Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to a new term! Term 4 has begun in a whirlwind of work, excitement and anticipation for students and staff alike. We are back into the “swing-of-things” and are well on our way to a successful end of the school year. Our school community has much to look forward to during this busy and eventful Term and I look forward to sharing these exciting times with you and your families. Please take careful note of the Key Dates listed below.

School Improvement

Spelling Mastery

Students will begin their new Spelling Mastery Levels in the coming weeks. These levels will run throughout Term 4 and into Term 1, 2015. All of our students have achieved mastery in their previous level and are excited to begin their new work. I encourage parents to talk to their child (children) about their level and follow up with your child’s teacher if you have further questions.

School Rules

Safe  Responsible  Respectful

Term 4 has brought with it, a “reset,” to Token Counts and all students have had their token counts reset to zero. This term students will be aiming to receive an invitation to our Rewards Day that will take place in week 10. Already, many students have worked hard on increasing their attendance and applying their best effort during class time and in the playground in order to increase their Token Count.

Criteria for the Term 4 Rewards Day is as follows:

- Student must earn 150 tokens by week 9.
- Student must have 90% attendance up to the end of week 9 (students can have up to 5 days off this term). Students who do not have an attendance of 90% or more will not be eligible to receive an invitation to the rewards day. Students who are absent due to illness must produce a medical
certificate or speak to their class teacher.

- Students must not receive any Major Incident referrals for behaviour.

Student Absences

At Moffatdale State School we aim to have every child attend school each day. Therefore we have set a 100% attendance target for our students. As mentioned above, this focus has now been linked with our end of term Rewards Day.

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.

Centenary Meeting

The next Centenary meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Thursday 13 November at Moffatdale State School. We encourage any previous students, staff and community members to be involved and come along to this meeting. Every little bit helps to make these events successful.

P & C Meeting

A reminder to any interested parents or community members that the next meeting will be held on 23 October at 8:30am at Moffatdale State School in the administration building. We look forward to seeing some new faces.

Student Free Day

Monday 20 October will be a student free day. There will be no supervision offered as staff will be taking part in Cluster Moderation activities. Please ensure you make suitable arrangements for this day.

Term 4 Swimming

Swimming will take place on Wednesday 5 October and Wednesday 12 October from 11:30-2pm. Our school will travel together on the bus and then split into smaller instructional groups when we arrive at Goomeri pool. Further information will be available in the following weeks about the equipment required etc. If you are interested in assisting on either or both of these days please contact your child’s teacher.

Key dates:

- Friday 17th October – Interschool sport starts for Year 5, 6 and 7 students
- Monday 20th October – Student Free Day – Moderation Day for teachers
- Thursday 23rd October – P&C Meeting
- Wednesday 5th November – Swimming begins
- Wednesday 12th November – Swimming concludes
- Thursday 13th November – Centenary meeting
- Thursday 20th November – P&C Meeting
- Friday 21st November – Prep Open Day
- Thursday 27th November – Small School Swimming Carnival
- Thursday 4th December – Centenary Meeting
- Friday 5th December – Interschool Sport
- Wednesday 10th December – Rewards Day
- Thursday 11th December – Year 6/7 Farewell Dinner

Regards,

Aaron Jones,
Principal

School News

Water Bottles

With the summer months getting closer we are suggesting students bring a water bottle to school to have on their desks. This will help to keep them adequately hydrated during class time. Please ensure your child’s name is written on the bottle.

School Banking

The Commonwealth Bank is running another amazing promotion to reward regular saving. The exciting news is that the Dollarmites have found the ancient Clam of Fortune, a mythical shell packed with precious prizes.

To be in the running to win a prize, students simply need to make a School Banking deposit between 20th Oct and 30th Nov, they will automatically be entered into the competition. The more times they deposit, the more chances they have to win.

Prep Open Day

We have set the date for our Prep Open Day at Moffatdale State School for Friday 21st November from 9:00am to 11:00am.

It is always an exciting morning for our new “preppies”. Please look for further details and invitations in the coming weeks!

School Health

Barambah Health Clinic offers our community with a wonderful service which is extended to regular visits to local schools. The clinic comes to our school most Tuesdays and Thursdays and provides our students with skin check ups and treatments.

The team also provides us with information sheets on different ailments which can affect the well being of our students. Recently there has been information sought regarding worms and how they can impact on the behavior and general well being of the whole family. Some symptoms include restless sleep, loss of appetite and irritability, as well as the tell tale signs of an itchy bottom.

Barambah Health Clinic has sourced some articles and fact sheets which are available to view and or copy in the school office. Please do not hesitate to contact our school or Barambah Health Clinic for further information.
The prep and year one students are privileged to have had a visit from the local Fire Brigade. We learned a lot about how to stay safe around fires and the difference between good fires and bad fires. We learned to “Get down low and GO, GO, GO!”

And to “Stop, drop and roll.”

The students also got to have a look inside the big fire engine.

And most exciting of all, everybody got to have a turn of putting out fire.

2/3 News!

Welcome back to our last term of the year. This term is sure to be busy!

Science: Students will be looking at Olympic Science. The assessment task will be for students to design and demonstrate a mini Olympic event. They will be assessed on labelled diagrams of the event, a demonstration of the event and an explanation of the forces (push, pull, twist) involved.

Geography: Students will pose and respond to questions about a location in the world, including influences/connections for people living there.

English: Students have read the story ‘Hey, Little Ant’ by P. and H. Hoose and will write a persuasive letter to the kid in the story explaining whether or not he should or should not step on the ant.

Maths: Students will look at fractions, chance, time, graphing and location. We will continue to work on Mathletics activities and getting more certificates.

Spelling: Students will move into their new Spelling Mastery groups in week 3. Well done to those students who have progressed through this program.

Homework this term will be slightly different as students will receive comprehension task sheets in place of home readers. We will also have a Thursday to Thursday week – so please return homework on Thursdays. We will send it home each Friday.

Well done to Matilda for being our highest token earner in week one.
Happy birthday to Charlie, Ella, Kaitlyn, Matilda and Mrs Sippel who all have their birthdays in October.

(The following pictures are a variety from Term 3 rewards day and Talk like a pirate day)

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Geography: students are investigating human and environmental characters and how people have affected the environmental changes

Design and Technology: students have started to create different paddle pop stick creations and are writing a set of instructions.

Maths: currently students are completing our Volume and Capacity units and Fractions

Come in and check out our classroom and learning!

Year 4-7 News!

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TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs.

Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and USA will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family.

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Thursday’s 3.30pm—5pm
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$6.00 Non Member