Dear Parents/Caregivers and Community Members,

Welcome back, I hope that everyone enjoyed their holiday break and are ready for a productive and exciting term 4. As the children returned, we heard stories of wonderful family holidays filled with fun and exciting experiences. It was great to see so many children back at school safe, well and refreshed for the term ahead. A new student, Le-Keya has commenced here with us this term—we welcome her and her family to our school.

Over the last few days I have shared many enthusiastic conversations with students who had enjoyed the amazing rugby union and league finals over the last few weekends. What an outstanding display of leadership, belief, teamwork and determination! It will be remembered by many as some of the greatest games we have ever seen and I am disappointed the season has come to an end.

The weather has already started to warm up so it is important to ensure that your children wear their hats and bring a water bottle to school. WHEN IT'S HOT OUTSIDE... and kids are playing sports—or even just actively playing—head off problems by making sure they drink fluids before, during and after activity. As a guideline, encourage at least half cup of fluid every 15-20 minutes, or whenever there’s a break or time-out. So kids need a minimum of ½ cup OF WATER EVERY 20 MINUTES!

Use caution when it’s hot outside, especially for active kids. In high temperatures, kids don’t sweat as much as adults do, so it’s harder for them to cool off. This makes them more at risk for dehydration and heat exhaustion.

Fourth term is an extremely busy term with swimming, camp, gala sports day, carnivals and end of year celebrations. From around week 4, the pace of work and work load for staff picks up as we put the wheels in motion to finalise the year and begin planning for 2016. It is important that students are at school every day.

Make every day count in 2015 – Make 2015 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If student’s aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the EVERY DAY COUNTS videos live on DETE TV. http://www.youtube.com/DETEQueensland

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Visiting the School
Please remember that if you are visiting the school or are volunteering in the school please sign in at the office and collect a visitors badge to wear.

Swimming
The students will be having swimming lessons this term— we will be starting swimming on Tuesday 27 October with the PE teacher at the Murgon pool. Please sign and return the Permission Form in this newsletter.

Student-free Day
Monday October 19 is a state wide student free day for staff professional development.

Children's Crayon Recall
The Australian Government has issued an alert regarding the sale of crayons within Australia that have been found to contain trace amounts of asbestos.

Trace amounts of asbestos have been detected in some brands of children's crayons that have been imported into Australia. The crayon products in which asbestos has been identified are as follows:
Dora the Explorer Personalized 32 pack crayons
Dora the Explorer Jumbo crayons
Arti Crafti 16 piece crayons
Peppa Pig 8 wax crayons
Disney 'Frozen' Jumbo crayons
Disney 'Mickey Mouse and Friends' crayons

Information regarding these products and what to do if you have purchased them can be found at Click here to view Asbestos in Crayons Information https://www.asbestossafety.gov.au/sites/asbestos/files/Consumer_and_Retailer_Alert

Have a great week

Heather Castle
Principal

School Improvement Agenda
For 2015 is:-
- Improved reading comprehension
- Becoming better writers with sizzling starts
- Instant recall of number facts

Happy Birthday—
October
Ryan—11th
Jayde—13th

Term 4 Calendar
See the attached Calendar for Term 4. Keep this in a handy spot so that you can update it as we have additional events throughout the year.
Swimming lessons commence Tuesday October 27 at Murgon Pool. The lessons will be in conjunction with Windera SS and we will also be having our Music lessons at Murgon school. The students will be transported by bus. We will advise you of the times of the bus departure and swimming lessons when they are available to us. If students are not able to take part in swimming lessons because of health reasons, the school must receive a note from the parents, stating the reason. Students are to wear swim shirts/t-shirts over their togs, no jewellery is to be worn and long hair must be tied back. Please make sure that they have their hat and a water bottle with them.

Please complete the permission form and return by Wednesday October 21.

Family Name: ............................................................
I give permission for my child/children ............................................................ to attend swimming lessons at Murgon Pool and Music lessons at Murgon State School. Transport to and from the pool will be bus.

............................................................  Signed by Parent/Caregiver

Teachers from Wamena, Papua

Tomorrow, Tuesday October 13 at 9.00am some teachers from Wamena, Papua are visiting our school. They will be sharing with out students about life in Papua. These teachers are currently studying at the Sunshine Coast University.

Award Winners

For Week 1

Elijah, Will, Jorja, Billey, Jack B, Lochlan, Riley, Zac

Congratulations students

Qld Lawn Bowls
Thursday October 22

We are privileged to have representatives from Lawn Bowls, Qld attend our school on Thursday October 22, to give the school a demonstration on the game.
Combined Community Cent Auction

Cloyna Town Hall
7th November 2015

Doors Open - 5pm
BBQ & Bar Open - 5.30pm
First Draw - 6pm

Admission
Adults - $5.00 (includes one free sheet of tickets)
School Age Child - $3.00 (includes one free lucky door ticket)

Cent Auction Tickets - $1 per sheet

For more information please contact:
Laraine - (07) 4168 6061
Roger - (07) 4168 6137

Table Bookings - webbersrun@bordernet.com.au

Moffatdale State School
CENTENARY

SATURDAY
October 31st
2015

1915 - 2015

Day: Saturday 31st Oct 2015
Time: 9am - 4pm
At: Moffatdale State School
892 Barambah Rd Moffatdale Qld

Entertainment
Food Stalls
Memorabilia

Come on back to Moffatdale State School
and celebrate with us 100 years
of learning and memories.
All welcome.

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