

# MOOLOOLAH STATE SCHOOL



**Principal**  
Michele Brown

**Administration**  
Pam Day  
Elizabeth Fitzpatrick

**Tuckshop Day**  
Friday

**Student Banking**  
Tuesday

**Uniform Room**  
Tues 8.30– 9.15am

**After School Care**  
5494 7491

**P & C Meetings**  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 6pm

**School Contacts**

**Address:**

King Road  
Mooloolah Q 4553

**Phone:**

5413 6333

**Fax:**

5413 6300

**Student Absence  
Telephone Number**  
54136360

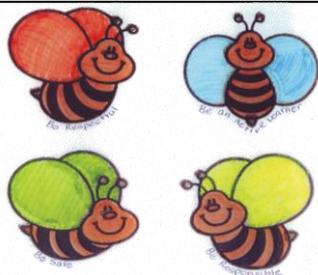
Please telephone this number on the day your child is unable to attend school and leave a message.

**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 friends words and actions

**Date 29<sup>th</sup> August 2013 Week 8**

**FROM MICHELE'S CHAIR**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR SCHOOL?**

**THE ART & SCIENCE OF TEACHING**

For us to move forward as a learning community it is important that we work together to continue to develop optimal conditions for teaching and learning to occur. The following actions are only some of the different strategies that teachers use to establish or maintain rules and procedures in their classroom.

- Establish a small set of rules and procedures
- Interact with students about classroom rules and procedures
- Use classroom meetings

How do you establish your rules and procedures at home?

**KIDS MATTER**

All parents will shortly receive a survey regarding Kids Matter. To help us to continue to develop a climate in which children can achieve their optimal results it is important that we receive as many responses as possible. The school climate represents the attitude of the school - the collective mood, or morale of a group of people. We want to create the best possible learning conditions for our students. Through the over-arching framework of ASoT and Kids Matter, I believe that we can do that by sharing our ideas and working together.

**ATTENDANCE**

Last week I looked at the percentage attendance of children in each class. I've listed my findings below.

**Percentage Attendance**

PrepDJ	92.36%
Yr 1	92.74%
Yr 1/2	90.27%
Yr 1/2	88.59%
Yr 2	92.52%
Yr 3/4	90.75%
Yr 3/4	91.08%
Yr 4	89.85%
Yr 5/6/7RG	93.24%
Yr 5/6/7RG	96.17%
Yr 5/6/7RG	91.63%
Yr 5/6/7CL	93.92%
Yr 5/6/7CL	94.35%
Yr 5/6/7CL	93.28%

While the attendance of students in most classes is satisfactory it is not great. My aim is to have an average attendance of 95% across the school. Congratulations to the Year 6 students from 5/6/7RG whose attendance leads the school with 96.17%. What bothers me is that for most students their attendance is exemplary but there are also many whose attendance is deplorable. These children are missing more than one school day every week. If this habit begins when they are in Prep or Year 1, when you add that up over a semester and a year, by the time they finish year 7 they will have missed approximately a **WHOLE YEAR OF SCHOOL**. When a teacher asks why a child has been absent, they do it because they care. **Every Day Counts** and it is important that children attend school each day so that they can take advantage of the teaching that is being offered. Children who don't attend each day develop habits that prevent them from achieving their best. When they return to school, both their learning and their behaviour is affected because they don't understand what is being taught. Teachers have been asked to contact parents of any child that is absent from school on 3 consecutive days or if there is a pattern of absence. Please phone the school absence line on 54136360 if your child is absent from school so that we are aware of the reason for their absence and please ensure that there is a valid reason for the absence.

### **PLAYGROUP**

Please support our Mooloolah Playgroup. This is a fabulous opportunity for both parents to socialize with each other and for their young children to begin positively interacting with one another. Playgroup is held in the OSHC building each Wednesday from 9am. Many thanks to Lisa West for her continued support of this community activity.

### **STAFFROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT**

Have you registered to vote yet? Come on! This is one way that you can thank the staff of our wonderful school. Register to vote and then EVERY DAY log onto the site and click on the red button. Have a look at the short videos on the home page to see what a difference winning a new staffroom has made to the staff of schools who have already won. [staffroomforimprovement.com.au](http://staffroomforimprovement.com.au)

*Michele DeLuca*

Michele

### **PREP ENROLMENT INFORMATION**

This year, we are inviting the students at the local Kindy to visit our school during the school day on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September. This means that they will have an opportunity to visit our Prep classroom. An opportunity for ALL prospective enrolments will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 3.30-5pm (parents & students). An information evening for all parents of prospective enrolments will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November from 5 -6pm. Students who have or who intend enrolling for Prep in 2014 will also be able to attend the school to meet the teachers and participate in some introductory activities on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January.

