



Moura Minor

"We strive for great things"

Term 4, Week 2

14th October 2021

Special points of interest:

- Life Education
- 2/3W Poetry
- Helpers Needed for Reading Groups
- QLD Mental Health Week
- Transition to Prep
- Day for Daniel
- General Reminders

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Never bend your head, always hold it high. Look the world straight in the face. – Helen Keller

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Students, Parents/Caregivers and Friends

A huge thank you to parents/caregivers who have taken the opportunity this week to meet with teachers re their children's learning progress thus far for this semester. The partnership between home and school goes a long way to helping students with their learning journey. If you missed your chance for a more formal chat with your child's teacher, you are still more than welcome to make an appointment through the office.

A reminder to check that your children have brought home their respective class newsletters. These newsletters give you an outline of classroom expectations and learning for the term. You will note that much teaching and learning is to be undertaken so school attendance is imperative.

Various staff members throughout this term will continue their learning journeys through a range of activities. Thus there may be times that your child will have a relief teacher. Some of the learning activities include the following topics – Positive Partnerships (ASD), Essential Skills for Classroom Management, You Can Do It program, After Moderation, Mentoring Beginning Teachers, Strategic Planning 2022, The Emotionally Intelligent Teacher. The activities vary in how they are presented – ie face to face, online – and vary in length of time. All of these topics value add to the work of our Annual Implementation Plan for

this year.

Very soon Year 5's will begin the next step in their journey towards being senior leaders in 2022 as they will be receiving their 'blue cards' (ie application to be a school leader). Leaders for next year will be announced at the last school parade of the year. Students have been thinking about how they can demonstrate their leadership skills and have already put some of these thoughts into action.

Next week (Tuesday/Wednesday) Sensei Reiko Clissold will be visiting. See the notice further in the newsletter for the after school session being held at the Anglo office - Japanese flower arranging.

LIFE EDUCATION

Life Education is a program which motivates and empowers young people to make smart life choices for a healthy future. Their modules align to the Health component of the Australian Curriculum that is taught in schools, with a focus on issues around food and nutrition, personal safety, physical activity, cyber-safety, safety with medicine and legal drugs: tobacco, alcohol and caffeine. The modules are designed to help children to develop relationship skills, positive communication (both face to face and online), problem solving and decision making skills.

The Life Education Team will be visiting Moura State School on **Friday the 15th October** (Yr 5H, Yr 6H) and **Tuesday 19th** (Yr 6M, Yr 4H), **Wednesday 20th** (Prep F,

Prep/1S, Yr 4/5L, Yr 3H) and **Thursday 21st October** (Yr 1J, Yr 2S, Yr 2/3W, Yr 1/2F). This year participating students will be able to visit the Life Education Van. Students will also receive a workbook about the topic discussed. **Life Education does not include sexual health information/education.** A brief description of the modules that each class will be attending was included in the letter and consent form that was sent home last Friday.

There is no cost for your child to attend Life Education, however if you wish, or do not wish, for your child/children to attend, the slip at the end of the letter sent home last Friday, is to be completed and returned by TODAY.

TRANSITION TO PREP

Transition to Prep activities have been organised. Watch for an invitation to Prep 2022 children and a parent/caregiver to attend an information/familiarisation session with us. Moura SS staff have visited the Kindy to get to know students and to observe the learning that Kindy children undertake.

One important job that can be done in preparation for Prep 2022 is to get the enrolment forms completed and returned ASAP. A birth certificate also needs to be sighted before a child can start Prep 2022.

BREAKFAST CLUB

A Breakfast Club, supervised by Mrs Jenni Corr, Chappy Anita, Mrs Angela Mallinson and any other staff members who are available, provides a cereal breakfast for hungry customers each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning before school (ie 8:30 am). As we know, breakfast is the most important meal of the day as it breaks the fast that happens while we sleep. It is quite surprising the number of students who come to school without breakfast – not helping with their learning!

DAY FOR DANIEL

Friday 29 October is Day for Daniel. The day is for educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to 'Recognise, React and Report' if they feel something is not right. To help educate our students about child safety on

Day for Daniel, all classes will complete various activities.

School community members are invited to wear a red item of clothing to show our support of Day for Daniel.

READING GROUP HELPERS

Streamed reading groups across the Prep/1S to Year 3H classrooms are held from 9:00-9:30 am each Tuesday to Friday. If you are able to help out, please let your child's teacher know.

