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From the Principal

Our School Vision

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Over the last week I have had the opportunity visit a number of classrooms. It has been great to see the students highly engaged in the exciting lessons that teacher are working on. The year 3 students have visited the Planetarium and 2 of our year 1 classes have been to the farm. It has been fantastic to link real life learning to the work that has been done at school.

Over the last week teachers have also been involved in instructional rounds. Teachers in small groups visit other classrooms learning from each other. It is fantastic to see teachers working together to reflect on the way they work and refine practice so that we can offer the best educational opportunities to our students.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Tuckshop Conveners, Denise and Mel and our amazing volunteers for the work that they do. They work very hard to support our children and families. Last week was Tuckshop Week and it was fabulous to see so many members from the school and wider community support these ladies. The tuckshop is a great place to get to know other parents. If you can spare a few hours at any time you would be very welcome in the tuckshop.
Thank you to all the parents who took the time to complete the school opinion survey. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**  
At the end of last term you will have received your child’s school report. If you would like to attend a parent teacher interview to discuss your child’s progress please contact the class teacher to book an appointment time.

**Chaplain**  
You may have heard over the last few weeks that we are farewelling our awesome Chaplain Julie Hose. Julie has been working at our school as a chaplain for 8 years and before that she taught Religious Education at our school. During this time Julie has supported many, many children and families through challenging times. She has provided support through conversation, breakfast club, lunch time activities, coffee at a coffee shop, food parcels and always being available. I would like to thank Julie for her care of our children and commitment to Morayfield State School.

**NAPLAN**  
In the next few days parents of children in year 3 and 5 will receive your children’s NAPLAN results. If you have any questions regarding the reports please contact your child’s teacher. In the coming weeks I will analyse this data and report our results through the newsletter.

**Attendance**  
- **Attendance Target**: 90%  
  - Semester 1: 88.4%

  **Attendance Rate**  
  - Term 1: 89.6%  
  - Term 2: 87.1%  
  - Term 3: 87.8%

**Last week’s whole school daily attendance**  
- Monday: 85.6% 81 students  
  - absent: 50 unexplained  
- Tuesday: 90.5% 60 students  
  - absent: 42 unexplained  
- Wednesday: 99.6% 58 students  
  - absent: 38 unexplained  
- Thursday: 89.3% 78 students  
  - absent: 50 unexplained  
- Friday: 85.6% 98 students  
  - absent: 63 unexplained

**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 this week’s students:

- Principal’s morning tea term 3 wk 3  
  - Prep B - Aiden L, Lillie C  
  - 1B - Ethan H, Adam C  
  - 2B - Caitlin S, Claire D  
  - 4B - Jolina B, Elijah H

- Principal’s morning tea term 4 wk 4  
  - Prep C - Davien B, Isobel O  
  - 1C - Genevieve F, Titi Lawrence B  
  - 2C - Latrayel K, Gypsy T  
  - 3B - Charlotte G, Beaudon D  
  - 5B - Olivia A, Kiana V  
  - 6B - Holly A, Nikita B

**Morayfield Munchkins**  
**Prep to Year 3**  
**READY, SET, GO! Junior Sports Day – 12th August**  
You’re invited to join our Junior Sports Day on **Wednesday 12 August 2015** on the top oval. Join the action to be part of the fun and cheer on your child to have a go and do their best!  
Students will participate in running races and rotational activities from 9am to 1.20pm. A note will be sent home this week with the program. Students can wear their house colours and we’re looking forward to a fun day with as many parents cheering our students along!
prep 2016 enrolments – express interviews for siblings!

book your enrolment interview on the 11th, 13th August! These dates are exclusive to siblings of our current families to ensure to help us plan our transition to school program effectively based on enrolments for 201. 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.

Setting targets to improve – every day at school counts!

Our NAPLAN provisional data has also been released to schools and parent reports will go home this week. At our staff meeting this week teachers have been reviewing student achievement in reading to set whole school reading targets.

Teachers are now setting year level action plans for improvement to continue developing your child’s reading and comprehension skills. The analysis of student data is essential for teachers to inform their planning and to set individual reading, writing and numeracy goals. Your children are in the hands of professional educators who are continually seeking ways to improve student learning.

Help us, help your child improve to be successful learners by attending school every day!

School Photos 20 August
Students will need to be in full school uniform for school photos on Thursday 20 August. Payment envelopes will need to be brought in on the day and given to the photographers.

