FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Date Claimers

UNIFORM SHOP
Tues, Wednesday & Thurs 8am – 9am

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

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This week I have been offered the opportunity to take up the position of Principal of Strathpine West State School. After a great deal of consideration, I have decided to accept this offer and will therefore be leaving Morayfield at the end of this school year. Mrs Amanda Wicks will be the Acting Principal for the new school year. I feel incredibly privileged to have had the opportunity to work alongside the amazing staff, students and families here at Morayfield for the last 7 years. I would like to thank you all for your support throughout this time.

Last Friday I had the great pleasure of saying thank you to parents and community members who volunteer at our school to support our students. They all have given us that very special thing – time. Over the 2015 school year we have had volunteers support our staff and students in the classrooms, reading, breakfast club, class excursions, P&C and tuckshop. Thank you all for your ongoing support!
Flashing lights now active
Flashing light school zone signs have been installed on Caboolture River Road. Our school was nominated to receive these new signs as part of a Queensland Government commitment to improve school road safety. You will notice that the new sign looks similar to standard school zone signs with the addition of a red flashing ring around the speed limit as well as two flashing yellow lights at the top of the sign. The installation of flashing light school zone signs is proven to improve visibility of school zones, serving as an active reminder for motorists to slow down. So next time you’re dropping off or picking up your child, keep an eye out for the signs and make sure you stick to the signed speed limit.

Facilities Up-Grade 2016
Our school has been allocated additional funds through the State Governments School Infrastructure Enhancement grant to enhance learning areas. We have received $50,000 to upgrade the Special Education Facilities and $200,000 to support an upgrade to classrooms in F Block. These works should be completed in the first half of 2016.

HR News
Over the next 3 weeks you will see an additional Deputy Principal around the school. Mr Peter Lewis will be joining us for the last 3 weeks of the school year. Ms Stacie Thomas has received a transfer to Kurwongbah State School. I would like to thank Ms Thomas for her commitment and work here at Morayfield and wish her well in their new school.

Student Movement 2016
As we are moving into this term we are already planning the 2016 year and we will soon begin to organise classes for the new school year. If your child will not be returning to Morayfield State School for the 2016 school year, please notify the office so that they can be taken off class lists.

If you are aware of students that you believe support your child in their learning and you would like them placed in the same class, or children that are better not placed in the same class please put this information in writing and hand it in at the office or email to the.principal@morayfieldss.eq.edu.au

Booklists - 2016
Booklists for 2016 were sent out last week are also available on the Morayfield Web site www.morayfieldss.eq.edu.au

Attendance — Absence Line 5431 6260
As always regular attendance is vital. Teachers are currently doing final assessments to inform student report cards. If your child has had poor or irregular attendance this will affect their assessment results.

Attendance Target 90%
Year to Date 87.1%

Attendance Rate:
Term 1 89.6%
Term 2 87.1%
Term 3 85.2%
Term 4 87.2%

Aim High
Vicky Gahan
Principal

Onsite Before and After School in 2016
It is with great pleasure that we introduce on-site before and after school care service provider PCYC. In 2016 the service will be based in The Place (next to the hall) providing a professional and friendly service for our families. PCYC will work closely with the school to ensure the needs of our students and families are met in line with the Department of Early Childhood requirements. Hours of operation are from 6.30am before school & 2.45pm-6pm after school. Vacation care is also on offer.

Bookings: For enquiries and enrolment information please phone 5495 7143 or email morayfieldsac@pcyc.org.au
Academic Awards Date Claimer – 3rd and 8th December
This year Academic Awards will be presented during parade assemblies at the below times.
9am Thursday 3 December - Prep – Yr 2 Academic Awards
9am Tuesday 8 December - Yr 3 – 5 Academic Awards
5pm Wednesday 9 December – Yr 6 Graduation and Awards Ceremony

Classes will NOT perform at the awards ceremonies. Each year level will perform together at our inaugural Art Show & Christmas Carols Afternoon on Thursday 26th November.

Our last Junior and Senior Assembly will be held this week (25 & 26 November).

Play in Prep prepares for 2016

Many of our 2016 Prep students came to school for our Play in Prep session this week.

Children enjoyed building, play dough and painting to help their transition to school next year. It was terrific to welcome over 30 children to our school and we look forward to their official arrival on 27 January 2016.

Prep enrolments are still available for parents who have proof of date of birth eg birth certificate. If you know of any other families who will be attending Prep next year, please advise them to contact the office to book an interview on 5431 6222.

Swimming Program

Thank you to our Year 3 and 4 students for their positive behaviour during swimming.

Mr Denning has organised a wonderful program supported by our year 3 & 4 teachers. Students are working hard to continue demonstrating positive behaviour during the change to routine during the two weeks of swimming lessons.

Donate your uniforms back to school
If you have uniforms that your child has grown out of or doesn’t need now they’re on the way to high school, consider donating them to school. Throughout the year students often need a change of clothes for the day or are provided on a short term loan.

