Principal’s Report

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The staff at Moffatdale State School are excited to welcome all parents, guardians and carers to the school on Friday 22 May for an interactive information session regarding our SSP program. The evening will run from 4:30–5:30pm in the Prep/1 classroom, with a BBQ dinner supplied to all in attendance. Please ensure you have returned your attendance slip or contacted the school administration by Thursday 21 May to indicate the number of adults and children you will be bringing with you on the night.

The excitement won’t end at 5:30pm, as the Moffatdale P&C Centenary Committee are also inviting families to stay-on after the information evening to view the latest that Tupperware has to offer. This fundraising event is sure to be a lot of fun. (And let’s face it, you can never have too much Tupperware!) So, make sure you set aside some time to attend the SSP evening and stick around to view the exciting range of Tupperware that will be on display – each purchase will help raise money for the school centenary celebrations.

School Improvement

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The table above shows the average attendance data for each year level. Our school has set an aspirational target of 100% attendance, however we have set a minimum expectation of 93% for each year level. Congratulations to the year levels who are currently at or above that level. (Stay tuned for some exciting
announcements for students that consistently achieve 100% attendance each term!

Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL)

Our PBL team will be meet again on Thursday 28 May.

Our school rules are: SAFE, RESPONSIBLE and RESPECTFUL

We encourage all parents to speak with your children about what these rules look like at our school and encourage them to display these positive behaviours in all aspects of their lives.

Rewards Day Criteria:

- Students must earn 150 tokens by week 9.
- Students must have at least 90% attendance up to the end of week 9 (students can have up to 5 days absent this term).
- Students must not receive any major incident referrals for behaviour.

The Rewards Day for term 2 will be held in week 10.

Student Absences

With the cold and flu season upon us, parents are asked to consider the health of others when sending students to school. If you believe your child is too sick to attend school then it is in their best interest to rest and recover at home. A simple call to the office will ensure the absence is recorded correctly. Student absences longer than 3 days will require a letter from a doctor.

We encourage all students to attend school each day. We would like to congratulate the families that have shown a commitment to ensuring their child/children are attending school each day.

Centenary Information

Unfortunately due to a clash of dates the proposed Trivia Evening has had a date change. The new date is now Saturday 1 August. We encourage all Moffatdale families to spread-the-word regarding this relaxed, fun-filled evening and get a table booked. You can book a table by contacting Caron in the office.

Up Coming Events

- Thursday 21 May – P&C Meeting (am) – All Welcome
- Friday 22 May – SSP Information Evening – All Welcome
- Saturday 1 August – Moffatdale State School Trivia Night – Come along and invite your friends and family!!

Regards,

Aaron Jones, Principal
School News

School Banking

Don’t forget that Wednesday is School Banking Day for students to bring in their weekly deposits.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221, or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access.

Newsletters to be emailed

To help reduce our carbon footprint and join the advances of our technology focused era, we will be delivering our future newsletters via email.

Families who wish to receive their newsletters electronically will need to email our office admin@moffatdass.eq.edu.au with their preferred email address.

We will still have a paper copy of our newsletter available from our office for those who do not have access to an email account. Our newsletters are also available for viewing on our school website www.moffatdass.eq.edu.au

Statement of Accounts

With the end of financial year creeping up on us at a rate of knots, we are asking families who currently owe school fees to please finalise accounts by the end of week 9, 19th June. It is an audit requirement to ensure fees are paid or a payment plan contracted. Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions.

Centenary News

Our Centenary committee has organised a Tupperware party to help raise funds for our Centenary in October this year. The party will follow the SSP Parent Information session and BBQ this Friday 22nd May which commences at 4:30pm.

Catalogues and order sheets are available at the office. Please contact the school if you require any further information.

P&C News

Orders for the P&C Pie drive are due Wednesday 3rd June.

All P&C fundraiser events directly benefit our students with money going towards the purchasing of laptops, ipads and many other educational equipment.

Order forms are available at our school’s office.

Thank you for your continued support

Prep/Year 1 News!

The Term is flying by so quickly; it is difficult to believe we are in Week 5 already!

In English, we are well into our exploration of cultural stories and have enjoyed reading and retelling a variety of traditional stories. These include the fable, The Tortoise and the Hare, three Aboriginal
dreamtime stories; The Rainbow Serpent, The Cocky, the Crow and the Hawk and The Two Wallabies and one traditional story from Japan, called, The Two Giant Men. Our SSP rotations are well under-way and students are working hard on incorporating their SSP spelling strategies into their everyday writing.

Our iMaths Investigations are also progressing well. Our investigation into collecting, collating and presenting data as information, has been very popular and we have created a number of class graphs. We have also surveyed different staff and students from other classes in our search for interesting school data. The Prep students are making good progress with their ability to sequence stories and events in the correct order. As a class, we will continue to work on days of the week, months of the year, calendars, chance and probability, two-digit numbers, addition and subtraction.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have had some wonderful friends from the Year 4-6 class come to help us tally-up our Tokens on Friday.

