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: * Follow Directions * Be Honest * Use your Manners

Date 23th May 2013 Week 6

FROM MICHELE’S CHAIR

CHANGES ARE HAPPENING

For some time now I have been looking at refreshing the newsletter to make it more appealing to the reader. Feedback from parents suggests that there are too many words making it difficult to locate the specific pieces of information required. Over the next few weeks, I will be looking at some of the different ways in which we communicate with our school community.

- From Semester 2 I would like to see an electronic delivery of the newsletter.
- From now you can like the school’s Facebook page to receive up-to-date messages that are posted on a daily basis.
- I am also investigating how we can communicate more effectively with parents via SMS.

Please contact me if you have any other innovative ideas that will help to improve our communication with one another.

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

Michele

DISCO – TOMORROW NIGHT FRIDAY 24TH MAY

Our theme will be Red, Yellow & Black for Sorry Day. Commencing at 6 – 8pm. Cost $6 per child includes sausage sizzle and drink or $15 per family of children. Food and drinks available...delicious steak sandwiches, chicken kebabs, ice-cream cones.
THANK YOU
What an amazing team of workers we had to get all of our new reading books covered. I am so grateful to all of the people who helped out including Wanda, Mel, Sally, Vanessa, Kylie, Jess, Heather, Jenny, Lisa, Karen, Ben, Brenda, Teena, Renea, Jo, Monica Evans and staff members including Michele Brown, Jenny Wilson, Fran Blyth, Pam Day, Jenine Raddatz and Chris Hansen. Thanks to June for making cakes for the workers. But the biggest thanks must go to Stacey (Bryce’s mum) and Kaylee (Sophia’s mum) who worked for hours and hours without a break. We are fortunate to have such hardworkers in our school community. Apologies to anyone who was not listed. You will be happy to know that we now have more than 1000 new books on the shelves ready for classes to use.
Kerry Flello

UPDATE STUDENT INFORMATION
I will be sending home in the next couple of days student data forms. Could you please update any information on these forms that may need changing. We are doing this so all our records are kept current.
Thank you.

WELCOME AFTERNOON TEA
P&C are holding a welcome afternoon tea for new parents to the school on Thursday 30th May at 2pm in the hall before parade commences. All new parents are welcome to join us.
P&C NEWS
It’s great to see the school community coming together to recognise our youngest achievers through ‘under 8’s day. I am constantly reminded how they too are great teachers and we can learn so much from them.
Thank you to the beautiful children who contributed and supported the Mother’s Day Stall, a total $690 was raised.
Reminder: Monies raised for fun run due Monday 3rd June.
Make sure you get in quick to claim your prize!!!!
The P & C Committee would also like to acknowledge the submissions received from student leaders on how they would like to see fundraising monies invested. There was definitely a lot of great ‘persuasive writing’ skills used. Watch this space!
Kind regards,
Sally Gassner (P & C President)

PS. Second hand uniforms needed, please see Pam Day if you have some to provide the school.

PARENT WORKSHOP:
Having trouble encouraging your child to read? Words are a blur. The print doesn’t stay still. It’s all too hard. Come and find out more, with a coffee, in a relaxed environment and have all of your questions answered.

Topic: “The Irlen Method” (A piece of the puzzle)

When: Tuesday 4th June
Time: 1:30pm
Where: Library conference room
What is Irlens? A visual-perceptual processing problem which causes problems with learning, attention, reading, comprehension, depth perception, light sensitivity, speed of processing.
Presenter: Peter Freney (ex-teacher, principal and school inspector, now Irlen’s practitioner)

Does your child love to read? Is he/she a great reader? Watch this space each fortnight for some tips on working with your child at home.

This week’s focus is: FLUENCY

Reading fluently aids comprehension and must be encouraged in beginning and advanced readers. Note that fast reading and fluent reading are not the same thing.

Things you can try:

- Model fluent reading so they know how reading should sound.
- Pick a phrase or group of words and ask the child to run the words together eg. “at the bus stop.”
- Reread familiar texts on different occasions.
- Record the reading and play it back for the child to hear.

CHAPPY CHAT
What’s Chappy been up to this term? As you would have seen I have been busy working with the children getting things ready for our Mother’s Day stall - potting plants and helping some students with clay modelling. I hope that our Mothers enjoyed the gifts that we’ve been working on for their special day. We’ve already started preparations for our Father’s Day stall which will be awesome. This term the children in some of our classes have really enjoyed their time “cooking with Chappy.” Making anything from shortbread to Anzacs to chocolate chip cookies. Unfortunately, it would seem that not much of it makes it home, but they do enjoy it. Not only do they learn a bit about cooking, but this also gives me some valuable interaction with our children.

In the near future I will be working with the older students through building some nestng boxes for our rainforest which will not only benefit our students, but also the wildlife in our rainforest habitat. In addition to this, I will also start doing cooking with the older students, which will involve helping them to prepare a main meal which they can enjoy during lunch. Through these types of activities it gives me the opportunity to build relationship with our students and to model life skills.

I have also been spending as much time as possible in the classroom, being involved in their activities, seeing how they interact with each other and helping to build social skills in small groups.

We have a great a school, and I really enjoy the opportunity of being able to be involved in helping our students rise up to be all that they can be.

Congratulations to all Gold Award Winners:

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**LIONS CLUB**
The Lions Club of Mooloolah Valley Branch will be holding their next meeting at the Mooloolah Community Centre Bray Road...Mooloolah Tuesday 4th June 2013 6.30pm for 7.00pm A light supper will be served.
Lions Clubs International is the largest Service Organisation in the world...come along and learn how you can make a difference in your Community
For further information: Mary Herbert: 5445 9897
Beverley Bates: 4699 3115 (M) 0400 308 600
Arthur Witheyman: 3375 5349 (M) 0407 166 302

**RI CHURCH EXCURSION SUNDAY 2nd June 9am**
In our RI lessons we are always looking at creative ways to educate students about faith matters. During our lessons this may take the form of games, songs, craft, music, science experiments and even illusions! We look into aspects about God, Jesus teaching, and delve into the historical, geographical, cultural and archeological aspects of many cultures too.
Whilst church is still an integral part of our society, it is not always an experience everyone has had so we thought it could be interesting to have a church excursion!
Glasshouse County Baptist Church at Beerwah have offered to run an educative church experience for all RI classes, holding a normal church service with a difference. Each part of the service will have a short explanation helping students understand the relevance and significance of each aspect. There will also be an opportunity for students or their families to ask questions afterwards. A free BBQ and cakes will be served afterwards and the church have kindly offered to make a bus available for families without transport. If you require a lift please ring Fiona on 0411 306 838. It will pick up from Martin Rungert Park and drop back there afterwards.
This is an open invite to all staff, students and their families whether you attend RI or not. We hope to see you there for a fun, interesting morning at church! You might be surprised at how enjoyable church can be!
Have a blessed term
Fiona Cran - RI Coordinator[please note new date- former date was incorrect]

**WOOLWORTHS - EARN & LEARN**
Our school once again is collecting Woolworths stickers, there is a box in the school foyer that you may put them in. If you are not offered them when you shop , be sure to ask for them. Last year we were very lucky to earn lots of different Maths Resources that are being used in our classrooms.

**RESOURCE CENTRE**
Many thanks to everyone who has helped with the Bookfair this week. We could not run a Bookfair without this help. The lucky draw will be announced at the next parade.
I do have Bookclub Brochures in the library but because of the Bookfair will not be sending them home. If anyone would like brochures you are welcome to get them from the library and have your orders back to the office by Friday 7th June.