Principal’s Report
23rd June 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As our term draws to a close, I would like to wish all our families a safe and happy holiday. It has been a very busy term and I know everyone is looking forward to the school holiday and the chance to get-away, relax or spend some time together as a family. In this newsletter we will celebrate the first students to reach our new ‘50 Club’. These students have achieved 50 tokens over that last few weeks and have been rewarded with a prize from our Bronze Prize Board. Other excited reward participants are our ‘highest token earners.’ These students have achieved the highest token amounts in their respective classes and now have their photos on display in our administration building. Congratulations to these students. Next term we will start afresh and new targets will be set for students.

School Improvement

Students have now completed their CARS and STARS lessons in ‘Finding the Main Idea’ and ‘Recalling Facts and Details.’ They are currently working on ‘Sequencing Events’ and ‘Learning how to Recount the Events in a Text.’ This focus will continue into term 3.

Teaching & Learning/Discipline Audits

Our audits have been conducted successfully and we are now waiting on feedback and recommendations from the auditor about how we are currently operating. I would like to thank all the staff, students and parents who were involved in the audit process. Results from this audit will be presented and discussed in future P&C meetings.

School Rules

Safe Responsible Respectful

The rules above are colour coded to represent our ‘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 SS 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.
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.

Centenary Meeting

The P&C will be holding a Centenary Meeting at Moffatdale State School to discuss ideas and begin planning our celebration day for 2015. The meeting will be held at 6:30pm, Thursday 17 July at Moffatdale State School. We encourage any previous students, staff, and community members to get involved and come along to this meeting. Every little bit helps to make these days successful.

Small School Athletics Day

Our athletics day will take place on Friday 25 July. This is an event for the whole family, with fun modified athletics events for the Prep-3 students and also the more serious Track and Field events for the Year 4-7s. Moffatdale SS had a win in the Ball Games earlier this year, so we are gunning to take out another school title at this event! The P&C will be running a tuckshop/canteen on the day so bring along some money and grab a bite to eat. If you would like to assist with the canteen on the day, please contact a member of our P&C or the School Office.

Report Cards

Students will receive their report cards during Parent/Teacher Interviews. If you have not yet made an appointment to see your child’s classroom teacher, their report card will be held at the office until such time as an interview is arranged. Parents who have already attended a meeting will receive their child’s reports this week.

Regards,

Aaron Jones
Principal
The prep and year one students have been working very hard to complete their assessments for Term 2 and are deserving of a holiday.

Have a look at what we created in our Geography and Science assessments.

Geography: Make a model of your neighbourhood.

Science: Make a mud brick that can withstand wind, water and hot sunny days.

All assessment has been completed and the students have done a great job.

Tokens have been very popular – congratulations to Mia, Charlie, Matilda and Leilani who have all earned highest token awards over the past few weeks.

Also a big congratulations to our students who have reached the Bronze 50 Club. What an achievement!

Happy birthday to Jack and Jacob for Friday.

I hope you have a safe and happy June/July break. I will be away for the final week and am sure that students will welcome Mr Beadle as he takes my place for week 10.

Students in 4-7 have enjoyed investigating some different Science experiments. Last Friday, we all enjoyed making and eating our own ice-cream. Some students didn’t believe our milk, sugar and vanilla essence would turn to ice-cream and were very excited when it did. We used crushed ice and...
salt to create vanilla ice-cream. Most students enjoyed eating their delicious ice-cream.

**Community News**

Homœopathy may be used in the treatment of chronic illness, acute conditions and minor accidents requiring first aid. It is a complementary medicine and can work alongside conventional treatments and medications where applicable or required.

Homœopathy aims to treat the whole person, taking into account personality, lifestyle and hereditary factors as well as the history of the disease.

Homœopathic treatment strengthens a person’s health, acting as a catalyst, stimulating and directing the body’s ability to fight infection as well as resolving any underlying susceptibility to disease. (Excerpt from the Australian Homœopathic Association website.)

For further information contact Leanne Sippel 0438 684 705

---

**South Burnett Equestrian Challenge**

9:00 am Thursday 31st July 2014
Kingaroy Showgrounds

Open to all students of South Burnett Schools

All nomination forms to Saint Mary’s Catholic College by Tuesday 15th July 2014
Please contact Saint Mary’s for nomination forms and further details.

or

email: jdalton@bne.catholic.edu.au

All nomination fees of $15 per competitor to be paid on arrival at the competition.

Canteen facilities will be available on the grounds.