Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable return to school. Students have returned to school eager to learn and excited about our upcoming Centenary Celebrations. A reminder to all parents and carers that Monday October 19 is a STUDENT FREE DAY. There will be no supervision provided at school on this day; please make alternative arrangements for your children.

School Improvement

Our current school wide attendance data sits at 93% for Term 4. This is a disappointing way to start Term 4, as our attendance data tends to decrease throughout the term. As a school community we need to work hard to ensure that our students are attending school each and every day. We will be introducing a Rewards Program for students who attend school every day of the week, it will be known as the 100% Club. This will be a great way to reward students who have shown a commitment to attending school each day.

Rewards Day

This term, our Rewards Day will have a 'Wet and Wild' theme. Students will be engaging in numerous fun-filled water-based activities, perfect for cooling down in the hot summer heat. Remember in order to qualify, students must attain the Gold Level of Behaviour Rewards, maintain over 95% attendance and also not receive a major Behaviour notification (3 yellows = 1 red).

I look forward to watching students work their way up our Behaviour Rewards Levels by displaying safe, responsible and respectful behaviours whilst at school.

Swimming

Term 4 swimming will begin on Wednesday 4 November and continue weekly until the end of term. Students and school staff will all travel by bus to and from the venue. Parents are invited to assist with swimming. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Mr Jones prior to Wednesday 4 November. More detailed information about the swimming program will be distributed next week.

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.

Centenary

Clear the schedule! Save the date! Invite old friends to our 100th Year, Centenary Celebration on 31 October 2015. The day will be a celebration of the past, present and future of our amazing school and its contributions to the individuals in our community.

Our Centenary Committee meets each Thursday night at 6:30pm. There are only 3 meetings left until our big day. If you are interested in assisting in the set up or running of the day, please make the time to attend one of the remaining meetings.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting is scheduled for Friday 16 October at 8:30am. Everyone is welcome to attend.
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**Geography**— Protecting Places Near and Far: Students will pose questions about a significant local place. They will collect data about how a place is used and how people feel about its protection. They will represent the location of the place on a map, in a field sketch and in the data on a graph.

**Science**— Push-Pull: students will explore pushes and pulls. Students will observe and gather evidence about how these forces act in air and water, and on the ground. Students will identify the effect of the pull of gravity and learn that both air and water can 'push'.

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**Prep/1 Update**

Welcome to Term 4! 😊

We have a very busy Term ahead, with plenty of exciting work to do! The following is a brief overview of our Units for Term 4:

**ENGLISH:** Examining the Language of Communication: Questioning. In this C2C Unit, students will listen to, read, view and interpret texts with animal characters to explore how they reflect human qualities. Students will create an animal character and will discuss their choices in an interview.

**MATHS:** Number concepts, including addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, as well as concepts of Measurement, Money and Time.

**SCIENCE:** Primary Connections Physical Sciences Unit, On the Move.

**GEOGRAPHY:** C2C Unit 2, What are Places Like?

We are all counting down the days to our Moffatdale Centenary Celebration on Saturday 31 October.

Each class has been working on their Garden and we are very happy with the way our Bee Garden is progressing.

A very BIG 'Thank You' to Felicity Dascombe and Sharon Sippel for their generous donations for our garden.

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**Year 2/3 Update**

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In Maths, we will be very busy covering the concepts of Chance and Data, Measurement and Money/Budgets. We have already begun learning about Probability and how we can express chance as Never, Unlikely, Even Chance, Likely and Certain. Our older students are learning how to express chance as a percentage. It is very challenging.

In Science, we will be exploring the role that different push and pull forces have in our everyday lives and how we can represent these through diagrams. Through hands-on investigations, we will be playing games and designing flying machines that use push and pull forces to fly in certain ways to meet a design team challenge.

In Geography, we will be putting our mapping skills to the test as we interpret and create maps on a local and global scale. We will complete a variety of mini assessment tasks where we will use our knowledge of direction, scale, labelling, compass points and symbols of maps to answer questions.

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**Year 4-6 Update**

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**School News**

Thank you to Grandma Euler for her donation of $50 to go towards our school’s sporting equipment and we thank her for her well wishes to our Prep/One class and their “Celebrating the Past” afternoon tea last term for which she was unable to attend.

**P&C Fundraiser** - Families should now have received their ticket books for the P&C Centenary Raffle. Tickets are $10 each with the grand prize of a Thermomix valued at $2000! Sold ticket/raffle books and money are to be returned to the school by Wednesday, 28th October with the winner being drawn during our Centenary Celebration.
At Moffatdale State School we are...

- SAFE
- RESPECTFUL
- RESPONSIBLE

Community News

**Enrol now for 2016**

C&K Murgon Community Kindergarten

At C&K Murgon, we:
- EXCITED (the National Quality Standards rated)
- educate young children using C&K’s nationally recognised curriculum “Building Waterfalls”
- facilitate learning and support children to be ready for Prep and formal schooling
- have modified our program times to suit bus, school and work (7:00am - 3:30pm)
- individualised portfolio in which document each child’s learning journey across curriculum areas
- explore nature in our newly landscaped and sustainable centre

CONDITIONS APPLY

Contact us:

Phone: 4167 1220  
Email: murgon@ckk.org.au

**MARDI GRAS AT NEW YEAR**

Join us for a Great New Year at the Nanango Showgrounds from 4.00p.m on the 31st Dec.

Fireworks! Rides! Entertainment! Make sure you and your parents are collecting your Mardi Gras Money from participating Nanango businesses to help make this a very affordable event for families. Great Prizes are also on offer. Look for the posters at sponsoring businesses. Conditions Apply.

**BLUE LIGHT DISCO**

16th October 2015

School aged children 6 years to 11 years only

Cost: $5.00 includes a Sausage Sizzle

Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Held at Cloyne Hall!

Children will not be a band to leave the premises unless accompanied by an adult.

Canteen will be available for purchasing drinks and snacks.

Prices for best/scarlet/cheese

Next Disco Date

20th November 2015

- Christmas Theme
- Last light Time for the Year

Where children come first

**Moffatdale State School CENTENARY**

1915-2015

Grand Raffle

Grand Prize Thermomix $10 per ticket valued at $2089

Tickets from:
- All About You
- Flowers & Gifts
- 81 Lamb St, Murgon

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