



Moura Minor

25th January, 2017



Dear Students, Parents/Caregivers and Friends

Welcome to the 2017 school year at Moura State School – the school where **'we strive for great things'** as our school motto states. The school where we believe:

1. **Every child matters every day;**
2. **All students can be high achievers.**

An extra welcome to our new students and their families, especially the Prep students. Moura State School is a great school in which to learn and play so you and your children will enjoy being here.

A huge welcome to our new teaching staff members Mrs Kathy Finlay, Miss Rosie Reynolds, Miss Samantha Utick and Mr Dirk Chantler. Mrs Yuko Smith has been appointed as our LOTE (Japanese) teacher and began her lessons with us yesterday. We are yet to finalise a replacement teacher for the Year 4/5 class, and thank Mrs Kylie Simmonds for taking on the class teacher role for the time being. This has worked well as the students are familiar with Kylie. Mrs Selina Glazbrook has stepped in to complete Kylie's usual learning support role.

While you and your children continued to enjoy the holidays, staff members were back at work continuing their learning and preparing for the new school year. In addition to the annual compulsory updates for all staff (eg Code of

Conduct, Student Protection, Emergency Procedures, asbestos management, curriculum activity risk assessments, internal controls etc with Janelle McPherson and I out front) teachers and aides participated in learning sessions with Robyn Petersen (Digital Pedagogies overview), Julie Chisholm (Alignment of Curriculum and Assessment and Teaching), Michelle Lang (Write2Spell2Read), Simone Baker (Essential Skills for Classroom Management), Judy Galos/Laura Mossler (an overview of disabilities), Alex Price (number facts and problem solving), Renee Skelly/Elliot Green/Elly Fiedler (7 Steps to Writing Success).

A special thank you to all presenters for their presentations. Your 'teaching' helped set us up for a great year of teaching and learning at Moura SS! Apart from our core business of teaching and learning in the key learning areas, students and parents/caregivers can look forward to the extra things on our Term 1 calendar such as Year 3-6 swimming lessons, Year 4-6 swimming carnival, Cricket Gala Day at Banana SS, Easter Bonnet Parade, P&C meetings, reading groups, senior induction.

The focus areas for whole school improvement in 2017 continue to be Mathematics (number facts and problem solving), Reading (comprehension), Writing (spelling, grammar & punctuation in writing). Explicit instruction will continue to be our key pedagogy (ie teaching strategy). An extra effort will go into the alignment of curriculum, assessment, pedagogy and reporting. A focus on attendance will continue also as we know every day counts.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Class teachers are organising Parent Information Sessions for an afternoon in the next two weeks.

Please keep an eye out in your children's school bags for the letter about the relevant session/s for your child/ren. I recommend these sessions to you as they will be a terrific way to get to know your child's teacher and what will be happening in the class this term and year.

SCHOOL LEVIES

Information about school levies will be distributed very soon. As endorsed by the Moura State School P&C Association, students will not be able to participate in extra curricula activities if levies have not been paid (or a payment plan has been agreed upon).

GENERAL REMINDERS

It is timely at the start of a new school year to remind everyone about a few school expectations.

1. **NO HAT, NO PLAY!** A hat is one that has a broad brim – not a cap.
2. **Student Absences:** It is a requirement that student absences are explained. This can be done by phone call, note or email – either before the absence if it is a planned one, or after the event. Unexplained absences are recorded in the student's records. **MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT.**
3. **Uniforms:** Boys – royal blue polo shirt with black shorts. Girls – royal blue polo shirt with black pleated skirt or shorts. All students are to wear broad brimmed hats (preferably blue) and shoes and socks. House colours (ie green for Flinders, red for Oxley and yellow for Sturt) with black shorts/skirts.
4. **ALL GEAR NEEDS TO BE NAMED!**
5. **Jewellery:** The only jewellery items allowed to be worn at school are sleeper or stud earrings, cignet rings and medic alert necklaces/bracelets.
6. **Temporary tattoos/makeup:** These items are not permitted. This includes fingernail polish.
7. **Arrival time at School:** If children arrive before 8:30 am, they are to sit and wait quietly in the bus line area until the 8:30 am bell when they are free to play quiet games.
8. **Mobile Phones/Ipods/personal digital assistants/etc:** Students are discouraged from having these items at school. If one comes to school, it needs to be named and placed at the office. They can be collected from the Office at 3:00pm.

RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR PLAN FOR STUDENTS

As part of the partnership between school and home, can I please urge you to reinforce with your children the three specific rules that come under the school's overarching rules of the "4 B's" (ie Be Courteous, Be Learning, Be Responsible, Be Safe).

1. Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
2. Follow all adult instructions.
3. Put your hand up to speak.

Awards will continue to be presented on Parade each week (on a Monday at 9:00 am unless it is a public holiday). Family and friends are welcome to attend Parade to help recognise the great work and effort of our students.

Look out for further information about behaviour expectations and processes in class newsletters and weekly school newsletters.

STUDENT ABSENCES – **EVERY DAY COUNTS**

As we start the new school year, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results.

Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.