### **STUDENTS NOT RETURNING NEXT YEAR**

Could you please let the office know if you have a student that will not be returning to Mooloolah School next year, as we will be starting to organise classes for 2014 in the coming weeks.

Thank you

### **LANDSBOROUGH CRICKET CLUB**

We are having a sign-on day next Saturday (31st) from 9am-3pm at the Landsborough Sportsground. We are looking for boys and girls from ages 5-11.

### **WISHING ALL OUR DADS A VERY HAPPY AND RELAXING FATHER'S DAY. ENJOY TIME WITH YOUR FAMILIES**



## **READING CORNER**

Many students fail to fully understand what they read because they haven't learnt to 'read between the lines'. Today we will look at this important skill.

### *INFERRING*

Think about this text:

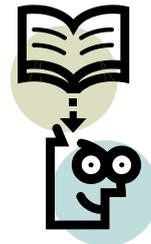
Sam is happy. She had a better day at school today. Mr Bell said that she had done a great job in her Maths work.

Things we might infer:

- Sam is a girl.
- She didn't enjoy school yesterday.
- Mr Bell is her teacher.

We can assume these things even though they are not directly stated. We use clues in the text and our own prior knowledge to make meaning.

**Tip:** When working with your child at home, ask questions to which the answer is not 'right there' on the page.



### **WHAT IS KIDSMATTERS PRIMARY?**

KidsMatter Primary is an Australian initiative that aims to improve children's mental health and wellbeing. It recognises the important role that parents and carers play in the lives of their children and encourages effective working relationships between school staff, parents and carers as well as the broader community. For further information, including information sheets especially written for parents and carers, visit the KidsMatter Primary website: [www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary).

### **What is the survey about and how long will it take?**

The survey asks your perspectives on your child's school and what you think is important for the school to consider in supporting children's mental health and wellbeing. We expect that it will take you approximately 10 minutes to complete the survey.

### **Why are you being asked to complete this survey?**

KidsMatter Primary encourages schools to reflect on how they are doing things - what they are doing well already and also what they can improve upon to promote children's mental health and wellbeing. School staff are surveyed to hear their views and it has been recognised that including the voice of parents and carers will also add valuable information to assist the school with planning.

Can you please place your completed survey in the anonymous box in the office by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Thank you KidsMatter Primary Team Karen & Donna

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

Lulu Buckley	Bryce Brown	Jayven Philp
Zeppelin Wilson	Daniel Kennedy	Hayden Luck
Thomas Hayman	Mary Pettingill	Lucy Gillespie
Lilly O'Farrell	Katie Pettingill	James Gillespie
Connor Nuttall	Kiara Chapman Ella Moss	Matthew Graham

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

As we teach the students biblical values throughout the year we focus this term on Jesus compassion for others and his challenge to us to show compassion to others too. Operation Christmas Child is the perfect way to do this through the power of a simple gift. Australian children expect a number of gifts at Christmas yet these gifts often go to children who are receiving one for the first time! You can choose the gender and age of the child for your box and class activities will include writing a letter to a child who will receive the box. Box ages are 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14. Here are some options for supporting this worthy cause

1. Start collecting items to donate to your class boxes- something to wear, love, play with, school, special, personal hygiene [ no lollies, war related toys, used /damaged items]
2. Create your own box/es at home as a family [ please include \$9 in an envelope if you able]
3. Make a donation towards buying goods for the boxes or for the postage costs [ \$9 a box]
4. Donate shoe boxes and wrapping paper to cover the boxes

Last year we boxed a mammoth 81 boxes- the highest amount I know of any school on the coast. Lets see if we can beat that and aim for 100. Its surprising how it mounts up each time you shop and add a few extras into the trolley. Children with pocket money may wish to use that to bless someone with a box of gifts. 2 weeks into next term will be the due date for all items and the great packing day will begin!

Many thanks for your support

Blessings

Fiona Cran and the RI team

## P & C NEWS

Thank you to all those lovely little book characters who dressed up and came to the disco in character you all looked amazing. We raised \$600 in profit for the night. So a good night for all! I would like to thank the following people for coming into the Tuckshop and helping out on the night, without your support we could not function; Vanessa Hayman, Shona Hume, Kirby Hume, Rachael Muller, Kim Aldred, Kylie Gillespie, Belinda Mewes, Mother Hubbard aka Jenny Wilson, Pam Day, Amy Bardon, Michele Brown, Craig Lewis and Grant Parker.

We are currently talking about what to spend the money raised on at the P & C meetings so if you would like your say in what the money goes to feel free to speak directly to me or Jess Parry or email either of us [sally@ourshoes.com.au](mailto:sally@ourshoes.com.au) or [redbuilding@bigpond.com](mailto:redbuilding@bigpond.com) or alternatively come to the next meeting which is on the 18th September starts at 6pm.

