**Principal’s Report**

14th August 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is so good to be back in our beautiful school and enjoy the wonderful weather during our lunch times after a chilly trip to Canberra. The students in year 5-7 had an amazing time in Canberra and they displayed a very high level of maturity throughout the duration of the camp. Students who remained at school were still engaged in meaningful learning experiences during the last week.

School Improvement

In CARS & STARS, students will focus on the skills associated with ‘Recognising Cause and Effect’ and ‘Comparing and Contrasting.’ 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.

Canberra Camp

Students in Years 5-7 have just returned from an amazing educational tour of our National Capital. Students were able to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist our families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government contributed $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program which was factored into our final camp payment amount.
Drop off/Pick-Up Routines

Parents are reminded that **no student should be dropped off before 8:30am**. The school bus drops students at school at just after 8am, however minimal supervision is provided at this time. Staff are not expected to provide supervision for your child until 8:30am. Please remember this when bringing your child to school in the mornings.

Our pick up process has been running smoothly, with the assistance of all parents. The Pick-Up Zone is designated for parents to collect students from 3:00-3:15pm. After 3:15pm, students who catch the bus move to one of the classrooms where they will be supervised in the completion of school work/homework tasks set by their class teacher. A reminder to all parents and students that students in the upper grades (4-7) need to bring their homework to school daily. Random spot checks and rewards will be conducted, giving students who have their homework a chance to receive token rewards.

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. There are currently 4 weeks remaining for students to earn the required number of tokens.

Students have been working extremely hard in their pursuit of token rewards. A large number of students have already received their bronze rewards. A small number of students have passed the 100 token mark and have earned themselves a Silver Prize from the Prize Box. All students are excited to see what great prizes are in the Prize Box.

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 data for the first 3 weeks of Term 3.

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The table above shows our strong attendance data for the first 3 weeks of Term 3. This is an extremely pleasing result and will ensure our students are involved in the programs and learning experiences we offer at Moffatdale State School. A huge congratulations to the parents and guardians of our students for your
efforts in ensuring students are at school on time each day. Through this dedication we will endeavor to improve our students learning across all areas of schooling.

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.

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 21 August at Moffatdale State School. We encourage any previous students, staff, and community members to be involved and come along to this meeting. Every little bit helps to make these days successful. We have set up a Facebook page ‘Moffatdale State School Centenary Celebrations 2015’ please ‘like’ us and feel free to post suggestions and comments for this exciting event.

P&C Committee
It would be thoughtless of me not to give a HUGE round of applause to our hardworking members of the P&C committee for their tireless efforts in organizing the highly successful canteen on our recent sports day. It was fantastic to see all the volunteers cooking, serving and slaving away all day for the benefit of the students in our school.

Please support our P&C members in their efforts to raise money for our school. All the money raised does come back to the school in the form of books and other educational resources that help to improve the quality of education we can provide.

Don’t forget about the Moffatdale Golf Day, it is sure to be a great day out with plenty of laughs to be had and some highly competitive golfers on display too.

Regards,

Aaron Jones,
Principal
School News

Our Moffatdale Shining Stars!

Congratulations to all our students who have competed at our own Athletics Carnival and to those who went on to represent our school at zone trials.

A special “well done” goes to Christine Watson who achieved selection and will represent South Burnett in the Wide Bay School Sport Regional Track and Field Trials in Maryborough this month in 800m, Discus and Long Jump!

Also a big congratulations goes to Mickayla Hodgson who represented Moffatdale State School at the Kingaroy South Burnett Equestrian Challenge last month. Mickayla and her wonderful pony, Magic, achieved 3rd overall, well done!

Invitation to Parents/Carers – Deadly Ears

On Monday afternoon, 25th August, in Cherbourg, audiologists, Pickle and Kath from Deadly Ears and Australian Hearing, are running a parent information session followed by a Professional Development session on Otitis Media/middle ear disease and conductive hearing loss.

Parents and staff from our local schools and community are all welcome to attend.

For further information, please see the attached flyers

Unexplained Absences

As in the previous newsletter we asked families to please keep the school informed if your child will be away. “Every day counts” is certainly a very important message to give to our students. All Queensland State Schools are required to record absence details and ensure there are little or no unexplained absences. If you child has any unexplained absences for this term you will find a letter attached to your newsletter.

