Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you like the new look of our school newsletter. It aims to keep parents, students and interested community members up to date with what is happening in our classrooms, in the wider school community and allows us to share the many successes our students experience at Moffatdale State School.

Our school rules are now clearly identifiable at the base of the front and back of our newsletter. I encourage you to discuss what these rules mean with your children as they form the basis of our Responsible Behaviour Plan and reflection process.

School Improvement
Our current school wide attendance data sits at 93.1% for term 3. This is just over our target range, with only 2 weeks remaining in the term. This shows a great commitment from our parents to ensure that students are at school, every day, ready to learn.

Rewards Day
We have had many successful ‘Gold’ Level Reward recipients already this term. These students will receive their invitations to our Rewards Day which will be held on Wednesday 16 September (week 10). Students who do not receive an invitation to the Rewards Day will still be expected to attend school on that date. Staff will provide supervision and work for these students.

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 Celebration
Clear your schedule, save the date and invite old friends to our 100 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.

Aaron Jones
Principal
Celebrating the Past Afternoon!

Yesterday, Mrs Lucas and the Prep/One students shared a wonderful afternoon with their Parents, Grandparents and even some very special Great Grandparents. The room was filled with the smell of freshly baked scones and homemade jam-drops, the sound of ‘The Way We Were,’ playing on Mrs Perry’s antique portable picnic gramophone and the feeling of great care among all people present in the room. Mrs Lucas played her guitar and lead the students in a lovely performance of ‘Hush Little Baby’ where each child played a different part and everyone sang along. After sharing some afternoon tea, the students interviewed their Special Guests. Each child asked 3 pre-prepared questions, as part of their C2C History assessment task. They will use their guest’s responses to complete their assessment over the next two weeks. It was a marvelous afternoon, thoroughly enjoyed by the students and guests alike.

A very big ‘thank you’ to Mrs Perry, Mrs Alexander and Mrs Sansby for their assistance in helping the children prepare everything for their much anticipated special day! 😊

Year 2/3 Update

Where has the term gone? We are now into Week 8 and the days are flying by. 2/3 have been busy working on their assessment items. We are all up to writing out our poems for English and these will be presented to the class next week.

In Maths, we have begun our Investigations and I look forward to seeing the end results.

We completed a science exam on the labeling the water cycle and it has been great to see how many students could actually describe each of the stages of the water cycle correctly.

During snack break, we have been busy reading the 13 Storey Treehouse. These stories are hilarious and often we can hear the chuckle of laughter from the students as we hear some of the funny things that the characters, Andy and Terry, do. As a side activity, we have been designing our own tree-houses, either with a partner or by ourselves. These are very creative and wonderful to see!

To all the Dads, we hope you have a wonderful Father’s Day on Sunday!
Year 4-6 Update

We have had a great time over the last two weeks! It all started when we went to visit Goomeri SS on Thursday 27 August.

We went to see what exciting activities take place in the Junior Secondary area.

IT WAS AWESOME!

We were able to take part in a number of different subject areas: Japanese, Science, HPE, Information Design Technology (IDT), Manual Arts, Maths and Home Economics (Cooking). We all enjoyed our visit to Goomeri and we all had different favourite activities.

We all agreed that Sensei had the best fashion sense out of all of the Goomeri SS teachers! We just had to follow his style choice. What do you think?

We were also lucky to have a few of our class participate in the All Schools Touch competition at Murgon SHS on Sunday 30 August.

Thank you to Mrs Leanne Sippel for arranging the nomination and to Mr Ashley Hankinson for coaching the team on the day.

School News

Reminder to Year 4-6 students and Year 3 boys to please return their signed consent form for the Taabinga SS 10-A-Side Rugby League competition next Friday 11th September.

This is an all day event with a bus leaving Moffatdale at 8:30am and returning by 3:00pm.

A great day was had by all at the Moffatdale Annual Golf Day. Another great fundraiser for the P&C committee which directly benefits our students.

Thank you to the organisers and congratulations to the competitors. Well done to all!

P&C News

Our wonderful P&C Committee is offering our families a head start on Christmas shopping this year with the Chalk and Parent Direct Toy Fundraiser.

Both catalogues are jam-packed full of toys perfect for birthday and Christmas presents.

You will find toys suitable for all ages and interests.

To order simply fill in the order form in the middle of the catalogue and return with your payment. Orders can be placed between now and Wednesday 11th Nov.

Extra catalogues available at the office.
Community News

Shed Men— All Men and young Blokes are invited to the 29th meeting of the Barambah Shed Men at Harvey Dascombe’s farm 6571 Burnett Hwy, via Goomeri.

Date: Sat 5th September 2015
Cost: $15 includes meal, dessert, soft drinks, tea/coffee (under 15 years, free)
RSVP: Glen Vonhoff 4168 4134 joyglen3@bigpond.com

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