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

Over the last 2 weeks we have been very busy. It was great to see Camp Quality come and present their puppet show. The children enjoyed the presentation and understood the message behind the show.

Our student leaders also attended a leadership breakfast at Morayfield State High School. Our year 5 and 6 students attended the first Gala Sports Day and our year 3 and 4 students have taken part in the scooter and bike clinics provided by the Moreton Bay Council.

I have also been in many classes observing the challenging lessons developed by the teachers. Children have been highly engaged in their learning. I have seen a range of hands on, high interest learning experiences. I have been very impressed with the clear understanding all students demonstrate in the rules and routines of each classrooms.

Last Friday our Student Council ran the Crazy Hair day to raise funds for the Cancer Council raising $333.10.
EVERY DAY COUNTS –  
Congratulations to 1C with an attendance rate over 95%.

Attendance – Absence Line  
5431 6260
If your child is absent for any reason please call the absence line to inform the school.

Attendance target 90%  
Current attendance Rate 90.7%

P & C Annual General Meeting
The Annual General Meeting will be held on the 20th March at 3:00pm in the PLACE. All executive positions will be declared vacant. Nominations will be taken for:
- President
- Vice President
- Assistant Secretary
- Treasurer

It would be great to see as many parents as possible attend. If you are not able to attend and you would like to nominate for a position please put your nomination in writing stating the position you would like to nominate for and sign. You can leave your nomination at the school office and it will be passed on to the secretary.

New Line Marking – Caboolture River Road
Council has received a request from TransLink and the school bus operator to investigate the installation of ‘Keep Clear’ line marking on Caboolture River Road. Bus drivers find it difficult turning right from the car park and finding a suitable gap without blocking west bound motorists.

The location and dimensions of the ‘Keep Clear’ zone, outlined on the attached plan, have been determined by using the required turning paths of a bus. It has been decided that the ‘Keep Clear’ zone will provide a safer option for buses and other motorists on Caboolture River Road.

The line marking works will be carried out during the upcoming school holidays.

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 last fortnight’s students:
Morayfield State School is participating in the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, on Friday 20 March 2015. This day provides a focus for our teachers and students to send a strong message that bullying and violence at school are NOT okay at any time. Our class behaviour lessons for the rest of the term will focus on getting along and putting a stop to physical behaviour. Our school relies on our partnership with parents to provide a safe supportive environment for our students.

**What is bullying?**

Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. It can have long-term effects on those involved.

Some conflicts between children are a normal part of growing up and are to be expected. These conflicts or fights between equals and single incidents are not considered bullying, even though they may be upsetting and need to be resolved.

Identifying bullying can sometimes be difficult. Bullying is often conducted out of sight of teachers and children may be reluctant to report bullying. We encourage parents to contact your class teacher or administration staff to discuss any concerns about student behaviour.

**STOP – WALK – TALK our Anti-Bullying Program**

As part of our school wide approach to positive behaviour we implement the STOP – WALK – TALK anti-bullying program. All students will be participating in focussed lessons until the end of term two on taking action to SAY NO to BULLYING! This will help students to understand our school expectations and to ensure we are all doing our best to create and maintain a welcoming, safe, and caring school environment. In addition to our Responsible Behaviour Plan and our school rules, we continue to strive for students to learn and use a 3 step strategy when faced with bullying:

**STOP:** Stay calm/tell the bully to STOP
**WALK:** Walk away/Ignore the bully
**TALK:** Tell a trusted adult

Talk to your child in the coming weeks about how they are using STOP-WALK-TALK!

**Harmony Day 25th & 26th March**

We will be celebrating Harmony Day at our Senior Parade 2pm Wednesday 25th March and Junior Parade 2pm Thursday 26th March. This is an opportunity for our whole school community to celebrate its cultural diversity. We are promoting inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The students will be performing a song with a message around unity, friendship and inclusivity.

Amanda Wicks
Deputy Principal Prep – Yr 2

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS YR 3-6**

**SWPBS Update**

Our students are now working hard to reach their new rocket target of 6000 rockets for appropriate behaviour. If the students are successful reaching their target before week 10, they will be rewarded with a ‘water play’ day during the last week of term. Notices will be sent home to families to inform them of the day allocated to their child’s class.

**Gala Day – Caboolture District Sports**

Our Gala day in Week 7 was a huge success with the school sending teams for softball, rugby league and soccer. Our students all represented the school proudly and participated with enthusiasm. It was a very hot day out on the field, but our students still demonstrated their exceptional sporting abilities. Our next Gala Day will be held on Friday 27th of March 2015. Notices will be sent home today to participating students across years 4-6 this week. Payment of $8 will be required and needs to be submitted to the office by Thursday 26th of March 2015.

**Year 6 Camp to Maranatha**

Our camp is taking place in week 2 of Term 2 (Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th April). Our office is now taking payment instalments. Please ensure you make regular payments as the date draws closer. Our students are starting to get
very excited about the opportunity to further develop their leadership skills next term.

School Leaders Forum at the Brisbane Convention Centre

Our school captains will be participating in a wonderful leadership opportunity at the Convention Centre on Friday. We will be traveling into the city by train and will enjoy a range of inspirational young speakers who will motivate our captains to become strong leaders of the future.

Michelle Cubis
Deputy Principal 3-6

COMPREHENSION CORNER

Why is reading with our children so important?

In our modern world reading is more important than ever. Teaching our children to read is the greatest gift that we can give them.

- Research shows that reading to a young child is the single most important thing you can do to help your child’s education.
- Children learn about the importance of reading as they watch family members use reading and writing for everyday purposes.
- Reading with your child at home will help your child in all learning areas of school.
- Children see you reading and writing in everyday life – reading for pleasure, sharing a story with your child, using a recipe, making a shopping list, writing a birthday card or reading street signs. This teaches them that reading and writing are useful skills in today’s world.
- Reading with your children can be a special time that provides an opportunity for you to connect with them and build their confidence.

What can we do to help our children with reading?

Sometimes as parents it can feel like we’re working flat out just to fit everything in! But remember, although we all find it hard to make the time to read and play with our children, when it comes to reading just a few simple things can make all the difference.

- Talk about books, read together, and make reading an enjoyable, shared activity. 10 minutes a day is all it takes.
- It is important to read to your child in your home language if your first language is not English. Using your home language will help your child to learn to read in English.
- Try not to let television intrude on reading time. Make a special time for reading with your child, away from interruption.
- Give books as treats and presents.
- Talk to your child’s teacher about their reading. They will have some great ideas and will be keen to help.

Happy Reading

Robyn Stegman

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Tuesday 24th March 7.45am
Parents, carers and grandparents come down to the hall and grab a bite to eat with the kids! Thanks to Brent from Woolworths (Caboolture South) and Peter & Greg from MeatCity for donating food for our breakfast!

COMMUNITY CUPPA

Hi everyone! As of next Monday I will be opening up the PLACE for Community Cuppa . We will run every Monday from 9am until 10:30 am. Please come along, it’s a great place to get to know people, make new friends, have a laugh and support each other. I hope to see you there next Monday 23rd March.

I was thinking about our BREKKY CLUB the other day and started to work out how many breakfasts we have made and served over the past 5 years. I was staggered when I realised it was approximately 18,000 breakfasts. WOW! I want to say an enormous thank you to our wonderful volunteers from Caboolture Full Gospel Church who have faithfully come in twice a week for the last 5 years, to support our students. Also a big thank you to CJS Bakery who supply our bread and Sunny Queen eggs who supply our eggs.

It is wonderful when a community supports a school. Well done and thanks!

Julie Hose
Chaplain