Deputy Principal News Yr 4-6

Indigenous News

ARTIE news
Our ARTIE term 3 challenge is underway and got off to a great start with ARTIE the koala and Scott Prince paying us a visit. Our year 3-6 students will be working hard to make sure they miss no more than 5 days in a term. Every day counts. ARTIE tutors have started supporting our students in class this term. 17 pre-service teachers from the University of Queensland will be working in classrooms each week for 10 weeks supporting our students in meeting their literacy and numeracy goals. We are very grateful for their support and look forward to a successful 10 week placement. To learn more about ARTIE, please visit the following link: http://www.fogs.com.au/about/artie

General News

Date Claimer – Year 6 Graduation

It’s difficult to believe that we’re beginning Term 3 already. The date has been set for our Year 6 graduation this year, so please mark it in your calendar. It will be held from 5-6.30pm on Wednesday 9th of December 2015. The event will be held in our school hall. More information will be sent home to families as we get closer to the end of the year.

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. Letters were sent home to families this week. 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.

SWPBS News

Our students are working very hard to earn as many rocket tickets as they can this term. The 5 week challenge was set for the upper school to reach 10 000 tickets and they achieved over
13000 rocket tickets in Week 4!! We are so proud of their efforts. This means they have won their 'super hero rewards day' which will take place on Friday the 21st of August. Students will be able to come to school in their favourite super hero costume!! The lower school are also working hard to reach their target. We are very confident they will be successful too. Stay tuned and don’t forget to follow our Facebook page for up to date information about our school.

Comprehension Corner

Comprehension Strategy: **Self Questioning**

Effective readers constantly ask themselves questions about the text as they read. As adults we use this strategy without realising it.

Creating Images (Visualising)

Sport News
District Sport

Congratulations to all students who competed in the Caboolture District Sports competition on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th of August. There were some extremely impressive results. Congratulations to the following students who will be competing at the regional level in the weeks to come. We are very proud of these talented students.

- Brooklyn P – 1st in 10yrs girls shot put
- Makayla P – 1st in 11yrs girl’s shot put and 2nd in 11yrs girl’s discus
- Antonio F – 3rd in the 12yrs boy’s shotput
- Ailai P – 2nd in the 11yrs boy’s 100m and 2nd in the 11yrs boy’s 200m

Gala Days

On Friday 14th of August and Friday 4th of September, our students will be competing in our interschool gala days. Sports offered are basketball and touch football for boys and soccer and netball for girls. Our teams will be spending each Friday afternoon this term training very hard with their coaches. If students have been unsuccessful in making the cut off numbers for these teams for the first gala day, they will be prioritised for the second gala day to ensure as many students can participate as possible.

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. 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.


We teach students to recognise and answer different types of questions through the use of QAR. This tool helps students identify the **Question Answer Relationship**. In other words “what type of question is it and what is it asking”. Some answers can be found ‘in your head’ and some answers can be found ‘in the book’.
There are 4 question types:

**Right There**
The answer will be found in one place in the text. You can put your finger on it.

**Think and Search**
The answer is in several places in the text so you will need to put different information together.

**Author and Me**
The answer is not in the text. Think about what you know and what is in the text. What is the author’s message?

**On My Own**
The answer is not in the text. You make some connections with the text and think about what you already know.

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**Questions you can ask when reading with your child.**

What are you asking yourself when you read?
Are you asking I wonder why, where, when, who, if, how…?
Are you thinking what the author is trying to tell me?
Are you thinking what do I already know something about this text?
Are you thinking what do I think I will learn from this text?
Also ask your child questions about the text and ask them where they can find the answer: Is it right there in one place? Do you need to look in more than one place? (eg. what places did the character visit in the story?). Do you need to make an inference and think about the author’s message or can you answer this by using what I/you already know (prior knowledge)?

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**Curriculum NEWS**

**Excursions and Events**

**Term 3**

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- **26th Morayfield Magic**
- **29th – Year One (1A and 1B) Solothurn Excursion**
- **31st July – Year Three Planetarium Excursion**
- **4th and 5th – District Athletics**
- **10th – Exhibition Holiday**
- **11th – ICAS Maths Test**
- **12th – Junior Athletics Carnival**
- **14th Gala Day**
- **14th - QUT Science Van – Prep and Year One**
- **19th – 1C Solothurn Excursion**
- **20th – School Photos**
- **21st – QUT Science Van Year One and Two**
- **Children’s Book week / BOOK FAIR**
- **27th – Dress as your favourite Character**
- **28th - Book Week Parade**
- **4th – Gala Day**
- **9th – Community Breakfast**
- **10th - MSS ART SHOW**
- **19th – Last day of term**

**QUT Science Van Visits**
In the next couple of weeks, our lower school (P-3) students will be participating in Science workshops run by QUT. They will be involved in the program Microscopy. Students will need to
collect three specimens from the garden to view under a microscope.

The sessions will be run at our school, with students participating in a one hour workshop. This supports the Australian Curriculum Science program and gives our students an opportunity to use equipment that they may not use on a regular basis. Stay tuned for photos of the students involved in learning!