From the Principal

Date Claimers

TUCKSHOP
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

UNIFORM SHOP
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
2.30pm – 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

School Priorities: Comprehension Numeracy Attendance Engagement

Many of you were lucky enough to see our library come to life with a real excitement of books and reading for Book Week. The pictures above show the amazing work done by Mrs Kay and her team in showcasing the library, books and reading. The library was open during the disco and many parents and children took the opportunity for a sneak peek and an early purchase. Over the week more than $4551 worth of product was sold. It is fantastic to see so many children and families choosing and reading books together. Add to this the excitement of dressing up as a book character; Book Week was a great celebration of reading. READING is our core business here at Morayfield State School.

Over the last few weeks we also had our behaviour celebration with children and staff coming to school dressed as a super hero. There are a range of photographs of these events on our Facebook page. If you have not liked Morayfield State School on Facebook you might like to have a look. It is a great way to get up-to-date information.

Yesterday at the P&C meeting Eva Turner, President and Mel Montague, Treasurer both resigned from their positions. It is unfortunate that there have been social media comments criticizing the P&C when they work so hard to assist families and support our school.

The P&C has now been placed in caretaker mode. We will continue the operation of the tuckshop and uniform shop however all other fundraising will be ceased at this time. I will be calling a special meeting early next term to discuss the ongoing future of our P&C.

I would like to thank both ladies for the enormous amount of work that they have done supporting our students, family and school.
Attendance - Attendance Target 90%
Year to Date 86.8%

Absence Line 5431 6260

I am aware of the high incidence of flu over the last few weeks. If children are unwell we do not want them to come to school, however I do ask that you take the time to pop into the office or ring the absence line to let us know why your child is not at school. Over the year 57.7% of absences are unexplained.

Please also be aware that illness is an acceptable reason why a child is absent. It is not acceptable for a child to have the day off for their birthday or to look after siblings.

Attendance Rate - Term 1 - 89.6%
Term 2 - 87.1%
Term 3 – 83.8%

Last week’s whole school daily attendance –
- Monday  83.1%  99 students absent  62 unexplained
- Tuesday  87.4%  74 students absent  46 unexplained
- Wednesday  87.6%  75 students absent  36 unexplained
- Thursday  84.2%  93 students absent  50 unexplained
- Friday  85.7%  85 students absent  49 unexplained

Before and After School Care 2016
This term we have been working with Education Queensland Procurement Branch to secure Before and After School Care based here at Morayfield State School. The tender process is almost completed and I expect that in 2016 Before and After School Care along with Vacation Care will be offered from this site.

Facebook
Facebook is a fantastic communication tool to get information about our school out to families and the community. It has however, come to my attention recently that there are defamatory comments about the school and the P&C being posted to social media sites.

It is not acceptable to defame the school or the P&C on any social media sites. If parents or community members have concerns about the school I encourage you to come directly to the school to solve any issues.

Vandalism
I am very sorry to report that over the last week the school has experienced some vandalism. The air conditioner units outside the library and hall have been kicked in and damaged. The hall units were paid for by money raised through the P&C. We are currently organising for the repair of all the units ready for the hot summer months.

I wish you a safe and relaxing spring vacation and look forward to seeing you here at school in term 4.

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 the most recent attendees:

1A - Shaylee W, Lilly C; Prep B - Ruby A, Zachary D; 1B - Sienna S, Blake O; 2B - Maddie K, Matthew O; 3B - Tiffanie H, Rhiub S
6A - Salinla L, Lilly B; Prep C -Sarah G, Amos O
1C - Krystal D, Chezny E; 4B - Sarah K, Heath W; 5B - Connor W, Shania V; 6B - Keara S, Jasmyne B
Yr 1 Farm Fantastic Writing
This term our Year 1 students have been learning to write procedures of how to look after farm animals. Last Friday 1B students shared their writing with Mrs Gahan and Ms Wicks. Each child has created their own ‘My Farm Book’ with a collection of procedures including how to feed animals and how to milk cows. We are proud of all their work and hope all year 1 parents can celebrate their children.

The Farm excursion earlier this term has helped children extend their learning and increased their engagement in all class activities. Thank you to our parents for attending our excursions and supporting staff and students. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

Prep 2016 Enrolments 12th, 13th, 15th or 20th October
If you have family and friends with a child ready to start Prep in 2016, remind them to book their interview before holidays start! All families with children born between 1 July 2010 and 30th June 2011 are eligible to enrol in Prep 2016. Thank you to our parents who have already enrolled their children in Prep in our first round of enrolment interviews this term.
Prep enrolments will be held on 12th, 13th, 15th or 20th October for parents who have their child’s birth certificate. Contact the office to book an interview on 5431 6222.

Positive Behaviour Reward Day – Friday 18th September
Congratulations to our students in Prep – Yr 2 who have collected more than 6000 Respect Rockets and will be able to come in free dress this Friday 18 September. Our Year 4-6 students have also achieved their target collecting more than 10 000 rockets in the past five weeks! Check out our Facebook page to see our students celebrating on the last day of term.

