**Principal’s Report**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It seems like so long ago, however, our SSP evening was a great success. Many thanks to our dedicated staff who stayed back to supervise an informative and interactive learning session. As I walked around the classroom, it was fantastic to see so many Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Guardians using their “duck hands”, lines and numbers, spelling and reading strategies. It was a very enjoyable event and a very big thank you goes to the members of the P&C for supplying us with lovely salad and cooking on the BBQ. It was a great way to end the night.

The Small Town Culture team have finished their final filming visit and we are now eagerly awaiting the final product of the ‘Beyond Barambah’ project to be released to the general public. The official launch of the 12-15 minute production that details the uniqueness of the schools within the Barambah cluster and the journey of students from these schools onto secondary schooling at Murgon High will be conducted at Murgon Town hall on Thursday 16 July.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted in week 10. This year Moffatdale State School is trialing an online booking system. Parents/Guardians can make bookings via the following website [www.parentteacheronline.com.au](http://www.parentteacheronline.com.au) A login link will also be available on our school website [www.moffatdass.eq.edu.au](http://www.moffatdass.eq.edu.au) in the parent links section of our page.

In order for this process to be efficient and effective for all, the school needs to collect a valid email from each family. Please complete the attached contact details (email address) form ASAP and you will receive your [www.parentteacheronline.com.au](http://www.parentteacheronline.com.au) login details in return.

School Improvement

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**Dates to Remember:**

- **School Banking**
  - Every Wednesday
- **Centenary Meeting** - Thu 11th June
  - 6:30pm
- **P& C Meeting** – Thu 18th June
  - 8:30am
- **Pie Drive**
  - Orders arrive 17th June

**Attachments:**

- Notice to provide email addresses
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 newly formed PBL team will be conducting its next meeting on 18 June.

Our school rules are: **SAFE, RESPONSIBLE and RESPECTFUL**

Moffatdale State School has finalised a vision statement that will underpin the core values of staff, students and parents who attend our school. The vision statement has been created with input from the P&C (parent representatives) and members of the school staff. Our school vision is:

> At Moffatdale State School, we love to learn. Through our diversity we enjoy strong friendships. We bond through learning, knowledge and sharing. We look forward to coming to school each day. We are Safe, Responsible and Respectful.

We encourage all parents and carers to discuss our new vision with your children. In particular what the statement may mean to them.

**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**

Parents and Guardians are reminded that student absences must be recorded with a valid reason. 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**

The Centenary Committee ran two very successful raffles at the Goomeri Hotel over the course of the Pumpkin Festival raising almost $1000 towards the costs of producing memorabilia for this exciting event. A huge effort from a very small team of volunteers.
If you would like to offer your assistance to the centenary committee, the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 11 June at 6:30pm in the school administration building.

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 book a table as soon as possible. You can book a table by contacting Caron in the office.

Up Coming Events
- Friday 19th June - Small School Cluster Cross Country/Ball Games – Cloyna State School
- Saturday 1 August – Moffatdale State School Trivia Night – Come along, invite your friends and family!!

Regards,

Aaron Jones,
Principal
We have been very busy in Prep/One over the last few weeks!

In English, we are working extremely hard on our end of unit assessment tasks. Students have chosen one of the cultural stories and have begun their creation of a story map and a written retell. This week, they will tell their story to the class. Students have chosen from the following four stories: *The Cocky, the Crow and the Hawk*, *The Two Wallabies*, *The Two Giant Men* and *The Four Dragons*.

Our SSP strategies have been invaluable in assisting the students with their writing during our written retells. It is exciting to see these strategies becoming embedded in their writing practice.

In Geography, the Prep/One students have continued their learning about *Natural, Managed and Constructed* features within our environment. They have also explored the concept of direction, using a compass and have become familiar with the terms, *North, South, East and West*.

In Science, our young scientists are in the midst of creating their own outside object as part of their, “What’s it Made of?” Primary Connections Unit. Students have investigated different materials and considered look, texture and durability, before embarking on the challenge to design and create an object that could survive outside.

Before considering their design and choice of materials, they conducted experiments to see how different materials are affected by water. Each student designed their own object and completed an initial sketch or plan of their object and listed the materials they would need to build their object. Bree planned and built a Frog Pond and Cael designed and built a Water Tree.

Our *You Can Do It!* Focus continues to be on Resilience and Getting-Along with Others. 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. The character, Gabby Get-Along, encourages 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. In all situations, students are encouraged to consider different options and use strategies to de-escalate their reactions.
This week our newsletter item has been written by Michaela Taylor

In 2/3 science we have been learning about mixing liquids together. Two weeks ago, I brought in diet coke and mentos. This was for an experiment I had found with my mum.

We went out onto the oval. Ella was taking the photos. Miss Payne opened the bottle of diet coke and dropped in 8 mentos. A mini eruption occurred with the drink bubbling out of the bottle.

We then dropped in 4 more mentos but only bubbles happened in the bottle – no eruption. Do you want to know why it erupted? When mentos are mixed with diet coke a chemical reaction happens. The gas released by the mentos pushes all of the liquid up and out of the bottle.

By Michaela Taylor

Some of our School Achievers –
Congratulations to all!!!!

May was a busy month with birthdays in the 2/3 class. Leilani, Georgia, Damon and Miss Payne all celebrated their birthdays in this month.
Community News

Free Childcare

New Childcare Centre Now Open in Murgon

Monday to Friday 6:30am to 6:00pm.

Kindergarten Program 5 days a week with a Bachelor Qualified Teacher

Offering care in a home like environment for Children 15 months to 5 years.

Enrol Now: 07 4168 3907

Enrol now and receive first week free! - Valid until 30 June 2015

Community Garden

GRAHAM HOUSE COMMUNITY GARDEN

COMING UP - Guest Speaker Session
Kyle Wenham, Plant Pathologist, from University of Qld
Wed 17/06/2015 10am - 12pm
RSVP to Dot on 4169 8400

Community Garden Sessions are held on the
1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month
during school terms at Graham House.

Time: 10am to 12pm

Learn about how to be involved in the Community Garden either socially, in-kind
support or to reap the benefits.

WHAT TO BRING: Hat, water bottle,
gardening gloves, closed-toe shoes.

For more information contact Dot on 4169 8400

Graham House Community Centre
21 Taylor Street East, Murgon.