**Principal’s Report**
16th July 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome, all families, to Term 3. It is sure to be a busy, action-packed term, with a number of big events occurring in the first few weeks. Moffatdale State School will host the Barambah Small Schools Athletics Carnival and the Year 5-7 students will prepare for their huge trip to chilly Canberra. As always, there will be plenty of opportunities for parents to be involved in their child’s education this term. I urge you to ensure that all students attend school each day to ensure they have the best opportunity to learn.

**School Improvement**

Students will focus on the skills associated with ‘Sequencing Events’ and ‘Learning How to Recount the Events in a Text.’ Be sure to speak to your child’s teacher if you would like further information on how you can assist your child with these skills.

**Change to Pick-Up Routines**

From Monday 21 July, we will be trialing a new pick-up process. We will have a new dedicated Pick-Up Zone for parents to collect students from 3:00-3:15pm. This zone will be located on the grassed area near our main entry (located near the green water tank, between the Year 2/3 and 4-7 classrooms). Students will need to be marked off by a staff member before leaving the school grounds. Students who catch the bus will then be moved to one of the classrooms where they will be supervised in the completion of school work/homework tasks set by their class teacher. The playground will become an OUT OF BOUNDS area in the afternoons (3:00pm onwards). We trust that this new procedure will ensure a smoother, faster and safer after school pick-up process for students and parents. If you wish to discuss these changes, you are welcome to speak to our school staff.

**School Rules**

*Safe*          *Responsible*          *Respectful*

This term students’ token counts have been reset, with all students beginning from zero. Students will now work towards the Gold Level Reward of an invitation to an Adventure Fun Day. Students will need to earn 150 tokens in 9 weeks in order to receive their invitation. Students will receive tokens daily for attending school on
time (before 9am). If your child is to earn 150 tokens in 9 weeks, it is vital that they attend and remain at school each day to maximise their opportunity to earn as many tokens as possible. Keep in regular contact with your child’s teacher regarding how your child is going with their ‘token counts’ each week.

Student Absences

At Moffatdale State School we aim to have every child attend school each day. Therefore we have set a 100% attendance target for our students. The following shows our whole school attendance from Term 1 and 2.

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As you can see, we are a long way from our desired outcome. However we have seen a slight increase in our overall attendance. Our Year 3 students and parents are to be commended for their excellent attendance data. In future newsletters attendance data will be made available to parents in tables similar to the ones above. Please look over this data and feel free to speak with school staff if you have any further questions.

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

Parents, please check all clothing that your child brings home from school, as we have a number of students reporting lost or misplaced winter clothes. 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.

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, as well as the more serious Track and Field events for the Year 4-7s. 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.
Unclaimed Report Cards

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.

Regards,

Aaron Jones, Principal

School News

School Banking
Taking part in School Banking is easy.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account, they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week using their Dollarmites deposit book or deposit wallet. If your child does not have a Youthsaver account, you can open one at any Commonwealth Bank branch, no forms to fill in!

Thank you to the students who have already started School Banking with us. Remember every Wednesday is School Banking day!

Regular School Attendance

With our school’s commitment to “Great Results Guaranteed” and “Every Day Counts” projects we remind parents and caregivers to send their children to school every school day unless there is an acceptable reason such as:

- Illness
- Competing in school sporting events.

Avoid keeping your child away from school for reasons such as:

- birthdays
- shopping
- visiting family and friends
- if they sleep in

Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

Establishing good routines around school can assist with regular school attendance. These include:

- have a set time to go to bed
- have a set time to get out of bed
- have uniform and school bag ready
- have a set time for eating breakfast
- set a time for daily homework activities
- speak about school positively

If you are experiencing difficulty in sending your child to school, contact the school for advice and support.

Unexplained Absences

To minimize the number of “unexplained” absences recorded on your student’s record we are required to send home a letter to families requesting a reason for their child’s absence on a particular day.

If your child receives a letter we ask parents to complete and return it to the school as soon as possible to enable us to update the records prior to the 1st August for audit purposes.

P&C News

The Centenary Meeting was held last night with some very great planning discussed. As part of the 2015 Centenary we are asking families and friends for recipes, memorabilia,
photos and old newsletters from the past. It is a wonderful celebration for Moffatdale State School students and staff, young and old, and we invite everyone to be a part of our centenary. The next meeting will be Thursday 21st August at 6:30pm.

**Prep/Year 1 News!**

The prep and year one students have settled back in for Term three remarkably well. This term we will be studying the book “Lucy Goosey” by Margaret Wilde and will be focussing on how the characters are portrayed throughout the book.

In maths we are studying two dimensional and three dimensional shapes.

We have a large number of unnamed and unclaimed items of clothing. Could parents please come in and check that none of the lost property we have belongs to them. The children are not able to identify clothing when it is not named so please label all items of clothing brought to school.

**2/3 News!**

Welcome back! It has been great to see how enthusiastic the students are about being back in the classroom. There are a variety of things happening in 2/3 this term.

Maths – our focus will be on shape, measurement and numbers. English – we will be reading the story Lucy Goosey written by Margaret Wild and creating a biography about a character from the story.

Science – we will be working through a unit called Survival Science.

History – students will explore their local community and write information about a significant site in our local area.

Happy birthday to Rachel for her birthday during the holidays. (Included are photos of Mr Beadle on his last day with the students having a party and students using their bodies to make shapes)

**Year 4-7 News!**

Welcome back to Term 3! Year 4 – 7 have had a great 1st week back. Our new units are underway and students have been working hard. This term for Science, students will be investigating Survival. This week students had to decide and justify what 3 things they would take camping to survive. Everyone enjoyed justifying and debating their choices.

**Homework changes:** This Term, our homework day will be a Thursday. Homework will be handed out Friday to Thursday. This will enable students to complete homework tasks on the weekend.
Community News

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Homeopath

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Fundraiser for the Heritage Nanango Mardi Gras.

BRIS VEGAS present A CASINO FUN NIGHT

Blackjack * Roulette * Craps * Casino War *
Texas Hold’em

7.30 P.M. SATURDAY 26TH JULY

THE CULTURAL CENTRE, GEORGE STREET, NANANGO

Join us on the Red Carpet for a Great Night Out

Entertainment from Jeff “Elvis” Hancock

$80 single  $150 double

Restricted entry – ticket holders only

Tickets will NOT be sold at the door

Tickets available at the Nanango Energy and Visitor Information Centre, Henry St Nanango or phone Chris on 4163367.

Dress - Formal
Price includes
$1,000 fun money + Two drinks + Finger food
Some prize draws + Unlimited tea and coffee

South Burnett Equestrian Challenge
9:00 am Thur 31st July Kingaroy Showgrounds
Open to all students of South Burnett Schools
For further info email: jdalton@bnc.catholic.edu.au
Canteen facilities will be available on the grounds.

Pursers Coaches

2014 Calendar of Events

July 26  Christmas in July at Weis Restaurant, Toowoomba  $80
Aug 30  Jondaryan Woolshed  $60
Sep 6  Mystery Trip  $90
21  Carnival of Flowers  $55
Oct 11  Quilt and Craft Show  $65
25  Eumundi Markets  $45
Nov 8  The Lion King – sold out
9  Outback Spectacular  $160
Dec 7  The Lion King – sold out

Upcoming Tours

Sept 15-19  Canberra Highlights
Including Floriade  $2650
25Oct – 5Nov  Great Southern Route
(including Kangaroo Island &
Great Ocean Rd)  $4899

For further information phone 4168 1533