There will also be reading groups occurring in the Prep F classroom every Tuesday to Friday morning. Please let Mrs Finlay if you can help in that classroom with reading groups too.

Grandparents or other relatives are very welcome to help with reading groups, but... these volunteers will need to hold a Working with Children Blue Card. ALL volunteers need to sign in and out at the Office and be wearing a bright pink sticker saying 'VISITOR'.

GENERAL REMINDERS

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

1. NO HAT, NO PLAY AT ALL! 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, QParents 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.

Shirts need to be tucked in for learning time and special occasions (eg parades). Socks

need to be down around the ankles.

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.

9. Lunch box contents – healthier food options such as sandwiches or similar (rice cakes, wraps) and fruit are encouraged to be eaten before the packaged biscuits and chips. Water only in water bottles. NO chocolates or lollies.

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

Please take extra care when parking around the school, and use the parking areas properly. 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. 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!

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

How to help your child be a good friend -

As parents, you need to show your child how to make friends and be a good friend. The best way is to model the behaviour you would like to see. There are several ways you can accomplish this at home:

- Help your child realize his/her own strengths.
- Have a sense of humour about yourself and your shortcomings.
- Listen to your child without criticism.
- Be kind, give compliments, wave to a friend, open the door for someone.
- Be understanding of what others are going through by showing empathy.
- Don't complain. Instead, teach your children to accept what can't be changed by working hard to change the things that can.

Read more at <http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/>

WELLBEING—Week 2

Last week we explored how emotions are often a blocker to our success and happiness and this week we started looking at how to get rid of our blocker thinking. The classroom was set up like a theatre and students developed and performed a scenario where they overcame a blocker. The audience had to guess which blocker the group was demonstrating

ON THIS DAY

14 October: 1824 William Charles Wentworth and Robert Wardell begin publication of independent, un-censored newspaper *The Australian*.

1968 The Western Australian town of Meckering suffers an earthquake that registers 6.9 on the Richter scale.

Yours in Education

Laurel

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

COMINGS AND GOINGS—266



Students of the Week

Prep F	Sophie
Prep/1 S	Hugo
1 J	Faith
1/2 F	Rubi
2 S	Heidi
2/3 W	Nicole
3H	Cooper
4 H	Jyah
4/5 L	Chelsea
5 H	Ashlee
6 H	Ebby
6 M	Jaylah
HPE Jnr	Ella B
HPE Snr	Moss

GOLD CERTIFICATES

Rhys M, Ella B, Elainna, Gideon, Nicole,
William M, Edward, Jaylah

SILVER CERTIFICATES

Noah H





Happy Birthday!

10th-16th October

**Charley, Claire, Bailey, Addison,
Mr Harsant**

Bee Awards

At our school, we want students to

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

**Kate, Emma, Logan, Charlie C,
Aiden (Y1), Rhett, Rhys G, Brayden,
Liam, Audrey, Luke, Caden**

Year 6 Parents

If your child is attending Moura High School in Year 7

Please return the enrolment forms to the High School by

Friday 29 October 2021

If you need an enrolment form
please see the High School office



If you're sick, please stay HOME



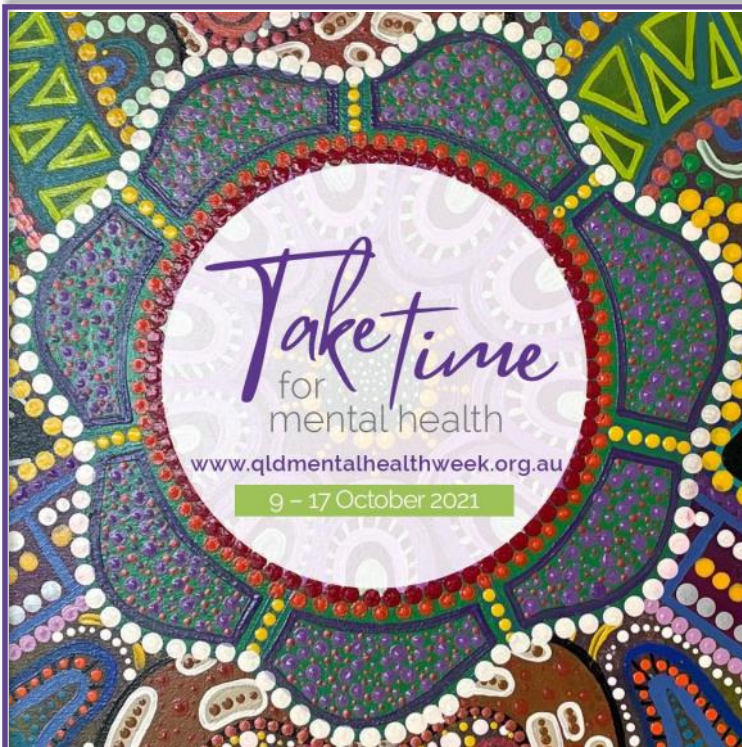
State Education Week

24-30 October 2021

State Education Week

State Education Week, taking place from Sunday 24 October to Saturday 30 October 2021, is an annual event that showcases and celebrates Queensland state schools.

