From the Principal

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.

I would like to congratulate the school community on their commitment to attendance over the course of 2015. We currently sit on 92.6% for the entire year! Which is very close to our target of 93%. This is a great effort by all parents, carers and students. Let’s not let it slip in the last few weeks of 2015!

Parents and Carers, if your child is away for any reason, please inform the office by speaking with Mrs Granger, by leaving a message on the answering machine or informing one of the teachers.

End of year Report Cards/Interviews
Report Cards are scheduled to be distributed in Week 10 and interviews will occur at the same time, from Monday 7 December through to Thursday 10 December.

Bookings for interviews will be done through our online booking system or through Mrs Granger in the office. Information regarding the interview times and availability of teachers will be sent out on Monday 30 November. If you would like to meet your child’s teacher earlier, please contact them directly.

Prep Open Day/School Transition Day
We will be opening our doors to all of our enrolments for 2016 on Friday 4 December from 9:00 - 11:30am. Current students will have the chance to meet their teacher and teacher aides for 2016 and have a ‘sneak peek’ of what next year may look like for them as they move up a grade.

I would like to encourage our community to spread the word about our great school and actively advertise this event. Any potential new enrolments are welcome to come out and visit our school on this morning. There will be a BBQ lunch for parents and students as well; so come along and enjoy meeting our new Moffatdale State School family members.

Dates to Remember
- U/8’s Day Fri 27th Nov
- Murgon SHS Transition Day Tue 1/12
- Prep—Open Day Fri 4/12
- Year 6 Graduation Dinner Fri 4/12
- Report Cards/Parent Interviews Week 10
- Water Fun Rewards Day Wed 9/12
- End of Term Party Wed 9/12
- End of Term Fri 11/12

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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.

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.

Our end of year break up event will also be run at the conclusion of the Rewards Day. All students, parents and carers are invited to enjoy a drama performance by our Year 4-6 class, a few small presentations and a pizza party to end a busy but enjoyable 2015. The event will commence around 4:00pm with performances, presentations, pizzas arriving around 6:00pm and the evening concluding with music and dancing around 7:00pm.

Year 6 Graduation Dinner
Our Year 6 students and their families will celebrate their final year at Moffatdale State School on Friday 4 December with a Graduation Dinner. This event will celebrate our Year 6 students and their hard work over the course of their Primary schooling. I look forward to spending the evening with the staff of Moffatdale State School, the Parents of our outstanding Year 6 students and their families. I encourage all of our Year 6 parents and guardians to attend this special evening.

Canberra Camp 2016
Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the first 2016 Barambah Cluster Canberra Camp meeting on Wednesday 11 November.

If you were unable to attend this meeting please speak with Mr. Jones as soon as possible. There will be additional meetings that will require parental attendance in 2016 to ensure your child’s participation in the camp. A reminder that all deposits (non-refundable) for this camp must be received by Friday 27 November to book your place for 2016.

Year 6 Transition
Tuesday 1 December will see our Year 6 students attend their various High Schools as part of their transition into Year 7 for 2016. I would like to wish them all the best of luck! They are outstanding young people and I trust they will find the experience of Junior Secondary both challenging and rewarding.

Aaron Jones, Principal

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From the Principal—Continued

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Year 2/3 Update

Week 8 already—time is flying by!

The 2/3’s have been hard at work on their assessment tasks. Some of the work they have produced has been fantastic! A special mention must go to all of the students for how lovely their written tasks have been presented.

As we come towards the end of the year, we will begin some Christmas activities. For the last two weeks we will be looking at Christmas around the world. Each day we will travel to a new country (mapping it on our world map) and learn about the different Christmas traditions that occur in that particular place. There will be craft activities, cooking activities and some theory activities.

We have had some extra helpers come and go through the classroom. Thank you to Mrs Sansby and Miss Trish as they have come to help us with our learning.

The P-3 Swimming Carnival was held last Tuesday at Goomeri. It was fantastic to see all students engaged in the water activities. They all had a fantastic time.

On Monday’s, the 2/3 class transform into clowns. They clown around (and don’t get into trouble!) and learn about all things ‘clown’.

Monday’s are a lot of fun!
The year 4-6 students have been studying mapping conventions, directions and coordinates as well as endangered animals around the world as a part of their Geography unit this term.

As the Christmas Holidays approach, the learning doesn’t slow down – and once all of our assessment tasks have been completed we are going to be creating our own Christmas themed treasure hunt!

We will create a map of the school, hide 5 Christmas treasures and write 5 clues to send a partner on a treasure hunt to further test their ability to follow directions and read a map!

Congratulations to our students who participated in our Senior Swimming Carnival and a special “well done” goes to Jo-Wellah and Grace for winning Aged Champions Awards!

### Year 4-6 Update

**Congratulations to our Year 4-6 Highest Token Earners**

- Week 1 — Christine
- Week 2 — Peyton
- Week 3 — Chrissy
- Week 4 — Melena
- Week 5 — Cooper
- Week 7 — Mickayla

**Did you know?**

In Australia alone, there are 688 species of animals on the Endangered List?

**School News**

**Prep/One Gardening**—On Monday, 23rd November the Prep/Year One class went down to the garden to collect ingredients to make Zucchini Slice. In our garden we found giant zucchini’s, parsley, oregano, rosemary and basil.

We grated the zucchini and Mrs Perry chopped up our herbs. We added other ingredients and baked it in the oven, it was delicious! The teachers loved it too! Here is the recipe we used.

1/2 cups of grated zucchini, 1 small onion, 1 1/2 bacon rashers, finely chopped, 1/2 cup grated cheese, 1/2 cup self-raising flour, 1/2 teaspoon of fresh parsley, chopped, 1/4 teaspoon each of oregano, rosemary and basil, pepper to taste, 1/2 teaspoon stock powder, 3 eggs, 1/4 cup milk, 1 tablespoon tomato paste.

- Combine zucchini, onion, bacon, cheese, flour, seasonings and stock powder in a large bowl.
- Lightly beat eggs, add milk and tomato paste and beat until just combined.
- Fold through zucchini mixture and pour into a lightly greased 20cm quiche plate.
- Microwave on Medium for 10-12 minutes or bake in a moderate oven until golden on top. Allow to stand for 5 minutes before slicing. Enjoy!
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**Kids Club**

15302 Bunya Hwy Murgon

**Friday Afternoons**

4.45 - 6.45pm

During school term

Ages 5 to 12

Cost $12.00 per child

Email info@newhorizonsmurgon.com.au

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