



Moura Minor

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Dear Students, Parents/Caregivers and Friends

The final week of the school year is just around the corner now. How did we get there so quickly?! It is very hard to imagine that a new school year is only seven weeks away.

For one of our students, following the news he received yesterday, the New Year will not be coming fast enough at all. I wish to extend a huge congratulations to Reef Brazaitis who has been offered a position to participate in the Qld Conservatorium Griffith University State Honours Ensemble Program (SHEP) Middle School which will be held in Rockhampton in late March. This is a unique opportunity for students to work in an intensive environment of musical excellence with their peers. Top effort, Reef!!

With the Year 5's on camp this week and the Year 6's spending today as high school students, the Prep and Year 3 students have been enjoying eating in different areas. The Year 3's have also been enjoying the chance to spend their play time on the Oval.

Next week looks like this:

Monday - final Parade which will include presentation of the Platinum Certificates recipients, thank you to our Volunteers, and special mention to our Year 6 students as it is their final primary school Parade, and other announcements.

Tuesday - Hop into Reading parade at 9:00 + the Year 1-3 Swimming Carnival

Wednesday - Year 6 Ceremony at Kianga Memorial Hall.

Thursday - a range of Break up Day activities

Friday - class activities and final tidy ups.

In amongst the extra things happening next week, there will be teaching and learning activities.

JUNIOR SWIMMING

The Year 1, 2 and 3 students (those born in 2008) will head to the pool at 11:00 on Tuesday to show off their swimming skills. Mr Esposito has a range of activities organised for all levels of ability.

Sunscreen, swim shirts, broad brimmed hats and water bottles will be essential items for the day.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards for Semester Two will be distributed tomorrow for all classes except Year 4/5C and Year 5/6D. As a formal interview period for this semester was held at the start of this term, there will be no formal interview time in the last week of the term/year. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher in the last week of term, please call Chris Lucht in the Office to make a meeting time. Please note that some report cards will indicate if an interview has been requested.

As Principal, I have enjoyed reading the reports, especially the overall comments. The majority of students should be proud of their efforts this

semester. Below is the percentage of students who received A-C results for English, Maths and Science for both semesters this year.

YEAR LEVEL	ENGLISH		MATHS		SCIENCE	
	SEM 1	SEM 2	SEM 1	SEM 2	SEM 1	SEM 2
PREP	90%	74%	90%	90%	90%	97%
1	82%	87%	97%	97%	87%	95%
2	83%	83%	73%	93%	87%	97%
3	92%	97%	85%	97%	93%	95%
4	72%	94%	95%	100%	76%	95%
5	97%	97%	100%	100%	94%	97%
6	90%	90%	94%	94%	100%	89%

98.6% of our students received A-C ratings for Behaviour in Semester 2 which is an improvement of 4% for the same time last year. Congratulations to all students for their academic performance, effort and behaviour in general!

VOLUNTEERS' MORNING TEA

Any parents, caregivers or community members who have volunteered their time at school this year are invited to a special morning tea on Monday 05 December following Parade in the Poppy Hayden Hall. Your help and support, whether it has been with reading groups or in the Tuckshop or with sporting activities or at P&C functions or whatever, is very much appreciated by our staff and students. You have made a difference and helped us to strive for great things.

CLASSES 2017

Class allocations for 2017 are being worked on. All going well, they will be posted late next week.

BREAK UP DAY

Break up Day activities will occur on Thursday 08 December starting at 9:00 am with whole school activities. Classroom activities will happen from 12:00-1:30. The day will finish with a concert in the Poppy Hayden Hall.

Students will need to bring a broad brimmed hat, shoes and a water bottle (with name on it).

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.

LUNCH BOXES

Contents of lunch boxes are getting to be full of the unhealthy options. It seems that sandwiches or similar and fruit are not options any more. The type of food in lunch boxes does affect the brain power of students so let's stick with the healthier items.

RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR PLAN FOR STUDENTS

Platinum Certificates will be presented at Parade on Monday 05 December. This is a terrific time of celebrating safe, responsible, courteous and learning behaviours for the school year. Students who achieve this level of certificate should be very proud of their efforts!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Nothing succeeds like success. – Alexandre Dumas

Yours in Education
Laurel

Premier's Reading Challenge — Big Thank You

As part of the 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge, TUH Health Fund is offering students the chance to win a \$1000 bursary for their school and a \$50 voucher for themselves by submitting 50 words or less describing how their teacher or librarian inspires their love of reading. For to enter, visit the [Big Thank You website](#).

FOUND

We have 1 scooter that has been left at the scooter racks. Please come to the office to identify it.

School Banking

There will be no School Banking next week.

Thank you to Mrs Corr for Co ordinating this program again this year.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 5 th	Final parade 2016 Volunteers morning tea
Dec 6 th	Junior Swimming Carnival
Dec 7 th	Year 6 Ceremony
Dec 8 th	Break up day activities
Dec 9 th	Last day 2016
Jan 23 rd , 2017	(Mon) School Resumes

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep F	Xara Rawesthorne
Prep/1S	Spencer Swaffer-Selff
1/2F	Zachary Blyton
2M	Cash Hodgson
3S	Charlie McLaughlan
3/4K	Ned Coady-Lohmann
4G	Nathan Adams
4/5C	Tahley Oberle
5/6D	Lauren Corr
6S	Fletcher Hicks

BEE AWARDS

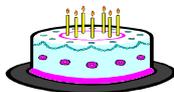
At our school, we want children to

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

Bee Award recipients this week: Jack Ingleton, Libby Hutchinson, Ella Holcombe, Brayden Ponton, Lawson Sharples, Ebony Lambert-Barker, Seth Jackson, Jill Werth, Braedyn Walker, Mattais Cutting.

BIRTHDAYS

27th November – 3rd December



Declan Ziebell, Mia Koczorowski, Shanae Dales, Harry Hepburn, Kai Mardon.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

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Library Lines

The holidays are almost upon us! In order to finalise all loans before the break, borrowing has ceased and we are focused on chasing up all outstanding loans. Overdue book lists have been given to teachers and students have been made aware of their outstanding texts. Please ensure that all school library books are returned next week. If you are not sure what resource is to be returned, please check with the library staff or your child's classroom teacher. We thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

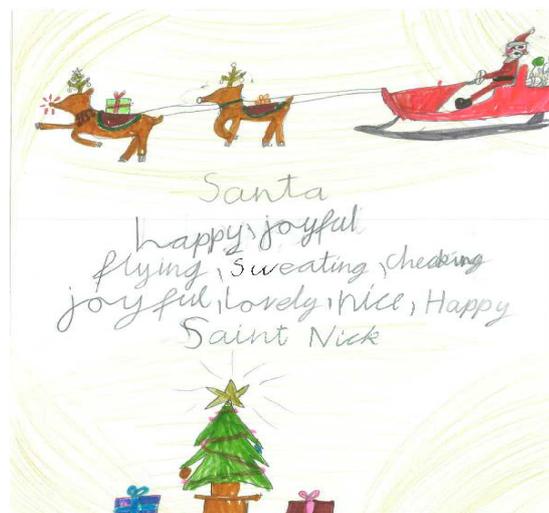
Happy hunting!

Teri Garner

Library Teacher.

News from 3S and 3/4K Classrooms

This term, 3/4K and 3S appreciated and created various types of poetry. Each student produced their very own original poetry book. Parents of students from these classes, please keep an eye out for these master pieces being sent home this Friday. Below are a few examples of our wonderful work.



Year 5 Camp - North Keppel Island Environmental Education Centre



Congratulations Reef on been selected to take part in the QLD Conservatorium Griffith University State Honours Ensemble Program.

