From the Principal

Date
Claimers

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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There have been many highlights this week. It was fantastic to see our new flag pole installed. We are now able to proudly fly the Australian, Indigenous and Torres Strait Island flags together. Cooper and Jacob have been learning how to hoist the flags each day.

I also had the great pleasure to take part in Instructional Rounds. This is when teachers spend time observing and learning from each other. This week teachers observed the year 3 students engaging in inquiry based learning. It was fantastic to see the students so enthusiastic about their learning. The teachers and students have worked incredibly hard to teach and learn routines need for this small group work.

The year 6 students also celebrated their learning with a cultural celebration. It was fantastic to see so many parents attend this learning celebration. I would like to thank parents for supporting the students to cook a dish from their country of choice.
It has come to my attention that there has been a glitch in getting out electronic newsletters last term. While we are rectifying this situation, all families will receive a paper newsletter. I expect this problem to be solved in the next week.

**Staffing 2016**
At the end of this year we will be farewelling the following teachers:
- Mrs Cynthia Collins  Lowood State School  on leave
- Mrs Libby Gardner  Brany Park State School
- Mrs Robyn Stegman  Burpengary State School
- Ms Sarah Connell  Biggara Waters S.School
- Miss Angela Butler  on leave
- Mr Steve Kemp  on leave

We will be welcoming the following teachers:
- Ms Hannah Blanch  Charters Towers S.S
- Ms Verena Jaswar  Humpybong State School
- Mr Paul Danger  Tullawong State School
- Mr Nathan Donald  Kallangur State School

**Student Movement 2016**
As we are moving into this term we are already planning the 2016 year and 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

**P&C**
Thank you to everyone who attended the P&C meeting last night. It was fantastic to see so many people there. I would like to congratulate the new executive team.

President – Belinda Laing
Vice President- Kim Mc Quinn
Secretary – Nicole Holding
Treasurer – Danyelle Coonan

Our next P&C meeting will be held Tuesday the 10th of November, 2015 at 6.30 pm in the staff room.

**Booklists - 2016**
Booklists for 2016 are currently being finalized and will be sent out next week. Books and school resources can be purchased from any supplier of your choice.

**Art Show and Christmas Performance- 26th November**
On the 26th Of November we will be holding an art show and Christmas performances. Students and staff have been working very hard to produce art for your viewing. This event will be after school to ensure as many parents as possible can attend.

**Attendance - Attendance Target**
- **Year to Date** 87.2%

**Attendance Line 5431 6260**

**Attendance Rate - Term 1 - 89.6%**
- **Term 2 - 87.1%**
- **Term 3 – 85.2%**

**Last week’s whole school daily attendance –**
- **Tuesday** 87.3% 69 students absent
- **Wednesday** 89.5% 51 students absent
- **Thursday** 88.5% 56 students absent

Please notify the school office if your child is not able to attend school.

Help us celebrate World Teachers’ Day this Friday 30th October.

**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. Here are the most recent attendees:

Principal’s Morning tea Term 4 Week 3
P/1F - Alex C, Blake P; 1/2/3F - Charlie B, Ty S; 2D - Keanu G, David P; 3/4F - Kaydyn A, Beau N 5/6F - Jayde A, Sasha S.

Morayfield Munchkins

2016 Before and After School Care
We are pleased to announce PCYC School Age Care will be providing Before and After School Care at our school in 2016. The service will be based in 'The Place' (building next to the hall). All families are encouraged to enrol in the service by emailing morayfieldssac@pcyc.org.au. More information will be sent home to families from PCYC School Age Care later this term.

Head lice blitz – this weekend - Parents we need your help!

Saturday 31 October and Sunday 1 November is our Head Lice Blitz weekend. We will be attempting to get rid of head lice by asking all parents to check their children this weekend.

As everyone is aware, head lice are an ongoing source of frustration and concern to children, parents and teachers. We are asking every child to be checked to attempt to keep on top of this problem with a Head Lice Blitz where the whole school is checked and treated (if needed), hopefully on the one weekend.

Head Lice Treatment........There are commercial products available from chemists and some hairdressers or you may choose to follow these easy steps to combat Head Lice.

Head Lice Treatment option - follow this regime for ONE WEEK.
Smother hair completely in any type of HAIR CONDITIONER.
Divide hair into sections and with a Lice Comb or very fine toothed comb, comb the hair from the scalp to the ends wiping the comb between sections (if nothing is coming out, you may need a finer comb). This part is crucial and it may take quite some time.

Repeat every second day for a week. If after a week you are still combing out lice or eggs, continue every second day until there are no more visible eggs. All affected family members need to be treated during this same period to avoid re-infestation.

According to most sources there is no need to rush home and wash everything in sight, but most people feel the need to at least wash pillows / pillowslips and items such as combs and hair brushes.

Lice and their eggs need blood to survive and are not likely to be found in bedding. Hot washing machine water and hot clothes dryer will kill any rogue lice. It is recommended that long or shoulder length hair be tied up at school, either in a bun, plait or braid.

