Dear Parents/Guardians,

As this will be my final article for 2016, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful school community for the support they have given to our staff throughout the year. We have successfully run a number of fundraising initiatives in conjunction with our amazing P&C members. These events include: Mother’s Day and Father’s Day stalls, Book Week Celebrations, Small Schools Athletics Carnival and the Battery Drive. Plus, we still have many more events to come in the final few weeks of our schooling calendar.

The final newsletter for the year will be distributed in week 10. It will be a celebration of some of the highlights of 2016, so it will not include a principal report.

P&C Christmas Break-Up Disco

I would like to extend an invitation to all parents and carers to attend the P&C break-up disco on Wednesday 7th December. It will include a free BBQ lunch, music by the Blue Light Police and may even include a visit by a very special guest in a bright red suit!!

The event will run from 12:45-2:45pm and we would love to see as many parents as possible in attendance. Come along, chat, mingle and have a dance!

Explicit Improvement Agenda - Reading

In 2017, Moffatdale State School will have an explicit improvement agenda focused on the teaching of reading. This will encompass all of the elements that make up a good reader. We hope to run parent information sessions throughout 2017. If you would be interested in attending one or more sessions, please register your interest at the office.
Morning Reading

Our school wide reading sessions continue to run before school, from 8:00am to 8:40am each day. Students have the opportunity to read ability levelled texts independently or with a teacher. Parents are encouraged to come along, sit with the students and enjoy some amazingly talented readers. Some parents may like to have a student read to them; this is always very exciting for the students. We would love to see some of our mums and dads helping to increase our students’ exposure to texts and foster a love of reading; especially in our lovely outdoor area near the library.

Student Leaders 2017

All students who will be in Year 6 at Moffatdale State School in 2017 have received their Leadership Card. This card is to be completed (signed off by a variety of staff members) and returned to Mr Jones by Friday 25 November. Students who successfully complete their card will be required to present a speech to the school community outlining their suitability, strengths and aspirations as a leader for 2017.

At the completion of the speeches, all staff and students will have the opportunity to vote for the student/s they believe will make the best leaders for 2017.

The student receiving the highest tally of votes will gain first selection of position (e.g. School Captain, Sports Captain or Student Leader). The next highest student will select next, and so on until our 6 student leaders have been selected. Students who are unsuccessful in gaining selection into a position will be offered a position on the student council for 2017. The student council will be busy with fundraising and many behind-the-scenes activities throughout the year.

Student leadership positions for 2017 will be announced at our end of year break-up disco on Wednesday 7 December.

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. In Term 3, we finished with an attendance rate of 88%, a far cry from the 95% we set as our minimum expectation. Let’s work together to ensure that students are attending school each day and maximizing their learning opportunities.

Our whole school overall attendance for Term 4 is sitting on 89.9%. This is well below our 95% target.
Our week 6 attendance for Term 4 was 88.9%
Our week 7 attendance for Term 4 was 81.7%.

These figures indicate that we have continued to have a great deal of absences for various reasons; illness being one of the major factors. Parents, if your child is sick, they need to remain at home until they are no longer showing signs of illness. Sending students to school when they are sick or ill causes the spread of the virus or disease and leads to a decrease in attendance for all students and staff. Every day matters at school, but students must be healthy and able to learn in order to maximise their learning opportunities.
Congratulations to our Year 5 students who achieved 97.1% attendance for week 6!
Congratulations to our Year 6 students who achieved 100% attendance for week 7!

**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.

**2016 Open Day**
Friday 25 November is the Moffatdale State School Open Day. From 9:00-11:00am, we will open our school to all potential new enrolments in any year level. Please invite anyone interested in seeing the work our amazing teachers and support staff do! I look forward to welcoming new and existing families for this morning.

**The Joy of Christmas**
As we fly through November and launch into December, a very special event for most families draws near; Christmas. It is a time of joy and giving for many students. At school we see many students wanting to give out cards, candy canes and small gifts to friends. I encourage all parents, carers and students to delay sending any cards and gifts until the final week of school (Monday 5 December). Week 10 has been scheduled as the final school week and provides a great opportunity for alternative learning activities, including Christmas activities. Students will have the opportunity to share the joys of giving during this time and can get into the Christmas spirit before the end of the school year.

