Dear Parents/Guardians,

**School Improvement**

In 2016 our key improvement areas are:

1. **Purposeful use of data** - using data to make informed decisions

2. **Improvement in student reading performance** - across all year levels, focusing on Years 3-5

3. **Improvement in student numeracy performance** - across all year levels, focusing on Years 3-5

4. **Successful Transitions & Closing the Gap initiatives** - Early years into Prep, Year 6 into Year 7

**Attendance** 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 a term.

At the end of week 4 our school wide attendance is 89.4%, this is very disappointing, however it has been significantly decreased due to the rapid rise in illness being experienced across the community. Parents please remember to keep your children at home if they are sick or unwell, we have had a number of cases of students being sent to school and soon having to be sent home. A good day to rest and recuperate can sometimes make the world of difference to our young students.

Congratulations to our Prep students who achieved 100% attendance for weeks 3 and 4! AMAZING Work!

**Naplan Results** Naplan results will be sent home today for our Year 3 and Year 5 students.

Congratulations Our year 6 students have returned from their exciting adventure to the Australian capital, Canberra. They have returned cold, damp and weary but they have a number of exciting stories to tell of their trip. From all of the staff at Moffatdale State School I would like to acknowledge their amazing attitudes and behaviour throughout their time away. They are fine young adults who represented our school in the best way possible.

On Wednesday 4th August we had a number of Moffatdale students represent our
school at the South Burnett athletics carnival. To all of our representatives a huge congratulations on your achievements. Our 6-9yr old competitors will get their opportunity to represent our school at the rescheduled carnival on Tuesday 9th August at Taabinga SS.

Parent Teacher Communication - Parent teacher meetings are scheduled for week 9 of this term. A letter will be sent home to parents in the coming weeks. If you would like to participate in these end of term interviews, please ensure the letters are sent back as soon as possible.

Student Absences - Parents, 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.

Aaron Jones
Principal

Prep/One News

We have had a wonderful start to Term 3 in Prep/One 😊 It is difficult to believe it is Week 4 already!

In English this Term, we are focusing on Procedural Texts and Procedural Writing. One of the focus C2C English texts is, The Lighthouse Keeper’s Lunch, written by Ronda and David Armitage. It is an older story that has been republished many times over the last 30 years. Our English Group have really enjoyed this story. We were delighted when Jerry surprised us by bringing in a series of 6 of the Lighthouse Keeper’s books to share with us. We have really enjoyed getting to know the characters and working with the structure within the stories. We have laughed a lot and learnt many new interesting vocabulary words along the way. Thank you for sharing your books with us Jerry!

Some much-needed rain, meant an inside day for us on Tuesday this week. It was a brilliant opportunity to share 15 minutes of free-play inside at lunchtime. What fun! 😊

Our school Adopt-a-Cop, Senior Constable Hastie (who is also Kaitlyn’s Mum, Mrs Hastie!) came to visit Moffatdale at lunchtime on Friday. She was able to stay for a class visit and played some Maths Games with us as well. She also presented some Maths Awards to our deserving students. Thank you Senior Constable Hastie!

It was marvellous to see so many of our class participate in our Small Schools Athletics Day and to have so many parents here to watch and assist. Our class were very excited to receive their McDonald’s Certificates as well!
At Moffatdale State School we are...

Congratulations to all of the 2/3 class who participated in our Athletics Carnival in Week 2. It is always great to see our students try their best in different areas of their schooling!

Meet our 2016 2/3 students:

Interview with: Connar

Where I live: Moffatdale

My family: Tatum, Dad, my Grandma, my Uncle, Catlyn and Sharni.

The best thing I like about school is... English because I'm reading a book called Fantastic Mr Fox.

My favourite colour: Blue and red

My favourite food: Ice cream - vanilla flavour

My favourite game: Fall Out on the X-box 360

My jobs at home: Make my bed, brush my teeth and get dressed otherwise I'd be running around naked!

My pets: I used to have 18+ kittens!