Play in Prep – 24, 25 and 26 November – Book now!
Children already enrolled in Prep 2015 are invited to our Play in Prep session. Parents can register their child to attend a one hour session from 9.00am to 10.00am on one of the following dates:

Tuesday 24th of November
Wednesday 25th of November
Thursday 26th of November

We are also offering an after school session from 3-4pm on Wednesday 25 November.

During the Play in Prep parents will remain with their child in the classroom. Siblings are unable to attend Play in Prep. It is essential that parents remain at school while their child attends the Play in Prep session. Please contact the office 5431 6222 to book your place as numbers are limited on each day!

Payments closing soon - 3 & 4 Learn to Swim Program!
Our Yr 3 and Yr 4 students have received their permission notes to participate in the 'Learn to Swim' program run by the Caboolture expert learn to swim teachers. This program will commence in week 8 of this term (Monday 23 Nov). Please return permission notes and payment of $65 for 10 swimming lessons and transport to the office on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday no later than 17th November.

Amanda Wicks
Deputy Principal Prep – Yr 2
Yr 4-6 DEPUTY NEWS

ARTIE news
It is with great sadness that we announce that the ARTIE program will not be continuing at the school next year. We thank the organisation for all their support over the last three years. Please read the statement below provided by the ARTIE organisation.

‘As a result of being unsuccessful in acquiring the full amount of Federal funding required to maintain all our programs and also being notified of changes to funding guidelines, we have had to make significant variations to the current program to ensure these met with the priorities of the Australian Government, effective as of 2016. The Australian Government highlighted priority areas, these being the Logan, Ipswich, Caboolture and Rockhampton regions with an emphasis on supporting junior secondary students. These identified areas along with reduced funding, unfortunately means that the ARTIE Academy no longer has the capacity to operate in your school. It is with great disappointment that the organisation has had to inform you of this decision, however we hope that the strategies the ARTIE Academy has developed and implemented in your school to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students’ school attendance will remain as strong foundations of Arthur Beetson’s legacy and continued internally past 2015.

It is with regret that reduced funding, the new guidelines and priorities of the Australian Government has resulted in this decision. As an organisation we will be pursuing any further opportunities in terms of further funding to expand our program and are confident that the experience we have in working to ‘Close the Gap’, will expose new possibilities and we will keep all stakeholders updated with regard to further opportunities.’

Date Claimer – Year 6 Graduation
The date has been set for our Year 6 graduation this year. 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, including the official invitation and costs by the end of this week.

Year 6 Cultural Day
As part of the Year 6 integrated unit on cultural diversity, our students organised a fabulous world food expo. Students researched recipes, measured ingredients and prepared incredible dishes from their chosen country. They decorated their stalls with flags and all the colours that represented their country of interest. Thank you to the year 6 teachers for their entire organisation and our parents for supporting their students in preparing for this big event. The food was delicious.

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 the lower school to reach 6000 tickets. If students are successful they will earn themselves a ‘water play day’ during Week 6.

Sport News

Queensland State School Athletics Championships
Congratulations to Ailai P who competed in the state athletics championships up in Townsville last week. Ailai put in an excellent performance and came fourth in both the individual 11years 100m and the 11yrs 100m relay event. This is a sensational effort. We are incredibly proud to have the fourth fastest 11 year old runner in the state at our school.
Gala Days
On Friday 6th of October, our students will be competing in our interschool Gala Day. Sports offered are basketball and touch football for girls and cricket and Australian rules for boys. Our teams will be spending each Friday afternoon this term training very hard with their coaches. Permission notes have gone home for this event. Please ensure these are returned to the office with payment as soon as possible to ensure your child doesn’t miss out. Cost is $5 for the buses.

Michelle Cubis
Deputy Principal Yr3-6

Curriculum News

Year 6 Cultural Day
Last week the Year 6 students held a Cultural Day. This was a culmination of their integrated unit on acceptance and diversity. Many parents, staff and community members attended and were impressed by the students’ knowledge around their chosen country. The students also researched a recipe from their country and made and shared that food with their guests.

Teachers’ Learning Journey
This year we have had a couple of year levels that have been trialling a new way of working. There has been a buzz around teaching and learning of late at our school. The classrooms involved in this new approach have an excitement within them. The students enjoy participating in learning and seem to be learning in deeper ways.

The staff is very excited about implementing a new approach in 2016 that will improve engagement, learning and thinking. Our focus will be on providing our students with learning centres at varying levels that stimulate interest and learning.

We have had many teachers involved in new learning and training around thinking, the brain and deeper learning. In 2016, all of our staff will be involved in this excellent training.

Kelly Elliott-Maskiell
Head of Curriculum

Date Claimer

Friday the 6th of November:
Gala Day

Thursday 10th of December:
Year 6 End of Year Celebration
Wet n Wild

Monday 23th November – Friday 4th December
Yr 3 & 4 Swimming Lessons