

**MOFFATDALE  
STATE SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER**

**TERM I  
ISSUE I**

**FEBRUARY 2024**



### Principal News

Welcome back – and to our new families – welcome to Moffatdale State School.

We hope that everyone managed to have a lovely break and enjoyed some time with their families.

It has been wonderful to see everyone arriving back, keen and eager to start the new year. Staff have been very busy arranging, organising and preparing for the new school year, and I believe that through conversations, everyone is having a wonderful start.

A massive shout out to Mr and Mrs Euler who have prepared our grounds and classrooms beautifully. With the amazing weather we have had, it is the first time in a long time that students can start the year with a green oval!

### **STAFFING**

We have managed to maintain our 4 classes for this year.

In B Block, we have Miss Kingston and Mrs Hazelgrove who are working with our wonderful Prep/1 class. At the far end of their building, we now have a library! This is very exciting as our pre-existing library had to be turned into a classroom – so now students have a space during play times that they can come in to quietly read, play games or just keep out of the heat! A number of students have utilised this space already which is exciting.

In D Block we have the 2/3 class with Miss J and Mrs Chong, and the 3/4 class with Miss S and Mrs Kratzmann. On Wednesday's and Thursday's, Mrs Perry will be an additional aide who works between the two classes supporting students learning.

In C Block we have the 5/6 class with Miss Payne, Miss Clair and Mrs Lorkin. Miss Payne will be on class Monday, Thursday and Friday, with Miss Clair teaching Tuesday's and Wednesday's. Miss Clair is also based at Windaera 2 days a week and Cherbourg for the other day.

Since moving the library from the back of this space to the

far end of B Block, the classroom feels so different – and in a very positive way! Mrs Suchoronczak will be supporting students in the 5/6 and 3/4 space Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday's.

Our LOTE teacher this year remains the same. Sensei Piper will be here on Wednesday's, and as an added bonus, Sensei will provide Japanese cultural experiences to all grades in half hour sessions different weeks. 5/6 will be taught straight from the LOTE curriculum.

Mrs Goschnick, our PE teacher, will run her lessons on Monday's, beginning at 8:45am with the P/1 class.

Miss Bianca Moffatt is our Instrumental Music teacher. Miss Moffatt will be at Moffatdale Tuesday afternoons, working with our Instrumental music students. Miss Moffatt will officially begin her lessons in Week 3.

Mrs Kylie Plant is our Guidance Officer, and she will be here even weeks on Wednesday's, with her first day being Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> of January. If you would like your child to be seen by Mrs Plant, please come to the office and request a consent form.

Mrs Granger can be found up in A Block in the office. For any school enquiries, notes or payments, Mrs Granger is the lady in the know!

Miss Emma will continue to run our playgroup on Monday's from 9:00am to 10:30am.

We all look forward to a very exciting year ahead!

### **CURRICULUM**

This year, teachers will be beginning to move to the new Version 9 of the Australian Curriculum in the areas of English and Maths. During the Student Free Days, teaching staff attending Professional Learning in Roma, looking closely at the English curriculum and identifying the changes between the previous curriculum and the newest version. We are all very keen to get involved in this, as 2025 is when it will become compulsory for all schools to move to this version for these learning strands.

# Principal's notices cont'd

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Mrs Lorkin started Breakfast Club this week. We have some keen volunteers from our 5/6 class, but if there are any parents who are able to assist some mornings, please let Mrs Lorkin know. We have found breakfast club to be very popular and notice the difference when students have had a meal prior to entering the classrooms.

## PARADE

This year we are trying something new with parade. On Mondays during first eating break, I will be speaking to the students about expectations for the week, any upcoming events they may need to be aware of and delivering any messages that students will need to know. Anything that families need to know, I will be placing either into the newsletters, or if families need to know a little sooner, either by letter, communicating through our Facebook page or through our SMS system.

On Friday from 2:20pm, we will have our celebration parade. This will be where our student leaders will run the parades, incorporating our school song, the anthem and handing out certificates. All families are invited to attend this parade, with the conclusion at 2:45pm in time for buses and pick up. We will post these awards onto our Facebook page too.

## COMMUNICATION

We always aim to ensure families are in the know about what is happening at Moffatdale State School. To do this, we regularly update our Facebook page, will make phone contact, send home letters, email and use the student's communication books. If you would like to speak with a teacher, please contact the office to make an appointment or touch base with the teacher at appropriate times to arrange a time to meet.

## SCHOOL REVIEW

In coming weeks, our school will have a review team visit to see how we are going. The aim of a review is to identify what it is that we are doing well and then make suggestions of how we can do things better or differently.

