Principal’s Report
7th February 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to begin my first newsletter as Principal of Moffatdale State School with a HUGE, ‘Thank You,’ to all the wonderful staff, parents and students for the welcome I have received in my first official week. The positive words I heard in advance about the school have been reinforced by the interactions I have had with students, both inside the classroom and during lunch breaks. I am excited by the opportunity to build on the solid foundations laid during the last few years.

Changes to Gift and Talented clubs

In 2014, we will be moving away from weekly Gifted and Talented Clubs. Instead, we will introduce a Gifted and Talented Day each term. This day will be held in the last week of each term and will allow students to choose 3 activities to participate in on that day. Participation in this day will be subject to student behaviour and classroom responsibility targets being met. As the National Curriculum expectation is for Geography to be implemented in 2014, it is necessary to cut back the time spent on Gifted and Talented Clubs. Students will be challenged and extended within their subject areas by their class teachers as required.

School Parade

School leaders will host our school parades weekly on Wednesday afternoons from 2:40-3:00pm. Parents are welcome to attend each week.
School Newsletter

Our school newsletter will be issued monthly in 2014. We will be trialng “frequent updates” to parents via our school Facebook page and on our school website. Please keep an-eye-on these technologies for the latest updates and developments.

After School Pick-Up Processes and Bus Students

On completion of the school day, students will be required to remain in the playground area and will not be allowed to run around the school playing “tag” and other games. This decision has been made to ensure students are in the correct location for pick up by parents and to minimise the chances of any student/s missing the bus. Teachers will speak with students this week regarding the new after school pick-up and bus procedures and expectations.

In the interest of safety and smooth transition to include new staff, like myself and Miss Elliott, Parents are asked to inform the teacher on bus duty before taking students from the school grounds. If a new staff member is on duty, please introduce yourself and your children (we would like the small family atmosphere to continue at this fine school). We are all eager to put names and faces to our school community members.

Choir

This year students will have the opportunity to participate in a school choir. Our choir will be under the supervision of Emma Lucas (Music teacher). Choir will meet Tuesday mornings from 8:00 in the Year 4-7 building. Students from all year levels are welcome to attend.

Important reminders:

- 14th February – Small School Cluster meeting
- 21st February – Small School Swimming Carnival at Wondai Pool – starts 9:15am

Regards,

Aaron Jones
Principal
Moffatdale State School
School News

Our school newsletter is an important communication link between the school and our families. This issue in particular has lots of attachments and forms which we require to be read, completed and/or returned.

We are aiming to have a newsletter out at the end of every month with all the happenings at Moffatdale SS. If you have any questions please give me a call.

Here’s to a wonderful year!
Mrs Caron Granger

Student Resource Scheme
Please find attached an invoice for the 2014 Student Resource Scheme. This scheme is an important part of daily learning in our school as it provides each student the necessary resources required for daily tasks.

We thank our families for their continued support and participation in this scheme.

Health-E-Screen Kids Hearing Screen Program
Once again our school is fortunate to have a Mr Cecil Brown attend to our students hearing needs this term.

I have attached a letter, consent form and brochure for our new Prep families to read, sign and return to ensure their child/ren are part of this program. If you have any questions please contact Cecil on the number provided.

Senior Swimming Carnival
It’s time for our senior students to get on their starting blocks, as the 2014 Small Schools Cluster Swimming Carnival is just around the corner!

Please find attached a permission and information note with all the details of the day.

Change of Student Details
It is very important for families to keep their contact details updated with the school, also to update any student medical conditions. Attached is your child’s profile. Please check and update any information and return it to the school as soon as possible. If there are no changes please still return profiles stating “no changes”.

Instrumental Music

Instrumental Music will be held at Murgon State School on Tuesdays from 1.30 till 3.00. Testing of Year 4 and 5 students will be on Tuesday 11 February. Band members from 2013 commenced lessons on Tuesday 4 February.

There are a number of vacant instrumental positions available for 2014, after the departure of year 7 students, it would be great to have a spread of capable students from across the schools involved in Instrumental Music.

Regards Daniel Bishop, Principal Wheatlands SS

Health Lice Alert

Head lice have been detected at our school. We would appreciate parents checking their little lovelies locks this weekend and if any critters are detected, please treat accordingly. We know we can beat them, we just need to fight them as a united force.

A note has been attached for families to return to the school.

P&C News

In consultation with the Queensland P&C Association, Mr Jones is required to set the date for the P&C’s AGM. The date will be Thursday 27 February at 8:30am. It will then be decided by
the new committee if a General Meeting will follow or a new date and time set.

Our P&C forms an important part of our school and works solely to benefit our students. We are looking for family members to support our P&C by becoming committee members, volunteers and to contribute in a positive manner.

We ask families to please attend this AGM and future meetings and become apart our how our school grows in the future.

Please find attached a P&C membership form for you to complete and return.

Music News

Hi parents and carers

I am so excited to be teaching Music at Moffatdale this year! Having been a classroom teacher for the past 4 years and an avid musician, teaching primary music this year seems like the perfect fit! I am a singer/songwriter and I play the guitar and drums – I have already met all of the students and some of them seem to share an interest in these instruments also!

I will be teaching music across all year levels, both here and at Wondai State School where I am based. Students in each class will be working towards an end-of-semester performance concert where they will showcase their talents for their peers, parents and the wider community. The timetable for my time here at Moffatdale looks like this: P/1: 9-9:30, 2/3: 9:30 – 10, 4-7: 10 – 10:30

I am also eager to run a school choir, which will begin in Week 3 and will run from 8am onwards for students in all year levels. Students may arrive to choir practice at any time – it begins at 8 simply because there is an early bus. Students not catching this bus do not need to arrive at this time if it is not suitable.