**Important Dates:**
- Wednesday 30 November - Year 6 Transition Day to Murgon SHS
- Friday 25 November - Moffatdale Prep-6 Open Day
- Friday 2 December - Upper years swimming carnival (9yrs +) - Wondai Swimming Pool
- Friday 2 December - Year 6 Graduation Celebration - Murgon Motor Inn
- Wednesday 7 December - End of Year Community Celebration Disco - 12:45 – 2:45pm
- Friday 9 December - Term 4 Rewards Day - Aussie World

Aaron Jones,
Principal
Two/Three News

Students in 2/3 have been learning about heat. Our first activity was to brainstorm ways that we could measure temperatures and one way was to use our hands. After much discussion, students decided that this was not always the best way to work out the temperature of things (in Patrick's words—'you could burn your hands off if something is really hot!')

Students were then shown a video about these funny things called 'thermometers' - and using these, we have been able to accurately work out how warm/cool things are. One activity was based on the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. Students were to measure the temperature of porridge over a period of time, record their results and then put them into tables. Thank you to Mrs Wiley for supplying us with the porridge (all of our bellies were grumbling by the end!)

Prep/One News

On Thursday 10 November, Mr Grant Geddes (Cooper's Dad) brought his ambulance to visit our class and talk to us about the role of a Paramedic. A lady at the communications office at the Sunshine Coast spoke to us through the radio and it gave us all a smile! 😊 The class were very excited to be invited to look inside the ambulance and sit on the stretcher bed. It was interesting to see how many things are stored inside an ambulance and we were impressed by how everything was so neat and tidy. Mr Geddes also showed us a special chair that can be used to move people if they are too sick to walk on their own. A Rescue Helicopter also flew over during the visit ~ what great timing! Thank you for visiting, Mr Geddes!

We are fortunate to have all three emergency services represented by the parents in our class this year. Thank you to Mrs Hastie, Kaitlyn's Mum, Mr Wiley, Jerry's Dad and Mr Geddes, Cooper's Dad for their support in helping us to learn about the Police Service, the Fire and Rescue Service and the Ambulance Service this year.
**English:** Students have been working very hard on our English digital animations about an ethical dilemma. Most students are finalising their voice and sound effects and are keen to show their hard work off!

**Business and Economics:** This Term, students have been extra keen to start our new subject Business and Economics. We have been focusing on ways consumers are influenced. Students should be able to describe the 6 ways consumers are influenced:

1. Economic
2. Personal
3. Cultural
4. Social
5. Psychological
6. Environmental

Ask your child to describe how these influence consumer choices.

This week, students learnt about different types of resources (human, environmental and capital). In groups, students played a fun game to see who was the fastest in sorting the different types of resources. Well done to Jacob D & Christine and Georgia & Angel who were the fastest groups!

Date reminders:

**Senior Swimming carnival:** next Friday 2nd Nov 4/5/6

**Year 6 Graduation:** Friday 2nd Nov 6:00pm. RSVP due 28th Nov

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**PBL News**

This fortnights focus skills are:

- Wear our school uniform
- Be ‘Sun Smart’ - wear our hat

**VIVOS** - Students are still regularly receiving Vivos for Positive Behaviours demonstrated in the school grounds and classrooms. We have had a few orders come in from the Vivo store.

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS must go to the following students who have received GOLD Vivo Certificates: Olivia Zelinski, Kiana Rose and Bree Godden. What a fabulous achievement! Gold Vivo Rewards are given to those students who have received 1000 Vivos. REWARDS DAY—Friday 9th December (only 2 weeks away!)

Permission slips were sent home this week for our Rewards Day. Please remember money, medical forms and permission slips are due back this Friday. It is sure to be an exciting day out!

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**EXPECTATIONS**

A very big, 'Thank You!' to all of the parents and friends of Moffatdale SS who attended our Remembrance Day assembly on 11 November. We were honoured to have Mr Trevor Williamson attend our service and we thank him for commemorating this important day with us.

A special acknowledgement to our Student Leaders and selected Year 5 students for their effort in organising and running our assembly.
RBS Dance Academy Presents
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SONGS THAT MAKE YOU WANNA GET UP & DANCE

2016 Annual Dance Concert
Saturday 26th November 6:00pm
Murgon Town Hall

Highschool/Adults - $15.00  Primary School - $12.00  Under School Age – Free
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM PURSERS COACHES

Songs from famous Dance Movies:
Dirty Dancing, Centre Stage, Step Up, Singin’ In The Rain, Flash Dance, Footloose

CHRISTMAS FRIDAY NIGHT - LIVE!

FRIDAY • 2 DECEMBER 2016 • 6PM TO 9PM

Bus pick up from Wondai & Goomeri 5.30PM pick up - 9PM drop off

$5 Member  $7 Non Member

Activities for kids & Much Much More!

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SUNDAY EVENING
NOVEMBER 27
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS
SET PROGRAM
AT NEW HORIZONS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MURGON
FOOD & FAMILY FUN @ 5PM
CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT @ 6PM

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