From the Principal

Date

Claimers

TUCKSHOP
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

UNIFORM SHOP
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
2.15pm – 3pm
(New Office Located next to Tuckshop)

PLAYGROUP
Thursdays 9am – 11.00am
(The PLACE)

PAYMENT DAYS
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
8am to 10.30am

Our School Vision

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

Amazingly we are in the final week of the semester. During this semester our clear focus has been on student learning. Staff are totally committed to providing students with engaging learning experiences ensuring all students achieve positive learning outcomes.

It is time to reflect on the academic and social achievements of our students during this time. Report cards will be sent home with students on Thursday afternoon. If you require a second report for another parent please provide the office with an email address so that the report can be sent via email. Parent teacher interviews will be held in Term 3.

Staffing

As we move into Term 3 there are some staff changes. We farewell Mr Cameron, Mrs Roxborough and Mrs Legge. I would like to thank each of these teachers for their commitment to our students and school and wish them well in their new positions.

We are also farewelling Krissy from the front office. Krissy has done a fantastic job in the office and we wish her well in her future endeavours.
**Attendance** - Attendance Target 90%

**Absence Line 5431 6260**

Semester 1 88.4%

Term 1 Attendance Rate - 89.6%
Term 2 Attendance Rate - 87.1%

Last week’s whole school daily attendance –
- Monday 85.3% 87 students absent
- Tuesday 90.2% 58 students absent
- Wednesday 89.4% 63 students absent
- Thursday 89.3% 64 students absent
- Friday 86.3% 81 students absent

**School Opinion Survey**
The annual *School Opinion Survey* will be conducted between 29 June and 31 July 2015. All families are invited to participate. The invitation and access details for the *Parent/Caregiver Survey* will be sent home early in Term 3. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what our school does well and how our school can improve. Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school and school computers will be available in the Resource Centre.

**2014 Excellence in Teaching Awards: Nominations now open**
Are you inspired by an exceptional teacher? The Queensland College of Teachers’ Excellence Awards are an important means of recognising outstanding teachers for their dedication. The awards feature four categories, each distinguishing a key stage in a teacher’s career. I urge you to consider nominating those exceptional teachers who strive to make a difference.

These awards provide an opportunity to showcase the great teaching talent spread out across the state of Queensland and acknowledge those who inspire students each day. Nominations close on 22 July with presentations to be made on World Teachers’ Day, Friday 30 October 2015. Download a nomination form at www.qct.edu.au/

**Awards in Teaching Excellence Key Dates**
- Now - Nominations open
- 22 July - Nominations close
- 30 October - World Teachers’ Day Presentation ceremony

**Keep a watch on our school these holidays**
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call School Watch on 13 17 88 and let the local Police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. Keep the number handy and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday.

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 this week’s students:
- 4C - Hayley A, Jack H
- 5C - Meraya L, Kaydee T
- 6C - Maddison P, Vaaiga S
- P/1F - Jack A, Lara B
- 2D - Tyler-Kayne B, Emilia F
Mem Fox loves reading at Morayfield!

Author Mem Fox shared her love of reading at junior parade on 10 June. Mem Fox read Possum Magic to a captivated audience including Kate Jones MP, Minister for Education and Mark Ryan MP, Member for Morayfield. Students, parents and teachers were awe struck when Mem also read with our Prep & Yr 6 students who are part of a mentoring reading program for boys. Mem’s message for all parents is to read, read and read every day to your children to give them the best advantage in life!

Reconciliation Day including Under 8’s Celebration

Thank you to everyone who joined our Reconciliation Day including Under 8’s Celebration on 17th June. All classes spent time developing an understanding of what Reconciliation is about through a range of celebration and in-class activities. Reconciliation is about unity and respect between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and non-Indigenous Australians. It is about respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and valuing justice and equity for all Australians. Our Reconciliation celebration is an important event for our community and students.

Prep 2016 Enrolments – express interviews for siblings!
Siblings of current students are invited to take a priority Prep enrolment on 20, 21 & 23 July. These dates are exclusive to 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.

Amanda Wicks
Deputy Principal Prep – Yr 3

Comprehension Corner

School Holiday Reading Fun
School holidays are a great time to help your children grow as readers. Building confident readers is not just about reading books it’s also about building their vocabulary and providing experiences that build their understanding of the world around them and beyond. Why not try some of the following activities this holiday break.

- **Make a list, check it twice**: As a family, make a grocery list of all the goodies you will need over the holidays.
- **Following recipes** is a great way to practice reading, comprehension and math skills. When you start your holiday cooking and baking, get the whole family involved.
- **Watch a book**: Many classic holiday stories have been adapted for the big screen. Read these stories with your kids first, then watch the movie equivalent.
- **Dear Grandma**: The holidays are a great time to write a letter or email to a loved one. Singing songs together will help your child develop greater awareness of rhythm, rhyme, words and sounds.

Travel the World: Visit the library
Moreton Bay Council has lots of free activities.