Today we held a “Lockdown Drill” in relation to our Emergency Management Plan. Staff and students handled this situation very well.

Tomorrow is our Group Day at Moyston PS. The theme for the day is “Science.” Students are asked to dress up in anything related to this theme.

Last Friday at assembly we farewelled the Sporton family who are spending some time in Portarlington. We wish them all the best and hope that they are back with us soon.

Lastly, we have seven students competing in the Black Ranges Athletics on Tuesday 30th August. Information has been sent home including event times. Keep on training and good luck on the day.

Enjoy your week!

Marcus Murrell
**Kindergarten Visit**

On Monday and Wednesday of this week, I took our Grade 2 children to the kindergarten in Beaufort for a visit. We talked about all the awesome things at our school and our children helped the kindergarten children with some art activities. They are a lovely group of children and we thank them very much for having us.

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**BBQ Fundraiser**

A huge thank you to Jodie and Geoff who organised a BBQ fundraiser at Ararat on Saturday. Thank you also to the parents and children who helped out on the day. The total raised was $310 which will go towards our camp kitchen.

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**Sporton update**

Liz has had her surgery and is feeling tired and sore and ready for the next stage in her treatment. We all wish her well. Tilly, Charlotte and Georgie had their first day on Wednesday and by all reports had a great day.
SCIENCE WEEK 2016.

Next week (13th – 21st August) is National Science Week, and to celebrate we are going on a ‘virtual excursion’ around our Solar System on Wednesday morning! We will be connecting live via our school’s Polycom system to the NASA Space Centre in Houston, Texas.

Our learning program is called ‘Journey Through the Solar System’. For 50 minutes we will “…climb aboard NASA’s various space crafts and probes to experience our Solar System in a whole new light. Live from NASA’s first satellite, Explorer 1, students will explore each of the nine planets through the eyes of NASA’s space probes. Through this exciting, interactive experience, your students will calculate the distance between each planet, explore the differences and similarities of each planet, and discover how gravity plays an important role in the solar system.”

How exciting! We (students and teachers!) can’t wait. This experience links in nicely with the current Earth and Space Sciences unit happening in the Grades 3-6 class, and picks up on the prior Science learning of the F-2 class.

Here is some more information about the NASA Space Centre for those interested (kids, note the US English spelling of the word ‘centre’ in this information!):

“Houston, Texas is Space City, USA and Space Center Houston is America’s gateway to the universe!

As the Official Visitor Center for NASA’s Johnson Space Center, Space Center Houston is the only place on Earth that gives guests an out-of-this-world journey through human adventures in space.

Space Center Houston state of the art distance learning for you and your students! Space Center Houston has taken electronic learning to a new level with hands-on, active sessions from multiple locations on the museum floor. Learn about spacesuits in front of actual suits that have orbited the Earth and even gone to the Moon. Experience rocketry amongst the real thing - actual flown Mercury, Gemini and Apollo capsules. Space Center Houston offers several, interactive options for each grade level. Excite the minds of your students - experience intelligent fun and use SPACE to help you reach your curriculum goals!”

Find out more at [http://spacecenter.org/](http://spacecenter.org/)

Happy Science Week from Mrs White.

School Photos

We have on display in the foyer photos of our School Captains, Junior School Council and Grade 6 students. You can purchase any of the photos for $18.00 each. Photos need to be ordered and paid by 26th August.
We had our Jeans for Genes day on Friday. It was great to see so many people dressed in denim. Thank you to all who brought in a gold coin donation, we raised $67.00. Great Effort!!

**Boys Education**

A couple of weeks ago I asked if anyone was interested in coming to our 'The Battle for Boys' discussion run by Ian Hume from Beaufort PS. It is aimed at parents and teachers, exploring the way boys think and why they react the way they do. If you are interested could you please fill out the form below so I can confirm with Ian if we are interested or not.

I am interested in the Battle for Boys discussion.

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