

MOOLOOLAH STATE SCHOOL



Principal
Michele Brown

Administration
Pam Day
Delma Perriman

Tuckshop Day
Friday

Student Banking
Tuesday

Uniform Room
Tues 8.30– 9.15am

After School Care
5494 7491

P & C Meetings
AGM Wed 20th Mar 7pm

School Contacts

Address:

King Road
Mooloolah Q 4553

Phone:

5413 6333

Fax:

5413 6300

**Student Absence
Telephone Number**
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

Website:

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: Choose helpful and friendly words and actions

Date 7th March 2013 Week 6

FROM MICHELE'S CHAIR

UNITED IN OUR PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

In 2011, Education Queensland incorporated a new motto as each school continued their journey in raising the bar for student outcomes - *United in the Pursuit of Excellence*. Last week I attended the second Principals' Conference aligned with that vision. As teachers in schools, we cannot achieve this without the support of a committed community. How refreshing it is to see so many parents willing to come in and work with teachers to support the learning that is happening each day. Without the support of our volunteer parents, teachers are unable to track the data and implement appropriate strategies to support student learning. Without our volunteer parents, teachers are unable to ensure that students are learning to the very best of their ability. For those parents who are unable to support in the classroom, I ask that you take the time to work with your child at home. Each minute that you spend reading, helping with homework, practising number facts and spelling demonstrates to your child the importance that you place on their learning.

Two new frameworks were released at our conference: The Pedagogical Framework which is now available on the Education Queensland web site. The Framework outlines the importance of high quality teaching and supports the work of schools by clearly outlining expectations for school pedagogical frameworks.

The Parent and Community Engagement Framework which is now available on the Education Queensland web site. The Framework outlines the importance of engaging with parents and the community to improve student levels of achievement and describes principles underpinning effective engagement.

Online resources are available to support schools as they strengthen their engagement with parents and the community. Find a range of vodcasts and case studies; guides for parents, teachers and principals; and links to contemporary websites in Australia and internationally.

The new Australian Curriculum is being taught in each classroom. There is no ceiling on how high each student can achieve. The bar is being raised and we need your support to ensure that your child is performing at their very best.

My vision for this school from the outset has always included a focus on high expectations. I know that my staff feels the same way. The effort that they are putting in to improve student outcomes is incredible. Our literacy and numeracy blocks are focused on ultimate student engagement. Quality teaching and learning for every child in every classroom for every student - I want you to know that's what our school is all about.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CLASSROOMS?

During the past few weeks I've noticed how many students we have who are active learners. On Tuesday, the students in Yr 2 continued with their learning while I had a conversation with Mrs Aspinall, the Year 5/6/7 students were brainstorming to get the three best ideas possible before beginning their persuasive writing while others in their class were justifying their answers to Math questions. The Prep students led by Bryce Brown, the Mystery Star, chased me all over the school so they could photograph me (smiling) with Inky the puppet. Tate is trying his best with his reading and can communicate his understanding by writing about it. Yr 3/4 responded to Ms Ferguson by putting up their hands to answer or ask a question. Ethan and Maddy recently visited me in my office to show me their fantastic bookwork following a Science lesson. Ruby P celebrated her birthday with all of her classmates and brought balloons for them all to take home. I saw Jake and Chad take on the responsibility of putting away the table tennis tables without being asked. Students who participate in the Instrumental Music program make sure they bring their instruments to school each Thursday. They practise during the week and remember their lesson time. Active Learners are happy learners. We have so many of these children at our school. I am so proud to share their educational journey with them each day.

BEHAVIOUR

As I walk through the school each day, I am immensely proud of the way the majority of students are playing and talking to one another. Our school rules of Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe and Be an Active Learner encapsulate every element of a person's life. Children who learn these values from an early age will have an easier path to becoming a successful citizen as an adult. Help us to ensure your child's path to success by frequently checking on their progress with their teacher and committing to the values that underpin each of the school rules.

SWIMMING POOL

I have recently been advised by Education Queensland to seek Expressions of Interest from those members of our community interested in leasing or holding a licence to operate the swimming pool. The following advertisement has been placed in the Sunshine Coast Daily. Please note that all responses must be in writing and submitted by the close of business on Wednesday, March 20.

Mooloolah State School Pool

Expressions of Interest are called for the pool lease for 2013/2014 season and beyond.

