

MOOLOOLAH STATE SCHOOL



Principal
Michele Brown

Administration
Pam Day
Elizabeth Fitzpatrick

Tuckshop Day
Friday

Student Banking
Tuesday

Uniform Room
Tues 8.15– 9.15am

After School Care
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P & C Meetings
Wed 20th Nov 6pm

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54136360

Please telephone this
number on the day your
child is unable to attend
school and leave a
message.

Email:

the.principal@
mooloolahss.eq.edu.au

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www.mooloolahss.eq.edu.au



At Mooloolah State School, the 4 B's enable
all of us to take pride in our achievements

- Be Safe
- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be an Active Learner



This term we are focussing on the whole matrix and particularly 'The 4 B's'

This week we are focussing on: * Be Honest * Stay on task and follow the adults directions

Date 31st October 2013 Week 4

FROM MICHELE'S CHAIR

What's happening at our school?

CONGRATULATIONS FROM STEVE CASE

In the last newsletter I shared some of the fabulous results from the NAPLAN testing for 2013. This week I met with Steve Case the Assistant Regional Director who was visiting our school. Steve has been in this role for the last 3 years and has always been a great supporter of what we are doing to improve student learning at Mooloolah. However, this week, Steve was even more magnanimous in his praise for the results that students are achieving at our school. Many of our students are achieving at a higher level than students right around the country. Our Year 7 students exceeded their expected level of improvement by margins that were well in excess of their peers in the state and in the nation. This is not just happening in NAPLAN. It is also occurring in the daily assessment of activities throughout the term. The efforts of the students are due, in no small part, to the fantastic effort that is put in each day by the teachers of every class and the willingness of the students themselves to achieve at a higher level. What a great job they do each day!

COMPLAINTS

There is a process to follow for anyone who wants to address a concern or issue. I find it is always good to raise the issue with the person who knows most about what has occurred. In some cases this will be the class teacher, at other times it may be the principal. When this process is followed, the issues can generally be addressed in a relatively simple manner with both parties satisfied with the result. If you find that the matter hasn't been resolved to your satisfaction then you can take it to the next step.

If you have a concern or a complaint, please don't hesitate to bring it to our attention by speaking to your child's class teacher, making an appointment to raise the issue with the principal or communicating your concern in writing. When you do so, please don't forget to include your name. That way we will have more chance of reaching a satisfactory resolution. Nothing will be achieved if you remain anonymous.

MURALS

I'd like to brighten up the walls of C and D block with a couple of murals that incorporate our 4 Bs. If you have any ideas could you please give me a call at the office?



VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers will all be recognised at our annual volunteers' parade and afternoon tea on Thursday, November 14. If you have volunteered in our school in 2013 please keep that afternoon free and join us so that we can celebrate with you and recognise the wonderful work you have done throughout the year.

Last Friday and Saturday were enormous days for the team who help out at our fundraisers. With a disco on Friday night and the Mooloolah 150th celebrations on Saturday the weekend was an extremely busy one. Special mention must be made to Talia Parry from Year 2CC who helped out all day at the Mooloolah 150th celebrations. You were awesome, Talia!

GRANDPARENTS DAY

This year we will be celebrating Grandparents Day on Friday, November 8. This is always a highlight of our year as we invite the grandparents to share a picnic lunch with their grandchildren. This year we will be setting up in and around the hall and are asking grandparents to bring a plate for a shared lunch. We are also asking for the children to bring a photograph of their grandparents before the date as Mrs Aspinall is organising a digital display. If you have a digital photograph please email it to daspi12@eq.edu.au or mbrow77@eq.edu.au.

2014

If your child is not returning to the school in 2014, please phone or email us at the office to let us know. It is important that we are aware of the reasons that students leave our school so that we can continue to improve the climate for those who remain and for incoming enrolments.

Next Thursday, November 7, we will be holding a special meeting for the parents and carers of those children who will be in year 5, 6, & 7 in 2014. The meeting will begin at 3:15 and be held in Mr Lowe's classroom. I look forward to catching up with you at that time.

I am presently working with Austnews to transition to an electronic newsletter in 2014. I feel that it is important that we communicate what is happening at the school directly to parents via digital media so that the message arrives quickly, in colour and is not lost on the way. Initially, paper copies of the newsletter will be available but over time we will begin to faze these out.

Many thanks to Kylie Gillespie who has been instrumental in organizing advertising for our newsletter. Thanks also to the local businesses for their support over a number of years. I hope that in transitioning to a different medium of communication that those businesses continue to support our great school.



Michele

P&C NEWS

Thank you to all the fantastic helpers who gave their time to help at our Friday night Disco and at the BBQ at Mooloolah 150 years celebration. We raised almost \$2000 from these events!!

RAFFLE TICKETS... please keep on bringing in your sold tickets don't miss out on your chance to win this fantastic holiday.

ART WORKS - Fundraiser for Chappy... orders for calendars and other stationary items due by this FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER.

The children have produced awesome artwork and these would make terrific Christmas gifts.

Thank you for your support.

Congratulations

We would like to wish the following families of our school community very best wishes on the additions to their families.

16 June - **Mc Intyre** family a son DYLAN his sisters are Emily 1CH and Aleah 3/4LF.

3 September - **Montague** family also had a son AUSTIN his sisters are Ashleigh in 3/4LF and Matilda in Prep

24 September - **Philpott's** welcomed little ISAAC to their family with a very proud big sister Lilly in 1CH.

16 October - **Gassner** family were very pleased with their new addition of a beautiful daughter ELOISE after three sons. Big brother Oliver 1/2CC, Lucas Prep and Benji. Sally Gassner is our P&C President

30 October - **Crowther** family baby daughter LACEY was only born yesterday. Big brother Jack is in Prep and sister Mila starts Prep next year.