This has been an enjoyable task for all students and it has tied-in very well with our focus on data collection and the display of the information we collect.

In Geography, the Prep/One students have been very busy creating maps of the school and familiarising themselves with our local environment. Last week, they were introduced to the terms, Natural, Managed and Constructed as a way to describe different features of our environment. They responded well to the challenge of new terminology!

In Science, our young scientists continue their investigations into Materials and what things are made of. Their use of descriptive language is improving and their interest in building materials has expanded.

Our You Can Do It! Focus continues to be Resilience. The character, Ricky Resilience, encourages students to be aware of their feelings and reactions to different situations and consider the best way to deal with each situation. Students are encouraged to consider different options and use strategies to de-escalate their reactions. Next, we will introduce Gabby Get-Along. Gabby Get-Along, encourages the students to “get-along” well with others; to work and play well, share, take turns and try to fix problems by talking, rather than becoming upset or physically aggressive.

You may have noticed an exciting, Superstar of the Day poster on our front door... This is the opportunity for every child to have their name in lights for something really special they have done the day before. This special award may be related to behaviour, school work, personal achievement
or a random act of kindness. A big congratulations to our Superstars of the Day for week 3 and week 4; Maddie, Olivia, Hannah, Bree, Hayden, Lachlan and Leroy!

Congratulations to our Class Award Recipients for weeks 1 to 4 as well:
Week 1: **Olivia:** For always trying her best in all activities
**Leroy:** For being a kind and helpful friend during cooking
Week 2: **Hannah:** For using the SSP Spelling Strategy to sound-out a word during Reading Time
**Lachlan:** For using the SSP Spelling Strategy in his writing.
Week 3: **Maddie:** For independently using Duck Hands during SSP
**Cael:** For wonderful writing in his Mother’s Day Book
Week 4: **Hayden:** For an amazing effort with writing in English
**Jeremiah:** For a fantastic retell of *The Two Wallabies*

In maths students have been busily working on their investigations. The orange group have been working on their budgeting skills. They have $60 to spend at a show and have chosen a selection of rides, show bags and food that they would spend their money on.

The green group have been creating card games. This has been challenging as they have had to create the cards, draw times onto clocks and create a set of instructions and rules for playing the game. As a whole class we will trial the games and give feedback to improve the game.

We are all becoming more persuasive as we work on our persuasive writing skills. The assessment will begin this week with students having to choose a side to an argument and then persuade the audience that their way is the preferred choice.

We started looking at the value of resilience and met Ricky Resilience, one of the You Can Do It characters. It was very interesting to see on the Catastrophe scale where students felt different events would sit.

Congratulations to all of those students who have reached the Bronze and Silver rewards club – well done!

2/3 News!

The 2/3 class have been turned into scientists with a number of different experiments taking place.

We have mixed dry ingredients together, dry and wet ingredients together and all liquids together.

We have marvelled at what has occurred and drawn diagrams to show the results.
In English, we have completed reading the novel ‘Storm Boy’ and we have also viewed the film version. In class we have been writing about the Setting, Characters and Plot, focusing on their similarities and differences. It is amazing how creative some of the film directors can be with their use of camera angles, music and spoken word to portray what a novel describes in words.

In Maths, we have begun to plan out how we will solve our individual investigation tasks. Students will have two weeks to work on these tasks. Some of these tasks will involve doing some research online, both inside and outside of class. It will be a fun and engaging process.

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle; we are seeing some very similar content as we explore our topics in Geography and Science. Some of us even forget which subject we are doing as the subjects seem to cross over so much! Miss Cove is proving to be a wealth of knowledge in these subject areas and we look forward to continuing to work towards completing the assessment items for this term.

On Tuesday 4 May, Josh Arnold came to visit our school to conduct auditions for the Beyond Barambah Production. We were all very excited when Keturah was chosen to represent Moffatdale SS as part of this innovative project to raise the profile of public schools in our cluster. We look forward to seeing Keturah in the music video when it is released on-line later this year.

Everyone in our Year 4-6 class would like to wish Christine the best of luck when she competes in the next round of Cross Country on Tuesday 26 May at Murgon SS. GOOD LUCK CHRISTINE!!!

Community News

Join Graham House & Centacare in celebrating Community Centres Month!

Date: Wednesday 27 May 2015
Time: 8:00am - 11:00am
Venue: The rotunda at Coronation Park, Lamb Street, Murgon.

Meet our friendly staff & find out what activities are happening at your local Community Centre.

- sausage sizzle fundraiser for the Williams Family Appeal, proudly supported by Murgon’s Top of the Town Meat Hall
- bar leagues workshop
- kids craft activities
- volunteer info & sign up
- healthy cooking demo

For more information contact:
Kerry at Graham House on 4169 5600
or kerry@grahamhouse.org.au
Louise at Centacare on 4162 5439 or
Louise.ljude@lq.centacare.net.au

Women’s Wellness Day

25th May 9:30 – 1:30
Boobuyjan Hall
RSVP – Nicole O’Brien on
0400 076 048