The theme for 2021 is 'Strong communities, successful students'. This theme highlights how whole school communities have come together during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure that student success is always at the forefront



Take time for Queensland Mental Health Week 2021

Funded by the Queensland Mental Health Commission, Queensland Mental Health Week is coordinated by CheckUP and delivered by a strong cross-sector collaboration.

The theme for 2021 is, 'Take time – for mental health', so Queenslanders are being encouraged to focus on the things that can sustain and maintain their wellbeing.

Take time for your own mental health. Take heed of this year's theme and take steps to promote better mental health within yourself by engaging in the building blocks of wellbeing.

- Get healthy— being active and eating well is good for your mind as well as your body
- Keep learning— learning new things can make you more confident as well as being fun
- Show kindness— practising small acts of kindness, volunteering time, or simply helping a friend in need can help you feel more satisfied with life
- Connect— spending time with other people is important to everyone's mental wellbeing
- Take notice— paying more attention to the present and the world around you helps relieve stress and enjoy the moment
- Embrace nature— connecting with the outdoors and taking care of the planet is the best recipe for world wellbeing

Students of the Week



[BANNED]

**Just a reminder, please leave
ALL Fidget toys at HOME.**



Congratulations again to Ashtyn, Neve, Lillian and Max for representing Capricornia at the Queensland finals of the **Readers Cup Challenge**. Shown here with their medals and books awarded for competing.

2/3W



2/3W are learning about poetry this term. This week in small groups they created a poem about a colour using their senses.

Blue

By Siarnna, Shawn and Emily

Blue looks like the bright blue sky.

Blue sounds like singing blue birds.

Blue smells like blueberries

Blue tastes like blue cotton candy.

Blue feels like fluffy blue clouds.

Blue is a wonderful colour.

Pink

By Aiden and Ty

Pink looks like candy.

Pink sounds like chirping birds.

Pink smells like flowers.

Pink tastes like fairy floss.

Pink feels like a fluffy unicorn.

Pink is a great colour.

Blue

By Brydie and Indi

Blue looks like the sky.

Blue sounds like the blue ocean waves crashing.

Blue smells like sweet blue flowers.

Blue tastes like blueberries.

Blue feels like my blue fluffy rug.

Blue is the best colour.

Red

By Karly and Noah

Red looks like a big balloon.

Red sounds like a big balloon popping.

Red smells like a big juicy strawberry.

Red tastes like a strawberry.

Red feels like red pillow and blanket.

Red is for Oxley.

Blue

By Alexis and Brayden

Blue looks like our school shirts.

Blue sounds like the ocean.

Blue smells like blue bubble gum.

Blue tastes like blue cloud candy.

Blue feels like my blue fluffy blanket.

Blue is a beautiful colour.



MOURA STATE SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

PLEASE LIKE TO FOLLOW.



Moura State School
@mourastateschool - School

Edit Call Now

QParents

Have you registered for QParents yet?

Are you using QParents to stay in contact with our school and to access information about your child's schooling?

If you haven't yet registered for QParents, register now.

You can provide your 100 points of identity documents for registration online through QParents, or in person at Moura State School.

If you have limited identity documents, or experience difficulties registering, please contact the school for help.

QParents is a great way to stay informed about what's happening in your child's school life.

<https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/login>



P&C News

Tuckshop

2 volunteers are needed for Tuckshop this FRIDAY 15th October. Please see Facebook post and comment if you are available. Remember to sign in at the office.

Please make sure you have completed and paid for your order before closing the QKR app.

ORDERS CLOSE 8:15!

