Dear Parents/Guardians,

As Term 1 draws to a close, it is important for families to reflect on the learning their child/children have experienced this term. Learning takes place across many domains; social, emotional, academic and cultural. At Moffatdale State School we aim to provide opportunities for students to grow and learn across these domains. When meeting with your child’s teacher in the coming weeks, be sure to bring your child along to the meeting. It is important for them to hear their strengths and areas for development. Accepting and acknowledging these areas and creating a plan for improvement are vital steps in their educational journey.

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

Currently our whole school attendance is sitting at 93.6%. Unfortunately, the dreaded viruses and bugs have struck down a number of students and reduced our overall attendance levels. Our average attendance by year level is:

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School Photos
Schools photos have been booked and will take place on Thursday 21 April. Please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform and is neat and tidy. We want our students to look their best in our school photos.

Student Absences
Parents and Carers, please be aware that it is your legal responsibility to inform the school if your child is absent from school. This communication can be in the form of a voice message on the school answering machine or a note sent to school the following day. Prolonged student absence from school without a valid reason is required to be reported to the police.

P&C AGM
Thank you to all who attended the 2016 P&C Annual General Meeting. It is great to see the school has the support of many current parents eager to assist the school. Thank you to our 2015 P&C Committee for all your hard work, especially with the Centenary and other fundraising events.

Congratulations to our 2016 committee; President—Felicity Dascombe, Secretary—Sharon Sippel, Treasurer—Cindy Godden, Fundraising Co-ordinator—Grant Geddes. I look forward to working with our new committee to continue to improve Moffatdale State School.

Below is an article I found interesting, especially leading into the school holidays, regarding sleep and some habits that can assist parents to ensure their child gets enough sleep.

“Sleep can be a vexatious issue for some parents: the amount of time spent trying to get kids to sleep, worrying about kids not sleeping, being woken up by kids who should be sleeping…it goes on and on!

It’s an important issue for parents of teens too. The sleep-wake cycle for teenagers is delayed by up to two hours. That is, they are sleepy later and awake later than when they were children. Many teenagers today are sleep deprived because they don’t get enough sleep. They need between nine and 10 hours sleep each night, yet most get about seven or eight hours sleep. Sleep experts have noted that children who develop good sleep patterns tend to carry these into adolescence.
Prep/One News

What an amazing start to our year! It is difficult to believe that we are coming up to the end of our first Term of school already. Our new Prep students have quickly become experts in how to be a ‘Moffatdale School Student!’ It makes me so pleased to watch the young children in our class singing, the Moffatdale School Song proudly on Assembly each week. They stand so tall and sing with such beautiful voices every Tuesday. Our song has also provided a wonderful opportunity to learn our School Rules in a happy and positive way. Please ask your child to sing the Moffatdale School Song to you. This is the chorus:

At Moffatdale, we are proud to wear the green and gold
We’re strong, we’re smart, we’re bold (Strong! Smart! Bold!)
We’re learning how to learn and we’re here on time each day
Safe, Respectful, Responsible – that’s the Moffatdale way!

We have just completed our first C2C English assessment on ‘Explaining how a story works.’ One part of this assessment was to choose an event from our favourite story (read in class) and complete our own illustration and response to the questions. We have some marvellous illustrators in our English Group! 😊

At Moffatdale State School we are...

RESPECTFUL

RESPONSIBLE

SAFE
At Moffatdale State School we are...

RESPONSIBLE  RESPECTFUL  SAFE

Two/Three News

Wow! Term 1 has nearly ended—and what a term! The 2/3 class are now completing the last of their assessment and getting ready for a well deserved break. A big well done to all of our students as they have worked so hard and achieved so much in such a short space of time.

We hope you have a wonderful Easter break and look forward to seeing you all in Term 2.

The pictures below are of Parker and Chloe and their birthday show and tell.

Four/Five/Six News

Students are always working hard in our classroom.

Some students have been investigating large numbers up to billions. Students enjoyed versing each other on Battle Ships using numbers up to millions.

Some students in our room have been creating their own chapter for The Twits. We will be completing and publishing these soon. Once finished come in and have a look at our wonderful writing!

Thank you for those students who have been completing and bringing their homework back on a Monday. Each week these students earn 10 vivos!

PBL News

What is PBL? PBL is Positive Behaviour for Learning. The aim of PBL is to improve and maximise academic and social outcomes for all of our students at Moffatdale State School. We have been placing a huge emphasis on rewarding the POSITIVE behaviours that we see in our school. By targeting those students who do the right thing, then we are encouraging those students who are making poor choices to rethink their actions. For more information about our PBL, please do not hesitate to see Miss Payne.

End of Term Rewards Day:

This year, students who have 95+% attendance are invited to our Rewards Day. This term our rewards day will be held at school and students will rotate to different staff and engage in a variety of activities. We will also be having a SuperHero Themed Free Dress Day. Invitations to those eligible students will be sent home next week.
School News

School Library - Mrs Sippel has been working very hard cataloguing and scanning all our library books into our new computer “Libcode” library system, which we hope to have fully operational in Term 3. This new program will enable our precious resources to be tracked for student lending and for teachers to book out classroom curriculum (C2C) sets and reading sets.

If any parent/carer is able to help with the covering of our new books, either at home or at the school, please contact Marilyn. Any help would be truly appreciated.

Student Resource Scheme Payments - A big thank you to families who have paid their student’s resource scheme fees. These fees enable our school to bulk purchase resources to which gives our students the necessary tools to learn and achieve at our school each day. You may have noticed on the invoices the new payment option of Bpoint as well as the other options of Bpay, cash or cheque payment. Bpoint is another form of internet banking which is safe, convenient and easy to use.

If you have any questions or need another invoice sent home, please do not hesitate to contact our office. Please remember all Student Resource Scheme fees must be paid in full by the end of term 2. Payment plans and Centrepay deductions are another excellent way to pay off fees fortnightly.

Happy Holidays - On behalf of all our staff, we wish our Moffatdale State School students and families a great Easter holiday. Stay safe, have fun, refresh and enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you all back ready to learn and grow in term 2.

Caron Granger, Administration Officer

Community News