



Moura Minor

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Dear Students, Parents/Caregivers and Friends
Welcome to Term 2 2017!! Our feet hit the ground running on Tuesday morning and they will not stop running till the end of Week 10!

What will Term 2 bring apart from the annual inter-house athletics carnival, Under 8's Day, report cards, Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN testing, Biloela Show Holiday, Biloela Eisteddfod, ANZAC Day? There will also be P&C meetings, visits from Sensei Reiko, professional development, Readers' Cup, Questacon visit, World of Maths, UNSW tests, Forensic Science workshop, Fire Station visit.

Of course our most important activity for the term is **TEACHING AND LEARNING!** Our improvement agenda will continue to focus on Maths – number facts and proficiency strands, Reading – comprehension skills using QAR/SCORE strategies being taught across all year levels, Writing – spelling and consistency in teaching of writing in all year levels.

Mrs Lang, Head of Curriculum, and class teachers have collated student data for reading, writing,

numeracy, spelling. This data is being celebrated, especially the gains that have been made between one resit and the next of each test, and analysed to work out the next set of teaching and learning sequences and goals for individual students. The results of the Term 1 assessment tasks across the curriculum areas are also analysed to work out student/class goals and the teaching and learning sequence.

At the end of last term, teachers were given time to work with Michelle to plan the Term 2 learning which was evident on day one of the new term with classes straight into routine and knowing where the term will be taking them in their teaching and learning journey.

In order to keep up to date with what is happening at school, please ensure you read every newsletter and mark on your calendars when things are happening. Attending P&C meetings is another way to keep informed about school happenings.

Best wishes are extended to the 10-12 year old students who are participating in the DV Cross Country trials at Bauhinia SS tomorrow. Do your best and enjoy the experience!

ATTENDANCE – EVERY DAY COUNTS

Our school target for attendance is 92%. As you can see from the table below there is a real mix of attendance rates across the school.

A huge congratulations to the Prep F class for achieving the highest attendance rate for the end of Term 1! And a huge congratulations to the 30 students (ie 12%) who have maintained 100% attendance thus far for the school year. In comparison we had 83 students (ie 33%) with full attendance at the same time last year.

CLASS	TERM 1 WEEK 5	TERM 1 WEEK 10
Prep F	95.08%	94.69%
Prep/1F	95.83%	94.49%
½F	89.39%	88.54%
2B	93.75%	94.64%
2/3P	91.52%	92.56%
¾R	94.5%	92.16%
4G	91.37%	92.06%
4/5C	92.16%	94.64%
5/6U	93.1%	91.41%
6S	94.68%	93.8%

ANZAC DAY

A school ANZAC ceremony will be held on Monday 24 April at 9:00 am with thanks to Mrs Sam Payne for coordinating the activity. Students will need to be wearing their blue school uniform and have their broad brimmed hat.

Students who are marching in the town parade on Tuesday need to meet in the Puma Service Station area at 9:30am dressed in blue school uniform and wearing a broad brimmed school hat. Students are to be collected after the service outside the RSL Club.

Only students with permission notes will be allowed to participate in the parade.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

A big thank you to parents and teachers who took the opportunity to meet or chat with each other about student learning this week. These chats will make a difference with the students' progress. Parents are welcome to meet with teachers to have a chat about their child's learning at any time throughout the term (and vice versa). Appointments are to be made through the school Office staff.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Ms Mossler has Breakfast Club up and running again for Term 2 on Monday and Thursday mornings before school. Students are welcome to enjoy a bowl of cereal which has been donated by Kelloggs and IGA (milk). Students who have had a good breakfast will be better prepared for learning each day.

WINTER UNIFORM

As we head into the cooler weather during Term 2 it is timely to remind everyone about our winter uniform requirements. The table below is copied directly from the Moura SS Prospectus 2017.

UNIFORM	GIRLS	BOYS
DAILY UNIFORM Obtainable from local clothing retail stores	Royal blue 'Polo' shirt Royal blue or Black 'Polo' jumper Royal Blue and White wind jacket - NO HOODS because of WPH&S Black skirt or pants White socks and enclosed shoes	Royal blue 'Polo' shirt Royal blue or Black Polo jumper Royal Blue and White wind jacket - NO HOODS because of WPH&S Black pants White socks and enclosed shoes
SPORTS UNIFORM Obtainable from local clothing retail stores	House colour 'Polo' shirt with school emblem Royal blue "Polo" jumper Black pleated skirt or pants White socks and joggers	House colour 'Polo' shirt with school emblem Royal blue "Polo" jumper Black pants White socks and joggers
HATS The Policy is 'No Hat, No Play' (Includes all HPE and outdoor activities)	Blue broad brim Hats (No caps) (Legionnaires Caps with flaps are acceptable) School Emblem - optional	Blue broad brim Hats (No caps) (Legionnaires Caps with flaps are acceptable) School Emblem - optional

** **Jeans** are **not** part of the school uniform and are **not** to be worn to school. **No strings** on hats because it is a safety issue.

DENTAL VAN VISIT

Keep returning the forms that were distributed to all students last Thursday. The forms are due back by 24 April. Also note there are two sides to the form. Make sure both sides are completed ☺.

