FROM MICHELE’S CHAIR

What a wonderful start we have made to the school year! Thank you so much to the students, staff and community for the manner in which you have prepared for such a remarkable beginning. There is no doubt that in 2013 we are all ‘Switched on for Learning’. Congratulations to everyone on the role that you have played in settling your child into the 2013 school year.

Today is one of the most important days in the school calendar, Day 8. Schools are resourced according to student numbers on Day 8 of the school year. Welcome to those families who have made the choice to have their children educated at Mooloolah State School. We look forward to working with you to ensure that your child receives the best possible start to their educational journey.

On behalf of the school community, I am delighted to welcome Ms Catherine Cavanagh, Mr John O’Donnell and Mr Geordie McGill to our staff in 2013. Mrs Cavanagh has made a terrific start with the 1/2 class, while Mr O’Donnell is working with students and parents of students in 4JO to ensure that the best possible opportunities for learning are happening in his class and Mr McGill is working with every student in the school facilitating their development of Physical Education.

Thank you to the huge number of volunteers who are already working with students in classrooms. Your support of the children at our school is incredible. I can’t thank you enough for your generosity and willingness to help out.

Next week, teachers will be holding their introductory Parent/Teacher afternoons. Teachers of students in Prep – Yr 2/3 DA will hold their sessions on Tuesday afternoon and teachers of students from Year 4 to Year 7 will hold their sessions on Wednesday afternoon.

Our newsletter is proudly sponsored by the local businesses featured on the back cover.
**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION**

Every year we ask parents for a voluntary contribution of $50 for each child attending our school. This amount is much less than the contribution being asked by a number of other neighbouring schools. In the past 3 years, we have used the proceeds of that voluntary contribution to resource programs throughout the school in a variety of ways. This year I would like to use the voluntary contribution to replace the computers in each of the classrooms. To do this effectively we will need to raise in the vicinity of $10000. To help remind parents of the goal that we are hoping to achieve, we will place a number of thermometers around the school that will continually be updated to show the totals that we have reached. Thank you to those parents who have already deposited their contribution at the office. Particular thanks to those who have contributed in excess of the $50 per student.

**TUCKSHOP**

Thank you to June Osborne for continuing to take on the role of convening our tuckshop. Throughout last year, June was supported by a very small team of willing helpers. Once again in 2013, June will be looking for volunteers to help her in the tuckshop. If you have time on a Friday and are able to help out, please advise the office or June of your availability.

**LEADERSHIP**

The process of choosing our student leadership group for 2013 is underway with students nominating for School Captain, Student Representative Council and House Captain. Mr Lowe has outlined the democratic process with the children and those who have nominated for leadership positions presented their persuasive arguments to the students and staff of Year 4, 5, 6 and 7 this afternoon. Part of the process will involve students being interviewed before the final results are known. The successful students will be presented with their badges at assembly on Friday, February 22 at 9am. What an exciting time for these students! Next week, I plan to meet individually with each of the Year 7 students. I look forward in anticipation to witnessing the maturity and willingness of the students as they fulfil their leadership roles.

**P&C MEETING**

The first General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 20 at 7pm. Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20 at 7pm. If you are interested in joining us, we meet on the third Wednesday of each month to discuss important matters relevant to the improvement agenda of the school. We welcome all parents to become active members of the P&C.

**RELIGION**

Religion classes will begin for the students in Week 3. Unless otherwise advised, all students participate in the classes. If you do not want your child to participate in the Religion program, please submit your request in writing to your child’s class teacher.

**TUCKSHOP OPENS TOMORROW FRIDAY 8TH**

Menu is included with newsletter today

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**DR MICHAEL CARR–GREGG**

On Monday 25 February, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg will be running a parent session at Sunshine Coast Grammar. The evening session is ‘Building resilient children and teens: Parenting adolescents in a media and technology saturated environment; what kids are doing and how to keep them safe’. If you are interested in attending the event, please access the Sunshine Coast Grammar website www.scogs.qld.edu.au/michaelcarrgregg for further information and to register your attendance.

“Never assume quiet is weak and loud is strong”. Lolly Daskal

Congratulations and thank you to everyone for the terrific contribution you make to our learning community.

Michele

**GIVE AWAY FIRE WOOD**

If you need firewood for winter please see Pam in the office. We have had a number of trees felled at our place here in Mooloolah and would love to give the wood away. It will need to be cut as some of it is in large logs still.