Interested applicants should address their response to:

*The Principal
Mooloolah State School
48 King Rd
Mooloolah 4553*

Applications close Wednesday, 20th March 2013

BUSH DANCE & COW PAT LOTTO

On March 22, the P&C together with the Chaplaincy Committee will be hosting two fantastic fundraisers that should be a lot of fun.

The first will be a Cow Pat Lotto. Members of our P&C will be out and about in the community selling tickets for the Lotto. Tickets are going on sale for \$5 each. Thank you to the many businesses in Mooloolah who have kindly donated prizes or vouchers for the night. A huge thanks also to Sally Gassner and Vanessa Hayman for their organization of the event and Jess Parry & Selina Stewart for their support in approaching the business houses in the community.

I know that the students have been learning some of the bush dances so that they will be ready to lead you all in the dancing. You don't need to know the steps as the band will call the steps and teach them on the night. This event is open to the whole community and is our major fundraiser for our P&C at Mooloolah. Invite your cousins, grandparents and neighbours. What a night it will be!

"The more reasons that you have for achieving your goal, the more determined you will become." Brian Tracy

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



Michele

P & C AGM

Our AGM for the P&C Assoc will be held on Wednesday 20th March at 7pm. You are all welcome to attend, it would be wonderful to see some new faces.

TUCKSHOP

Special for next week Friday 15th March :

Pumpkin soup & dinner roll \$3

Fresh cooked chicken sandwiches or chicken/gravy rolls available.

Home made Trifle \$2

So why not order something special next week.

CHAPPY MARK'S COMMUNITY BUSH DANCE

Is on again this year. Each year the Chaplaincy Committee needs to raise at least \$7000 to help fund Chappy Mark's wages. Chappy Mark makes a terrific contribution to the school community supporting children, families and staff through the good and the tough times. Please show Chappy Mark your support by coming along and having a fantastic night out at Chappy Mark's Community Bush dance. We do need helpers for the night so if you can give up a little of your time it would be very much appreciated. There is a form in the office and also at the front gate where you can place your name or ring Selina on 0432104348 or smilewithin78@gmail.com Thanks

COMMUNITY BUSH DANCE

Dust off your cowboy hats and put on your cowboy boots and dance to the fantastic Bushland Boogie Band. Our 2012 event was huge but let's make this years event **AWESOME** ! Don't miss it, mark your calendar now and make sure you come along.

Tickets on sale now at office - \$5 each or \$20 family.

Mooloolah SS P&C Assoc generously supports the work of Chappy Mark's. So again this year in conjunction with Chappy Mark's Community Bushdance the P&C will hold the Cow Pat Lotto.

At \$5 a ticket and with only limited tickets on offer, winning the \$500 cash prize is a fantastic chance.

Tickets sell very quickly. Don't miss out and get your ticket today.

Congratulations to all Gold Award Winners:

James Gillespie	Cooper Hackney	Akemi Evans
Annie Gurdler	Katie Pettingill	Jayven Philp
Zeb Brown	Emerald Stewart	Connor Nuttall
Dakota Laverty	Cooper Douglas	Ella Moss
Declyn Tryhorn	Ethan Russell	

CLASS ROOM NEWS

YEAR 1CH

Thank you to everyone who helped make our first excursions a HUGE success. The weather was perfect and a great day of learning was had by everyone! The Year 1's have just finished their English oral presentations and are now gearing up for their science presentation. Please keep an eye out for their planning sheets and encourage as much practise at home as possible. The most confident presenters so far have been the students who were very familiar with their topic. Also, you will locate your child's set of letter/sound tiles for building words (sight and or spelling) at the back of their home work scrapbook. A note will be coming home shortly to invite any parents that I haven't been able to have an informal chat with to arrange a mutually convenient time before the end of term. It's great to share our young learners early successes and set priorities for next term. Unfortunately we will be saying good-bye to our student teacher, Ms Siddons next Monday, as she is taking some extended leave. Happy learning Chris, Jenny, Estelle & Kerry

YEAR 1/2CC

Thankyou to Chris Hansen for our great class excursion and thankyou to the parents who helped on the day. What a great experience it was and what a beautiful surrounding area we are lucky to have here to access for great quality learning. Just a few reminders to parents please:

ARRIVALS

First school bell rings at 8.40

School starts at 8.50

Children arriving after this will be marked away on the roll. Every minute of every school days counts toward your child's learning and development. Children who are late must be signed in at the office.

BRAIN FOOD BREAK

Could I ask parents to please provide one easy to eat healthy food for Brain Food Break.

This is a 5 minute eating time to re- energise. Some children are not bringing quick easy to eat healthy foods.