A review is a great opportunity for us to show people who might not be familiar with our context what makes our school a great school. As I find out more

information about this review, I will communicate it to all of our families.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Just a reminder that our school uniform is to be worn each day. Jewellery, make up and caps are not part of our school uniform. Toys and valuable items from home are not to be brought to school. We are not responsible for these items. If these items are brought to school, they will be taken to the office and parents will need to collect them.

## PAUSE

In each of the classrooms, students will engage in Pause lessons. These lessons are a way for students to begin to understand their emotions.

The following dot points explain a little more about why we choose to do Pause lessons at

Moffatdale:

- **Pause** teaches students the importance of recognising the signals in their body that their brain sends them.
- **Pause** teaches the students the three key parts of the brain that are responsible for thinking, emotions and long term memory.
- **Pause** empowers students to self-regulate their own behaviour by taking notice and acting on the signals they receive from their brain in a positive way.
- **Wellbeing** underpins the way children feel about themselves and how they relate to others.
- **Pause** improves children's wellbeing by teaching them about neuroscience and mindfulness.

If you have any questions about these lessons, please speak with your child's teacher.

Until next newsletter,  
Rebecca



## From the Office

### UPDATE STUDENT DETAILS

It is very important to ensure emergency contact details are up to date for your student.

If you have moved house, changed your contact details or need to up date your emergency contact details please give me a call .

### STUDENT MEDICINE AT SCHOOL

Education Queensland has strict guidelines for all schools to follow. If your child requires medication to be given at school, whether short or long term please bring the labelled medicine to the office and complete the "consent to administer medicine" form.



### CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

Our Student Council is collecting containers as a fundraiser for the school.



We have a recycling bin which was kindly provided to us by Cherbourg Containers for Change and all poppers and plastic bottles from student and staff lunches are collected here at school.

We also accept recycling donations from families and community members or they can be taken to any local recycling depot.

Our member number is **C10038689**

### MULCH HAY

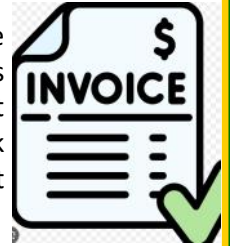
Miss J and her wonderful gardening helpers are asking for donations of mulch hay, in any condition, for our amazing Wakka Wakka Bush Garden.



Our students are learning the importance of mulching gardens and its benefits are not only keeping the moisture in the soil from all the beautiful rain we have had but keeping those pesky weeds from growing.

### STUDENT RESOURCE PACK

Thank you to all the families who have already paid their invoices. Payments can be made via the Qkr! App, BPoint over the phone or by following the link on the invoice or via Centrepay. Part payments are well.



We ask all invoices be paid by the end of Term 1.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

For your convenience we have added a calendar to the back of the newsletter with dates of events happening at school for the first 5 weeks. Look for updates on FaceBook or notes sent home.



### "The Great Battery Round Up"

The Moffatdale State School P&C are raising funds through recycling old dead lead acid batteries in order to purchase new school materials for our students.



You can drop them out to our collection point at the school or ring the school to arrange pick up.



**Save the Planet and Support Our School**

**Every Battery Helps!**

## New & Returning Staff

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Dear Moffatdale Community,

My name is Michelle Clair and I am lucky enough to be joining Moffatdale SS on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the 5/6 classroom this year. A little bit about me: I am a Sunshine Coast local who grew up in Peregian Beach with three older brothers. I now live in Murgon with my partner and a fun, busy toddler. We have a cattle dog named Winnie and a mixed pup named Wags! I look forward to being a part of the Moffatdale School community and meeting everyone along the way.

This semester the Year 5/6's will be focussing on the following learning areas with me:

- ◆ **Digital Technologies** – learning about different digital devices and how they work, and creating their own Maze game online.
- ◆ **History and Social Sciences** – Diving into the exciting world of democracy
- ◆ **Dance** – Busting out some smooth moves
- ◆ And Maths & reading groups



I hope to make this as fun and engaging as possible and am eager to get to know people so feel free to come in and have a chat. If there are any questions or information you would like me to know, please do not hesitate to contact me or come by the classroom. **Michelle Clair | Classroom Teacher | Moffatdale State School** Email [mclair6@eq.edu.au](mailto:mclair6@eq.edu.au)

Dear Moffatdale State School families.

