Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Wednesday 2 March, Moffatdale State School had two very special visitors; Colin Huxtable (our NRL coordinator) and Brent Tate (Former NRL Player). As part of a National Rugby League Initiative, Colin and Brent spoke to all of our students about Health and Wellbeing. They focused on the importance of fueling our bodies with good fuel, by eating healthy foods and drinking plenty of water. They emphasized the need for our bodies to have plenty of sleep; making students aware that they require 11 hours of sleep each night! This fact blew many students away! As parents and carers, I ask that you assist your children to ensure they are getting the recommended hours of sleep each night, as well as ensuring their bedroom provides a suitable environment for good quality sleep. Students (and staff) were excited by the visit and enjoyed the presentation and question session. As we focus on health and wellbeing, I am sure that our Moffatdale family will continue to look after one another, day in and day out.

School Improvement
At Moffatdale State School, we aim for 100% attendance each day in order to maximise our learning experiences. Our minimum expectation is to have students attending 95% of the time. This roughly equates to missing 5 school days per term.

Recently, our students have been struck down by various illnesses, which has resulted in a spike in student absences. Parents and carers, please ensure you explain the importance of good hygiene to your children, including, washing hands using soap, covering mouths when coughing, using tissues, etc. We need to work together to ensure good health and maximum attendance for all students. Our current attendance rate sits at 93.7%.

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Pick Up – Safety Concerns
Parents are asked to consider the safety of all students during afternoon pick-up. Recently, a number of ‘near misses’ involving a few of our students have reminded everyone of the importance of being aware of our surroundings and following good road safety practices. We need to ensure we, STOP and LOOK BOTH WAYS, before crossing the road. Students should only cross the road when accompanied by an adult. It is crucial that everyone remains aware and consciously reinforces the importance of good road safety in order to ensure all students arrive home safely.

Teacher Availability
Parents and carers, please be aware that teaching staff are often busy before and after school (planning, preparing resources, setting-up activities, briefing teacher aides, marking, meetings, phone calls, etc). Our staff are always willing to discuss issues/concerns/achievements/praise with parents and carers, however, often impromptu meetings can take longer than a couple of minutes and impact on learning or preparation time. In order to ensure you are given 100% focus by your child’s teacher, you will be required to organise a suitable time to meet with them. Meetings can be arranged in person, via email or through the school office.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
This will be the last time you will read PBL Updates in the Principal’s Report. From week 8 onwards, Miss Rebecca Payne will take over the communication of PBL Updates. Our staff are always on the look-out for good behaviour choices and the opportunity to rewarding positive behaviour through the use of Vivo Rewards.

Term 1 Rewards Day will be held on Thursday 24 March. All students with an attendance rate of 95% and over will be invited to attend the day. Students who have received 3 or more yellow slips will not be invited to attend our Rewards Day. Instead, they will be involved in curriculum based activities for the duration of the day.
Prep/One Class News

Each morning, we start our day with SSP Rotations and C2C English Lessons. We welcome to our room, 7 friends from across the school to work with us. Over the last 6 weeks, we have developed our ability to work well in groups during SSP and have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know other children from across the school. It is a privilege to have the opportunity to foster true multi-age friendships, while offering genuinely differentiated curriculum. This week, our SSP Sound Detective skills have been challenged! We continued our focus of listening for and identifying the sounds within words and practised using some new resources; individually and in pairs. It is exciting to watch young students work together to solve language problems and support each other in their learning.

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**Two/Three Class News**

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**Four/Five/Six Class News**

This week, students have been hard working and learning many news things! Students have started to explore the computer program PowerPoint. For some students, (especially our Year 4 students) this is a new and challenging task.

For Science assessment, students will create a new creature and justify the adaptations for the different environments.

It is interesting hearing the reasons that we must have phones!

‘We need mobile phones to play games like Candy Crush’ Barbara

‘Phones are good for when you are in an emergency and need help quickly’ Cael

‘With a mobile phone, you can take pictures and videos’ Parker

On Wednesday we were very lucky to meet former NRL player Brent Tate. Brent reminded us all of how important it is to have enough sleep and fuel our bodies with the right food. Students looked great dressed up in their NRL gear for the day!

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**School News**

**Head Lice** We wish to advise that head lice have been detected at our school. It is extremely important for you to check your child’s head for head lice TODAY. Keep checking every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days.

If you do find head lice, commence effective treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading. An information sheet “Managing Head Lice” is attached.

Please contact our office if you have any concerns.

**Student Resource Scheme Invoices**

Student Resource Scheme invoices were sent home with the children at the beginning of the week. Thank you to the families who have returned their participate forms and paid this levy.

Invoices can be paid by cash, bpay or the new bpoint payment system detailed on your invoice. If you would like to organise a payment plan to allow smaller payments to be made throughout the semester, please contact our office.

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### South Burnett Cowhorse Competition

8-00/9-00am Thurs  
28th April 2016,  
Nanango Showgrounds

Open to all students of South Burnett Schools

Team Penning, Working Cow Horse, Western Bending, Barrel Race, Whip Cracking, Lead and Ridden Stock horse etc

Nomination forms and Program available on the Saint Mary's Catholic College website.

**Nominations close Friday 15th April 2016**