**Principal’s Report**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year, we have many new faces at Moffatdale State School this year. We are fortunate to welcome many new families into our school and also a few new staff members.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following staff members:
Miss Emma Walters – Prep 1 – Monday/Tuesday
Miss Tammy Brown – Prep 1 – Monday-Friday
Mr Michael Reynolds – Music – Wednesday
Mr Mark Smith – HPE – Wednesday
Mr Sunny Pen – Japanese - Tuesday

**School Improvement**

Speech Sound Pics Approach to Reading, Writing and Spelling

In 2015, Moffatdale State School will be using an inclusive approach to teaching reading, writing and spelling. Our teachers have participated in professional development with Miss Emma from Read Australia on how to implement the ‘SSP’ Approach. The day was fun, engaging and challenging to many of our traditional methods of teaching. This approach has had many exciting and successful results in the Gold Coast region and we are hopeful of similar success in our school. A parent information session was held at school and it was highly successful, we hope to conduct further information sessions each term for interested parents/guardians.


**School Leaders 2015**

Congratulations to our school leaders of 2015. We look forward to watching you set a positive example for the staff and students at our school.

Grace Hankinson – School Captain Jo-Wellah Speedy – Sports Captain
Leadership Camp

Our year 5 and 6 students are off on an adventure from the 4th-6th February at the Barambah Environmental Centre. They will participate in a number of team building and leadership activities designed to challenge and engage students. It promises to be a great camp and an excellent preparation for the Canberra trip in 2016.

School Rules

Our school is now the proud owner of some lovely new school behaviour signs that clearly display our school rules:

- Safe
- Responsible
- Respectful

We encourage all parents to talk 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.

A new term means, a “reset,” to Token Counts and all students will begin collecting tokens. This term students will be aiming to receive an invitation to our Rewards Day that will take place in week 10. We have had an impressive attendance rate in the first two weeks of school and we trust this will continue. Remember EVERY DAY MATTERS!

Criteria for the Term 4 Rewards Day is as follows:

- Student must earn 150 tokens by week 9.
- Student must have 90% attendance up to the end of week 9 (students can have up to 5 days off this term). Students who do not have an attendance of 90% or more will not be eligible to receive an invitation to the rewards day. Students who are absent due to illness must produce a medical certificate or speak to their class teacher.
- Students must not receive any Major Incident referrals for behaviour.

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. As mentioned above, this focus has now been linked with our end of term Rewards Day.

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 100\textsuperscript{th} year Centenary Celebration on 31\textsuperscript{st} 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.

We are looking for any old photos, memorabilia or stories to help us set up displays on the day. If you have anything that may be of interest or know of anyone that may be in possession of such items please contact the school on 4168 4724 or email admin@moffatdass.eq.edu.au

Term 1 Swimming

This year we have decided to move our term 1 swimming program to term 4. Students will participate in a longer ‘water safety’ program in Term 4.

Regards,

Aaron Jones, Principal

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School News

Student Resource Scheme Forms

Our Student Resource Scheme is an important part of our school’s plan in providing our student with resources for their daily learning.

To assist us with this maintaining this scheme it is important for all families to return their completed forms to the office by Monday 9\textsuperscript{th} February. (Forms attached)

I have also attached invoices Repayment plans, Centrepay deductions are also welcome to help with family budgeting.

It is important to our school that our families are part of this scheme and if you have any questions please contact our office.

Lost Property

Our school’s lost property bin is already “chokkas”. If your child has not brought home a jumper/lunch box/track pants, etc there is a good chance it is in our lost property bin.

We always try to find a name on any lost articles and return it to the rightful owner but if there is no name, into the lost property bin it goes.

Please remember to clearly label all you child’s school clothes, lunchboxes and water bottles.

School Banking

The Commonwealth Bank
School Banking program is here again in 2015!
The exciting Rewards Program is designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular savings.

Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver Dollarmite token. Once your child has individually saved 10 tokens they can redeem them for a Dollarmite reward item.

An information pack for parents has been sent home with this newsletter. If you require further information, please contact the office.

**School Banking day is every Wednesday 🌺**

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**P&C News**

The P&C AGM will be held next Thursday 12th Feb at 8:30am.

