**Principal’s Report**  
28 March 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As Term 1 comes to an end, I would like to wish all of the Moffatdale families a very happy and safe Easter. Term 2 will be upon us in the blink-of-an-eye with more fun filled adventures in education. I urge all families to keep in touch with your class teacher/s regarding your child’s progress throughout the term. Our teachers are happy to communicate with parents in many ways; phone, email or face to face meetings (please book times with teachers ahead of time). I encourage all parents to attend our Book Fair celebrations on Wednesday 2nd April, as well as the end of Term ‘Jump-Off’ on Friday 4th April. I am very much looking forward to the ‘Parent Participation Session’ from 2-3pm. I am sure there are many parents and guardians out there looking forward to showing our current students their sublime skipping skills!

**School Improvement**

Our students have been actively engaging in our new spelling program for a number of weeks now, with many students achieving top marks in their assigned levels. Students will complete weekly testing, every Friday, as part of the Spelling Mastery program. Our early spellers have been enjoying the phonemic awareness program being run by Miss Elliott in the Prep/1 room.

All students have been placed into their specific reading comprehension groups and we are eagerly awaiting our CARS & STARS resources in order to begin our explicit teaching of reading strategies in Term 2.
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. In Term 2, we will be reviving our class attendance trophy. So, I encourage all students to make ‘every day count’ and ‘get to school!’ We have also introduced new awards; Mathletics (Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards) and a ‘Top of the Leaderboard’ Literacy Planet Award. Students wanting to achieve one of these awards need to be actively using Mathletics and Literacy Planet at home. This is a great way for students to engage in fun educational games and activities with parents. If your child does not know their login, please contact your class teacher.

School Newsletter

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, our publication will become a monthly event in 2014. We will be trialling frequent updates to parents via our school Facebook page and school website. Please keep an eye on these technologies for the latest updates and developments. Please be patient with admin staff during the transition as it is for the benefit of the school community that this decision has been made.

Choir

Mrs Emma Lucas (Music teacher) would like to remind all students interested in attending Choir that the choir meets Tuesday mornings from 8:30 in the year 4-7 building. Students from all year levels are welcome to attend.

2014 Canberra Camp

A meeting will be held on Monday 31st March at St Josephs for a 5.30 start. This meeting is for all parents and carers of students attending Canberra in August. The camp is for students in years 5-7. I look forward to seeing all parents of camp students at this meeting.

Jump Rope for Heart

Students have recently had a visit from the Jump Rope for Heart team. Our school will be participating in the Jump Rope for Heart ‘Jump Off’ fundraiser this term on Friday 4 April. This year the foundation will give back to the school, 50% of all monies raised. The school will also be providing a prize for the student raising the most money in two age groups; Prep-2 and Year 3-7. Students will be provided with instruction and practice time before school, during lunch times and during HPE times. All students are encouraged to participate and raise money for the school and cardiovascular research.
Book Fair

The 2014 Book Fair doors were opened for a pre-sale this morning showcasing the great variety of books available to purchase. Students have already begun to notice many, many books being unloaded and set up in the music room. Students will be given the chance to write down their very own ‘wish list!!’ These lists will be used to persuade their loving parents to buy numerous books (we hope!). The Book Fair will officially be open for purchases from Monday 31 March from 8-9am daily. Final purchases will conclude Friday 4 April at 11am. Student Council will run a themed-dress day on Wednesday 2nd April and ask students to dress up as their favourite story book character and to bring a gold coin donation.

Mother’s Day Stall

Our P&C will be conducting a Mother’s Day Stall on Friday 9 May. Students will be able to choose from a range of quality gifts for $2, $3 or $4. Students will also be able to purchase a meal-deal to celebrate Mother’s Day; a sausage roll and popper will be available for $3.

Important reminders:

- 31st March – Parent Information Meeting regarding Canberra Camp, 5:30pm at St Joseph’s, Murgon
- 2nd April – Dress-Up Day for the Book Fair – Parade – Gold Coin Donation
- 4th April- ‘Jump Off’ Day – Parent Participation Session (have-a-go) - 2-3pm
- 27th April – Small School Cross Country - Cloyna
- 9th May – Mother’s Day Stall and Student Meal Deal Day

Regards,

Aaron Jones

Principal
Moffatdale State School
School News

School Photos Postponed

Due to the wonderful rain our area received over the past few days, it was decided too wet and muddy to take school photos. We are hoping to reschedule for early in Term 2 and will advise families as soon as a date is set.

Year 5-7 Sydney/Canberra Camp Meeting

Information evening this Monday, 31st March at St Joseph’s Murgon for a 5:30pm start.

Our Easter Book fair
March 31st-April 4th

Dear Parents,

As part of our Easter celebrations in the last week of this term, we will be running our Scholastics Book fair for 2014.

This book fair allows us to raise funds to purchase new and interesting books for our students to read and use in class.

Parents and students will be able to come along and purchase books starting on Monday 31st March through to Friday morning the 4th April.

With all sales we gain a percentage that teachers can then spend on new books for their class room.

Last year our School was able to sell $2000 worth of books which then gave each classroom teacher $250 to spend on books.

We are hoping to do the same again this year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Along with this, there will be a variety of competitions the students can enter to win book vouchers worth $20.00 each.

Book fair Co-ordinator, Teresa Hankinson.

Jump Rope For Heart

Hi Kids! How are your skipping tricks going?

Can you do double-unders and criss-cross yet? It’s not long until your Jump Off day, so keep practising.