Please show your child what you have packed for Brain Food to help with their organisation of this time.

Thanks, Catherine

YEAR 2DA

Congratulations to our spelling whiz kids: Tom, Alyssa, Caitlyn, Cooper, Indiana, Axel, Tamsyn, Katie, and Anna-Grace.

If you have any items such as small boxes, milk bottle tops, plastic butter containers, Glad Wrap rolls and egg cartons that we can use to construct things with for our Technology task can you please send them in? I will have a large box at the door where items can be placed.

On Monday grades 1 and 2 went on the best excursion ever! We went to Mary Cairncross Park in Maleny. We looked at lots of animals and plants. Our teachers were Tony and Tina.

We looked at a display before going into the rainforest. In the rainforest we spotted a Pademelon. We had to find as many trees as we could and name them. We also had to guess how tall they were.

Written by Caitlyn and Anna-Grace

Diet and Nutrition tips for parents choosing the natural approach:

Parents who have reduced their child's intake of sugar, refined foods, and foods with chemical additives (food dyes, preservatives, MSG, etc.) report significant improvement in their child's behaviour over four to eight weeks. These children are also less disruptive and more focused when they eat plenty of cooked vegetables and whole grains, along with moderate amounts of protein and organic unrefined oils. In addition, 50 mg of B-complex vitamins and 100 to 200 mg of fish oils can assist with concentration. These supplements nourish and stabilize the CNS while improving mood stability, mental focus, and brain function.

Thank you

Donna Aspinall

DATE CLAIMERS

P&C AGM Wed 20th Mar 7pm

Bush Dance Fri 22nd Mar 6 - 9pm

NAPLAN Testing 14,15 & 16 May

RESOURCE CENTRE

Bookclub brochures were given out this week and orders with payment are due back at the office by next Friday 15th March.

Most students are borrowing and returning their books each week in their class borrowing time. We are still allowing students to use plastic bags to protect the book but it would be appreciated if they could all have a proper water proof library bag which are available from the uniform room.

Please check with your student about which days is their class borrowing day and ensure they return or re-borrow their books on this day. The library is also open 1st break and from 8.30 Tues - Fri for anyone to return or borrow extra books.

Than you to Kylie Gillespie, Lisa West, Wanda Douglas and Rachel Huddleston who have all been to see me about helping in the library.

Happy Reading

Jenny Wilson

MAT PILATES CLASSES

First class FREE, Tuesday nights 6pm at Church on the Rise building, 68 Peachester Rd Beerwah, \$10 per class (no eftpos). For more information phone Deb Evans 0414 820 879 or email debseechange4life@gmail.com

GLASSHOUSE HINTERLAND AFL

We are an Australian football League (AFL) club situated in Landsborough on Tunnel Ridge Rd.

Our club caters for all age groups in Junior sport and we are looking for anyone interested in playing U 8s, U 10s & U 12s in the upcoming 2013 season. AFL offers great sportmanship as well the opportunity to learn new social skills & become part of a team for more details contact Barry Mason on 0434 937 086

CHAPPY CHAT

The school year has got off to a flying start. It seems only a few weeks ago we were unwrapping Christmas presents, and now our thoughts are already turning to Easter. During the last Christmas Holidays my wife and I ran an SU Qld camp called Summer Splash. The camp was a great success. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ruth Zerner and the Mooloolah Valley Pharmacy for their generous sponsorship which made it possible for 3 of our students to attend this camp. One of our students who received sponsoership was Georgia Gillespie -"On the holidays, I was fortunate enough to be sponsored to go to a Scripture Union camp called Summer Splash, run by Chappy Mark and his wife Chappy Linda. The sponsorship was by Ruth Zerner of Mooloolah Pharmacy, and without this I wouldn't have been able to encounter this amazing opportunity. I had a fantastic time with ice-skating, Wet'n'Wild, swimming, obstacle courses, archery and many more activities. I made lots of friends, learned lots of leadership skills and had a great time. Once again, a special thanks to Ruth Zerner for making it all possible."

This year our chaplaincy service will continue to support and encourage our students. As chaplain I am continuing to work across our school connecting with young people from prep through to year seven. This year I will be involved in class activities but will also be involved in various projects as well. Such as continuing to develop our rainforest environment by building nesting boxes and bird-feeders, clay modelling, and a favourite with our students - cooking with Chappy. I look forward to getting to know the new parents and students who have come to our school. Have a great week! Chappy