Welcome back everyone!!

I hope you had a lovely and relaxing winter break. We have a new enrolment—Shayla Shelton in Prep. Welcome to you and your family to our school and hope you enjoy your time with us—it is great to have you here.

The Athletics Carnival is on Friday July 26 at Moffatdale State School—we had been advised previously that they were being held the week earlier on the 19, but unfortunately this date has had to be changed.

This term is 11 weeks long and filled with many activities. I have listed below and on the next couple of pages some of the work we will be studying this term.

Have a great term

Heather Castle
Principal

This term we will be studying:-

**English**

P - 2: Examining stories and informative texts. Students read, view and listen to a range of stories with animal characters and ask open and closed questions of an animal character. Students create an informative text about a character in a literary text using ICT’s.

3—7: Interpreting Literary Texts. Students listen to, read and analyse extracts from diary entries and letters set in earlier times. They will demonstrate their understanding of how the events and characters are created within historical contexts. They create a literary text that explores personal experience.

**Science**

P—2: The Earth and Us. In this unit, students will investigate a variety of landscapes and ways in which people interact with the landscape. Students will explore familiar phenomena, including weather and the effect of weather on living things, including people’s clothes and activities. Students will compare and describe changes that occur in the features of the day sky and landscape with the night sky and landscape. Students will consider resources of the Earth and the importance of conserving them. They will describe how Earth’s resources are used and actions that can be taken to conserve them.
3—7: Earth and Beyond. In this unit, students will describe the key features of our solar system. They will discuss how people have contributed science knowledge to space exploration. They will explore the place of Earth in the solar system and then use this knowledge to look for patterns and relationships between components of this System. They explore predictable phenomena such as eclipses, tides, phases of the Moon and the seasons. They will examine different cultural understandings, and how scientific understandings of space have changed over time due to developments in technology. Students will explore how sudden geological and extreme weather events can affect Earth’s surface and consider the effects of earthquakes and volcanoes on the Earth’s surface and how communities are affected. They will gather, record and interpret data relating to weather and weather events. Students explore the ways in which people use scientific observations to prepare for disaster in Australia and throughout Asia.

History

P—2: Exploring my local community.
- What stories do other people tell about the past?
- How can stories of the past be told and shared?

Yr 1
- What aspects of the past can you see today? What do they tell us?
- How can we show that the present is different from or similar to the past?

Yr 2
- What remains of the past are important to the local community and why?

3—7: Investigating the diversity of people in Australia and other societies (China)

Yr 3—5
- What do we know about the lives of people in Australia’s colonial past and how do we know?
- How did colonial settlement change the environment?
- What were the significant events and who were the significant people that shaped Australian colonies?

Yr 6—7
- Who were the people who came to Australia? Why did they come?
- What contribution have significant individuals and groups made to the development of Australian society?

Mathematics

Prep
They will be building on what they learnt in Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry in Terms 1 and 2 and in addition they will:
- In Number and Algebra "Represent practical situations to model addition and sharing"
- In Measurement and Geometry—"Connect days of the week to familiar events and actions"

Yr 1
Will be building on what they learnt in Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry in Terms 1 & 2 including work on Fractions and decimals, Money, Measurement and describing duration using months, weeks, days and hours.

Yr 2
Will be building on what they learnt in Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry in Terms 1 & 2 and in addition they will:
- In Measurement and Geometry -"Compare masses of objects using balance scales"
- Name and order months and seasons.

Yr 3
Will be building on what they learnt in Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry in Terms 1 & 2 and in addition they will:
- Recognise, model, represent and order numbers to at least 10,000
- Identify symmetry in the environment
- More work in Fractional understanding, Money, Shapes and Objects

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Yr 5
Will be building on what they learnt in Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry in Terms 1 & 2 and in addition they will:
♦ Choose appropriate units of measurement for length, area, volume, capacity and mass
♦ Use grid reference system to describe locations
♦ Learn about two dimensional shapes

Yr 7
Will be building on what they learnt in Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry in Terms 1 & 2 and in addition they will:
♦ Calculate volumes of rectangular prisms
♦ Describe translations, reflections in an axis, and rotations of multiples of 90 degrees

Athletics Training Day—Thursday July 11
In preparation for the Athletics Carnival, we will be having another training day at Windera State School from 11.00am to 2.00pm on Thursday July 11. The PE teacher will be supervising these training times. The students will be transported in private cars to Windera school. Students will need to take their hats and water bottles and some food for a quick break.

Tuckshop Friday -July 12
Because students will be at Athletic Training at Windera on Thursday, this week tuckshop will be on Friday 12 instead.

Please complete the permission form and return by Thursday July 11.

I give permission for my child/children to attend Athletic training at Windera State School and be transported in private cars.

Signed by Parent

ATHLETICS AT MOFFATDALE—JULY 26
Our Athletic Sports Day with the 4 schools in our Cluster will be on Friday July 26 and it will be held at Moffatdale State School. Unfortunately we don’t have all the details, but we will advise you as soon as we have them.

P & C Meeting
Monday July 22 at 3.30pm at School staffroom