Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are now half way through term 2 and there are many exciting developments happening at Moffatdale State School. Students continue to be engaged in interactive and informative lessons within our Key Learning areas and our explicit teaching of spelling and reading is well underway. The most exciting news is that our new positive behaviour rewards system has begun and students are trying their very best to receive tokens for displaying the behaviours of a “Good Learner;” Being Safe, Being Responsible and Being Respectful.

School Improvement

Students have completed their CARS and STARS pre-tests and will participate in focused comprehension lessons every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All students will begin by learning the skills to effectively identify the main idea of a text. This skill will be taught for 2 weeks. Students will then undertake a review to see how well they have grasped this new skill.

Teaching & Learning/Discipline Audits

Our Teaching and Learning Audit and Discipline Audit will occur on Tuesday 3 June 2014. The Teaching and Learning Audit will place our procedures and programs under the microscope and help us to improve the way we educate our students at Moffatdale State School. The Discipline Audit will review our processes regarding values, expectations, consequences and communication around behaviour at Moffatdale State School. During the audit process some parents may be interviewed in-person or via a phone call from the auditor. Please be honest and open with the auditor as it is part of the process and ensures open and honest improvement advice.

School Rules

Students are now being reminded of our school rules and being rewarded for displaying them, at all times, in our school. Our school rules are examples of
what “good learners” do. Good learners are;

**Safe**

**Responsible**

**Respectful**

The rules above are colour coded to represent our new ‘token’ system which allows students to earn tokens for displaying positive behaviour inside and outside the classroom. Staff are eager to give out tokens to students ‘caught’ displaying these positive behaviours and ensuring Moffatdale remains a positive and friendly place to learn. Students will be rewarded for collecting ‘tokens’ by accessing reward levels; each offering students exciting and fun opportunities or prizes. Stay tuned for more exciting developments around behaviour, rewards and the success of our students.

**Student Absences**

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.

**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.

**Lost Property**

We are experiencing an increase in the amount of lost property recently, as the mornings are getting colder. Please ensure all property is clearly labelled with your child’s name, so items left behind after activities such as PE and outside play, can be returned to their owners. Parents are advised to regularly check the lost property for any items that their child may be missing.

**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.

**Jump Rope for Heart**

We have some winners!! Thank you to all students and parents who have worked so hard to collect donations and raise money for our school. The winners of the fundraising are as follows; Prep-2 - Leilani Beckett, Year 3-7 - Harry and Shani Sippel (sharing 1st prize). Congratulations to our winners and thank you again to all who contributed to raising over $300 for the Jump Rope for Heart foundation.
School Photos

School photo proofs are now available in the administration building for anyone wanting to view them. If you require a new order form please contact Caron in the office.

Important Dates

- P &C Meeting, Thursday 29 May
- Pie orders due, Friday 30 May
- Teaching and Learning and Discipline Audit, Tuesday 3 June
- Queen’s Birthday Holiday, Monday 9 June – Public Holiday

Regards,

Aaron Jones

Principal
Moffatdale State School
Ph: (07) 4168 4724
Prep/Year 1 News!

The prep and year one students have been having a blast learning about capacity this week. Check out the mess we made when we were finding out how much water our containers could hold!

Thanks to Mr and Mrs Ackinclose, we now have enough plastic containers to make our mud bricks in science. We can’t wait to start making those next week so that we can show you in our next newsletter.

2/3 News!

We have been busy learning about our place in geography. Students had to create replicas of our school playground by using blocks and boxes and items in the classroom. They had great fun coming up with wonderful ideas.

In science we will be creating mud bricks. To help with this, we are chasing any matchboxes to make our brick mould. If you have any that you can spare, please send them into the 2/3 classroom (just the box section, not the outer casing for safety reasons!)

In maths, students have been busy measuring with Mrs Sippel and working with money with Miss Payne.

Literacy Planet and Mathletics are still big hits in the classroom. We are all working hard to achieve certificates!

Happy birthday to Caleb, Jordan, Leilani and Georgia whose birthdays all fall in May.

Year 4-7 News!

In Science, students have been investigating Natural Disasters. In pairs students were given a disaster to research and present to the class. A big thank-you goes out to Carissa and her Mum for creating a play dough Volcano and a very yummy Volcano cake! We all enjoyed watching and eating!

For their Science assessment students need to design a bridge to withstand a floor, thunderstorm or earthquake. In the next week students will begin designing and creating their bridges. Last week students were given a challenge to create a paper bridge in just 20 minutes. All students came up with some wonderful ideas!
Community News

**Pursers Coaches**
40 Gore Street, Murgon Q 4605
Telephone: 97 - 4168253
Email: purserscoaches@bigpond.com

**2014 Calendar of Events**

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**Upcoming Tours**

Canberra Highlights (including Floriade)
15 September 2014 - 19 September 2014
$265.00 per person

Great Southern Route (including Kangaroo Island and the Great Ocean Road)
25 October 2014 - 5 November 2014
$489.00 per person

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**Murgon State School P and C Association**

**SERVICE AUCTION**
Friday 13th June 2014

- **Time:** 6:30 for 7:00pm start
- **Venue:** Murgon SS ‘The Shed’
- Services for auction include septic cleaning, house cleaning, ironing, compost pig manure and delivery, swimming/music/ceramics lessons, pest control
- Any queries contact Judith 41698333
- Proceeds to the Murgon State School P and C Association

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL STATE SCHOOL**

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**NEW EXHIBITION | 24 MAY - DEC 2014**

**RED DIRT + GRASS STAINS**

Inspirational sports people from the Darling Downs

Be the first to see this incredible exhibition
Join us for the community opening
Friday 23 May, 5pm – 6.30pm
Cobb & Co Museum, Toowoomba

**WEAR YOUR TEAM COLOURS FOR A FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE!**

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**Graham House Community Centre**

10 am to 2 pm
Sunday 1 June, 2014

Graham House Hall,
Pearson Street, Murgon
(at rear of Graham House)

Join Holly Ferling, Steve Renouf & Graham House staff in a SPECIAL CELEBRATION!

Presentations by:
Steve Renouf - Domestic Violence Ambassador, in acknowledgment of Domestic & Family Violence Prevention Month

Holly ferling will recognize the invaluable contribution of Graham House volunteers & present Appreciation Certificates

Community Centre Website, logo and uniform

Kids Activities— Money Go Round, Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Tic Tac Toe

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
TEA AND COFFEE