**Principal’s Report**
Dear Parents/Guardians,

**School Improvement**

Students are continuing to work through their new levels of Spelling Mastery with great success thus far. Our CARS & STARS groups are currently in the process of benchmark testing (mid program testing) to gauge distance travelled/improvement. It will be very exciting to see how far our students have come after participating in these explicit instruction programs.

**Enrolments**

As you may be aware Moffatdale State School is currently under an Enrolment Management Plan. This plan only needs to be enforced once our enrolment numbers reach a specified number. Currently we have capacity to enroll students that reside out of the catchment area for 2015. If you know of anyone wishing to join the Moffatdale Family, please advise them to contact the office for more information about enrolling their child/children at our amazing school.

**School Rules**

Safe  Responsible  Respectful

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.

2015 Staff Changes

Moffatdale State School will sadly say, goodbye, to Miss Belinda Elliot at the end of this year, as she has been successful in her transfer request. Miss Elliott has been a welcome and valuable staff member this year and has done wonderful work in the Prep/1 classroom. We wish Miss Elliot the best of luck at her new school in 2015.

Our new teacher for 2015, in the Prep/1 classroom is Miss Emma Walters. Miss Walters is an experienced Prep/1 teacher who will bring with her a wealth of knowledge and ideas to our school. We look forward to welcoming her into our school over the remainder of term 4.

P & C Meeting

At the latest P&C meeting it was decided that the school book resource fee for 2015 and beyond would increase from $60 to $90 in order to cover the cost of consumable items that students will use over the course of a school year. As a school we strive to limit the cost of schooling for our parents and ensure we provided the best possible educational experiences. The support of ALL families in participating in the resource program ensures the continued success of this arrangement.

A reminder to any interested parents or community members that the next meeting will be held on 20 November at 8:30am at Moffatdale State School in the administration building. We look forward to seeing some new faces.

Key dates:

- Thursday 20 November – P&C Meeting
- Thursday 27 November – Small School Swimming Carnival (Prep-3) Note to be sent home.
- Thursday 4 December – Centenary Meeting
- Friday 5 December – Interschool Sport - Year 5-7
- Tuesday 9 December – P&C End of year Christmas Party
- Wednesday 10 December – Rewards Day
- Thursday 11 December – Year 6/7 Farewell Dinner

Regards,

Aaron Jones, Principal
School News

Prep Open Day

Our Prep Open Day at Moffatdale State School for Friday 21st November from 9:00am to 11:00am.

Children born 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2011 are eligible.

Tell your friends and family with children looking for a place in Prep 2015 to come and explore the hidden treasures of Moffatdale State School!

News from the Art Room

Hi parents, the year 4-7 class are going to be creating table decoartions for the end of year celebrations.

We would love any donations of empty jars, labels cleaned off and washed to help us with this project. We need to collect about 40 so each student can have 2 each.

Thanks, Teresa Hankinson

Thank You

A BIG THANK YOU to Marilyn Sippel and Cheryl Lorkin for the donation of garden plants from their step dad Arthur Andrews, who past away in July. Arthur was a very keen gardener who cared for his plants with tender care.

We hope they will keep growing and make our school look awesome for our coming Centenary.

A BIG THANK YOU also to Carol Watters, our school gardener, who spent many hours transplanting them into the gardens. All we need now is a good shower or two of rain.

Unexplained Absences

Thank you to parents who ring the school or send a note to let us know their child is absent from school.

There are instances when it may slip your mind and in this busy term it does happen. If you find an unexplained absence letter attached to this newsletter, we ask you to complete the reason for the absence and return it to the school as soon as possible.

Remember we are aiming for 90% for the whole school as well as individual students.

Students Transitioning

Murgon State High School administration would like to remind families to return all forms required for enrolment in 2015.

The main form still required is the Enrolment Procedures/Intention of Enrolment. This will assist Murgon SHS in being prepared in advance for the new students to arrive.

Also, in the past we have found that some parents do in fact assume that enrolment is automatic when a student leaves the primary school to go into High School, this is of course not the case. They must enrol here at Murgon High.

Thank you for your assistance.

Every Day Counts  By: Keturah Lea - Year 4

Happiness, laughter, a bright future, education is important but you need to go to school every day to experience it. So students, go to school! Have fun, every day. Encourage your friends to go to school and they can experience happiness, laughter and a bright education. Education is important so go to school every day.
The prep and year one students have been learning how to write persuasive letters. As a practise, they wrote a letter to Miss Elliott trying to convince her not to give them homework. Have a look at some of the hilarious letters.

I should not get homework because I just like to play at home ~ Julia

I should not get homework because I have to help mum and dad feed the poddy calf ~ Bree

I have to feed my dog, so I’m too busy. ~ Lachlan

If you don’t give me homework, I would give you free food at Dusty Hill~ Cael

I already know so many sight words, so I don’t need homework. ~ Hannah

I should not get homework because my mum is too busy with 8 kids. ~ Barbara

We are busy working on assessment items for each of our units.

Students have labelled diagrams and demonstrated push, pull and twist in different movements for science.

In Geography, students had to select a different country that they were to ‘pretend’ to come from and then interview their peers to find out how they were connected to that particular place. This week we will give oral presentations on our findings.

Math lessons have been going well with students reading times on clocks and working through chance and data activities.
In English, we are busy finishing our rough drafts and good copies of letters to the kid from the story ‘Hey, Little Ant’, with some of the letters convincing the kid to squish the ant and the other letters convincing him why he should not.

We are also well on our way to achieving Gold Rewards in the classroom with some students now only needing 9 or less tokens to get to 150.

Christmas activities will soon begin so be prepared for glittery faces!

Our Highest Token Earners for Term 4.

Week One   Matilda
Week Two   Matilda
Week Three   Lily
Week Four   Leilani
Week Five   Harry
Week Six   Mason

The year 6/7s are completing an independent investigation.

The year 6/7s have enjoyed attending three introduction days to high school. They have learnt about what to expect in high school and have got to know the school and teachers. They have one more day to attend before the end of the year.

**Community News**

**MURGON BLUE LIGHT DISCO**

When: 21ST NOVEMBER 2014  
Where: Diggers Room, Murgon RSL  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm  
Who: Ages Prep to 13 years  
Cost: $5.00 entry (includes a Hot Dog)

__Thank you the community for your support__

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Students in 4 -7 have been very busy! We are currently completing lots of different tasks. For Science, we are undertaking our own Science investigation.

Students have chosen an Olympic sport and need to change one variable and reflect what happens to the force.

The year 4/5s are exploring what happens to running 50 metres when different shoes are worn.