Please complete the details and return it to the school as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance.

P&C News

The P&C would like to say a big THANK YOU to the families who helped out with the canteen at the Small Schools Cluster Athletics Carnival last month. The P&C raised close to $1300 and truly appreciates all who contributed either their time or their baked goods.

The P&C have organised the following fundraisers:

Moffatdale State School Golf Day

9 Hole - 3 Person Ambrose

Date: Saturday 23rd August
Time: Shot gun start from 1pm
Cost $15 (includes a burger before tee off)

Early nominations appreciated for catering but can nominate on the day.

Phone Candice 0439 829 455
Jillita 0427 681 646

2014 Toy Catalogue Fundraiser

Toy catalogues were distributed to families last week and offer a wide range of new and exclusive toys to inspire creativity, learning and a whole lot of fun at great prices!

Simply complete the order form located in the middle of the catalogue and return to the school with payment by Friday 12th September. For further information or additional catalogues please contact the school.
The prep and year one students have been having a blast learning about positional language in maths. We have been using words like above, below, inside, on top of as well as left and right. We still manage to trick a few students when we talk about which way is left and which way is right, so parents might like to play some fun games at home with the kids to help them learn the difference between the two. Giving your child directions on how to find a toy that you have hidden is a great way of doing this.

Lucy Goosey is our favourite character in prep one at the moment and we are enjoying searching for, and learning about all the ‘special words’ in her book such as nouns, adjectives and verbs.

Lots of the prep and year one students are getting close to knowing their first 100 sight words, so don’t forget to keep practising reading these at home at least once a day. Spotting sight words in books, catalogues and other written sources is a great way of developing your child’s sight word knowledge.

2/3 have been very busy.

We wrote letters to Lucy Goosey to find out information that we didn’t know about her. Lucy replied and the students shared their letters with their peers.

We are now finding out information about our peers and turning this into biographies.

In maths we have learnt a new game called Mancala. Students enjoy using problem solving strategies to be the player with the most beads at the end.

During science lessons, students were given a partner and the opportunity to use the chairs and tables in the room, along with a tablecloth to create their own form of tent.

Well done to the 2/3 students who have reached the 50 bronze club and to Rachel and Matilda who have reached the 100 silver club.

It was great to see our 5-7 students back from their trip! The year 4’s enjoyed listening to their stories and adventures 😊

This week students will be given a new research project to start. The project is based on our History unit: The Gold Rush. Students are required to pick a topic, research and present their information. Students will be given time in class but are also welcome to work at home. All projects need to be completed by week 10. Mrs Smith will be available on a Thursday and Friday lunch to help with computers and research questions.

Remember homework is now due on a Thursday. We mark our homework on a Thursday morning and therefore it is important students have their books with them.
Community News

St Joseph’s Parish & School

Fete Fete Fete
5th September

COME AND BE DUNKED!!
Up for dunking are teachers, police, Fr. Michael and others.
If there are further nominations out there please advise the school.

Be Afraid
This is the most exciting ride of all time. Double love Big Drop is the steepest and fastest slide in town. Test your nerve and climbing skills when you are climbing to the top. SOME STARS TOO SCARED TO ATTEMPT THE SLIDE!!
Suitable for the faint hearted TOTAL ACTION.

Watch as the children climb the Giant slide and scramble up the slide rope ladder till their hearts are content!!
This Giant Slide is capable of 600 slides per hour. There is no monkey business with this Giant Slide. Get your tickets.

Craft Stall Wanted: People to make items or donate goods to be made into items like tea towels,APRONs, face washers, coin hangers. Please deliver to School Office or Presbytery or contact Teresa Hudson on 41685957

MURGON BLUE
LIGHT DISCO

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Burnett Softball Association
Have a Go Day and Sign-on
Saturday 6th September, 9.00am-1.00pm
Burnett Softball Grounds
18 Burnett Street, Nanango
For more info please contact Karen 0422 204 661
secretaryburnettssoftball@hotmail.com www.burnettsoftball.org.au

Pursers Coaches
2014 Calendar of Events

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

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre

Goomeri 18 Aug 10:30-4:00
Murgon 18 Aug 9:00 – 4:00
Nanango 20 Aug 9:00 – 4:00
Yarraman 21 Aug 9:00 – 3:30

For further information go to
www.humanservices.gov.au or call 132 316