Principal’s Report
7th May 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had another busy start to the term and already we are well into the swing-of-things for another term. The following is an overview of what has been happening for the students of Moffatdale State School, as well as a few notices of what is to come in term 2.

Cross Country/ Ball Games

I was very impressed by the number of students who attended our recent Small School Cross Country Carnival. Each and every student who came to Cloyna, ran to the best of their ability and displayed the values of perseverance and determination. As a school we finished the Cross Country Carnival in second place; a great effort! In the ball games, our training and hard work saw us take home the Overall Winners trophy once more. It was a wonderful day and I would like to thank all the parents and students who attended; it was a super effort by all involved.

A number of our students recently participated at the District Cross Country Championships, each of them did their best to make the South Burnett Team to compete at Gayndah in the Wide Bay selection trials. A huge congratulations to Christine in Year 4 on her selection into the South Burnett team after finishing second in her individual race. Well done and best of luck in your next race!

School Improvement

Our students are continuing to participate in daily spelling exercises in their Spelling Mastery groups. Students in groups A-
D will complete small testing activities on Fridays; these results are tracked in the back of their workbooks and monitored by the teacher. Feel free to talk with your child about their spelling lessons and discuss how they are progressing through their designated spelling program.

**Teaching & Learning/Discipline Audits**

As part of the process to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of all schools, our school will be the subject of a Teaching and Learning Audit and Discipline Audit in 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 process some parents may be spoken to by 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**

Our school rules are undergoing some minor tweaking in order to improve our school behaviours and ensure the rules are understood and followed by all staff and students. We will be reverting to the school rules of;

Be Safe

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Students will be taught more about these rules during class times and behaviour signs and posters will soon be found around the school displaying what these rules look like at Moffatdale State School. Be sure to keep an eye out for our fabulous students modelling the expected behaviours in and around our school and learning areas. I encourage you to speak with your children about these rules and what they may look like at home and at school.

**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.

NAPLAN Testing

Students in years 3, 5 and 7 will be required to participate in the NAPLAN Testing program on the 13th, 14th and 15th May. Language Conventions and Writing will be on Tuesday 13th May, Reading on Wednesday 14th May and Numeracy on Thursday 15th May.

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

All money raised during the “Jump Rope for Heart” event must be returned immediately. We need to finalise the winners of the fundraising event. At this stage we are unable to determine a winner with monies still outstanding. All money needs to be returned by Friday 16th May.

Regards,

Aaron Jones
Principal
Moffatdale State School
School News

School Photos – Take Two!

We have rebooked our school photos for Friday 15th May. Attached is the new booking form to complete. If you have already completed and paid for school photos, please contact Trish Beckett on 4169 5720.

Photos will begin at 9:00am, so please be punctual and remember to wear your full school uniform.

Health and Wellbeing

As part of our school’s health and well being programs Barambah Medical Centre we will soon be introducing a screening and information sessions to try and eradicate Head Lice from our school. Schools in the South Burnett are using this service to help educate our students and their families on the best way to keep these critters at bay. More information will be sent home in the next few weeks.

Student Statements

Please find attached statements for outstanding fees owed to the school for your student/s. Please ensure these accounts are finalized as soon as possible to ensure audit requirements are met.

We are happy to offer payment plans or Centrepay payments for all families. Just give our office a call to discuss your requirements.

Winter Weather

With the winter weather making a very fast return to our month of May please ensure your children are appropriately dressed for the brisk starts to the morning. Also we ask families to label all clothing.

Our P&C has school jackets ($30) and track pants ($25) for sale at the school. If any uniforms are required, please send an envelope with payment and sizing to the office and we will send them home with your child.

P&C News

Sausage Roll & Popper Juice Combo Deal

The P&C are running a sausage roll and popper juice combo deal this Friday 9th May during first break, 11:00am. The cost is $3.50.

If you have not already put your order in please send money in an envelope marked with your child’s name tomorrow morning.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

The P&C are holding a Mother’s Day Stall!

We have a great range of gifts for $2, $3 and $4.

There are gifts for Mums who like to bake, gifts for those who like to garden, and lots for those who like to relax and even some for those who like to be organised!