To continue helping students we are in urgent need of uniform donations. Please drop off any uniforms to the office – your help is greatly appreciated!

Amanda Wicks
Deputy Principal Prep – Yr 2

LOST PROPERTY

Could parents please check for their children’s lost property items before the end of term. The items that are left on the last day of school will be donated to charity.

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!!

Principals Morning Tea guests for the past fortnight are: 1C – Lauren B, Tiega S; 2C - William S, Kurt F; 3C - Emily H, Frederick A; 4C - Mitchell T, Briana L; 5B - Amity S, Alice M; Prep C – Eliza S, Madison J; 6B – Meika-May G, Isabella W; 5C – Makaela K, Charli S; 4B – Cindy W, Seth W; 3B – Kyan F, Natalie L.
Indigenous News
ARTIE Term 3 Attendance Challenge
On Friday, 27th of November, our ARTIE students who were successful during the Term 3 attendance challenge will be off for their celebration day to White Water World.

Congratulations to these students who met the ARTIE challenge of no more than 5 days off during term 3. I’m sure a great day will be had by all.

General News
Year 6 Graduation
If your child is graduating this year, please ensure that they have returned their RSVP and $10 to the office. Each student will receive their yearbook as part of the graduation package they receive on the day. If parents would like to order additional yearbooks, they will be able to complete the order form that will be sent home later this week. The cost of additional yearbooks will be $12. Graduation will be at 5pm at the hall on Wednesday 9th of December. We look forward to you celebrating with us.

School Captains for 2016
Today will see several of our current Year 5 students present their speeches to their fellow students and staff as they nominate for captaincy positions for 2016. Once our captains have been elected, they will be invited to attend a GRIP leadership program at Morayfield State High School on Monday 7th of December. This event will be heavily subsidised by the school and usually costs $50 per student. Students will be asked to contribute $15 towards the day. It promises to be an excellent leadership training for our students as they move into 2016.

Morayfield State High School Orientation Day
Friday 4th of December will be the orientation day at Morayfield State High School. This is a vital aspect of high school transition and we encourage all students who are enrolled at the school for 2016 to be in attendance.

Unfortunately, students who are not officially enrolled are unable to attend for legal reasons. Please ensure you complete your child’s enrolment prior to this date so they are able to participate.

SWPBS News
Our students are working towards their 12 000 rocket ticket target for the end of term. If they are successful in achieving this goal, they will be rewarded with a free dress day on the last day of term. Our major prize draw will be held at a special assembly on the last day of school. Students MUST be in attendance on this day to be eligible for the great prizes on offer.

Sport News
Gala Days
This Friday will be the last of our District Gala Sports days for 2015. Our senior boys Australian rules team will be competing. We wish them the best of luck. Please ensure money and permission forms are returned to the office by Friday morning.

Michelle Cubis
Deputy Principal 3-6

CHRISTMAS CARE

There is a great opportunity available to families who are finding it tough this Christmas season. Christmas Care is a local organisation who provides free Christmas hampers to nominated families, delivered to your home Christmas morning.

If you would like to receive a hamper please contact Chappy Sam for more information.
CASUAL POSITION VACANT

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Morayfield SS, you may also need to relieve at other schools.

The School Crossing Supervisor may be required to work five days per week in all weather conditions. The hours of work for School Crossing Supervisors are normally 1.5 hours a day and usually comprise of one hour in the morning and ½ hour in the afternoon.

The successful applicant is dependent on:
The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a Government Medical Officer or a duly qualified Medical Practitioner according to the guidelines in the "Notes for Medical Practitioner" on the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme – Health Assessment Form; and
A Positive Notice Blue Card (This means you do not need to have a blue card to apply for the position)

Applicants are required to advise in writing of any charges that have been laid against them or any offence of which they have been convicted of.
Applications addressing the selection criteria as listed in the position description must be submitted in writing to the school.

If you are successful in your application for this position, you can only commence employment with Transport and Main Roads if you hold a current Blue Card or are renewing your Blue Card and have submitted either a Blue Card Application form or Authorisation to Confirm Current Blue Card form to the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian.

Address application to:
Private and Confidential
The Principal
Morayfield State School
Morayfield QLD 4510

Applications close at 3.00pm on 07 November 2014

For further information please phone the Road Safety on 07 54521829

TUCKSHOP CONVENOR POSITION

Morayfield State School P&C seeks a Tuckshop Convenor to work a maximum of 9 hrs over two days a week, being a Thursday and Friday. The position will commence at the beginning of the school year 2016 on February 11th. The convenor will have responsibility for all aspects of the tuckshop management, including meeting relevant food safety guidelines, and workplace health and safety regulations.

The successful applicant will be required to have/obtain a current Blue Card and undergo a Criminal History Check. A role description may be collected from the office.

Please submit a Curriculum Vitae and a written statement (no more than 300 words) about how you would fulfil this role to Morayfield State School office by close of business 4:00pm on the 2nd of December 2015. Applications should be addressed to Ms Belinda Laing President of the P&C Association.