Our P&C forms an important part of our school and works solely to benefit our students. We are looking for family members to support our P&C by becoming committee members, volunteers and to contribute in a positive manner.

We ask families to please attend this AGM and future meetings and become apart of how our school grows in the future.

All welcome

29th August Moffatdale P&C Golf Day

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**Centenary News**

It is an exciting year for Moffatdale State School with our Centenary celebrations being held on 31st October. The committee has organized fundraising events and raffles to be conducted over the next months to help with the cost of holding this event.

If families have items or vouchers to donate the committee would greatly appreciate it. Items can be left at the school office.

**The next Centenary Meeting will be held on Thursday 19th February at 6:30pm.**

A list of upcoming fundraising events for our Centenary Celebrations is as follows:

Sat 28th March – Trivia Night – Dusty Hill Winery
Sun 5th April - Easter Markets – BP Dam
Sat 18th April – Centenary Golf Day
May – Pie and Lamington Drive (delivered June)
May- Pumpkin Festive Raffle
June – Tupperware Party
July – Your Inspiration at Home Party
August – Family Portraits
September – Linen Party
7 aside Cricket – awaiting date

Your support for the Centenary celebration is much appreciated.
The prep one student’s have had a wonderful first week settling in for the new school year. We have spent the first week getting to know each other through developing images of ourselves and a family tree. This term the students will be learning about SSP (Speech, Sound, Pics) in Literacy; living and non-living items in Science; past, present and future in History; and all about different feelings and how to manage them in Social and Emotional Learning.

We would like to introduce and welcome our five new students to prep at Moffatdale State School: Kiri, Zenton, Jeremiah, Maddison and Hayden.

Miss Brown, Miss Walters and Mrs Perry are looking forward to a busy first term where we will get to know all the children and their families.

Picture drawn by Kiri Beckett (Prep)

Welcome back to school! It has only been a week and half but already we have been so busy!

We have settled well into our new classroom and find this to be a huge advantage when doing group work as we have more spaces to spread out into.

We welcome into the 2/3 room the ‘new’ year 2s (old year 1s), Brayden and Brett and Connar.

Homework folders went home Tuesday. Please return homework Thursdays so that we can mark and change comprehension tasks. Students will also bring home a diary daily. Some days this may
have important notes inside or activities that they must finish. Occasionally I may write notes into the diary – or you may write a note that you would like me to see. For bringing these back each day, students receive tokens.

Congratulations to Angus for being our Week 1 highest token earner with 21 tokens.

Below is a daily timetable for the 2/3 class and also an overview of what we will be covering in each of the topics this term. If you would like to help out in the classroom, please come and see me and times will be arranged.

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It has been a busy start to the school year with a short first week and our year 5 and 6 students heading off to camp this week. Despite this, we have been hard-at-work, settling into our new routines and learning about exciting new topics in each of our key learning areas.

Below is a copy of the year 4-6 class timetable. This timetable is flexible and may change depending on various school and community events; however we will endeavour to adhere to it as much as possible.

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In English, our class will explore characters through the book Deltora Quest – *The Forests of Silence*. This is a fictional fantasy novel aimed for readers from 8-12 years.

In Maths, during the first few weeks our students will use and experiment with a variety of new problem solving strategies. Next, they will develop an understanding of the number strand including concepts of; place value, properties of odd and even numbers, expanded notation, factors, multiples, prime and composite numbers. Our maths lessons are going to be packed-full of new learning and interesting educational experiences.

In Science, our class will investigate the question ‘Friend or Foe?’ as we look more closely at the impact different insects have on the life-cycles of plants and humans. Students will be involved in a number of experiments during the coming weeks. These lessons will be interesting and will allow students to express themselves in a creative and artistic way.

In History, our class will be, “cast back,” many centuries in time to uncover the deeds of some great European explorers. We will explore the reasons for exploration, how they managed such great feats and the impacts they had on modern exploration and discovery.

In the next newsletter, we will give you an overview of our other subject areas, including; Art, Music, HPE and Japanese.

It is going to be a busy and exciting year!!
Tennis coaching will resume on Wednesdays starting in the 2nd week of school.

45 min lessons. – Max 8 students per class.

$8.50 per student, payable by term account.

Please contact Leanne Sipple

0438 684 705 to book your child in.