



Moura Minor

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Dear Students, Parents/Caregivers and Friends
Only one more sleep and another school year comes to an end. It only seems like yesterday that we were starting the 2016 school year. Much has happened to fill our days and weeks – parades, gala days, netball carnival, athletics, swimming, cross country, learning extension opportunities, camps, excursions, Robotics, buddy classes, lunch time

activities, Hop into Reading, Readers' Cup, Eisteddfod, instrumental music, speaking competition, Planet Rhythm, science presentation, Book Fair, Festival Concert and Parade, trivia night, photographic studies, hot and cool weather, Easter Bonnet Parade, professional development, coaching and mentoring, many dry and few wet days, transition program, and so on. Most time, of course, was spent on teaching and learning in the curriculum areas with great success being shown across the school. Congratulations to all for striving for great things in 2016 – our academic, behaviour, attendance data showed improvement! Congratulations to our Platinum Certificate recipients at this week's Parade. This means these students followed our 4B's in and out of the classroom all year. Well done!! A total of 70% of the students in Years 1-6 received Platinum certificates at this week's Parade (an improvement of 9% from 2015). Congratulations to you all!

The Year 6 students did themselves, their families and teachers proud at their End of Year 6 Ceremony yesterday. Congratulations to the prize winners, especially to Jordan Austin for receiving the Dux Award for Year 6. Many thanks to Ms Driessen and Miss Skelly for organising the day, and a special thank you to Mr Alex Price for being the MC for the occasion.

Award recipients were:

Dux – Jordan Austin

English – Jordan Austin

Mathematics – Shawn Hawkins

Science – Jordan Austin

Humanities – Nicola Hutchinson

HPE – Ryan Francis

Sportsperson of the Year – Jared Clark

All Rounder – Fletcher Hicks

Principal's Award – Mollie Evans
P&C Encouragement – Rena Werth
Citizenship – Reef Brazaitis
Work Ethic – Nicola Hutchinson

A huge congratulations to our School Leaders for 2016 –

School: Bryce Clark and Georgina Walker
Vice: Megan Clark and Laura du Plessis
Flinders: Lara Coombe and Lara Swaffer-Selff
Oxley: Conor Leeson and Miah Powell
Sturt: Riley Macrae and Chloe McGeachin.

I look forward to working with these students in their leadership roles along with the other Senior students for 2017. All leader nominees were deserving of the honour of being school leaders. Staff who were able to listen to the speeches were very impressed with them all. I know the unsuccessful nominees will shine in leadership in other ways.

Congratulations to all the Hop into Reading award recipients. You and your families have done a great job with daily reading. Keep reading over the holidays! Thank you to Mrs Baker and Team Early Years for coordinating this activity for our early years' students.

Lastly, a huge thank you to staff, students, families and community members for a top year in committing to striving for great learning for our community's children. I look forward to working with you all again next year!!

JUNIOR SWIMMING 'CARNIVAL'

Thank you all for your patience around swimming for our Year 1-3 students on Tuesday. It was a successful outcome for all involved with many great stories to share about achievements and the willingness to 'have a go'. Well done, Mr E and team!

FAREWELL

Tomorrow we say farewell to our Year 6 students, some families who are moving to new communities and some staff members.

A special mention to the teaching staff we are losing – Teri Garner, Peter Esposito, John Christensen, Naomi Driessen, Libby Strong, Taylor Gierke – and aide staff of Regan Austin and Tammie Eriksen. All have value added to our school community and will now be valued by new school communities.

Best wishes are extended to you all as you head on the next road in your journeys through life.

CLASSES 2017

The classes for 2016, at this stage, are: Prep Mrs Kathy Finlay, Prep/Yr 1 Ms Kate Frawley, Yr ½ Miss Elly Fiedler, Yr 2 Mrs Simone Baker, Yr 2/3 Mrs Sam Payne, Yr ¾ Miss Rosie Reynolds, Yr 4 Miss Elliot Green, Yr 4/5 TBC, Yr 5/6 Miss Sam Utick, Yr 6 Miss Renee Skelly.

Class allocations for your child/ren will be posted tomorrow.

BOOK LISTS

Book lists for 2017 were sent home with report cards. You will also find a copy on the school website. The Moura Newsagency also has a copy.

LAST DAY

Even though today was officially Break up Day, there is still another day of school. For those students who will be in attendance, you are welcome to wear free dress clothes – sun safe please. Bring lunches, water bottles and a broad brimmed hat.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property box items have been spread along the seat outside Mrs Lang's room. Please take the time to look for any misplaced items from your place. There are lunch boxes, hats, towels, shoes, jumpers, water bottles. Unclaimed items will be cleaned and taken to St Vinnies at the end of the year.

START DATE 2017

Please note that the official start date for the 2017 school year for students is MONDAY 23 JANUARY. Staff will be hard at work in the previous week.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

What is now proved was once only imagined. – William Blake

HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAYS!! See you all in the New Year.

Laurel

COMINGS AND GOINGS

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 9 th	Last day 2016
Jan 23 rd , 2017	(Mon) School Resumes
Jan 26 th	Public Holiday Australia Day

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep F	Jake Berndsen
Prep/1S	Declan Ziebell
1/2F	Patrick McDonald
2M	Sean Ginez
3S	Garreth Walkube
3/4K	Sam Gassman
4G	Milton McGeachin
6S	Rena Werth

BEE AWARDS

At our school, we want children to

- Be Learning
- Be Responsible
- Be Courteous
- Be Safe

Bee Award recipients this week: Saxon McPherson, Shanae Dales, Sethe Zimpel, Eden Heath, Tre' Lark, Patricia Blyton, Montana Gilliland, Tristan Senica, Maddison Johnson, Jaeda Townsend, Tahley Oberle, Indy Eriksen, Kai Mardon.

