**Principal’s Report**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**School Improvement**

**CARS and STARS**

Students in groups B and D have just finished learning about the skills associated with ‘Comparing and Contrasting’ and are now looking at the skills needed to ‘Make Predictions’ when reading a text. In the coming weeks, students will be involved in benchmark testing. The results from this testing will be available after the holidays.

**Change to Pick-Up and Drop off information**

Parents are reminded that a suitable arrival time for students before school is after 8:30am. Before this time, minimal staff supervision is available. We have had instances of students being dropped-off at the school before staff arrive. This is NOT acceptable, nor is it safe for the students involved.

**School Rules**

- Safe
- Responsible
- Respectful

Our Gold Club is starting to swell; with more students being awarded a Gold certificate each week. We only have 1 week left before we head to our Rewards Day in week 10. Wednesday 17 September will be the lucky day for many of our students as they are swept-away to attend a fun-filled day of activities and games. Qualifying students will be invited to attend our Rewards Day at Rosie’s Fun 4 All, Nanango. Students who have reached the ‘Gold’ level rewards will receive their invitation on Friday.

If your child does not bring home an invitation please speak with your class teacher. Unfortunately, some students have not met the required number of tokens to qualify for an invitation to this event. Students who have not qualified for this fun day will be expected to attend school as normal. Our school will still be staffed and supervision will be provided for students who are not attending the fun day.

It is sure to be a fun-filled day and a great way to reward students for their hard work in the classroom and good decision-making in the playground. Parents are
invited to attend with their child. If you are interested in attending, please speak with Mrs Granger or Mr Jones on Monday 15 September.

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 for Term 3. This information is accurate as of Week 8.

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.

Grab-a-Book Afternoon

We will be allowing students to take home (and keep) some of our older Fiction and Non-Fiction books from our classroom resource collections. The free books will be available on Thursday 18 September from 1:00pm. Parents are welcome to come along and search for any texts that may be of interest.

International Talk-like-a-Pirate Day

On Friday 19 September (final day of school for the term), we will be celebrating International Talk-like-a-Pirate Day with a pirate themed dress up day. Students and staff alike will dress as pirates and put on their best pirate voices for an enjoyable final day of term 3.

Regards,

Aaron Jones,
Principal
School News

Centenary Meeting

The next Centenary meeting will be held at 6:30pm, Thursday 11 September 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 events successful.

The committee is asking for any old photos, memorabilia, report cards, news clippings, etc to display. Photos and or/documents can be scanned and emailed to the school admin@moffatdass.eq.edu.au or put on a usb stick and brought to the school.

It is an exciting event for our school and the more memories we can share the better 😊

Under 9’s Day

Our Prep to Year 3’s are all very excited about Under 9’s Day this Friday at Windera.

Tuckshop orders are in and a bus is booked and will leave Moffatdale at 9:00am sharp and return at 2:45pm.

Lost Property

All unclaimed items including jumpers, lunchboxes, drink bottles and track pants will be laid out on the lunch tables this Friday afternoon. Please come to the school to view the items and retrieve anything that belongs to you.

Is it time for a spring clean?

Are puzzles taking up much needed space in your cupboards?

The prep/one students will take them off your hands.

If you come across any puzzles appropriate for the prep/one age group during your spring cleaning that you no longer need, we would love to be able to add them to our collection at school!

Simply bring them to our classroom and we will be sure to make good use of them. Thank you in advance.

P&C News

Just a reminder….

Toy catalogue order forms are due back

This Friday 12th September 2014.
Prep/Year 1 News!

When I grow up I want to be...

Bob the builder, Barbara S.  A doctor, Ruby A.  A wicked witch, Amelia H.  A Queen, Olivia Zelinski

Little Red riding hood, Hannah D.  A ninja, Malecki L.  A Japanese person, Damon C.  A knight, Che’isa C.

A cook, Bree G.  A Queen, Chloe S.  A fighting ninja, Jesse S.  A doctor, Leroy M.

A Dragon Knight, Patrick M.  A fighter, Parker A.  A cowboy, Lachlan T.  A knight in shining armour, Cael K.
We hope that all of the Dad’s had a wonderful Father’s Day.

Students have come in commenting on how the Noughts and Crosses games were enjoyed by all and how some of the students even let their dad’s win (because it was Father’s Day!) The term is quickly coming to a close so students will be working on assessment tasks.

Students will be writing biographies about Lucy Goosey, recounts of what the story was about and finishing the English unit by watching the movie ‘Fly Away Home’.

In Science we will be writing up an investigation on water bottles and working out which water bottle has the best insulation.

In History we have been investigating the Bunya Mountains as one of our significant sites in the area, and students will explain why this site is significant for people today and in the olden days.

In Technology, students will create their peg insect that they have designed.

On Friday we will venture out to Windera State School to join in the Under 9s activities.

Congratulations to the following students in our class who have reached the Gold 150 club: Breeanna, Jacob, Charlie, Harry and Ella.

Happy birthday to Seth for his birthday this Friday.

Last week the 5 – 7 students enjoyed a trip to Goomeri for Science week. All students had a fantastic time and learnt some new interesting facts.

Students have been asked to collect different resources and materials to create an insulated lunch box.

These items could include: bubble wrap, foam, scraps of materials and any other items suitable to wrap around a plastic take-away container. We will start construction of our lunch boxes next week.
Homeopathic First Aid Course

Regain control of your Health

Reduce your antibiotic intake

There are safe, natural and effective ways to treat everyday ailments and accidents at home?

Homeopathy is a system of medicine recognised by the World Health Organisation?

There are natural ways to promote health and take care during illness?

Come and join us for a fun and informative short course

Concepts in health and disease • Basic principles of homeopathy
• Conditions you can and can’t treat safely • How to select the right homeopathic remedy • Guidelines for taking the remedy • 16 first aid remedies

4 hour session: 9am – 1pm. Registration 8.45am

Saturday 20 September $30 full course fee

C&K Kindy, MacAlister Street, Murgon

Limited numbers so book early

First aid kits $110 & books/posters will be available to Order

To reserve your place call Leanne 0438 684 705 or leave your name at Murgon Kindy

MURGON BLUE LIGHT DISCO

19TH Sept - Diggers Room Murgon RSL
6:30pm to 8:30pm
$5 entry (includes a hot dog)
Ages – Prep to 13 years

MURGON MEN’S SHED – OPEN DAY

& BUY A BALE FUNDRAISER

20TH September
7 Macalister St Murgon
Garage Sale from 9am-2pm
BBQ 10am – 1pm

More details???
Contact Allen on 4168 1664 or Paul on 0428 635 636

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 February 2015 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs.

Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and USA 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. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family.

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