General Meeting

Date TBC

Treasurer

We are seeking a volunteer to take on this position. If you would consider taking on this role, please reach out to our P&C president Sarah.

mouraprimarypresident@gmail.com

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2021

15—21	Life Education
22	Gala Day—Theodore
26-28	Book Fair
27	Book Week Dress Up Day
26 & 28	Prep Transition Days
29	Day for Daniel
29	World Teachers Day

November 2021

5	Tuckshop Day
11	Remembrance Day

BOOK WEEK 2021

Old Worlds

New Worlds

Other Worlds



Week 4 is Book Fair

Wednesday 27th October will be Book Week Dress Up Day!

Dress up a character from your favourite book!

This year's theme is Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds.



Between July and November, magpies defend their young from threats. Some magpies see us as threats—and they swoop!

If you know what to do when a magpie swoops, you can stay safe and let these birds raise their young.

SAFETY TIPS

Magpies breed between July and November. Avoid an area of 150m around a nest.

Go to www.qld.gov.au and print out a warning sign to let others know of the swooper.

If you must go near the nest of a swooper:

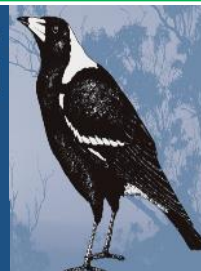
- ✓ Wear a hat and sunglasses or hold a school bag or umbrella over your head.
- ✓ Get off your bike and walk.
- ✓ 'Spike up' your bike helmet with a few cable ties.
- ✓ Walk in a group.
- ✓ Watch magpies that you see.
- ✓ Don't fight back.
- ✓ Never approach a young magpie.

SWOOPING MAGPIES

When a magpie becomes dangerous

If a magpie that is defending its nest becomes aggressive and a risk to human safety, the magpie may be removed.

Contact your local council, a licensed bird re-locator or the Queensland Government.



For further information

Visit www.qld.gov.au or phone 13 QGOV (13 74 68).

Wellbeing Term 4

Week 2 – Getting rid of blocker thinking



**WHAT'S THE
#1 THING
THAT IS BLOCKING
YOU
FROM
SUCCESS?**

Last week we explored how emotions are often a blocker to our success and happiness and this week we started looking at how to get rid of our blocker thinking. The classroom was set up like a theatre and students developed and performed a scenario where they overcame a blocker. The audience had to guess which blocker the group was demonstrating.



1. Take 3 deep and slow breaths
2. Count backwards from 20.
3. Find a friend to talk to.
4. Think to yourself "It is OK to feel this way. But I can figure out what to do to get this blocker off the road!"
5. Think to yourself "I can do this."
6. Go and sit under a tree.
7. Find an adult to talk to.
8. Go for a walk.
9. Find something fun to do.
10. Exercise



JAPANESE CULTURAL SESSIONS 2021

At AngloAmerican : 33 Gillespie Street, Moura

Mrs Reiko Clissold, a Japanese Cultural Instructor from Mitsui Coal Holdings, will be in Moura for Japanese craft & cultural activities. Once a month from July to Dec 2021 on Tuesdays, she will run Japanese Cultural session where you can experience lots of different fun activities. Dates are below. Let's enjoying Japanese craft and culture learning with Reiko!

The sessions will be held free of charge for any community members of Moura and the surrounding area. We welcome students, teachers and their family members and Retirement Village members!!

Please join us. We are very much looking forward to meeting you there! If you have any questions, please contact MIHO NAGAI at Miho.nagai@mitsui.com or 0417 661 855.

TUE 27 JULY	TUE 7 SEPT	TUE 19 OCT	TUE 9 NOV
15:30 – 17:00 ORIGAMI CRAFT MAKING	15:30 – 17:00 Japanese Calligraphy	15:30 – 17:00 Japanese Flower Arrangement	15:30 – 17:00 Experience Japanese Traditional Toy



TUE 30 NOV
15:30 – 17:00
Japanese style Christmas Ornament making









**Permission Forms
MUST be returned to
the office TODAY by
3.30pm!!**

**I ♥ my
tuckshop**

Tuckshop Day is held on the first Friday in November to recognise and give a special **thank you** to all tuckshop workers and volunteers across Queensland state schools. It also highlights the important role tuckshops play in school life.

WANTED

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

IF YOU HAVE ANY
UNWANTED SCHOOL
UNIFORMS, PLEASE
SEND THEM IN TO
THE OFFICE.
THANK YOU!

Safe Work Month 1–31 October 2021

Work safe Learn safe Be safe



ATTENTION!

Please remind your children, whether they are walking, riding or scooting, to come directly to school with no detours via the Skate Park.

Just a reminder



No Cans in Lunchboxes. Please put food in to a plastic container.