If you have the time, please pop in to the music room to say hello before school. I am contactable preferably via email at eluca23@eq.edu.au Mondays – Wednesdays.

I look forward to a creative year ahead at Moffatdale!

Emma Lucas

Prep / Year 1 News:

The preps are settling into their first year of school nicely and are enjoying building on their fine motor skills, concentration and gross motor skills.

The year ones are thoroughly enjoying being ‘the big kids’ now, and are having a great time showing our new-comers what life at school is like while we focus on reading strategies, letter sound knowledge and writing ability.

We look forward to showing you some of our work in the coming weeks.

Year 2 / 3

Welcome to year 2/3 for 2014. What a start to the year we have had! Students have been busy getting used to new rules and routines in our classroom. The year 2s now seem like they have been part of the room forever!

In English the main focus has been on spelling. Students can identify syllables in words, how many sounds make up the syllables and also locate the vowels and consonants in the words. We will begin rotations next week where students will be working on Reading Eggs and
Spelling City on the computer, learning about grammar, reading with similar levelled peers and practising their spelling.

In Maths, students will work on Mathletics on the computer and work in smaller groups with a teacher or a teacher aide.

Our Science unit looks at plants and how they grow. Students already have some bean plants shooting (photo of Jacob and his bean plant). They will record the growth and then discuss ways they could change this experiment to see if the plant would still grow.

History takes us back in time as we look at how technology has changed over time. Students love talking about what school was like back in the ‘olden days’ and have kept me amused as 1983 (the year I was born) was a very, very, very long time ago! I do try to tell them that dinosaurs WEREN’T around back then!

If you would like to help in the classroom or would just like to come in for a visit, please feel free to come up and see me and we can come to an arrangement.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Michaela Taylor for her birthday during the holidays in January.

Miss Payne and Mrs Sippel

Community News

The Ration Shed Museum & The Cherbourg Community Health Centre

Join us at the Ration Shed Museum at 11am on 25 Feb to commemorate the National Apology.

As part of the Celebration we are launching our latest publication: “On the Banks of the Barambah” a pictorial history of Barambah/Cherbourg. A light finger lunch will be served at 12.30pm. The program includes: Welcome to Country, The Barambah dancers, a short film - “The Early Days”

A brief open-mic session about what the apology means to us as Australians –The book launch – “On the Banks of the Barambah”

Please RSVP if you can come Contact: The Ration Shed Museum – 41695753 or email us – rationshed@bigpond.com

Unity Care – Community presents

Women’s Personal Development Program - This eight week program is designed to provide fellowship, encouragement, support and information to strengthen and equip women in all aspects of their lives.

Morning tea provided - This is a free service.

Thur 9.30a.m. -12 pm - 13th Feb – 3rd Apr 2014

Venue: 1 Victoria St, Kingaroy phone: 4160 4600

Limited numbers so please book early

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Murgon: After school junior tennis lessons will begin during the 2nd week of the school term. This year, classes will be on a Monday and will start Monday, 3 February 2014 and will be held at the Murgon Tennis Courts, Gore Street, Murgon.

Lessons will be at a cost of $8.50 per child for a 45 minute class. Fees will be charged by term account

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payable by the 3rd lesson of each term. Wet days will either be re-scheduled or refunded.

Please contact Leanne Sippel on 4169 5930 or 0438 684 705 E leannesippel@hotmail.com

Murgon & District CC - Junior Cricket training will commence Thursday, 30 January from 4 - 5 pm

Karate in Murgon - Shorinjiryu Karate is a discipline that advocates the development of a strong mind & body. Far from being a violent method of fighting, it teaches humility, with confidence & courage, respect for oneself & others, & self defence with respect for the value of life.

Study of karate has been shown to be beneficial in promoting better body movement, stronger mental strength and improve discipline. Use it to enhance your technique and footwork for other sport, or for general life skills and self defence.

Shorinjiryu Karate is offered on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at the Anglican Parish Church Hall, Murgon from 5.15 pm. Classes will commence on Tuesday, 4 February. Classes are $6 for all children up to 18 and $7 for adults over 18. Family classes are offered for $14 per night. Annual Membership is also required at a cost of $35 juniors and $55 adults. Please contact Leanne on 0438 684 705 or via email leannesippel@hotmail.com

Kingaroy Touch Football Association - Junior touch football training and Senior touch football fixtures are run on a Monday evening at Lyle Vidler Oval in Kingaroy during the school year. For anyone who would like their child/children to participate, or to submit a senior team, please contact any of the below coaches. Please contact: Bill and Leesa Johnston 0427 237 071 or Kelly Payne 0407 582 309 Katy Payne 0408 301 040

Pursers Coaches

Upcoming Concert Events
DOLLY PARTON – Sat, 22 Feb 2014
Brisbane Entertainment Centre

DANIEL O’DONNELL – Sat 8 Mar 2014
Brisbane Convention Centre

THE KING & I – Sat 19 Apr 2014
QPAC Theatre

Upcoming Tours
Canberra Highlights (including Floriade)
15 Sep - 19 Sep 2014

Great Southern Route (including Kangaroo Island & the Great Ocean Road)
25 Oct to 5 Nov 2014

For more information Contact Pursers Coaches on 41681533 purserscoaches@bigpond.com