

# MOOLOOLAH STATE SCHOOL



**Principal**  
Michele Brown

**Administration**  
Pam Day  
Lorraine Spencer

**Tuckshop Day**  
Friday

**Student Banking**  
Tuesday

**Uniform Room**  
Tues 8.15 – 9am

**After School Care**  
5494 7491

**P & C Meetings**  
To be advised

**School Contacts**

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Mooloolah Q 4553

**Phone:**

5413 6333

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5413 6300

**Student Absence  
Telephone Number**  
54136360

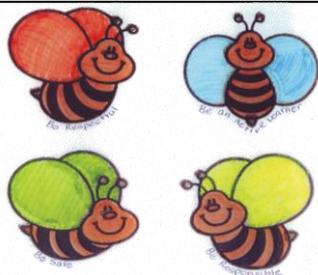
Please telephone this number on the day your child is unable to attend school and leave a message.

**Email:**

the.principal@  
mooloolahss.eq.edu.au

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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 Punctual. Stop, Think, Act, Do

**Date 24<sup>th</sup> April 2013 Week 2**

**FROM MICHELE'S CHAIR**

**ATTENDANCE**

Education Queensland continually collects data relating to student attendance. Attendance is presently being highlighted by the Department as an area of concern. At Mooloolah we are currently sitting at 92.5% attendance. While this is good and fairly consistent with previous years it would be great if we could raise our percentage to 95%. There are a number of reasons for this. Research has shown that students in Year 1 who attend less than 85% of the time are more likely to repeat this attendance pattern in Year 2 and Year 3 and, as a result, more likely to perform poorly on their Year 3 NAPLAN testing. Strong links have been established between attendance in one year and student achievement in the same year and in the future. Every extra day attended increases a student's likelihood of achieving at a higher level and reaching higher post schooling outcomes. Early establishment of good attendance behaviour is likely to have lasting benefits for students on average. Mondays and Fridays and days adjacent to Public Holidays are more likely to be days in which students are absent. Students not present at school are more likely to miss critical learning building blocks and are, as a result, less likely to feel a sense of mastery over the curriculum and their own learning.

The recommended attendance time is between 95% and 100%. Over a 12 year period, a student who attends 92% of the time will have lost almost 1 year of school contact.

**Individual Attendance Rate**

*Students attending 85% of the time will miss approximately 3 days for every 4 weeks of school.*

**5 school days = 1 school week**

**20 school days = 4 school weeks**

**4 school weeks = 1 school month**

**At 85% Attendance**

<b>Week</b>	0.75 school days or almost 1 day each week.
<b>Month</b>	3 school days each school month.
<b>Semester</b>	15 school days or 3 school weeks each semester.
<b>Year</b>	30 school days or 1½ school months each year.
<b>By the end of Year 7</b>	240 school days or 1 school year, 2 school months
<b>By the end of Year 10</b>	330 school days or 1 school year, 7½ school months
<b>By the end of Year 12</b>	390 school days or almost 2 school years (after 13 years of schooling).



The table below shows our attendance for the year.

Attendance Rate	Proportion of Students at Attendance Category (%)			
	>85%	85% - 90%	90% - 95%	95% - 100%
92.5	16.5	9.3	17	57.2

Congratulations to the **42** students who have a **100%** attendance record so far this year.

Congratulations to the students from **Year 3** and **Year 6** who have averaged a **95.3%** attendance so far this year.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CLASSROOMS?

As I've been out and about in classrooms over the last two weeks, I've listened to children reading fluently, been absolutely amazed at the creativity in their writing, experienced the ability to problem solve, witnessed their joy when they predict what is going to happen with their Science experiment and spoken with parents about the artistic development of their children. The classrooms in this school are such busy places.

I also know that as part of the Chaplaincy Program every child in the school has been preparing for Mothers' Day which is held on the second Sunday in May. The P&C will be holding their Mothers' Day Fundraising Stall that week at which the items that the children have been preparing will be sold.

### CONTRIBUTIONS

Each year we ask parents for a voluntary contribution of \$50 for each child. This year, the voluntary contributions will go towards replacing the classroom computers as many of them are in excess of 5 years old. If you haven't yet paid your voluntary contribution for the year, please see Pam or Loraine at the office.

### OUR CULTURE

Every week visitors to our school comment on the responsible manner in which our students move about the school. They are equally as impressed with the way in which the students actively learn in classrooms and collaborate with their friends. There is a terrific attitude to learning which is developed from Prep right through to Year 7. It is our Year 7 students who set the tone for the rest of the school, promptly returning to class from play, showing respect when addressing their peers and teachers, accepting responsibility for their actions and doing their best to achieve at a higher level than they ever have before. There is a lot to be proud about. Congratulations to you all!