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CLASS ROOM NEWS  

YEAR 1CH  
Welcome back everyone and a HUGE thank you to all the parents who have helped to get us organised and settled in. We will be having our first Parent Chat on Monday 11th at 2pm-3pm, while the students are at Music/Dance. This will be a general chat about school and homework routines and expectations. The following Monday afternoon I’ll happily go into more detail about any curriculum interests such as reading, phonics, sight words, maths... Thank you to the parents who have already been able to commit (weekly/fortnightly/when I can/jobs at home) to joining us. Our priority at this time is DAILY reading, WEEKLY sight word review, Literacy, Math and Computer Groups. Our first excursion is on Monday 4th March and we will be needing parent helpers to supervise small groups of students. Please look out for the note sent home today. 
Happy Learning Chris, Jenny, Estelle and Honnie😊

YEAR 1/2CC  
Thankyou to all of the children and parents who have welcomed me to Mooloolah. We have had a positive start to our learning and some great champions who are very active in their learning. Thankyou also to those parents who have responded to the request for parent helpers - your time in our class is invaluable! For our History topic we are looking closely at ourselves, our families and special events which may have been celebrated in the past. For this topic it would be great if the children can begin preparing a compilation of photos marking a special event/celebration in their lives. This may have been: birth, first birthday, starting kindy, prep or school, a family marriage, Christmas or holiday.
A note will also be sent home from the classroom giving you the dates we would like to have them shared. A FRIENDLY reminder - please listen to your child read each night and SIGN the record. If it isn’t signed we can only assume it wasn’t read.
Thankyou, Catherine

YEAR 2/3DA  
I will be holding a Parent information session on Tuesday, 12th February at 3.15pm. All parents are encouraged to come. If you are unable to attend this session I will be happy to provide the notes.

Topics: reading, mathematics (changes), homework, parent help, communication, Naplan, routines and timetables.

I have had a great start to the year. I love working at such a wonderful school with outstanding staff, parents and community members. Thank you to my parent helpers and special thanks to Liz Pearson for making curtains to go in our new reading corner.

If you have any old magazines could you please send them in?

If your child has any medical needs or your contact details have changed can you please let the administration team know?

Kind Regards, Donna Aspinall

DATE CLAIMERS

Parent/Teacher Afternoons  
Prep-Yr2/3DA Tues 12th Feb  
Yr 4 – 7 Wed 13th Feb  
P&C Meeting Wed 20th Feb 7pm

SPORT

SUNCOAST HINTERLAND SOFTBALL  
Have a go day and sign on.  
When - Saturday 11th Feb 9am -1pm  
Where - Softball Grounds 129 Mooloolah Connection Rd M’lah
Free have a go games, jumping castle, face painting & free sausage sizzle.
For more info please contact Karen 0422 204 661  
suncoasthinterlandssoftball@gmail.com
ww.qld.softball.org.au

FREE COME & TRY BMX RACING CLINICS

SIGN ON DAY

If you love to ride your bike then come along and experience the thrills and excitement that the Olympic sport of BMX racing can offer. All ages welcome as long as you don’t need training wheels.
Where: Hinterland BMX Club, Connection Rd, Mooloolah
When: Sunday 24th Feb 2013
Time: Clinic 1 - 10:00am-11:00am or Clinic 2 -12:00pm-1:00pm
What to Bring: Bike, helmet (full face if you have one), long pants, long shirt, enclosed shoes and gloves (if you have them). For new memberships please bring a copy of your birth certificate.
More info visit: http://suncoasthinterland.bmxa.com.au or ph 0408 888 709

RESOURCE CENTRE

Bookclub brochures have been given out and are due back at the office with payment by Friday 16th Feb. There are extra brochures at the library if needed. All classes except Prep have borrowed this week. Any student who didn’t have a library bag was given a plastic hopping bag and allowed to borrow so everyone should have a book to read.
Class borrowing days are:
Tues – Prep, 2/3DA & 4JO  
Wed - 5/6/7RG & 5/6/7CL  
Thurs - 1CH & 1/2CC
Students are encouraged to borrow each week from our excellent collection of books. We also have a Parent Library and welcome parents to come and borrow from this and our general collection.

Happy Reading

Jenny Wilson