I would like to introduce myself as your Guidance Officer for 2024. For the past 3 years I have worked as a Guidance Officer throughout different schools in the South Burnett region, and previous to this I was a classroom teacher. I have lived in the South Burnett region for the past 20 years and my children have all attended South Burnett schools, so I am excited to have the opportunity to work at Moffatdale Primary School this year.

Guidance Officers have a key role in your child's education. We advocate for your child, provide counselling, psychoeducational assessment and individual student support, as well as provide recommendations and advice to students, teachers and parents concerning educational, behavioural, mental health and family issues.



We do this by conducting activities such as student observation and psychoeducational assessment to determine the nature of students' learning difficulties, disability, developmental levels, or psychological and emotional status. This information helps us to make recommendations for educational adjustments and interventions.

This year, I will be visiting Moffatdale State Primary School once a fortnight on a Wednesday. Please ring the office if you would like to make a time to speak to me, or if you would like further information regarding the role of a Guidance Officer. Please also say hello to me if you see me during pick up or drop off times. I'm looking forward to getting to know the students at Moffatdale and their families!

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Kylie Plant



MOFFATDALE STATE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## GUIDANCE SERVICES



892 Barambah Road  
Moffatdale QLD 4605

## WHAT IS A GUIDANCE OFFICER?



Guidance officers are specialist teachers who deliver a broad range of services to school community members. They contribute to the development of a comprehensive student support and wellbeing program that is responsive to the needs of the school community.

### WHO CAN WORK WITH A GUIDANCE OFFICER?

Guidance officers may work directly with students in addition to working with a student's teachers, school support personnel, family, other specialists or external support providers.

### WHAT TYPE OF SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?

Support offered by guidance officers includes providing advice and counselling on educational, behavioural, vocational, personal, social, family, and mental health and wellbeing issues.



## COUNSELLING

The Guidance Service at Moffatdale State Primary School is able to offer a counselling service to students.

Throughout their time at Primary School students may experience a number of challenges. This may include, but are not limited to:

- Friendship difficulties
- Difficulty managing emotions
- Self-esteem issues
- Mental Health Concerns

*The Guidance Service at Moffatdale State Primary School is able to provide advice and support to address these types of concerns or issues. If further support is required the Guidance Officer is able to refer or advise regarding further counselling or support options.*

## PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT

A Guidance Officer is able to administer specialised psychoeducational assessments in order to further inform supports that may be required to support or extend students' learning.

The administration of such assessments is undertaken with the consent and collaboration of parents/carers, and at the discretion of the school team.



## FAMILY SUPPORT

The Guidance Officer is able to provide support and advice to families who may require support to address a school related concern.

### AVAILABILITY OF GUIDANCE SERVICES

The Guidance Officer visits Moffatdale State Primary School once a fortnight.

Appointments to see the Guidance Officer, or to obtain further information can be made by contacting the school office on:

(07) 4168 4724

## Prep / One Class

Welcome to the start of a new year! I hope everyone had a nice and relaxing break and is ready for another exciting year!

The Preps have had an amazing first week at 'big school' jumping straight into the routines and expectations of the classroom and school. The Year 1 students are doing a great job in helping and showing the Preppies what we do at school.

This term in English, the Preps are learning to retell an event and make connections to personal experiences within a preferred familiar story, and the Year 1's are learning to comprehend, orally retell, respond to questions and write in simple sentences about a familiar story. We are reading the books 'Little Red Hen', 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'Silly Birds'. Students will read these books for a couple of weeks each, complete activities about the books and then students will pick their favourite to retell for their assessment.

This term in Maths, the Preps are learning to make connections between number names, numerals and position in a sequence, to copy and continue repeating patterns, to describe the position and location of themselves and objects in relation to other people and objects and to collect, sort and compare data. The Year 1's are learning to recognise, represent and order numbers, to create repeating patterns and identify the repeating unit, to give and follow directions to move people and objects around an obstacle course and to collect, record and represent data in a one-to-one display and compare and discuss data. Students will complete a range of rotations throughout the term to help with their understanding of these topics.

We will also be doing lots of other fun learning in Spelling, Handwriting, Reading, Science, Dance Cart, Digital Technology and this year students will have some exposure to Japanese cultural lessons.

We are looking forward to another fantastic year and as always if you have any questions my door is always open or flick me an email: [mjkin0@eq.edu.au](mailto:mjkin0@eq.edu.au)

Miss Kingston & Mrs Hazelgrove :)



# Two/Three

Hello everyone and welcome to our new year of learning in the 2/3 space.

As always, it has been a busy start to our new year with students settling into a new classroom environment and re-visiting all the behaviour expectations surround being a Moffatdale Mighty. Everyone should be proud of how well they are settling with classroom routine after a wonderful summer break.

