From the Principal

Our School Vision

To provide a safe, respectful learning community achieving success through positive relationships

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Over the last fortnight it has been pleasing to see our children hard at work developing their comprehension skills. The focus skill for the next 6 weeks is skimming and scanning from the text for information. It has also been a busy full and busy fortnight with year 1’s going to the farm, prep to year 2 sports day, QUT science van visit, Gala day year 4 to Osprey House and year 5 going to the science centre. It is fantastic to see our students have the opportunity to link their classroom learning to real life experiences.

Attendance - Attendance Target 90% Absence Line 5431 6260

Year to Date 88.1%

Attendance at school is a legal requirement. A number of students are not attending school regularly with some having extended time not at school. It is vital that children arrive on time and come to school every day. If your child is late to school or not attending, they often become disconnected from their friends, classmates and the school work and find learning very difficult as they miss important information. If you are having difficulty getting your child to come to school please contact us so that we can support you.
Attendance Rate - Term 1 - 89.6%
Term 2 - 87.1%
Term 3 – 83.4%

Last week’s whole school daily attendance

- Monday holiday
- Tuesday 83.5% 99 students absent 69 unexplained
- Wednesday 83.9% 87 students absent 68 unexplained
- Thursday 86.3% 80 students absent 58 unexplained
- Friday 80.2% 122 students absent 93 unexplained

Morayfield Magic

Congratulations to Alina S and Luca D who were winners of the Morayfield Magic competition on Sunday 26th July. Mr Mark Ryan attended our assembly and presented Alina with a copy of Possum Magic signed by Mem Fox.

I would also like to thank Mr Ryan and “GiveIt” for the very kind donation of clothes dryer to our P&C. This will assist the P&C in supporting students to wear the correct school uniform.

Aim High
Vicky Gahan
Principal

Principal’s Morning Tea

Every Friday there is a special morning tea held in the Principal’s office for children in recognition of outstanding demonstration of the school-wide expectations of Respect for Self, Respect for Others, Respect for Learning and Respect for Property. Congratulations!!

Here are these fortnights students:
Ayden M, Rosie M 4C; Kala B, Shanae H 5C; Zeus P
Kira O 3C; Catie N, Lina V 6C; Monique L, Bach
Prep/1F

Morayfield Munchkins

Prep to Year 3

A B Cs of Student Success – A is for Attendance

Congratulations to the following classes for achieving our 90% attendance target! Prep B, Prep C, 1A, 1C, 2A, 2B, 3B, 4B & 6C

Attendance is a critical factor in any child’s school success. Children should attend school every day, except in cases of illness or emergency. It is extremely difficult to replace the learning that happens on any school day with make-up work. Regular attendance and promptness are good habits that are expected and appreciated at all levels of schooling an in the workplace. This year, make school a priority in your household. Commit to excellence in attendance. Your child’s future depends on it!

Scientists of the Future

Our QUT partnership is strengthening students’ engagement in science. QUT offers students the opportunity to explore, investigate and develop enquiry skills using scientific equipment. In 2015 QUT has delivered programs across the school. Our junior classes are definitely scientists of the future!

We’re all winners at Junior Sports Day

Thank you to all families who cheered on our students during Junior Sports Day on Wednesday 12 August 2015. Students participated in running races and relays, tug-of-war, hurdles, ball games, foxtails and sack races. Special thanks to Mr Denning and our teachers for organising a fun sports day for our students. We’re proud of their participation and sportsmanship on the day!
**Prep 2016 Enrolments!**

**Book your enrolment interview on the 31st August, 1st and 3rd September!** These dates are open to any family living in our school catchment area. Children born between 1 July 2010 and 30th June 2011 are due to start Prep next year. A birth certificate must be presented at the enrolment interview with the completed enrolment form available from the office. Please contact the office to book your enrolment interview – 5431 6222.

**Deputy Principal News Yr 4-6**

**ARTIE news**
Our ARTIE tutors are continuing to do a fantastic job supporting our students in class this term.

Our ARTIE students meet at first break on Thursday in the hall each week and participate in a number of exciting activities.

To learn more about ARTIE, please visit the following link: [http://www.fogs.com.au/about/artie](http://www.fogs.com.au/about/artie)

Deadly Choices (an Indigenous health initiative) are continuing to work with our Year 4 Indigenous students and will start a traditional games program this Wednesday with our Year 5 Indigenous students.

**General News**

Visit from True Relationships & Reproductive Health (Family Planning Queensland) Education Services for Year 6

True relationships will be running a two-part educational program for our year 6 students in late August and early September. A component of this is the Parent/carer information session for year 6 parents which will be held in the staffroom on Thursday 27th of August between 4.30-5.30pm. We encourage ALL year 6 parents to attend this important information session. Please send your RSVPs back to your child’s class teacher or the office.

