctly drawn entry and the money raised will go to the Biggest Morning Tea. Entries will close Monday 19 May. Entry forms available from office soon.

Moama Auskick Season Kicking Off—Registration day will be:

At Moama Football Ground on Sunday the 27th April 2008 and 9.30 am

Followed by a training session and sausage sizzle.

Cost \$45.00

Any queries please contact:

Wayne Rickard – Moama Football Club 0418-646 796 or 03-5480 1862 AH

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE Rotary Club of Echuca Moama are now taking applications from interested secondary students to participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange program for 2009. Students between the ages of 15-16 (under 17 at time of departure, January 2009) are eligible to apply. The exchange is for 12 months commencing January 2009 and will be to one of 14 countries worldwide under the sponsorship of Rotary International. More information may be obtained by contacting Jeni Cliff on 0418 107 407 or 5482 6363 or at www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/YouthExchange. Applications close at 4pm on Wednesday, 30 April 2008.

Endless Praise will be conducting their ministry of song & Gospel at the Echuca Community Church from Saturday 19 - Sunday 20 April. All are welcome & all events are free of charge. The Echuca Community Church has sponsored the event. There will, however, be a free will collection taken up on the Saturday night and a retiring offering at the front door Sunday morning. Saturday: 7.30 - 8.30 PM Gospel Concert Supper after the Concert. Contact David McAllan 0428-826174 Sunday: 11.00 - 12.15 PM Sunday Service BBQ lunch after the Service. Contact David McAllan 0428-826174



Who is **Endless Praise**? Into its 24th year of existence, Endless Praise is one of Australia's leading Christian Music Bands, with regular tours across Australia, performing at Churches, Schools, Festivals and other Venues. The 2008 Team comprises of five vocalists & a live band of three other members, with a new and contemporary cutting edge sound. EP has gained recognition as an outstanding Christian Music Ministry. Over the years, Endless Praise has witnessed the power of God working in the lives of those they have sung and ministered to. Thousands have felt uplifted and encouraged, being drawn into a closer walk with God. Through their songs, testimonies, challenging message and youthful humour, young people in particular have been inspired to seek a real relationship with Jesus! Although the message remains as powerful as ever, Endless Praise's appeal has also broadened to include Christian radio and television stations around the country.

Sports Report

Friday 18 April

House Cross Country

This coming Wednesday sees the running of the House Cross Country.

Event will be run over 3km for all girls and Under 11—Under 14 Boys. The Under 15 and Under 16 Boys will run 5km.

Approximate Race Times

1.30 p.m.—Under 11 and 12 Girls.

1.35 p.m.—Under 11 and 12 Boys.

1.50 p.m.—Under 15 and 16 Girls

1.55 p.m.—Under 15 and 16 Boys.

2.10 p.m.—Under 13 and 14 Girls

2.15 p.m. —Under 13 and 14 Boys

2.45 p.m.—Presentations

The House Cross Country will also act as selection for the OMISSA Cross Country. The teams for this will be in U12, U14 and Open, and we will be taking the fastest six students from either age group covered.

All parents are welcome to come and watch the cross country, and if you want to help I will definitely find a role for you.

Will Chanter win their first sporting title? Will Martin win back to back carnivals after winning the swimming? Will Perricoota go back to back cross country wins? Will Mr. Young run 3km and live to tell? Will Miss Lyons beat home Mr. Bowles in the 5km run?

For the answers to these and many more irrelevant questions tune in to next weeks sports report!



**Genius
is
one percent
inspiration
and
ninety-nine
percent
perspiration**



Christian training for the House Cross Country during PDHPE class.



Congratulations to Haydon Martin who correctly answered last term's question, What events are in a Decathlon? To collect his prize he needs to see Mr. Cadd. This week's question: What sport will Michael Diamond represent Australia in, in this years Olympics?

Please place answers in the Purple Box at the office and remember that great prizes are on offer.