RIDING TO FIGHT KIDS' CANCER

Help Sienna to raise her goal of \$500, and track her progress towards cycling 200km!

DONATE NOW

Reminder

If your child would like to celebrate their birthday at school with cake....

Please bring in CUPCAKES and not a whole cake. Thankyou.



Moura State School Preparatory Year Enrolments for 2022



If you have a child who was born between the 1st July, 2016 and 30th June, 2017 they are eligible to enrol in Prep for 2022.

To assist your child's introduction into formal schooling, Moura State School will be holding a Prep Transition Program. Children and parents will have the opportunity to participate in the Prep Experience.

The school will be holding transition sessions next term. Dates to be confirmed.



Enrolment packages available from the office now!

BIRTH CERTIFICATES MUST BE SIGHTED BEFORE YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND SCHOOL

CHANGE OF DETAILS

Have you had a change of address, email, phone number, workplace?

Need to update emergency contacts for your child/ren?

Please contact the office to complete a form ASAP.



BUS ROLLS

PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF ANY CHANGE OF ROUTINE TO THE AFTERNOON BUS TRAVEL PLANS OF YOUR CHILD/REN. THIS MAY BE DUE TO AFTERNOON SPORTS, MUSIC, SWIMMING, BALLET ETC.

BUS ROLLS ARE UPDATED EVERY TERM.



*THANK
YOU.*



HELP WANTED READING GROUPS

Reading Groups are held with Prep-Year 3 students Tuesday-Friday at 9am. Parent helpers are always required! If you have a spare 30 minutes, please consider helping with your child/ren's group/s.

**REMEMBER TO
SIGN IN AT THE OFFICE**



ALL student absences must be explained. If a child in your care is away from school, please notify the school in one the following ways; leave a message on the student absence line, return text message, telephone and speak with the office staff, via your **Q Parents** account or email your class teacher. *Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.*




OUTDOORS NON-CONTACT

HAVE A BLAST!

GET INTO WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST. IT'S A FUN AND ACTIVE PROGRAM FOR KIDS OF ALL ABILITIES – WHETHER IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME WITH A BAT OR YOU'RE A BACKYARD CRICKET STAR!

Dawson Valley Taipans Cricket Club
Moura Rec Grounds
Dillon West 0455155793 dvtaipans@gmail.com
Jnr Blasters (ages 5-7) Fridays @ 4pm
Master Blasters (ages 7-10) Fridays @ 5pm

JOIN A CREW NEAR YOU TODAY [PLAY CRICKET](#)




OUTDOORS NON-CONTACT

PLAY CRICKET!

MORE RUNS. MORE WICKETS. MORE FUN!
GET INVOLVED IN ALL THE JUNIOR CRICKET ACTION AT YOUR LOCAL CLUB THIS SUMMER.

Dawson Valley Taipans Cricket Club
Moura Rec Grounds @ 5pm Wednesday
Dillon West 0455155793
dvtaipans@gmail.com
Ages 11 to 17


JOIN A TEAM NEAR YOU TODAY [PLAY CRICKET](#)




Moura State School Prep 2022 Transition Days

Is your child due to start school in 2022?

Moura State School will be holding Prep transition days in Term 4, Week 4 for Prep students starting school in 2022.



Tuesday (26th October)



Thursday (28th October)

From 9:30 to 10:30 parents and their child are invited along to:

- see the classroom setting
- collect enrolment packs
- participate in fun activities
- participate in a school tour
- talk with staff
- meet other parents

Parent Information Session (3rd November)

Parents are invited to come along and find out about Prep at Moura State School in 2022 starting at 5pm. Staff at Moura will take you through all you need to know to start the year successfully.

DATE CLAIMERS

Transition Day	26 th October 9:30 am
Transition Day	28 th October 9:30 am
Parent Information Session	3 rd November 5:00 pm
Enrolment Forms due	ASAP

To keep up on all the news and happenings at Moura SS, please join the Moura State School Facebook page, or access the newsletter through the school's website - www.mourass.eq.edu.au

Celebrating 25 years

2021 Brigalow Arts Festival

BANANA SHIRE & CENTRAL QLD

The Brigalow Arts Festival is an annual visual arts showcase held at the Banana Shire Regional Art Gallery. In 2021, the Festival will celebrate its 25 year anniversary and has an extended program from 15 October to 3 December. The Festival supports artists of all stages and all art forms, including Fine Art, Photography, Textiles, Sculpture and Decorative Art.



When: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings

Where: SEP

Time: 8.30am to 8.50am