This week we remember and reflect on the lives that have been lost in war. We speak about the courage and determination of the selfless men and women who gave their lives so that we can live in a country that encourages freedom of choice. During this time we look to many of our service men and women as heroes. We acknowledge the standards they set, their resourcefulness in times of great stress, their mateship for one another, their belief and their endurance.

*"They shall not grow old, as they that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them."*

From "For the Fallen" by Laurence Binyon

While our motto is *Pride in Achievement* at all times we work towards *Enhancing, Embracing, Enriching, Empowering and Enlightening* the children with whom we work.

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



Michele

### PLAYGROUP

Mooloolah Valley Playgroup is now up and running from the Outside School Hours Care building at our school. Doors open each Wednesday at 9am and we finish up around 12 pm. We encourage all families with young children from birth to 4 or 5 years old to attend to meet other families in the local area and for your children to play. The facility is fully enclosed with inside and outside play areas, age appropriate toys, toilet and kitchen facilities are also enclosed within the building. For more information see the Playgroup Association web site [www.playgroupqld.com.au](http://www.playgroupqld.com.au), or phone the Mooloolah Valley Coordinator Lisa on 5492 9966.

### CUPPA FOR CANCER

The Mooloolah Valley Slimmers are again hosting a Cuppa for Cancer in the Mooloolah Public Hall on Thursday 9th May. This year we will have a \$5 cover charge which includes a luscious morning tea. There will be at least 6 raffles with a prize totalling over \$100 each. Vicious Vintage will be hosting a fashion parade, local vendors will have stalls to browse and a percentage of their proceeds will be donated to Cancer research. Please come along, doors open from 9:30. Enjoy an interesting morning and help raise funds for Cancer Council.

### SCHOOL BANKING

**Win a share of the Dollarmites' treasure by saving in Term 2 of School Banking.**

The Dollarmites have found some amazing treasure on Savings Adventure Island and both your child and school could win a share of it in Term 2 just by saving.

First prize is a \$5,000 family adventure holiday to anywhere in Australia, with \$500 spending money. Plus, the winning student's school will also receive \$5,000 to spend as they wish. What's more, there are 25 Runners-up Kid's Adventure Packs, worth over \$700 each, to be won. Each adventure pack includes a Wii U, night vision goggles, a waterproof camera, walkie talkies and a Razor eSpark electric scooter!

For you chance to win, students need to simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2.

To find out more, talk to your School Banking Co-ordinator or visit [COMMBANK.COM.AU/ADVENTUREISLAND](http://COMMBANK.COM.AU/ADVENTUREISLAND)

### HOMEWORK CLUB MRS D

Calling Parents and Grandparents..... If you have a spare 20 minutes or so in the morning and would like to assist Mrs Davidson & Mrs Blight with homework club, they would absolutely love your support. You would be helping a child with their reading or spelling practise and working 1 on 1 with a student. If you can spare 1 day a week, your time and commitment would be greatly appreciated.

Time 8.20 to 8.40am. Please contact Karen on 5413 6333.

### **Congratulations to all Gold Award Winners:**

Fraser Scott	Emily Mc Intyre	Jade Kelly
Tyler Lee	Indiana Nuttall	Maddy Lencz
Xander Newman	Jerachi Cavanagh	Samuel Nutt
Ryan Foster	Mary Pettingill	Bailey Archinal
Ashleigh Montague	Ethan Russell	Brad Lee

## CLASS ROOM NEWS

### YEAR 1CH

The children were quite excited about their 'spelling competition' on Friday and for a first time they did very well. Thank you for supporting your child with this new endeavour. We now have parent help for Tuesday and Wednesday Reading Groups and we just need one new helper for Thursday. This could be fortnightly with another parent. Our computer/maths groups have now started thanks to Wanda and any additional help would be appreciated as our Athletics program doesn't have oral prompts.

This is going to be a very busy term indeed and a class calendar will be coming home shortly with the important events and assessment weeks/dates. It is so vital for children to be participating in all the learning sessions leading up to our final assessment tasks. Report cards will be issued in the last week of term. Don't forget your Dental forms, Photo orders and the upcoming Fun Run Sponsorships. Please return all POT PLANTS as these need to be wrapped ready for our Mothers' Day Stall.

### YEAR 1/2CC

What a great feeling there is in 1/2CC! The new term has begun and all children have returned to school with a positive and co-operative approach to their learning.

This week we have written some great retells of The Very Blue Thingamajig, begun to make paper mache Thingamajigs, worked exceptionally well in math group rotations as well as plot out, map and reconstruct our school using blocks and labels for positional language and locations. Thankyou to the students who were so respectful on the ANZAC school parade today. Catherine

### YEAR 2DA

I have had a number of reported cases of head lice. Could you please inspect your child's hair thoroughly and return the signed note to school? Thank you for your cooperation.