**School Disco**

The school disco will be held in the hall this Friday 21st of August. Prep to Year 3 will be from 4-5.30pm and the year 4-6 will be from 6pm-8pm. Admission is $5 and goes towards supporting our P&C. We look forward to seeing everyone there for what promises to be a fun night for everyone.

**Get Started – $150 Sporting Vouchers**

Don’t forget to take advantage of the Queensland government’s initiative allowing families the opportunity to secure $150 sporting vouchers to help cover the cost of club sport. These are still available. Please visit the link below to check for participating clubs and eligibility requirements. This is a great opportunity to help families access club sport for the children.


**Sport News**

**Gala Days**

On Friday 14th of August, 8 sporting teams participated in the Caboolture district gala day across various locations. Students participated in basketball, touch football, soccer and netball. A high level of sportsmanship was shown by our students. Thank you to Mr Denning and the staff involved for all their hard work in ensuring the day was a success. Our students are looking forward to the next gala day to be held in Week 8. Permission forms will be sent home next week.
Comprehension Corner

For weeks 6-10 all of our students will be working on the comprehension strategies of **Skimming and Scanning**. Skimming and scanning are very useful when reading non-fiction texts but can also be helpful when answering comprehension questions for any text.

**Skimming** is when you glance quickly through a text to get a general impression or overview of what it is about.

**Scanning** also involves glancing quickly through a text but the purpose is different. When you are scanning you are looking for specific details.

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**Questions you can ask.**

- Do you think this book will be suitable for your project on.....?
- Should you get this book out from the library?
- Does this book look too difficult or too easy for you?
Questions you can ask when reading with your child.

- What are you looking for information about?
- What are you trying to find out?
- What do you want to know?
- What are some key words you are looking for?

In our next newsletter I will explain some steps that will help your child to select books that are a ‘good fit’ for them.

**Happy Reading**

**Robyn Stegman**

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**Dental Van**

Thank you to all the students and parents who have returned forms and attended their appointments. The whole school has now been issued with forms. If you have any queries about forms or appointments please ring 0418155195. Just a reminder that a parent needs to attend all appointments.

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**Morayfield State School P& C News**

A big thank you to Mark Ryan and GivIt for our new dryer which was presented to the P&C on Wednesday during the senior parade. The dryer along with our washing machine will enable us to assist students to be in the right uniform.

**GivIt is a charity organisation started by Brisbane Mum Juliette Wright to connect charitable Queenslanders with people and families in need. [http://www.givit.org.au/](http://www.givit.org.au/)**

**Parents and Visitor Conduct** – Please be aware that all parents and visitors to our school have a responsibility to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner towards all staff, students and other parents. Verbal and physical violence will not be tolerated and if need be, the police will be contacted.

**Parking and Drop Off** – Please note that there is no parking or drop off at the front of the school along the yellow line. The staff parking area is for staff and volunteers. Over the last few weeks there have been several near misses with children and vehicles, not to mention aggressive drivers throwing up rocks onto other vehicles.

**Fundraising** – **Ekka Disco will be on Friday the 21st August**

- Entry - $5
  - Junior – 4pm to 5:30pm
  - Seniors – 6pm to 8pm

Students must be dropped off and picked up from the Hall. Show Bags available in limited stock.

Prices start at $5

**Father’s Day**

The Father’s day stall will be open on the 2nd and 3rd of September. Please see your child’s teacher to find out what day and time your child will be attending. Prices start from $1.50 to $5. As there is limited stock, children will be limited to 2 items but are welcome to come back on Friday for any leftover gifts.

**Tuckshop**

A big thank you to all the students and parents who purchased a cookie and a ticket in our raffle. Over $400 was raised to help the tuckshop replace much needed equipment. Thank you Candy for donating the wonderful cookies, the kids loved them.
The winner was – Jordan from Prep/1 F.

Exciting new products are coming back for the summer months. We have also gone back to the large pies due to poor quality. Price for the large pies is $3.

Tuckshop is open Tuesday to Friday 8:15am to 1:45pm

Online ordering is available go to the school website and click on Tuckshop Online.

Uniform – The uniform policy has been implemented into our school and it is great to see so many students and parent taking pride in our school and wearing the correct uniform. It was great to see on sports day all the students wearing the reversible house coloured bucket hats.

School shirts are now $27.50. We also have limited stock of shorts and skorts. There is limited stock in the yellow back shirts that have been reduced to $5 each. Please see the uniform shop for sizes. Layby is available.

Uniform shop opening hours – Wed to Fri 2:30pm to 3pm

Next P&C meeting: 16th September 2pm in the PLACE – All welcome Executive members are urgently needed.