FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Date Claimers**

**TUCKSHOP**
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

**UNIFORM SHOP**
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
2.00pm – 3pm
(New Office Located next to Tuckshop)

**PLAYGROUP**
Thursdays 9am – 11.00am
(The PLACE)

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

**PAYMENTS**
Yr3/4 Swimming
DUE Tues 18th
Nov

**PUPIL FREE DAY**
Monday 20th Oct – NO SCHOOL

**Yr 6 AND 7 GRADUATION**
Tuesday 9th December
4:30pm-6:30pm

---

**Our School Vision**

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

---

I hope you have had a fantastic break. The term has started full steam ahead. Last week we had the great pleasure of hosting Mr Darren Grimwade – Local State Member for Morayfield. Mr Grimwade spent the whole day working as a teacher aide across the school in recognition of the work done by our amazing teacher aides. Mr Grimwade had the opportunity to talk with and work with a range of children across the school from Year 1 to Years 5 & 6. It was really fantastic to have Mr Grimwade at our school.

**Attendance and student outcomes**

As we move into the last term of 2014 it is important to remember that it is vital for children to attend school every day. If children miss a day of school they miss activities that are required for ongoing learning. While analysing our attendance for this year it is obvious that more children are away on Mondays and Fridays.

As you are aware our attendance target for the year is 90% our current attendance rate is 87.2%. Attendance and student outcomes. While some student absences are unavoidable and understandable due to illness and the like, or enforced through school disciplinary absences, many are not. These could be unexplained or unauthorised absences.
Morayfield State School has an expectation that students will attend and participate in the program of instruction every day of the school year, except when factors such as illness, serious family matters or important appointments cause an absence. Birthdays and family outings etc. are not acceptable reasons to stay home from school.

Class Lists for 2015
Over the first half of this term, we will be beginning to organise classes for next year. If you are aware that you will be leaving please let us know so that we can take your children of 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. We consider all requests but cannot guarantee all placements.

Staffing News
I would like to acknowledge Mrs Maureen Benfer who retired from Education Queensland at the end of Term 3. Mrs Benfer has worked at Morayfield for 14 years. During this time she has made an enormous contribution to our school. I am absolutely certain that many students and young people have very fond memories of Mrs Benfer.

We also farewelled Mrs Challenor and Mrs Duncan who have both gone on Maternity leave for the rest of the year. Mrs Challenor has been replaced by Catherine Hill and Ms Caroline Pickering will be working with 5C.

Transfers
Staff transfers came out in the last week of last term. The following teachers will be moving on to new schools in 2015. We look forward to working with these valued staff members for term 4.
- Mrs Morris (Hartshorn) Ms Langens
- Mrs Cutter Mr Brinkworth
- Mrs Williams

Additionally, Mr Waudby, Mrs Parkin and Mrs Crouch will be moving to Morayfield State High School with our year 6 & 7 students.

Prep 2015 Interviews
We are currently taking Prep enrolments for 2015, places are filling quickly. Interviews are currently being held. If your child is starting school next year please collect an enrolment form from the office and book a interview time. Please pass this information on to friends and neighbours with children starting school next year. Please note students enrolling need to live within the Morayfield Catchment area or have siblings currently enrolled at the school. If you have any concerns, please contact the office on 5431 6222.

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.” -- Benjamin Franklin

Aim High
Vicky Gahan
Principal

Morayfield Munchkins
Prep to Grade 3

Respect for Self & Others - travelling safe to school
When students are in uniform the high expectations to respect others and respect property apply while students travel to and from school. Many students walk, ride or scooter home and are unsupervised by an adult at this time. With busy main roads surrounding our school, students are in view of the public who expect students to follow road rules and behave safely. It is important for students to understand that members of our community contact the school and police when there are concerns about unsafe student behaviour. Student safety is a priority for our community and your support to ensure safe travel would be appreciated.

Code of Behaviour for Walking to and from School
- walk directly to and from school without stopping unnecessarily
- obey road rules
- cross roads safely eg wait for traffic to clear and follow traffic signals
- be respectful of other pedestrians
- do not talk to strangers
- be cautious of potential hazards and dangers (eg cars backing out of driveways)
- be respectful of the environment and property - do not litter
- represent your school proudly, especially in uniform, by behaving appropriately.

Attendance = Learning time!
A big thank you to all parents/carers who support the school in its efforts to reach our 90% attendance target by ensuring their children attend school regularly and arrive by 8.45am. High levels of attendance and punctuality have a real impact on how well children do at school and the majority of our pupils have good attendance records and excellent punctuality.
For a significant minority, however, attendance and punctuality remains a problem with an average of more than 1 day each week off school. You can help us reach our target by:
• ensuring your child attends regularly (even when it’s wet or their birthday!)
• asking to see your child’s attendance printout on a regular basis – the printouts are available for parents and outline the number of days absent, late arrival and early departures.
• telephoning the school absent line 54316260 if your child is going to be absent that day
• giving your child a note to take to their teacher following their absence.

Yr 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 24th Nov). Please return permission notes and payment of $63 for 10 swimming lessons and transport to the office on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday no later than 18th November.

Get Set for Prep
2015 – 29th October
2015 Get Set for Prep
Parent information session will be held on Wednesday 29th October at 3.30pm in the Prep A classroom. This is an opportunity for families new to our school to discover what Prep is about and how school works for our youngest students.

If you have family and friends with a child ready to start Prep in 2015, remind them to book their interview! All families with children born between 1st July 2009 and 30th June 2010 are eligible to enrol in Prep 2015. Contact the office to book an interview on 5431 6222.

Amanda Wicks
Deputy Principal Prep – Yr 3

Support your team colours this Friday!
The student council will be running a fundraiser this Friday in conjunction with the Bledisloe Cup match between Australia and New Zealand. For a gold coin donation, students will be able to wear their favourite team jersey this Friday 17th October. We’re looking forward to seeing everyone in their team colours!!

Year 6/7 Graduation 2014
The end of this term will see a very special celebration as our Year 6 and Year 7 students all move off to begin their senior schooling together. Our graduation will be taking place on Tuesday, 9th of December between 4.30-6.30pm. The ceremony will be taking place at Morayfield High School to allow for larger numbers. There will be more information about this event as we get closer to the date.

Facebook
Don’t forget to ‘like’ our Facebook page and to share our updates with all your family and friends. Our school regularly uses our Facebook page to provide updates around upcoming events and to showcase class activities and student achievements. Don’t miss out on all the latest news!!

Michelle Cubis
Deputy Principal Yr4 - Yr7

DATE CLAIMERS

Monday 20th of October is a Pupil Free day. There will be NO school on this day for students.

P&C NEWS

Next P&C Meeting is Thursday 23rd October at 2:45 at the PLACE, please come along and support your school and P&C!

Fundraising
School Disco - Western Theme, bring out your western gear and and let’s get “Boot Scoot’n’!!” Date is Friday 24th October
Look out for our flyers around school for times and info! Prizes for best dressed!!

Pie Drive - Pie Drive is underway, please remember the pick-up of ordered pies will be Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd October between 2:00 - 3:30pm!
**Carols By Torchlight** - We are well underway, if you would like to help, please see the ladies in the Tuckshop! Classes will be performing on the night, they are in the process of learning their songs! Please keep checking the newsletter for updates!!

**Tuckshop**

Footy Meal Deal this Friday 17th! **$5.00**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>New Zealand</th>
<th>Australia</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Fish &amp; Chips</td>
<td>Pie</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Popper</td>
<td>Popper</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cupcake</td>
<td>Cupcake</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>