From the Principal

What a FANTASTIC day! Our Centenary Celebrations showcased the strong community spirit and commitment that I often speak about to others when asked about Moffatdale. To all of the staff, parents, students and community helpers, ‘THANK YOU!’ Without you, our big day wouldn’t have been such a great success. From our calculations, we had over 350 people attend to celebrate our Centenary and watch our talented students launch our new School Song.

School Improvement - Our current school wide attendance data sits at 93% for Term 4. As a school community, we need to work hard to ensure that our students are attending school each and every day. If your child is away for any reason, please inform the office by speaking with Mrs Granger, leaving a message on the answering machine or informing one of the teachers.

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 through our Behaviour Rewards Levels by displaying Safe, Responsible and Respectful behaviours whilst at school.

Swimming - Term 4 swimming will begin on Wednesday 11 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 11 November.

Our Year 4 – 6 students will attend their Senior Swimming Carnival on Friday 13 November at Wondai Pool. The Junior Swimming Carnival will be held at Goomeri Pool on Tuesday 17 November from 9:45am -1:30pm. Travel to these events is via parents. The school will not be supplying a bus to these events. If your child requires transport you will need to organize alternative arrangements as soon as possible.

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.

Canberra Camp 2016 - Parents of students currently in Year 5 who wish for their child to participate in the 2016 Barambah Cluster Canberra Camp must ensure they attend the Camp Meeting at Wheatlands SS on Wednesday 11 November. It is advised that children attend the meeting with you. The meeting will take place from 6:30pm. If you are unable to attend this meeting please speak with Mr Jones as soon as possible. In the week following this meeting, you will be required to pay a $50 non-refundable deposit to lock in your participation.

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting is scheduled for Friday 20 November at 8:30am. Everyone is welcome to attend.
Aaron Jones, Principal

Dates to Remember
- 2016 Canberra Camp Meeting Wed 11/11 6:30pm
- Term 4 Swimming Starts Wed 11/11 until the end of term
- Chalk/Parent Direct Fundraiser orders due Wed 11/11
- Senior Swimming Carnival Fri 13/11
- P-3 Swimming Carnival Tue 17/11
- P&C Meeting Fri 20/11/15
- Under 8’s Day Fri 27/11/15
- Parent/Teacher Interviews Week 10
- Rewards Days Wed 9/12
- End of Term

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RESPONSIBLE  RESPECTFUL  SAFE
Hard to believe we are half way through the term already. We have been exploring shape in maths. Students had a session where they had to try and construct a net to make their own 3d shapes. When given the task, ‘easy’ was one of the words that echoed throughout the room.

After about 5 minutes, opinions changed as students realised just how difficult this task would be. The end results were quite interesting with some shapes actually resembling what they were meant to be.

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**Year 2/3 Update**

Highest Weekly Token Earners -
Wk 1: Patrick
Wk 2: Malaeki
Wk 3: Parker
Wk 4: Charlie/Jesse/Parker

Bronze Club
Jesse, Kayla, Ella, Brayden, Damon, Parker, Angus, Patrick, Amelia, Jack, Kanarrah

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At the Centenary on Saturday we all had a wonderful day. Congratulations to our wonderful teacher aide Mrs Sippel for receiving recognition for her service to the school.
Mr Jones set us a challenge on Centenary day: ‘interview as many returning students as possible.’ Unfortunately, most of us were too excited about the many rides, nervous about performing or just too shy to speak to the hundreds of people who attended on the day.

On Monday after the Centenary, we were visited by Shannon, the editor of the South Burnett Times. Shannon spoke with us about her job as an editor and how she reads many articles a day. It is her job to look over them and make any corrections or improvements to them. Shannon helped us to start writing our own articles about the Centenary. We had different ideas to Shannon, about what the most important events of the day were. She seemed to think the presentations, speeches and special guests were more important, but most of our class thought the rides and the School Song where the highlights of the day! It was great to have Shannon visit and speak to us about reporting and editing newspaper articles, especially since we have to write one of our own for our assessment.

Our Year 5 and 6 students are now responsible for raising and lowering the new school flags. We have three flags; the Australian Flag, the Aboriginal Flag and the State Flag of Queensland. Mr Jones has told us that there are a number of rules we have to remember when raising and lowering the flag.

The number 1 rule; Do not let the flag touch the ground! We are very careful with each flag.

P&C News

Centenary Book and Cook Book — The P&C Committee are now taking orders for the second print of both the Centenary and Cook Books. Families and friends wishing to place an order can contact the school on 4168 4724. The cost is $25 per book or two for $40.

Christmas Shopping made easy! — Our school is participating in the Chalk and Parent Direct Toy Fundraiser. Catalogues were sent out earlier in term 3 and orders are due back to the school this Wed 11 November. Families can still order online by going to either www.chalk.com.au or www.parentdirect.com.au select your purchases. Once in check out you will be asked to put in your school’s name, as shown below. Type in "Moffatdale State School" and click “search”, it will then ask you to select the school. Follow the prompts, completing your details. If you have any questions, please contact the school.
MARDI GRAS AT NEW YEAR Mums and Dads gather your kids and head to the Nanango Showgrounds on New Year’s Eve for a great family night out at the Mardi Gras.

Cheap Rides! All show rides 5 for $10 or 10 for $20. Great Food - use your Mardi Gras Vouchers and save $$$. Free Entry to the Showgrounds.

Free Entertainment: Madame Butterfly, Stilt Walker and Flame Twirler - Cheerio the Clown, Magic Show and Balloon Artistry - Marc Brite, Rainbow Man - Balloons, Bubbles and Crazy Fun

MARKET STALLS, GAS GUZZLERS, TWO FIREWORKS DISPLAYS, BANDS and more.