



Moura Minor

MOURA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Reminder: The School Office is open between 8.15 – 3.30

Dear Parents,

I am not sure about you, but do you ever find that if you go away the jobs just don't seem to stop piling in, maybe I need to find that magic stop watch so that I can stop time for just a moment to play catch up!

I have to admit that we continue to receive wonderful reports regarding our students and their conduct on camp. Once again congratulations to all involved. As a school we are proud of the commitment our students and staff demonstrate on a daily basis. It is rewarding to have the opportunity to show others just how great we are.

On Tuesday we had a number of staff attend training opportunities. As I hope all members of our school community are aware, our school incorporates a School wide

Positive Behaviour Program. This approach will continue in 2008. Initially, it will involve a team working together to identify and recommend strategies for whole school approach for behaviour management.

If you are aware that your child/ren will not be attending Moura State School in 2008 could you please inform the school? If you know of or are aware of students who will attend the school in 2008 the school needs to know and enrolment forms need to be filled in. Could I ask parents to direct these people to the office where the appropriate documentation can be obtained? This information is essential for staffing and planning which I need to do before the end of the year. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Tina
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

October	
26 th	Book Club Due
26 th	P & C Day Lily orders due
29 th	Celebration Parade 9.00am
November	
2 nd	Dawson Speaking Competition
5 th – 9 th	Book Fair & Readathon
5 th	Playgrounds & Multi Media Centre Opening
12 th	Prep 08 Info Session 10am – 11am
14 th	Prep 08 Info Session 7pm – 8pm
30 th	Jnr School Swim Carnival and Fun Day @ Pool
December	
4 th	Lions Carols in the Park
7 th	Report Cards home
10 th	Year 7 Farewell Parade
10 th	Volunteers Morning Tea
11 th	Christmas Carols Concert
12 th	Year 7 Graduation Ceremony
14 th	Last Day of School

BOOK CLUB NEWS

The current offer closes this Friday 26th October, 2007. All orders to be either dropped into the Tuckshop or the school office by Friday. Thanks Donna Wheeler.

SOCCER NEWS

Our Presentations/Agm will be held THIS Sat Oct 27th @ 4pm at the Soccer fields. There could

be water games so please don't wear your best clothes!!

To assist with the catering we would like the players to supply the following:

- U/6 Nibblies
- 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.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

This week, birthday greetings go out to **Annie Stephenson, Bodhi Nash, Kiahara Duncan, Wareti Cooper, Felicity Weier, Jaxon Williams, Ely Regan, Declan Chivers, Gemma Ogden, Chloe Wragge, Laura Daniels, Kade**

Richardson, Zac Durkin-Seeneey, Tristan Durkin-Seeneey, Tim Meyers, Rachael Briggs, Gemma Pateman & Jessica Adamson. Everyone at Moura State School wishes you a fantastic day!



CURRICULUM CHAT WEEK 3

Counting All

When children first learn to count, they need to touch and count each object but they can get confused by counting an object twice or missing an object as they count – they are not quite as systematic as adults. To help with the 'quantity' of numbers, children should be encouraged to develop strategies for organising their counting more effectively. How can you help?

Set out groups of objects, starting with 3 or 4 and gradually increase the quantity and ask your child to find out how many are in the group.

Ask questions such as – I think you touched some objects more than once, how could you check? How do you know you didn't miss any objects?

Move from objects to pictures, as this allows the child to add numerals to a diagram.

They may develop strategies such as crossing off objects once they have been counted or marking them in some way or by lining up or moving objects

Taken from 'Natural Maths For Parents' by Ann and Johnny Baker

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. Orders will need to be into the school office by next Friday 2nd November, 2007.



MOURA KINDY NEWS

Moura Community Kindergarten will be hosting family portrait sessions on Thursday 8th November from 4.00pm onwards 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.



MUSO MAGIC IS COMING TO BILOELA

Muso Magic is a 2 day workshop for 11 – 16 year olds. It is being held on Saturday November 3rd and Sunday November 4th at the Biloea Civic Centre. The workshop is an initiative of the Biloea Arts Council and the cost is \$50.00 per student. If you wish your child to attend, please collect a form from Miss Molloy or the school office.



AUSTRALIA COLOURING COMPETITION

POST
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Come and collect your colouring in competition form for Stamp Collecting month from the Post Office. Entries will need to be into the Post Office by Wednesday 31st October, 2007. **Great Prizes on offer and free stamps for all entries received!**



CAMP MEDICATION

Please call into the school office to collect your child/ren medication from camp last week.



PARADE 29/10/07

Next Monday we will be holding a special parade to celebrate Camp and also Dean Bates and Ben Lorimer's recent success at the State Athletics Championships. All Parents and Caregivers are invited to come along and share in the

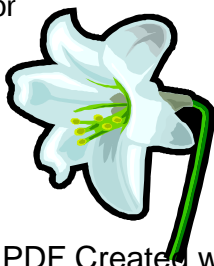


celebrations with us.