Send along a small amount of money and let us help your child choose a gift to say...
Thank You for Being the Best Mum!

Our stall will be open on Friday 9th April from 8.30am.

Mothers hold their children’s hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.
~Author Unknown

Prep/Year 1 News!

The prep and year one students have done an amazing job of settling back into the school routine after a break.

This term in maths, we are focusing on measurement. The students are enjoying learning about everyday length, mass, balancing, as well as volume and capacity.

In English, we are studying the book ‘commotion in the ocean’. The book consists of a number of fun poems about different sea animals. The children are enjoying learning about the features of poems and how these differ from those of a story. We are building on our knowledge about alliteration, rhyming words, rhythm and beat, adjectives, nouns and verbs as well as enhancing both or written and oral skills in English.

In Geography, we are learning about ‘places.’ In this unit students will develop understanding about place, space and scale by observing the visible elements or features of familiar and local places. They will represent location and direction on maps and models and describe why people live in a place. We will have a lot of fun learning how to create our very own maps of familiar places and our neighbourhood.

For science, we will learn all about weather. Through the concept of weather patterns children will recognise that asking questions and making observations are an important part of exploring the natural world and will learn that data is collected and patterns are identified and analysed. We will learn how different weather patterns effect ecosystems and investigate how weather, and what we know about weather, can influence the lives of people in occupations such as farming and resource management. We will also study how weather changes the Earth’s surface.

We look forward to keeping you updated on our studies this term.

2/3 News!

Welcome back to school! Students have come back to school with many interesting holiday stories that they have shared with the class.

We have a busy term ahead. Last week we had our Cross Country and those students who participated did an amazing job. We also had our ANZAC parade at Murgon. Thank you to Ella, Leilani, Breeanna and Cooper from 2/3 who all marched.

In English, we are pulling apart the text ‘Why I love Australia’. Students are using dictionaries to locate tricky words and coming up with many other words that mean the same thing.

Maths this term will focus on money and measurement.

Science will look at Earth’s Wild Weather, with students eventually constructing a bridge to withstand different elements.

Geography will have us looking at places in the world, reading maps and making our own maps...
with key features.

Please remember homework booklets are to be handed in each FRIDAY for marking and for students to work through the Friday activities in class.

Year 4-7 News!

In Term 2, students will be learning about Measurement. So far this term we have been investigating length. Students have learnt how to convert different measurements and have been exploring mm, cm, m and km. The students enjoyed exploring the length of different body parts and classroom equipment.

All students have also been very busy interacting with Mathletics.

Community News

Pursers Coaches

Upcoming Events
7 June - Scrapbook & Paper Expo
13 - 15 June - 3-Day Fraser Island Getaway
12 July - Nambour Garden Expo

Upcoming Tours
15-19 Sep - Canberra Highlights
24 Sep – 1 Oct - New Zealand Tours
Option 1 – Full on Adrenalin
Option 2 – Less Adrenalin Tours
25 Oct – 5 Nov - Great Southern Route
(including Kangaroo Island & Great Ocean Rd)

For more information
Contact Pursers Coaches
Telephone: 07 – 41681533

Women’s Personal Development Program

This 8 week program is designed to provide fellowship, encouragement, support and information to strengthen and equip women in all aspects of their lives. **Topic Outline**

1. Introduction / Self Care
2. Discovering Personality Types
3. Boundaries
4. Emotions & Thoughts
5. Communication
6. Healthy Relationships
7. Healthy Conflict
8. Closure and final group session activities

Morning tea provided

This is a free service facilitated by UnitingCare Community investing in the growth, development and education of women in the South Burnett.

Thur 9.30am -12noon 24th Apr – 12th Jun 2014
Venue: 1 Victoria Street, Kingaroy Phone: 4160 4600
Limited numbers so please book early

‘The Australian Big Screen Film Festival’

Saturday 17 May
11.00 am - Ginger Meggs (G) – Nanango Cultural Centre – Canteen Available

Sunday 18 May
11.00 am - The Lego Movie (PG) – Kingaroy Satellite Cinema – Canteen Available
10.00 am - The Lego Movie (PG) – Nanango Cultural Centre – Canteen Available

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 July 2014 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs.

Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia 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.

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