We have commenced our new units of learning and in English we are exploring characters and plot in imaginative texts. Ask your child to give you a recount of "Benny Bungarra's Bush Clean-Up," as they really enjoyed the story.

In Math we have been enjoying moving our bodies to some pretty cool dance moves as we recall counting patterns. Dance and body movement has also been incorporated for positional and directional words. It certainly has been wonderful seeing such happy faces during these activities. Positional and directional terms is the current focus as we look in to maps.

Our Health unit is all about being healthy. This includes the food we eat and the exercise that we do. I believe some students were a bit disappointed to learn that some of their favourite foods are on the 'sometimes' food list!

Our HASS unit of learning in Year 2 focuses on how technology has shaped daily life and also investigating an important historical place. Year 3 students will be with Miss S in the 3/4 class for HASS.

In Science, Year 2 will be learning about the observable features of a variety of landscapes and skies and describing the changes that can occur. Year 3 students will be with Miss S in the 3/4 class for Science.

As you can see there is a lot of learning to be consumed so a good night's rest is imperative for your child to be the best learner they can be.

Until next time, be happy and enjoy these beautiful 'first day' smiles.

Miss J and Mrs Chong : )



# Year Three / Four Class

Welcome back for another fantastic year at Moffatdale State School and a warm welcome to the new families who have started with our school community this year.

It has been a very pleasant but busy start back to the school year with students engaging in a range of activities to become familiar with the new class make up and new routines of being in a Year 3/4 class.

I have enjoyed hearing about all of their holiday adventures and seeing them bright and ready for another wonderful year of learning.

Meet our class:

Teacher / Teacher Aides : Miss Slattery Mrs Kratzmann, Mrs Perry and Mrs Suchoronczak



In English students will listen to and view a range of imaginative narrative texts. They will explore how authors use language features to enhance and develop storylines and characters. Students will learn strategies and writing techniques for adapting and writing their own imaginative narrative text.

In Math students will begin engaging in a range of learning activities focused on numbers to 10 000 and representing fractions and tenths as decimal on a number line. Concepts will present the opportunity for students to do learning in a variety of formats including online, hands on and written worksheets.

In Science students will explore how natural processes and human activity can cause changes to Earth's surface; erosion.

Dates to look out for:

- ◆ Mid Term Rewards Day - Week 5 (Day T.B.C)
- ◆ Year 3 students NAPLAN (13/03-25/03) *more information to follow*
- ◆ End of Term Rewards Day - Week 10
- ◆ Instrumental Music Tuesdays

We are looking forward to having a fantastic year together!  
Miss Slattery



I am looking forward to learning at instrumental music. Jax



Playing the drums at instrumental music. Daniel C.



To play the clarinet at instrumental music. Olivia.



Looking forward to having the Somerset students coming back again. Annabelle



I am excited to go to Somerset. Daralee



I am looking forward to Athletics Day. William H.



I am excited about Somerset camp. Campbell.



I am looking forward to getting to go on camp this year. Madilyn



Seeing Miss S and Mrs Perry as my teachers this year. Amelia N



For my birthday because I get to go on an adventure. Eliza



Making new friends and having a camp this term. Mia



I am looking forward to my new class and iPad work. Felicity



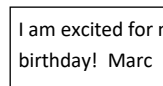
To try out for South Burnett for soccer trials. Thomas.



I am looking forward to doing more technology. Austin



Somerset at the end of the Term. Summer



I am excited for my birthday! Marc



I am looking forward to getting to go on camp this year. Kyson



I am looking forward to playing with friends and painting. Amelia W.





## Year 5/6 Class:

Last Thursday, the 5/6 class travelled to Kingaroy to participate in the GRIP Leadership Conference. Students wrote about their experience on Monday morning.



*On Thursday the 25th of January, we went to Grip Leadership in Kingaroy. We watched a guy named Andy do a lot of funny plays and he made us laugh. We did activities*

*like Loud Noises where students had to go up on stage and have fun. We also had this little booklet that we had to write in an answer questions, and also walk around and meet other students from different schools. We also watched parts of movie clips and answered certain questions about them.*

*By Lacey*

*At the Grip Leadership Camp we had so much fun. I got to meet new people and I even saw people from soccer. In the Grip book we did these fun games like a find-a-word. We learned about what you could do for your school like doing gardening for the environment. We did this Step out, Step closer and Step in thing which was cool to learn. We even did a fun UNO game that you needed to ask questions from other students from other schools.*

*By Dan*



We look forward to a wonderful year ahead with our 5/6 class. Miss Payne will be on class Monday, Thursday and Friday, and Miss Clair is on class Tuesday and Wednesday.