We have had a great start to the term.

Students have enjoyed reading two texts in English - Jungle Drums by Graeme Base and Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl. We have then taken on the roles of different characters from the books and created dialogues for these characters.

In maths, students are loving their speed challenges. It has been great to see so many students move up levels each day - great work!

History has seen the 2/3s go back in time and revisit the Bunya Mountains. We have discovered some interesting information about the Bunyas. Did you know that it is believed that they are the remnants of a shield volcano?

Science has seen us look at the day and night sky and begin to learn a little about the different planets that are in our sky.

Canberra Camp 2016
The following students are leading the VIVO total amounts for the year so far:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Prep</th>
<th>Year 1</th>
<th>Year 2</th>
<th>Year 3</th>
<th>Year 4</th>
<th>Year 5</th>
<th>Year 6</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Amity</td>
<td>Hayden</td>
<td>Olivia</td>
<td>Damon</td>
<td>Georgia</td>
<td>Cooper</td>
<td>Kiana</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dallas</td>
<td>Jeremiah</td>
<td>Bree</td>
<td>Jesse</td>
<td>Angus</td>
<td>Jacob H</td>
<td>Caleb C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kaitlyn H</td>
<td>Kiri</td>
<td>Harry G</td>
<td>Parker/Amelia</td>
<td>Kayla</td>
<td>Mason</td>
<td>Carissa</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The following expectations are what the staff will be looking for over the next two weeks:

♦ Listen when others are speaking
♦ Use appropriate language and tone

In the classroom, our five expectations that we look for are:

Be on time  Be Respectful of others (noise)  Hands up to ask or answer questions
Sit correctly  Look after your classrooms and items in it

---

**School & Community News**

“The Great Battery Round Up”

The Moffatdale P&C are raising funds through recycling old, dead lead acid batteries in order to purchase new school materials for the students.

You can either hand your old lead acid batteries to a school collector or drop them out to our collection point at the school. **Every Battery Helps!**

---

**School Banking— Every Wednesday**

---

**Little Shop of Horrors**

By arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd Exclusive agent for Music Theatre International (NY)

Kingaroy Town Hall Glendon Street

Friday 26th August @ 7.30pm, Saturday 27th August @ 7.30pm Saturday 3rd September @ 2pm and 7.30pm

**Tickets may be purchased online:** http://tinyurl.com/soh2016

Evening shows ticket prices: Adults $25, Pensioners $20, Children $15, All Matinee Tickets $15

Based on the film by Roger Corman. Screenplay by Charles Griffith. Originally produced by the WPA Theatre (Kyle Petrie, Producing Director). Originally Produced at the Orpheum Theatre. New York City by the WPA Theatre, David Geffen, Cameron Mackintosh and The Shubert Organisation.
Our Student Council is made up of our School Captains and Student Leaders. This year, our Moffatdale students are represented by Carissa, Mickayla, Jake, Christine, Keturah and Kiana on the Student Council.

Our Student Council is responsible for many tasks within our school. These jobs include:

- Organising and running our weekly Parade on Tuesdays.
- Preparing the Student Awards and Special Notices to be presented on Parade each week.
- Looking-out for specific positive behaviours during lunchtime in order to create Awards for students from each class.
- Meeting each week to organise fundraising activities and special days.
- Helping on special school event days, such as ANZAC Day, Sports Day, the Book Fair, Open Days, etc

This Term, Mrs Hankinson is running our Book Fair. She has challenged the Student Council to fundraise for a Breakfast BBQ for everyone to share. The Student Council are excited by this and are hoping to have raised enough money by Week 6.

Please support our fundraising efforts in whatever way you can. Five Cent Friday or Silver Service Day, will continue this Term and will contribute to the Breakfast BBQ for the Book Fair. The Student Council will also be selling 1kg bags of Macadamia Nuts from the Office for $5 per bag. A big, ‘Thank you!’ to Mrs Wiley for her generous donation of these! (Please bring correct money if possible.)