GENERAL REMINDERS

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. **ALL GEAR NEEDS TO BE NAMED!**
4. Jewellery: The only jewellery items allowed to be worn at school are sleeper or stud earrings, 3 ygnet rings and medic alert necklaces/bracelets.
5. Temporary tattoos/makeup: These items are not permitted. This includes fingernail polish.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Lunch packaging – NO tin cans or glass!!!

RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR PLAN FOR STUDENTS

The 3 School Rules:

1. Put your hand up to speak.
2. Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
3. Follow teacher directions immediately.

All classrooms have these displayed with consequences, step charts and reward charts being used to reinforce these main school rules.

Lunchtime activities: Mrs Lang and Miss Green are continuing to hold netball coaching for Year 4-6 girls a couple of lunch times per week. The MMC (computer lab) and Library are open most days at First Lunch too. The Library has a range of construction gear (provided by the P&C Association) as well as books for students to use.

Student Council members organised a Story Time in the Library each Thursday lunch time last term as well as a Dodgeball comp. They have other things planned for Term 2 lunch times.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A man's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions. – Oliver Wendell Holmes

Yours in Education
Laurel

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 21 st	DV Cross Country, Bauhinia: ANZAC Day March permission forms due in
April 24 th	NO PARADE
April 24 th	School ANZAC Service Dental Forms due back
April 25 th	ANZAC DAY Public Holiday
May 1 st	Labour Day Holiday
May 3 rd	P&C Meeting 6pm in the Library
May 9 th – 11 th	NAPLAN
May 19 th	Biloela Show Holiday
May 30 th	UNSW – Science

BIRTHDAYS

16th April – 22nd April



Jaeda Townsend, Lilli Ford, Diamond-Lee
Wade, Chase Richmond, D-Lee Hawkins.
Staff: Mrs Ginez

COMINGS AND GOINGS - 251



P&C News

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd of May at 6:00pm in the Moura State School Library. We are still seeking someone to take on the role of Fundraiser. If this is something you would like to help out with, please come along to the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

Anzac Day Parade March

Anzac Day is a national day of remembrance to honour all those who died and served in military operations for their countries. Each year Moura State School participates in the town Anzac Day march. The children march as a group from the Puma Service Station through town to the RSL. The march will be held on Tuesday 25th April and the children will need to assemble in the Puma area at 9:30am.

If your child would like to be part of the march please pick up a **blue permission note** from the office. These permission forms need to be completed and returned to the office by **Friday 21st April**.

We encourage you and your children to get involved in this important community event.

Samantha Payne & Elliot Green
ANZAC Day Coordinators



Congratulations Lara

Congratulations to Lara Coombe on receiving the Bronze medal in the 10 years & under State Pony Club Show jumping Championships, pictured here with her pony Spirit.

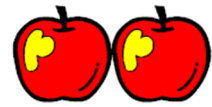


PLURAL RULE ONE

Most words add 's' to make the plural



one apple



two apples

desk	→	desks	teacher	→	teachers
name	→	names	park	→	parks
town	→	towns	month	→	months
card	→	cards	truck	→	trucks

Try these ...

pencil	→	_____	cup	→	_____
book	→	_____	pad	→	_____
tree	→	_____	plant	→	_____

PLURAL RULE TWO

Add 'es' to words ending in 'ch', 'sh', 's', 'ss', 'x' or 'z' to make the plural



one box



many boxes

beach	→	beaches	wish	→	wishes
fox	→	foxes	bus	→	buses
cross	→	crosses	waltz	→	waltzes
pitch	→	itches	hutch	→	hutches

Try these ...

church	→	_____	quiz	→	_____
gas	→	_____	wax	→	_____
class	→	_____	dish	→	_____

PLURAL RULE THREE

When the letter before a 'y' is a consonant, change the 'y' to an 'i' before adding an 'es'



one baby



two babies

city	→	cities	berry	→	berries
pony	→	ponies	reply	→	replies
filly	→	fillies	belly	→	bellies

Try these ...

family	→	_____	lady	→	_____
daisy	→	_____	jelly	→	_____
army	→	_____	party	→	_____
nappy	→	_____	cherry	→	_____

Moura State School ANZAC Day Ceremony

This a reminder that the Moura State School ANZAC Day Ceremony will be held on Monday 24th April at the school. Arrive at 9:00 and the ceremony will commence at 9:15am



LATE ARRIVALS AT SCHOOL

Attendance at school every day gives your child the best opportunity to do well.

Just a little bit doesn't seem much but

He/ She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	& over 13 yrs of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per wk	Nearly 1.5 wks per yr	Nearly <u>½ year</u>
20 mins per day	1hr 40 mins per wk	Over 2.5 wks per yr	Nearly <u>1 yr</u>
Half hr per day	Half a day per wk	4 wks per yr	Nearly <u>1½ yrs</u>
1hr per day	1 day per wk	8 wks per yr	Over <u>2½ yrs</u>

Absences/Change of details

Please notify the office with regards to absences and change of contact details as we may need to contact you in an emergency.



Bus Variations and Student Absence

Telephone 4997 5260

Please phone to advise your child/ren's absence from school. This number is also the one to phone for any variations to bus travel. Please use this number to notify the school out of hours or during school time.

Messages can be left.