There will be many upcoming events for our seniors—so please make sure to check communication diaries on a daily basis.

Miss Payne, Miss Clair, Mrs Lorkin

**English:** Our focus text this term will be 'Nanberry: Black Brother White' by Jackie French.

Students will review, discuss and comprehend aspects of a familiar narrative; and to create an alternative ending, developing and expanding on ideas, characters, settings and events.

**PLD** – students will engage in daily PLD Spelling and Dictation lessons that are targeting their levels of achievement. Testing will be completed by Week 9 so that students progress can be tracked and monitored, and new groups for the following term can be determined.

Daily **reading** lessons will occur. Students will be exposed to decodable texts, authentic texts and complete comprehension activities based around texts that they have been exposed to.

**Maths:** Three math concepts will be covered this term: Number/Space/Statistics

**Number:** Yr 5—write and order decimals (hundredths) and represent and order fractions. Yr 6: represent integers on a number line and order common fractions, giving reasons.

**Space:** Yr 5—perform and describe transformation of shapes, identify symmetries and use grid coordinates. Yr 6: locate and represent pairs on the Cartesian plane and create tessellating patterns using combinations of transformations.

**Statistics:** Yr 5—plan and conduct statistical investigations and compare distributions of data. Critique arguments presented in advertisements based on statistics. Yr 6: plan and conduct a statistical investigation and compare distributions of data. Critique arguments presented in advertisements based on statistics.

**Science:** Students will complete the unit 'Our Changing World'. In this unit, students will look at Natural Disasters – identifying what they are, why they occur, the impact they have on the Earth and ways we can minimise their impact.

**HASS:** Investigate how Australia became a federation; explore the three levels of government; and how citizenship rights have changed for different groups.

**Health:** Students describe their own and others' contributions to health and wellbeing. They access and interpret health information, and apply problem-solving skills to enhance their own and others' health and wellbeing.

**Digital Technologies:** Using the program Scratch, students will create a game that incorporates decision-making, repetition and user interface design into their designs and implement their digital solutions, including a visual program.

**Moffatdale Community Playgroup**  
with Miss Emma



**Every Monday  
of  
each term.  
9:00am to**





**NANANGO & DISTRICT NETBALL JUNIOR & CADETS (AGES 11 - 18) SKILLS & TEAM ALLOCATIONS**



- 23RD FEBRUARY
- 8TH MARCH
- 22ND MARCH

**4PM - 5:30PM**





**Nanango & District Netball Association**

Woolworths NetSetGO

**COME & PLAY DAY!**

FRIDAY  
16TH FEBRUARY  
4PM - 5PM

BOYS & GIRLS AGES 5 - 10

 Nanango & District Netball Association  nanangonetball@gmail.com

 0448256512  55 Appin Street W, Nanango, QLD 4615



**TENNIS SIGN ON**



**SIGN UP FOR TERM 1 NOW!!!**

CLASSES AVAILABLE FOR AGES 3+

KINGAROY: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

NANANGO: TUESDAY AFTERNOONS

WONDAI: FRIDAY AFTERNOONS

COOLABUNIA SCHOOL: CLASSES AVAILABLE BEFORE SCHOOL

OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CONTACT US TODAY FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK.

EMAIL: [mrbproten@bigpond.com](mailto:mrbproten@bigpond.com) or PHONE: 0409 895 527.

Find us on FACEBOOK




**BARAMBAH UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB**

**29 FEB 2024**

TRAINING STARTS

**4-5PM**

AT WONDAI SOCCER FIELDS




Bookcase for sale

210mm high x  
103mm wide

\$50 ono

Contact Moffatdale  
State School on  
4168 4724

# Term 1 Feb/Mar/Apr 2024 Weeks 1-5

Moffatdale State School—892 Barambah Road, Moffatdale—Phone—4168 4724—Email—admin@moffatdale.eq.edu.au—Website—www.moffatdale.eq.edu.au

WEEK	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Jan One	22	23	24	25 GRIP Year 5/6	26 Australia Day Holiday
Feb Two	29	30	31 Guidance Officer	1	2
Three	5 <i>School Newsletter</i>	6	7 <i>Principals Meeting</i>	8	9
Four	12	13	14 Guidance Officer	15	16
Five	19	20	21 School Review	22 School Review	23 School Review Gympie Leadership Excursion Year 5/6