



Moura Minor

MOURA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Reminder: The School Office is open between 8.15 – 3.30

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4. I trust you were able to enjoy the time together with your children over the last couple of weeks whilst they were on school holidays. It is scary to think how quickly the year is flying by. Before we know it the end of the year will be here and we will be wondering where 2007 went.

There are a number of things as a school we need to organise this term, which makes it one of the busier terms for students, teachers and the schools. A number of activities which we will be engaged in are centred primarily on planning for our future, some of which include Strategic Planning and Budget allocations for 2008, 2008 Classes and staffing.

Staffing

At the end of last term the School received notification of the staff changes which will be occurring next year. Congratulations to the following members of staff who will be transferring at the end of the year.

Rynell Russell	Andrew
Kate Molloy	Sleeman
Kellie	Anna Miller
Waraker	Sue Keating
	Carmel Bust

I am happy to announce that we will be welcoming back Ricky Pryce and Holly Price who have been teaching at Woorabinda State School. Interviews for Mrs Russel's position will be occurring on the 19th October. As yet we have not been notified of replacements for Ms Molloy as Music Specialist and Ms Bust who is our Guidance Officer.

2008 Numbers

The beginning of each year can be a rather stressful time for parents, students and staff. Some of this is caused through my ability to as accurately as possible forecast our student population for the New Year. To assist in this process if you know of, or are aware of any families with primary aged students who may be moving into the area could you let the school know or better yet encourage them to make contact with the school.

Temporary Classes

A strategy I would like to explore further is the idea of allocating temporary classes until staffing is finalised on Day 8 of 2008. Each year school numbers are audited on Day 8, this is the second Wednesday of the new school year. This information is then used to finalise our school's staffing requirements for the

year. What this can and often means is that the Monday of week 3 often requires some classes to be restructured and increases the possibility of some student movement and their relocation to other classrooms in an attempt to ensure class sizes are kept to a minimum. This is to allow for smaller classes and our ability to optimise the best possible learning environments for all students are available. It would be hoped that this idea would help to reduce some of the stress that often occurs at the beginning of the year. While every attempt is made to be as accurate as possible with our possible numbers for next year, there are no guarantees that our predictions are correct as a lot can happen over the Christmas holidays. I am open to suggestions that others may have to ensure the start of our school year is a positive experience for everyone. Can I encourage you to make the time and inform me of any strategies or ideas that others may have with this matter?

Concerns or Worries

Over the course of the year things large and small often occur which can cause worries for members of our school community. I encourage all members of the school community to raise these concerns with me.

Often just talking about them often helps. At times action needs to be taken. It is much easier dealing with situations when they are small then when they become larger. As a staff we pride ourselves in the quality of the learning organisation that we provide at Moura State School. This can only occur if we all work together to achieve our common goal of providing quality learning environments for our students.

Celebrations

On the 5th of November at 10.00 am we will be having our official opening for both our Junior Playground and our Multimedia Centre. I would like to extend an invitation to all families and friends who would like to attend on the day. Please advise the office staff as soon as possible for catering purposes if you will be joining us.

Year 6/7 Camp

We wish all students and teachers a wonderful time on their camp and look forward to hearing about the positive time that they have had.

Week 2

Next week is a very busy week with a number of people coming and going, including myself. With this in mind there will be no Parade next week as the Year 7's and myself will be away. We love seeing all the parents who are able to come along to Parade and look forward to seeing you all again the following Tuesday 23rd October.

I would also like to take this time to wish Ben Lorimer and Dean Bates all the best as they represent the school in Cairns next week.

Here is hoping everyone has a fantastic week. Thanks for your continued support

Tina
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS	
October	
15 th	Year 6/7 Camp departs Rockhampton Airport
19 th	Year 6/7 Camp returns to Rockhampton Airport
22 nd	Pupil Free Day

SOCCER NEWS

Our Presentations/Agm will be held on Sat Oct 27th @ 4pm at the Soccer fields. To assist with the catering we would like the players to supply the following:

- U/6 Nibbles
- U/8 Salads
- U/10 Desserts
- U/13 Any of the above

Could all players who have played in past, please hand in their trophy shields at the office or drop off to Dayle.