This year the Christmas carols raffles will be a little different from previous years. We are having 1 big raffle and that will be 2 nights accommodation at Sea World Nara Resort with 1 day entry to Sea World for 2 adults and 2 children plus \$100 food and beverage voucher and a \$100 Caltex cash voucher. More information will come home about this raffle on Monday 2nd along with a book of raffle tickets to sell, all we ask is that each family sells 1 book of tickets. They will be coming home with the eldest child.

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

Unfortunately there has been no response to the requests for helpers in the tuckshop over the last 8 weeks therefore it has been decided that there will be **NO second break** Tuckshop starting from term 4. It really is sad that we have to do this however it is an impossible task to ask a volunteer to manage the whole of the tuckshop with little to no helpers week in week out.

To add to that it is with sad news that I announce that June Lewis, our tuckshop convenor, will finish up her volunteering as the tuckshop convenor next year. I would like to thank June for all the years of effort she has made for the Mooloolah SS students and the tuckshop and wish her luck on her next adventure.

That being said there is now a position for the tuckshop convenor next year and we will also need a second person a tuckshop assistant. If these 2 positions can not be filled then we will have no other option but to close the tuckshop down altogether. If you are interested in running and committing to the tuckshop once a week please contact me either directly or via email.

## **DATE CLAIMERS**

**P & C Meeting Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Sept – 6pm**  
**School holidays Mon 23 Sept till Tues 8 Oct**

The tuckshop is not sustainable with just one person and it needs the help of parents and grandparents, it would be a such a shame to not have a tuckshop at all, so please spread the word rally some people and lets band together and keep the tuckshop going.

Sally Gassner P&C President

## CHAPPY CHAT

What an exciting term 3 it's been. No doubt some of the children have come home talking about the projects that they've been working on for our Father's Day stall. It's going to be awesome! There will be all manner of items that will be available for purchase. We've been preparing pot plants, some of our students have been working on various craft projects including key holders, letter/serviette holders and Father's Day cards. There will even be a selection of Chappy's Cookies available. And this is only some of what will be on our stall. Hope to see you there!

I have had some young helpers come and work with me in our veggie garden. An activity that is generally enjoyed by those involved, although sometimes they are very keen to finish and join me in the kitchen to bake some cookies. Working in the garden gives me a good opportunity to chat and interact with students.

Our older students from years 5-7 have also started to spend time Cooking with Chappy. I regularly have students come up to and ask, "Am I cooking with you this week?" Or it's, "Remember I'm cooking with you this week!"

What a great school we have!

I'll close with a quote I read recently - "We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today." ~Stacia Tauscher

## MOOLOOLAH PARENT MAGIC AFTERNOONS

Come along on Wednesday 9th October and Wednesday 23rd October to learn some new tricks and dust off those old tricks.

Where : Mooloolah State School Library

When : 1.45 to 3.00 pm

What : Watch a DVD called 1-2-3 Magic - Managing Difficult Behaviour in Children 2 - 12 Years, with Libby (Guidance Officer)

Bring : Plate of Food, Magic Wand and or Fairy Dust (All optional)

## SOFTBALL SIGN-UP NOW

Beginners and experienced players of all ages welcome.

Suncoast Hinterland Softball - Have a Go Day and Sign-on

When - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 9.00am till 12 noon.

Where - Our grounds 129 Mooloolah Connection Road Mooloolah

For more info please contact Charles 0415 135 683 or [suncoasthinterlandsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:suncoasthinterlandsoftball@gmail.com)

## RESOURCE CENTRE

Bookclub will be ordered tomorrow Friday so this is your last chance to get your order in to the office.

Thanks to everyone who dressed up for the Book Week parade last Friday. Everyone who dressed up got a bookmark and the winners from each class received their prize at the special parade.

Our winners were **Lucas Goodman, Sophia Jones, Tyler Lee, Ella Moss, Dylan Dickfos, Tahlia Parry, Tom King, Mikayla Nutt, Kyan Searson, Makenzie Hooke, Zac Vasey, Dok-My Joseph, Ryan Aldred, Liana Flynn, Bailey Archinal & Lily Jeffery.**

Well done to you all.

The books on display in the library will be available for borrowing next week.

Happy Reading Jenny Wilson & Kerry

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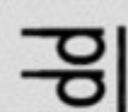
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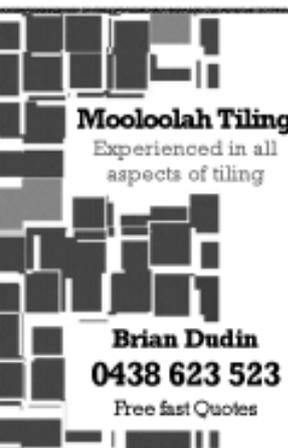
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