Have you got any sponsors yet? Why not get Mum and Dad to help you use the computer to get online sponsors.

It’s easy and it’s fun!! Log on to: www.heartfoundation.org.au/sites/jumpropeforheart and follow the directions!

Only one sponsorship form per family was sent out with our last newsletter, so if any students would like their own Jump Rope For Heart Sponsorship form, please see Mrs Lorkin.

Cross Country & Ball Games

The first Thursday back in Term 2 April 24th, will see our school participate in the Small Schools Cross Country and Ball Games at Cloyna State School.

A note will be sent home to families next week to confirm student participation and transport requirements. Our students have already begun training before school each morning.

P&C News

Thank you to the families who have
sent in their donations and raffle tickets for our Multi Draw Easter Raffle. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 2nd April during parade.

**Prep-1 News** - The past week in prep/one science class has been very exciting for us as we have begun our guided investigation into plant growth. To do this, we have planted radish seeds in pots and placed the pots in different areas of the school.

One pot is under the shade of a tree. We predicted that that plant would not grow because it would get shade and water, but not enough sun light. And much to our surprise, we have found our prediction to be inaccurate. Our plant has in fact grown!

We placed another pot on the school oval where it had no shade. We predicted that the seed will grow into a small plant but would later get too hot and die as it has a lot of sun shine and no shade. So far, our prediction for this plant has been accurate.

We put another pot inside the classroom next to the window. We predicted that this seed would grow into a healthy plant because it has just the right amount of sunlight, just the right amount of shade, and of course - the right amount of water. Our prediction was accurate. We have a healthy Radish plant growing inside our classroom. We have predicted what our plants will look like in a weeks’ time and we can’t wait to see if our predictions are accurate.

**Year 2/3 News** - It is nearly the end of Term 1. How time has flown by! Units for the term are coming to a close which means assessment pieces are being finalised.

Students are to be congratulated on the hard work that they have put in over the past 9 weeks. They have all earnt their holiday that is for sure!

Science: Students have now been growing bean seeds in different materials. One group has used hay, another has used cotton balls, one has used berries from a tree and the final group decided to try tissue. We will watch these over the next few days and write down what happens.

History: We have had to write a narrative about what life would be like without electricity. Students were amazed to think of all the things we use in our daily life that use electricity. Our whiteboard was full of our ideas!

English: After comparing 2 wolves in two different versions of the three little pigs, students are now writing about which wolf they preferred and why. We have scaffolded the writing so that students can put their own ideas in. It has been very interesting to see through the students eyes as they talk about what they can see in the different texts.

Maths: Mathletics is still the hot topic in our math sessions. Trying to reach 1000 points may seem like a big task, but most students achieve this by our Friday lesson. Congratulations to those who have received bronze certificates throughout the term. We also just recently bought a case of different dice – from our normal 6 sided dice through to a 20 sided dice. We enjoy rolling these and adding or subtracting numbers away.
Technology: After potting a plant and caring for it, it will be time for students to bring their flowers home. Some students have had better luck than others – with the best quote being ‘maybe if I had watered it, it wouldn’t look so dead!’ Happy birthday to Angus and Breeanna

**Year 4-7 News** - The 4-7 students would like to thank-you for contributing to our recycled pots collection. Students have started making different recycled materials and are coming up with many different ideas.

**Community News**

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**Pursers Coaches**

**Upcoming Events**
- Sat 12 Apr - Eumundi Markets
- Sat 19 Apr - THE KING & I
- Sat 17 May - Mystery Trip
- Sat 7 Jun - Scrapbook & Paper Expo
- 13 - 15 Jun - 3-Day Fraser Island Getaway

**Upcoming Tours**
- 15-19 Sep - Canberra Highlights 25 Oct – 5 Nov - Great Southern Route including Kangaroo Island & the Great Ocean Road)

For more information
Contact Pursers Coaches
Telephone: 07 – 41681533

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**Barambah Cluster Support Team**

**Administration Officer AO2**

Based at Murgon State School

A position for 20 hours per f/n to provide clerical and administrative support to a team of cluster based specialist officers. This position will commence Term 2 2014 till 12 December 2014.

Applicants should have the required skills for general office duties. We are seeking a responsible, reliable person with good communication skills. Good computer skills (Word, Excel/Powerpoint) are also essential.

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**Bushies’ High Tea and Charity Quilt Auction**

**Proudly supporting Beyond Blue**

Come and join us for an evening of fun and entertainment – featuring Mike O’Byrne

To be held at - THE QUILTER’S REST
562 Weens Road, Kingaroy
On - March 29th, 2014 – At 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Cost - $15.00 per head (preview quilts 20-22 March)
At Uniting Church Hall, Alford St
RSVP: Marion on 4162 3987
or info@quiltersrest.com.au

Men In the Shed....All Men & young Blokes are invited to the 25th meeting of the Barambah Shed Men...

Where: Eric Schliff’s place 13 Dalkie St Goomeri.
When: 12th April from 5pm
Guests: Eric Schliff & Kedron Taylor
Cost: $10 includes meal, dessert, soft drinks, tea/coffee (under 15 free)
RSVP: 7th April
Glen Vanhoff 4168 4134
David Mollenhauer 4168 5912

Join us now...Get fit, Have Fun and Feel fabulous!

Contact: ZUMBA SOUTH BURNETT on 0408598505

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**Wondai Regional Art Gallery**

“Kids On Tour – CAI GUO-QIANG”
Free Family Fun!!!!!
Sat 12 April from 9:30am to 1:00pm