Regards
Cathy James



PREP 2008 INFORMATION

We are in the process of looking at enrolments for 2008. If you have a Prep aged child attending Moura Primary School next year please drop in and collect an enrolment form from the school office. Prep information sessions will be held for all **2008 Prep Parents in November**. This is an opportunity to come along and become familiar with Prep, the School and current staff. This also gives parents the opportunity to raise any questions or concerns they may have. These sessions will be held on **Monday 12th**

November at 10.00am and again on **Wednesday 14th November at 7.00pm**. Watch this space for more information in the coming months.



JUNIOR CRICKET NEWS

Junior Cricket sign on will be held on the following dates:

DATE: Saturday 13th Oct

TIME: 9.30am

PLACE: Junior Cricket Fields, Rec. Grounds

WHO: Ages 6-13, with the younger ages 6-8 this will depend on whether we can get someone to assist with running this group. Children of this age must have a parent/carer present to participate.

COST: \$50 includes team shirt. Please advise of size when paying registration. No child will be permitted to play or train until registration is paid in full.

MORE INFO: Contact Colin Sleep 49972231



LARCOM SCHOOL REUNION

Mt Larcom State School is 125 years old with celebrations this Saturday, 13 October, 2007. Registration of past students and staff will be from 9am. The official opening will be at 12 noon followed by the roll calls. There will be displays of photographs and memorabilia, open classrooms, BBQ, bar, morning teas, cake stall, souvenirs, Jubilee commemorative book and children's entertainment including a giant super slide. The Jubilee dance

commences at 7pm in the public hall. Everyone is welcome. Phone 4975 1153 or visit the website <http://mtlarcomss.eq.edu.au>

CURRICULUM CHAT WEEK1

Over the next few weeks we will be looking at some computation strategies used in maths at school and explaining how they work and how you can help support your child's mathematical understanding. The ideas included here are taken from the publication "Natural Maths Strategies for Parents" by Ann and Johnny Baker who came to our school in 2006 to work with the teachers in improving maths outcomes for our students.

Mental computation strategies are essential to the development of a sound number sense and lay the foundation for all later addition, subtraction, multiplication and division situations. As adults many of us (but by no means all) have developed efficient and flexible computation strategies that we can select from in particular situations. By introducing mental computation strategies in a developmental sequence and giving your child the vocabulary that they need to explain their thinking, we can provide them with fast, efficient strategies too. This has a great impact on your child's disposition and motivation to think and work mathematically. If your child struggles with simple computations and falls back on finger counting, maths will not be easy or fun for them.



EXTRA CURRICULAR PHOTOS

The extra curricular photos taken by Silver Rose photographers on school photo day have come back and can be viewed at the office during school hours. Photos on offer are :

- Junior Choir
- Senior Choir
- School Captains
- House Captains
- Student Council
- Instrumental Music
- Senior students

Photos are \$12.00 each and this is payable on order.



MOURA MADDOGS TRI CLUB

The Maddogs are holding two "Come and Try Days" this season, one in Moura and one in Theodore. These events are part of the junior development program aimed at increasing junior participation. The "Come and Try Days" are aimed at 5-15 years olds with a focus on fun, experience and participation, all entrants will receive a certificate of participation and the first 10 nominations will receive a Maddogs water bottle. There will also be random prize draws and prizes for parents support their children by cheering loudly! After the event there will be a free breakfasts and free time on the inflatable (Moura pool only).The Moura event is this Saturday 13th October with registration at 6.00am and a 7.00am start. The cost is free and the distances vary depending on the age of your child.

Don't forget tomorrow morning is the last skills

training session focusing on transitions it will be held at the footy grounds at 7.00am. **ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS ARE WELCOME TO COME ALONG AND HAVE A GO!!!**



MOURA KINDY NEWS

Moura Community Kindergarten will be hosting family portrait sessions on Tuesday the 23rd of October from 4pm at the Kindy. For \$15.00 you will receive an 8 x 12 family portrait. Individual portraits and packages will also be available for purchase. Please phone Rebecca Turner on 4997 3237 to arrange your session. Please note the \$15.00 must be received prior to your photographic session.



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