Principal’s Report
7 March 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Many exciting events and achievements have taken place since our last newsletter. On Tuesday 25th February, our School Leaders attended an event at the Ration Shed to recognise the historic ‘Sorry’ Announcement by former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd. Our School Leaders spoke to the community, about what they believed the announcement meant to indigenous people in Australia, local communities and also to themselves. They did an amazing job and should be highly commended for their efforts.

Swimming Carnival

The Small School Swimming Carnival provided an opportunity for our young Super Fish to compete alongside other students from our cluster in a variety of strokes, over varying distances. Moffatdale State School was represented by students born in 2005 onwards; by a small team that was big on spirit. We had some success in the mixed team relays with a 1st, 2nd and a 3rd across the age groupings. An amazing individual performance saw Miss Grace Hankinson take out 11yrs Age Champion. Well Done Grace!

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March
- Book Club Orders Due 14/3
- P&C Meeting 27/3 8:30am
- School Photos 28/3
- 5-7 Camp Information Meeting 31/3
- Book Fair 31/3-3/4

April
- End of Term Assembly 2/4
- Jump Off 4/4
- End of Term 1 4/4

Attachments:
- 2014 Permission Letter
- Book Club
- Jump Rope for Heart Sponsorship Form
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. We have had a number of small performances, including skipping and dancing. There are some “rumours” floating around that our newly formed choir may make a special presentation in the near future as well. That will be something to see and hear!

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 out 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.

After School Pick-Up Processes and Bus Students

School staff have noticed a significant improvement in after-school behaviour from our students. Parents are also doing a wonderful job of picking-up their children on time and informing the teacher on duty that they have collected their child/children. It is a great opportunity for parents to quickly chat with members of our school staff and make yourself known to our newer staff. On a personal note, a huge, “thank you,” to the parents who have taken the time to introduce themselves to me whilst I have been on duty.

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 31 March at St Josephs, Murgon, for a 3:30pm start. This meeting is for all parents and carers of students attending the Canberra Camp in August.

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 (April 2nd). This year the foundation will give back to the school 50% of all monies raised. The school will also provide 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 practise 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. A sponsorship form it attached.

**Book Week/Book Fair**

It is just around the corner; the event every school student loves; BOOK WEEK! The cries of ‘yay’ sing out across our classrooms with this announcement! Once again, Book Week will take over a classroom at Moffatdale with students encouraged to buy new books in which to read, engage and share with friends. Our book week will commence Monday 31st March and final purchases will conclude Thursday 3rd April. There will be a themed dress up day on Wednesday 2nd April.

Important reminders:

- 27th March – P&C Meeting 8:30am – All welcome
- 28th March – School Photos
- 31st March – Parents information meeting regarding Canberra Camp 3:30pm at St Joseph’s, Murgon
- 2nd April – Themed Dress for Book Week
- 4th April – Jump-Off Fundraiser Day / Last day of term
- 24th April – Term 2 - Small School Cross Country

Regards,

Aaron Jones
Principal
Moffatdale State School

Photos of our relay teams at the swimming carnival 😊
**School News**

**Welcome to our New P&C Committee**

Moffatdale State School would like to congratulate the following elected members to our P&C Association for 2014:

- Cynthia Godden  President
- Candice Sippel  Vice President
- Stacey Taylor  Secretary
- Carly Ackinclose  Treasurer Fundraising & Uniforms
- Jennifer Zelinski

We would like to welcome the committee to Moffatdale State School and look forward to supporting them throughout the year.

**2014 Permission Letters**

A requirement of schools is to seek consent from parents and carers of students for the following:

- Media Report
- DVD production
- Internet Access
- Religious Instruction

A permission letter is attached to be completed, signed and returned to school for audit purposes.

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

**Year 5-7 Sydney/Canberra Meeting**

Please note an information meeting will be held Monday 31 March at St Joseph’s Murgon for a 5:30pm start. This meeting is for all parents and carers of students attending Canberra/Sydney school camp in August.

**School Photos**

School Photos will be held Friday 28 March.

It would be great if we had 100% attendance for this yearly event. We ask parent to have students dressed in school uniform.

**P&C News**

**Uniform Committee**

The Uniform Committee has the following items available to purchase at cost price:

- Girl’s Skorts
- Tailored Shorts
- Rugby Knit Shorts
- Stretch Boot Leg Pants

There are still a limited number of the old style yellow school shirts available for $10.

We also have 2nd hand stock available for sale.

A uniform morning will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 8:30am to 9:30am starting Tuesday 11th March.

If you are unable to come to the school please send a note to school with your child, along with payment and we will send the uniform home. Please note – no uniforms will be handed out without full payment.

New winter uniforms will be available for purchase in the next few weeks.

**Easter Raffle**

The P&C Committee will hold a Multi Draw Easter Raffle this term. We ask families to donate Easter eggs, treats, condiments, Easter decorations and baskets, etc to the value of $5. We ask donations to be sent to the school by Friday 28 March. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 2 April during parade.

Raffle tickets will be sent home next week.
**Prep-1 News**

Hello from prep/one. This week we have wish happy birthday to Chloe Sippel and Parker Alexander.

In our English lessons we have been studying the book called ‘I’m the best’, by Lucy Cousins. Over the past couple of weeks, we have been studying the characters emotions as well as learning all about verbs and nouns and have been doing a great job of finding these special words in the book.

In maths we are enjoying focussing on numbers. We can skip count in fives and tens, we can count backwards and we can even count to one hundred!

In our science lessons, we have been learning all about plants. This week, we practised drawing labelled diagrams of a flower. Check out some of the amazing work we have done.

**Year 2 / 3 News**

2/3 have been very busy learning in the classroom.

We have stepped back in time in our history lessons and placed objects onto timelines. It is very interesting to see what features have changed and stayed the same.

Science lessons continue to focus on plants and we are learning new big words such as germinate and pollinate.

In technology, students potted out gazanias and we are now ensuring that they stay alive (as long as we remember to water them occasionally!)

We have read through 2 different versions of the 3 little pigs and have pulled apart the text so that we can understand the tricky words.

We are now comparing the 2 wolves in each story.

Maths rotations are a lot of fun, with students adding, subtracting and counting each day.

Mathletics, Spelling City and Reading Eggs are the 3 main programs we access on the computers. Most students enjoy being challenged to beat previous high scores and some have been lucky enough to get certificates.

Happy birthday to Cooper for his birthday in February.

**Year 4-7 News**

On a Thursday and Friday students in year 4-7 have been exploring shape. Last week students were challenged to create different 3D shapes using toothpicks and plasticine.

Year 4-7s have just started a new Design and Technology unit, each student will create a functional pot for small plants and seedlings using recycled materials. We are asking all families to collect any recyclable materials for students to use. Items could include: boxes, sponges, plastic containers, metal containers and
other random materials students could manipulate. We thank you in advance for your contribution!

**Community News**

**Pursers Coaches**

**Upcoming Concert Events**
- 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

**Calendar Girls**

*More...NEW ZUMBA® CLASSES*

- Mon...Murgon PCYC 4.15pm-5pm
- Mon...Wondai Town Hall 6.30pm-7.30pm
- Tues...Wondai Town Pool 6pm-6.45pm
- Wed...Wondai Town Hall 6.15pm-7.15pm

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

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Junior Golf Lessons available at the Murgon Golf Club this Sunday commencing at 9am.
Cost of $5.00 per child

**Murgon Blue Light Disco** – Diggers Room Murgon RSL - Fri 21 March 6:30-8:30pm
Cost $5.00 includes a hot dog