PDHPE News

Cross Country training has been taking place with many fine efforts over the 1.4 km circuit. Best times include:

Year 7 : **Nicholas Couchman**—5.24

Jordi Bleasel—Nicholas— 6.48

Year 8: **Jack Bott**—5.38

Year 9: **Ben Pearson**—

Year 10: **Matt Costello**—4.58

Alex Cheal—5.53

Term 2

Events at a Glance

Wednesday 23 April:

House Cross Country

Moama Trotting Track

Wednesday 30 April:

OMISSA Cross Country

Cobram

Monday 5 May:

Foundation Day

Tuesday 27 May:

Year 9 and 10 Winter Sports Day

Shepparton

Tuesday 17 June:

OMISSA Winter Sports (Year 7—10)

Yarrowonga

Monday 23rd June:

Year 7 and 8 Winter Sports Day

Shepparton.

Diary Dates (Items in bold have been added or amended since last edition)

2008	<i>TERM 2</i>	<i>Tuesday 8 April—Friday 27 June</i>	
APRIL	Wed 23	Interhouse Cross Country	1.30pm
	Thur 24	Rescheduled Hep B and HPV Immunisations	
	Fri 25	Anzac Day Public Holiday	
	Wed 30	OMISSA— <i>Ovens-Murray Independent School Sports Assoc</i> Cross Country (Cobram)	
MAY	Mon 5	Foundation Day	
	Wed 7	Year 10 Career Wise Student Assessment	12:00—2:00pm
	Sun 11	Working Bee—Landscaping	TBC
	Tue 13—Thur 5	Yrs 5, 7, 9 National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing	
	Tue 20	Biggest Morning Tea Cake Stall Fundraiser for The Cancer Council	10:40am
	Fri 23	Primary Schools Netball Tournament	
	Sun 25	Working Bee—Landscaping	TBC
	Tues 27	Senior Winter Sports Day—Years 9 & 10 only (Shepparton)	
	Wed 28	Year 10 Parents & Students Career Wise Info Night	7:30—9:00pm
	Thurs 29	UNSW Science Competition	
	Fri 30	Year 10 Exams commence	
JUNE	Mon 2	Year 7—9 Exams commence	
	Mon 2	Year 10 Exams continue	
	Thurs 5	School Photos	
	Mon 9	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	
	Thurs 12	UNSW Spelling & Writing	
	Tues 17	OMISSA Winter Sports—Years 7 & 8, 9& 10 (Cobram)	
	Thur 19	Immunisations Yr 7 / Girls Yrs 7 - 10	
	Mon 23	Junior Winter Sports Day—Years 7 & 8 (Shepparton)	
	Fri 27	Last Day Term 2—Please note early dismissal	2:00pm
	<i>TERM 3</i>	<i>Tuesday 15 July—Friday 12 September</i>	
JULY	Tues 15 – Fri 18	Year 10 Careers Camp	
	Mon 21	Year 5/6 Camp—Cave Hill Creek departs	
	Tues 29	UNSW Maths Competition	
	Wed 23	Year 5/6 Camp—Cave Hill Creek returns	
	Wed 30	OMISSA Years 5—8 Sports Day (Yarrawonga)	
AUGUST	TBA	Information Evening—Primary Years	
	Tues 19	Interhouse Athletics	
	Wed 27	UNSW Computer Skills Competition	
	Thurs 28	OMISSA Inter School Athletics (Wangaratta)	
	Fri 29	Rehearsal—Musical	
SEPTEMBER	Thurs 4	Musical Performance	
	Fri 5	Musical Performance	
	Tues 9	Shepparton Zone Athletics	
	Thurs 11	Parent—Teacher Interviews	
	Fri 12	Last Day of Term 3—Student dismissal 3:00pm	
	<i>TERM 4</i>	<i>Tuesday 7 October—Thursday 4 December (please note change of date)</i>	
OCTOBER	Mon 6	Year 8 Camp Departs—Grampians	
	Fri 10	Year 8 Camp Returns	
	Thur 16	Immunisations Yr 7 / Girls Yrs 7 - 10	
NOVEMBER	Mon 3	Exeat Holiday	
	Tues 4	Exeat Holiday	
DECEMBER	Thurs 4	Last day of term—3pm dismissal	
		Presentation Evening—Rich River Golf Club	7:30pm
	Wed 10	Office Closed for Christmas Vacation	12 noon