More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at <http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/index.html>

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

Please be reminded that there are set parking spots around the school and that road rules apply. Staff park on the rail line side of Gillespie Street to allow space for parents to park on the school side of the street for drop offs and pick ups. There should be plenty of space on this side of the street for parents to angle park and thus limiting the need for students to cross the street.

Also note that in Masters Street (the street that runs along the prep side through to the Rec Grounds) parking is limited to certain areas. Parking on the bike racks side of the street and into the Rec Grounds, especially on the school side, is NOT a safe option. Please note the new no parking sign. It is very busy with bikes, scooters, prams, students etc at the end of the school day.

Please ensure you park correctly and obey the speed limits. Children's safety, and yours, are our top priority!

MEDICATION

If your child requires medication while at school, a Medication Form will need to be completed at the office. Please contact Mrs Lucht in the office or drop in at the office to get a form.

BUS PROCEDURES

If your child travels to and from school by bus, please notify (or confirm) with the office which bus your child is on. Details about bus procedures will be attached to next week's newsletter to remind us all about what to do.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Education breeds confidence. Confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds peace. - Confucius

Yours in Education
Laurel

As this is our first week back, we have printed a hard copy of the newsletter for the eldest in every family. Next week we will return to our process from last year where paper copies only went out to parents who requested them and everyone else received an email.

If you wish to receive your newsletter by email, please call at the office and advise them of your current email address.

COMINGS AND GOINGS - 250



DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan 26 th	Australia Day - Public Holiday
Feb 22 nd	P&C AGM
Mar 31 st	Easter Bonnet Parade Last Day Term 1

P&C News

Welcome to 2017. We hope your children are settling into the new school year. The Moura S.S P&C meeting and AGM will be held on Wednesday 22nd February at 6:00pm in the Moura S.S Library. The AGM will follow the general meeting and we would love to see you all there. Please consider taking on a position and supporting the P&C.

TUCKSHOP BITES

Welcome back to a new year & a new menu! We'll be open for 4 days per week this year: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. Monday will be with a limited menu, though the favourites are still available. The Snack Surprise for the next 2 weeks will be Banana Bread.

We often need help, so if you are able to give 30 minutes or more of your time, please see Annette at the tuckshop or phone her on 0405 536 793. Alternatively, you can help by donating items to the tuckshop (list will be in next newsletter). Remember that every dollar made at the tuckshop goes into much needed resources for your children.

Maths Corner

Welcome to the 2017 school year. This year we will be continuing to build our mental maths skills by applying them to problem solving. Here are a few fun questions you can do at the dinner table tonight (progressing in difficulty).

- a) If I add all the digits in 2017, what is the answer? $2 + 0 + 1 + 7 =$
- b) Move the digits in 2017 around to see how many different numbers you can make. What is the smallest and largest number you can make?
- c) If I multiply all the digits of 2017, what would the answer be? $2 \times 0 \times 1 \times 7 =$
- d) How many unique letters does 2017 contain when written as a word?
Two Thousand and Seventeen
- e) If you counted from 1 to 2017, how many minutes would it take?
- f) Can you double the number 2017 in your head? Explain how you would do it.
- g) What two square numbers when added together equal 2017?
These are examples of square numbers:
 $1 = 1 \times 1$ $4 = 2 \times 2$ $9 = 3 \times 3$
- h) Use a combination of the mathematical operations $+$ $-$ \times \div and (brackets) between the following numbers to make a number sentence that equals 2017. There are multiple answers.
 $10 \quad 9 \quad 8 \quad 7 \quad 6 \quad 5$
 $4 \quad 3 \quad 2 \quad 1 = 2017$
- i) 2017 is a prime number because it can only be divided by 1 and itself. Which previous year was also a prime number and when will the next prime number year occur?
- j) Can you halve 2017 in your head? *(It will be a decimal number)*

- k) Which three cubed numbers added together equal 2017?

These are examples of cubed numbers:

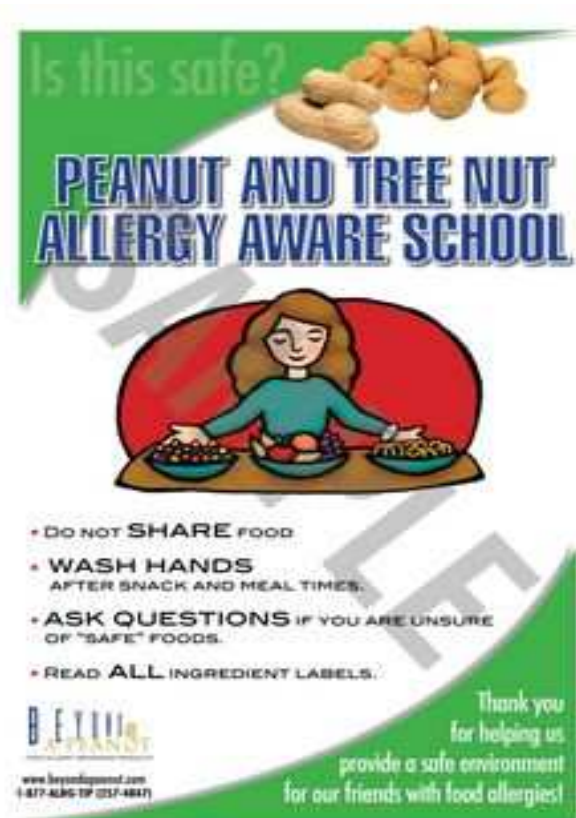
$$1 = 1 \times 1 \times 1 \quad 8 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \quad 27 = 3 \times 3 \times 3$$