Bike and Scooter Safety
There are many students who ride their bike or scooter to school. It is important to remember that if you allow your child to ride their bike or scooter they must abide by the QLD road rules. Our school policy is that all bikes and scooters must be stored in the bike rack and are not to be ridden on school grounds. Scooters and bikes are to be locked in the bike rack area. It is the students’ responsibility to:

- Dismount their bike or scooter at the school entrance
- Walk their bike or scooter inside the school grounds at all times
- Store their bike or scooter in the designated bike rack area

Events for Kids this holidays – Moreton Bay Region Libraries
There is so much to do at the Moreton Bay Region Libraries during school holidays! Access to free events is only one of the benefits of library membership. If you or your children are not already library members, please join! Membership is free and open to all ages. Try out the competitions, treasure hunts, live shows, craft and information workshops over the school holidays. You might even win a prize! Be sure to book your place as spaces are limited. For kids 12 years and under, you can request to book online or contact your local library for assistance.
Places are limited, **bookings are essential.** Visit https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/subsite.aspx?id=118552 to book your place!

**Amanda Wicks**  
**Deputy Principal Prep – Yr 2**

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**Yr 3-6 DEPUTY NEWS**

**Indigenous News**  
**Waminda’s Yarning Day**

On Friday 11th of September, our three school captains attended the Yarning Day at Burpengary Community Hall. The Yarning Day is a celebration of culture and allows time for the sharing of stories to increase understanding around closing the gap teaching next generations to move forward in a positive and united way.

**Term 4 ARTIE Launch**  
Our ARTIE launch for Term 4 will take place on Thursday 8th of October at 9.30am. Our Indigenous students across years 3-6 will be doing their best to meet their 'no more than 5' attendance target for the term.

**Reconciliation challenge winners for 2015**  
At our senior assembly on Wednesday 7th of October at 2pm, a number of our students will be presented with some fantastic prizes as part of ARTIE’s reconciliation challenge. A group of very talented students spent a number of hours working with one of our SEP teachers, Lisa Wieprecht to create an impressive mosaic that’s placed on the wall of the SEP. Take the time to come down and have a look at this prize winning art work!!

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

True relationships delivered a two-part educational program for our year 6 students. The program has been covering all elements of healthy relationships and issues around moving through childhood into adolescence. The students are to be commended for their excellent, respectful behaviour during these sessions.

**Morayfield State High School enrolment for 2016**

Term 4 will see the commencement of various orientation programs for high school. Students are not yet enrolled in year 7 for 2016 will not be eligible for these programs. Transition and orientation programs often help ease the pathway to the next phase of your child’s education. Many students can feel quite anxious about the move into secondary education so it’s important that parents ensure that they enrol their child as soon as possible. Enrolment packs for Morayfield State High School are available from our office staff.

**SWPBS news**

Congratulations to our students who have once again managed to reach their behaviour target for Term 3. This means that all students will be eligible to wear free dress this Friday 18th of September. Please ensure that students are wearing sunsafe clothing (covered shoulders) and closed in footwear.

**Attendance rewards**

At Morayfield State School we are committed to our whole school attendance target of 90%. Every day counts when it comes to getting the best education possible. Our attendance rewards have changed this term and we will now be rewarding the class in each year level that shows the greatest improved attendance by allocating that class with a 45 minute free play session on a Monday afternoon. The students in the winning class who have had 100% attendance with no late starts or early finishes, will receive an ice block! Please do all that you can to ensure your child is attending school right on time, every day.

**SPORT NEWS**

**Gala Days**

On Friday 4th of September, 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. Gala days will continue in term 4. Stay tuned for further information.
Regional Athletics
Congratulations to Brooklyn P, Mikaela P and Ailai P who competed in the Regional Athletics Championships last week. We are very proud of your efforts. Ailai P has been successful in the boys’ 11yrs 100m and is now eligible to compete at the State Championships in Townsville. This is an exceptional achievement. Well done to all our students.

Michelle Cubis
Deputy Principal

COMPREHENSION CORNER

When visiting the library or the book store do your children find it difficult to choose the right book for them? Is it too difficult or too easy? Does it suit the purpose? Is it interesting to them?
Here is a strategy that can help them to choose a “Good Fit” book.
Using the I PICK strategy your child will be able to select books that are suited to their needs, interests and their ability.
Having the skills to select “Good Fit” books will support them as lifelong learners and foster a love of reading.

I PICK

1. I choose a book.

P

2. Purpose- why do I want to read it?

I

3. Interest- Does it interest me?

C

4. Comprehend- Do I understand what I am reading?

K

5. Know- I must know most of the words.

P

Encourage your child to choose a book and look at it inside and out. This is called ‘skimming’ the book.

Ask your child why they are choosing the book.

- Is it for entertainment?
- Is it to find facts or information?
- Is it to learn how to do or make something?
- Will this book suit your purpose?

ICP

Is this a book that they find interesting? Is it something they would like to read?

Encourage your child to read the first part of the book. If they don’t understand what they have read or there are several words they don’t know then this book is not suitable. Reassure them that this is okay and that by reading “Good Fit” books they will improve their reading and will want to read more.

Happy Reading
Robyn Stegman

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Friday the 18th of September marks the end of term 3. We hope all families have a good break and come back refreshed and ready for the last term of 2015. Just a reminder that term 4 begins on Tuesday the 6th of October.