***IF YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE
AT SCHOOL TOMORROW,
PLEASE LET THE OFFICE
KNOW.***

Office: 4997 5222

Student Absence Line: 4997 5260

Platinum Awards

Jordan Austin, Reef Brazaitis, Isabelle Campbell, Jared Clark, Jordan Edmestone, Hayley Fitzpatrick, Ryan Francis, Shawn Hawkins, Anna Hepburn, Fletcher Hicks, Nicola Hutchinson, Sammie Johnson, Andie Lang, Kai Mardon, Ally Marendaz, Nathan McQuillan, Gemma Meier, Rebekah Morgan-Jones, Remi Oberle, Shontai Sauer, Leslie Waldron, Rena Werth, Bryce Clark, Elixabeth Armstrong, Megan Clark, Lauren Corr, Mollie Evans, Shona Hodgson, Emmasen Hutchinson, Jack Hutchinson, Troy Karakyriacos, Jack Simmonds, Lara Swaffer-Selff, Georgina Walker, Aieden Watson, Chloe McGeachin, Angelique Saltner, Ashlynn Wrigley, Rian Hartwell, Emmett Sutton, Fraser Bradshaw, Bond Brazaitis, Lara Coombe, Laura du Plessis, Indyanna Eriksen, Macy Francis, Oliver Hicks, Conor Leeson, Riley Macrae, Sarkara McLeod, Tate Neumann, Tahley Oberle, Miah Powell, Peter Stephenson, Rylee Vaughan, Bella Weier, Blake Weier, Laura Collins, Mattais Cutting, Scout Dickson, Selena Edmestone, Jack Edwards, Maree Forster, Arianna Hanson, Charlie Howell, Shakira Ingleton, Louis Kachel, Ethan Lace, Hamish Macrae, DJ Mardon, Clare Marendaz, Milton McGeachin, Rachel Morgan-Jones, Thatcher Powell, Lane Wolski, Saige Bellert, Ned Coady-Lohmann, Harrison Corr, Madelyn Davidson, Xavier Elgowhary, Sam Gassman, Maddison Johnson, Alice Theodore, Alex Walker, Henry Ballentine, Cooper Berndsen, Patricia Blyton, Janique Dales, Darcy Howell, Heidi Hutchinson, Tom Mactaggart, Charlie McLaughlan, Ashley Meier, Alex Sheehan, Harry Simmonds, Heidi Swaffer-Selff, Ben Walker, Garreth Walkube, Sophie Watson, Jill Werth, Noah West, Levi Whatman, Nicholas Armstrong, Spencer Ballentine, Oliver Bennett, Griffin Bennett, Abigail Conway, Giselle Dickson, Rosabella Elgowhary, Annaka Hanson, Bella Hutchinson, Sophie Hutchinson, Sean Ginez, Jake Kerr, Brendan Kincaid, Cassian Radke, Jace Saltner, Harrison Weier, Chase Richmond, Billie Davidson, (CONTINUED OVER PAGE)

Charlotte Dawson, Stirling Macrae, Lillian Becker, Ace Bernsden, Banjo Brown, Dennii Bull, Shanae Dales Reagan Hartley, Jackson James, Sophie Jameson, Mia Koczorowski, Max Mallinson, Phoenix Powell, Lara Pritchard, Rylan Reynolds, Tayla Roberts, Carter Smith, Rylan Stratford, Nixon Sutton, Finnley Watson, Pippa Wolski, Darrell Blyton, Kendra Broadhurst, Klancy Brown, Paige du Plessis, Luke Edwards, Neve Gassman, Connor Hay, Isabella Hutchinson, Elise Howell, Alicia Rasmussen, Reagan Saxby, Charley Williams, Hunter Worzfeld, Declan Ziebell.

BIRTHDAYS

4th Dec- 21st January 2017



Lynessa Turney, Tyson Owens, Charlotte Dawson, Chad Eyles, Bella Hutchinson, Rosabella Elgowhary, Maddison Johnson, Ned Coady-Lohmann, Ebony Lambert-Barker, Madelyn Davidson, Alex Sheehan, Ben Walker, Selena Edmestone, Nathan Adams, Cohen Norris, Arianna Hanson, Lane Wolski, Milton McGeachin, Mark Kachel, Indyanna Eriksen, Noah Dowden, Ethan Hawkins, Emmasen Hutchinson, Meg Mactaggart, Emmett Sutton, Ashley Warren, Chloe McGeachin, Shontai Sauer, Isabelle Campbell, Gemma Meier.

Staff: Mrs Ballentine, Mr Price.

Congratulations to the Graduating Class for 2016



School holidays are almost upon us

During this period empty schools provide an opportunity for criminal activity, becoming targets for unlawful entry, arson, stealing, graffiti and property damage – all of which become a cost to the community.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce criminal activity in Queensland schools and encourages everyone to look out for after-hours crime in our schools. If you see anything suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number – 13 17 88

Let's work together to help create safer school communities

School Watch

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Congratulations 2016 Dux of the School Jordan Austin