Happy problem solving ☺

Alex Price
Master Teacher





FOOD ALLERGIES

Please be aware we have students and staff at our school who have food allergies in particular anaphylaxis responses to peanuts. While it is difficult to ban peanut type food items from school lunches, we do ask that you consider this when you are packing your child/rens lunches.



Does Attendance Really Matter?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but.....

If your child misses....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 years</u>	 Equal to finishing in grade 11
1 day per week	40 Days per year	8 weeks per year	Over <u>2.5 years</u>	 Equal to finishing in grade 10
2 days per week	80 Days per year	16 weeks per year	Over <u>5 years</u>	 Equal to finishing in grade 7
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly <u>8 years</u>	 Equal to finishing at grade 4

If you want your child to be successful at school then YES, attendance does matter!



'Every Day Counts!!'

Moura State School

Tuckshop Menu Term 1, 2017

Tuckshop operates every Wednesday, Thursday & Friday + Monday with a limited menu

The below items are available every day along with the daily specials
NO Hot Food items are available at 2nd break.

Weekday Specials

Wednesday

*Fish n Chips
OR
*+Chicken
Schnitzel n Chips
\$4.50

Thursday

*+Pasta Twister
Bolognaise
\$4.00

Friday

*Pizza 1 Slice \$2.20
*Pizza 2 Slice \$4.40

Your choice of:

Hawaiian
BBQ Chicken
Ham/Cheese

Snack Surprise

This item will change every fortnight – updated on flexischools and noted in the newsletter.

*Hot Food (1st Break only)

*Hot Dog	\$3.00
*Sausage Roll	\$1.50
*Chicken Chips x 5	\$3.00
*Beef Pie	\$4.00
*Party Pies	\$1.00
*Lasagne	\$4.00
*Beef Burger	\$4.50
*Chicken Schnitzel Burger	\$4.50
*Fish Burger	\$4.50
*Garlic Bread	\$1.00
*Wedges (cup)	\$4.00
*Wedges (packet)	\$2.00

Sandwiches

Vegemite	\$2.00
Cheese	\$2.00
Cheese & Tomato	\$2.20
Egg	\$2.80
Egg & Lettuce	\$3.00
Salad & Cheese	\$3.00
Meat (Ham, Chicken, Tuna)	\$3.00
Meat & Cheese	\$3.20
Meat, Cheese & Tomato	\$3.40
Meat & Salad	\$4.00
*Toasted (1 st break only)	\$0.50

Wraps (Gluten-free available)

½ Wrap – Salad	\$3.00
Full Wrap – Salad	\$4.50
½ Wrap – Meat/Salad	\$3.50
Full Wrap – Meat/Salad	\$5.00
½ Wrap – Chicken Caesar	\$3.50
Full Wrap – Chicken Caesar	\$5.00
*½ Wrap – Chicken Tender	\$4.00
*Full Wrap – Chicken Tender	\$6.00

Salads

Small Garden Salad	\$3.50
Large Garden Salad	\$5.00
Small Meat & Salad	\$4.50
Large Meat & Salad	\$6.00
+*Chicken Tender/Salad	\$6.00
+*Chicken Schnitzel/Salad	\$6.00
+*Crumbed Fish & Salad	\$6.00

Snacks

Hard Boiled Egg (shelled)	\$0.80
Popcorn	\$0.60
2 x Biscuits (Arnott's)	\$0.60
Crackers & cheese x 6	\$2.00
+Snack pack	\$1.00
(Sultanas, Sultanas + apricot or cranberry)	
Homemade Choc. cake	\$0.70
125ml Vanilla Yoghurt	\$1.20
250ml Vanilla Yoghurt	\$2.20
Sm Yoghurt Berry Crunch	\$1.60
Lge Yoghurt Berry Crunch	\$3.00
Fruit snack tub	\$1.50
(Fruit salad, peaches, pears, two fruits)	
125ml Custard	\$1.50
+Snack Surprise (See note)	\$1 - \$2

Drinks

100% Juice Popper	\$2.00
(Tropical, Apple or Orange)	
Milk Popper	\$2.00
(Chocolate or Strawberry)	
Water	\$2.00

Frozen Items

Calippo	\$1.00
Lemonade Icy Twist	\$2.00
Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.00
(Strawberry or Mango)	
Dixie Cup Ice Cream	\$2.00

+ Indicates New items

Volunteers are needed to keep our Tuckshop operating.

Please call Annette Beyers on 0405 536 793

Please order via the Flexischools online ordering system at www.flexischools.com.au by 8:45am.

For technical difficulties call 1300 361 769