I spoke to the class about a History excursion to the Caboolture Historical Village with grades 1CH and 1/2CC. This excursion will take place in term 3. The approximate cost of this excursion will be \$20 per student. I will send out more information closer to the date.

Could I please ask if you could check your child's reading record and sign the template when you have finished.

Kind Regards Donna

### YEAR 4JO

Year 4 has been busy looking at number and place value up to 100 000. In English we've been looking at the characteristics of traditional stories including their text structure and the cohesive devices (pronouns, time words) used. Our science unit for this term is 'Ready, Steady, Grow' and we're currently investigating the characteristics of living things. We're waiting patiently for our seed heads to begin sprouting so we can record their growth using time lapse photography.

In History, the children have researched the famous explorer Sir Walter Raleigh. They have developed subheadings, taken notes relevant to these subheadings and then used these to write a report.

### RESOURCE CENTRE

Book club brochures were sent home last week and any orders with payment need to be returned to the school by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

### GREAT NEWS

We have purchased almost 1,000 brand new reading books to be used across the school.

The bad news is that they all need to be catalogued, stamped and covered before they can be used.

We will have a massive working bee on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May** in the hall. If every parent in the school calls in and covers five books, they will all be done!

You can drop in at any time during the day. Everything will be set up from 7.30am. No special skills required.

If you have always wanted to help out at school but can't make a regular commitment, this is your chance. In the meantime, please see Kerry Ffello if you can help out beforehand by stamping or labelling books. Thank you in anticipation.

**SAVE THIS DATE: FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY TOMORROW  
25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

## **DATE CLAIMERS**

**P & C Meeting Tonight Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Apr 7pm**  
**Anzac Day Holiday tomorrow Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> April**  
**School Photos Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> May**  
**Catch up Photos Fri 10<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Under 8s Morning - Thursday 23 May 9.20 to  
11.30 a.m at Mooloolah Park**

## **SPORT**

### **SOFTBALL**

Suncoast Hinterland Softball Assoc invites interested players to sign on for the 2013 winter season.

Male & Female 5yrs old to masters. Teams - mixed U10's, U13's - Men's & Women's B Grade. Seasons starts April. Games are played Sundays, Jnrs morning & Snrs afternoons. All games are at one venue all season.

Umpires, coaches and scorers wanted, your assistance will be greatly appreciated and training is available.

Enquires to Secretary, Charles Walker 0415 135 683 or email Charles at [suncoasthinterlandsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:suncoasthinterlandsoftball@gmail.com). New clubs or teams are always welcome to join. [www.suncoast.softball.org.au](http://www.suncoast.softball.org.au)

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS - Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Envelopes were sent home last week with eldest in family for school photos. All family members may go on the one envelope.

These need to be back at school no later Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Thank you,



### **UNDER 8S DAY - CELEBRATING COMMUNITY**



WHEN: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 9.20-11.30am

WHERE: Local Community Park

WHO: All families from our Prep -Year 2 classes. This year we will also be joined by our local Kindy and possibly Little Munchkins.

It will be fantastic sharing this special day with everyone!

VISITORS: The children will have an opportunity to meet their local Adopt-a-Cop, Firies and Ambulance crew - emergencies excepted.

ACTIVITIES: Bubble blowing, music, dancing, cooking, craft ... to name a few.

MORE details to follow in a classroom newsletter. Hope to see you there!

### **CENT AUCTION**

Landsborough Community Kindergarten's 21st Annual Cent Auction will be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May at Landsborough Memorial Hall. Doors open at 6pm, Auction begins at 7pm.

Lots of fantastic prizes up for grabs including major prizes of a Joy flight and accommodation at the award winning B&B, Mary Ann's Cottage.

Entry \$2/adults / 50c children. A light supper is included with entry fee and additional food and drinks are available for purchase on the night.

A great night out with all proceeds going to Landsborough Community Kindergarten.

### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

To the following businesses for your support of our Bush Dance. Mooloolah Shearing Shed, Mooloolah Computers, Activant Earthworx, Vicious Vintage, Mooloolah Post Office, Mooloolah Hair Studio, Mooloolah Pines Service Station, Mooloolah Stockfeeds, Glenview BP, Our Shoes, Mooloolah IGA, Mooloolah Veterinary Surgery, Mooloolah News, Mooloolah Dental Surgery, Red Building Coastwide Computers, Lined Design & Drafting, Matilda Fruit Barn, Mooloolah Pharmacy, Mooloolah Meats, Earth Bling Jewellery, North Qld Cowboys RL Club & Beerwah Hotel  
Please support our local businesses that help our school and your children.

**A huge THANK YOU to them all.**