Once again congratulations to you all



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SCHOOL BANKING REWARDS UPDATE

In Term 1 of 2014 there will be changes made to the rewards token system. There will still be exciting rewards available, but you/your children and us banking coordinators will not have to keep track of the tokens. The Commonwealth Bank's computer system will keep track of the number of deposits made so we can let you know when your child can redeem a reward.

How to prepare for the change: Due to the system upgrade it is important that all children redeem any 'extra' tokens that they currently have on hand. If a child has more than 10 tokens they need to redeem them before the end of Term 4 because the system is limited to roll over a maximum of 9 tokens.

To assist in this process we have done a couple of things: 1. We are able to order more than one reward item per child; 2. The 2GB USBs from the 2012 Rewards Program have been included as there is a small supply left in stock. until sold out.

Congratulations to all Gold Award Winners:

Makenzie Hooke	Zepplin Wilson	Chloe Cormack
Dakota Laverty	Georgia Gillespie	Ryan Aldred
Tiana Noe	Indiana Nuttall	Dazhan Rapier
Peter Scott	Akemi Evans	Ruby King
Jake Mawbey	Riley Hackney	Ella Moss
Bonnie Muller		

CLASS ROOM NEWS

YEAR 3/4LF

For the past few weeks 3/4LF has been learning about health. Like what foods we should eat a lot of and foods that we should not be eating. We should be eating a lot of vitamins and minerals, carbs and protein and we should be drinking lots of water. The foods that we should not be eating are junk foods like chips and lollies, In lollies and lots of junk food is has a high amount of sugar, salt and oil. We have also have been learning in maths how to flip the shapes that we have been given like turning a love heart one quarter. In English we have been focusing on spelling and writing speeches for assessment. By Storm Henderson

Looking for a Summer sport?

COME PLAY SOFTBALL!!

Suncoast Hinterland Softball Association invites interested players to sign-on for the upcoming summer season.

When: Saturdays

Where: Mooloolah Multi Sports Complex - 129 Mooloolah Connection Rd, Mooloolah

Brand new facilities

Commences: 9th November 2013

Who: Males & Females of all ages & abilities - 5yrs to masters

Contact: Charlie 0415135683 or suncoasthinterlandsoftball@gmail.com



MOOLOOLAH CHRISTMAS SHOW

TUES 10 DECEMBER

We are excited to announce our Mooloolah Christmas Show for 2013. This year the students will present the Christmas nativity and Christmas around the world in a brand new format. Each class will prepare an item and dress up in character to play a part in our Christmas spectacular and we will finish the night with our much-loved whole school song and fabulous fireworks! It is a night not to be missed- so come along, take a seat and stay for the whole evening as you enjoy our enormously talented students here at Mooloolah State School!



ALLERGIES

As we have students enrolled at our school who are highly allergic to a number of different substances we ask parents to consider not including NUTS, PEANUT PASTE in their child's lunch. Also at the end of year party time perhaps check out the labels on dips etc to see if these products contain nut traces which could be very harmful to some students. Thank you for your consideration.

ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS PARENT COURSE

Parenting skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems.

Three session program for parents and carers will be held at Glass House Mountains School on Thurs 5,12 & 19 November from 9-12noon.

The course costs \$10 - to register contact Clare Ingham on 54393222.

Presenter is Megan James who has completed Parents' Engaging Adolescents training and Emotion Coaching practitioner training in 2012. Megan is a behaviour consultant working for Education Qld.

RESOURCE CENTRE

Book Club - This was ordered this week so should be back at school next week.

Book Fair - Mon 11 - Thurs 14th November

Helpers needed urgently please see Jenny or Pam if you can help with the fair before or afternoon at school. Thanks.

Happy reading

Jenny Wilson

Parenting skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems

DATE CLAIMERS

Grandparents Day Fri 8th Nov 1pm

Prep Parent Information afternoon 5 -6pm Tues 12 Nov

Book fair week 11th - 14th Nov

CHAPPY CHAT

Wow! Where has the term gone? It's already week 4! It is certainly a very busy time for our last term for 2013. Children have been working very hard on getting things ready for our Christmas Show at the end of term. And are very excited about meeting a special guest, Abdul, who'll be helping with the show. It will be a show not to be missed. Hope to see you there!

Earlier this term I had the opportunity to speak to the P and C committee and was able to talk to them about what I've been involved with as Chappy. Thank you so much for your support of the chaplaincy program in our school.

With our cooking groups, some of the children have been learning the importance of following the recipe when preparing the ingredients. A dough mixture can easily be transformed into goop when the recipe isn't followed correctly. FYI - Trying to shake the "goop" off of hands isn't a good idea in the kitchen. Unless one likes to clean up lots of mess.

Our older students from years 5-7 continue to spend time Cooking with Chappy. It's rather surprising the number of students who have forgotten that they have already cooked with chappy. This activity has certainly been well received by our year 5/6/7s and they do a great job as well. I know our staff have enjoyed sampling some of their efforts.

Some of the children from year 3/4 have been helping in our veggie patch. Our chillies are looking really great and will soon be ready for picking. The cabbages, well, what can I say, the caterpillars have enjoyed them, but we're fighting back. One student thought the best way to get them out was to dig the heads out of the cabbage. Probably not the best way to go about it. Next year we plan to expand the veggie patch and have more of our students involved in this activity.

I'll close with a quote I read recently - "A child seldom needs a good talking to as a good listening to." Robert Brault

Budding chefs !



Keeping the garden growing



FOUND

A pair of sunglasses were found at the 150 Celebration at the Recreation Grounds last Saturday, they have been handed into the school office. If you have lost glasses please call into the school.