P & C NEWS

DAYLILY ORDERS – NOW DUE!!! All daylily orders should have already been returned to us. If not, please get them to the school office ASAP. We hope to have your orders back to you in about a month's time and will contact you when they are ready to collect.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraising venture for our P&C

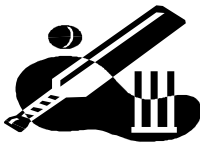


and especially to Dana Leeson for organizing it.

Teresa Luhrs
49972280

JUNIOR CRICKET

Training is this Friday 4pm at the Junior Cricket Fields. New players are still welcome to come along and sign on.



READ-A-THON

To raise money to purchase new reading books, we are having a Read-a-Thon starting Monday November 5. The collection forms are included with today's newsletter. Students are asked to find sponsors, read as many books as possible during the read-a-thon week and then collect money and return it to school by November 23rd.

There will be some great prizes for those students who raise the most money - so get ready to read!



BOOK FAIR

From Monday, November 5 to Friday, November 9, we will be having a Book Fair in the Library. Books will be available to purchase (they would make great Christmas presents). The school earns commission from each book sold and this will be used to help buy reading resources next year. We will be having a night time opening on Wednesday November 7 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm so that Mums and Dads who work can come and have a look. Nibblies will be provided!!

See you there!

HOUSE MERIT POINTS

Last week's **House Merit** results are as follows ...

Oxley	55
Flinders	49
Sturt	71

Congratulations and well done to everyone in **STURT** for displaying such great effort! Every point contributed can make the difference!



CALLIDE VALLEY COMPETITION

Year 6/7 students will be participating in this year's competition. Students are required to deliver a persuasive speech for 3 minutes on a topic of their own choice.

5 students will be selected from each class and will compete in the first level of judging on Wednesday 31st October at 12 midday in the library.

4 students then will be chosen to compete against students from Banana, Theodore and Baralaba on Friday 2nd November at the Moura State School's Library at 9.45am./

The District Final will take place on Wednesday 7th November at 11am at the Redeemer Lutheran College in Biloela. Parents are welcome to attend any of these competitions

A big thank you to Chris Hills, HOD at Moura High for your valuable workshop held on Wednesday to immerse students in the art of public speaking. Students enjoyed the experience!



CAMP 2007!

Our Year 6/7 Students, Parents and Teachers have returned from Tallebudgera Beach School this week after

an excellent week of fun, fitness and adventure.

Our adventure began by catching a flight from Rockhampton to Brisbane, boarding the Air Train to Robina at the Gold Coast and then finally a bus brought us to Tallebudgera Beach School.

The school is located between the Pacific Ocean and Tallebudgera Creek. A great spot for our activities! The activities which students participated in were:

Tobogganing - fast action thrills & spills where students were towed behind a speed boat on a super fast toboggan and mighty rocket. **Body Boarding** - enabled the students to feel the sensation of catching a wave on your board, carving the wave and doing tricks. **Surf Awareness** - gave students the opportunity to learn and develop new surf skills and everybody obtained a "Surf Awareness Certificate".

Raft Building - tested the student's skills as a team in building and racing in the creek. **Fishing** - gave the students a relaxing time on the banks of the Tallebudgera Creek and finally **Burleigh Mountain Walk** - enabled students to walk through the rain forest and listen to ancient tribal legends and visit sacred grounds.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the day at Sea World. Favourite shows involved the Dolphins, 4D Shot, The seals, Polar Bears and Sharks. However, the best action of the day was the rides!

Our night program consisted of dancing, games, movie night and an amazing science show. The night activities were thoroughly enjoyed.

Congratulations to all students on their excellent behaviour. The students were complimented on many occasions on their manners and behaviour. Well done Students!!

The Tallebudgera Beach School staff were also very impressed with our students,

citing our school as "the best" school that they have had! The school was very well organised, with great facilities and programs.

A big thank you to the following members who attended camp: **Maree Anderson, Cathy James, Janelle McPherson, Bryan Marshall, Adam Ivory, Anna Miller** and our fantastic parents **James Haynes** and **Colin Sleep**. Thank you very much for your tireless efforts through out the week. We were very proud of our Year 6/7 students for enabling us to have a great 2007 camp. We have included some of the student comments and feedback for you to read through as well...Enjoy!



MADDOGS TRI NEWS

A reminder to all interested parents and children that there is another triathlon being held this weekend here in Moura! This is a great opportunity once again for anyone interested in Triathlons to come along with their children and have a go at this popular sport. Triathlons seem to be becoming extremely popular in Moura with many younger children as well as some teenagers and adults coming along and having a go. This Saturday nominations will be accepted from 6.00am at the pool and the events on offer include a 750/20/5 or 2/4/2. Why not come along and have a go - great atmosphere, great location and a great sport for all ages!!! For more information please contact the President of the Maddogs Club, Ian Townsend on 0427974180.



MOURA POOL NEWS

Learn to Swim Classes are now well and truly under way with lots of littlies enjoying the experience. Places are still available so give me a ring to get details. Squad training is also up and running with a group of enthusiastic kids coming along to improve their swimming skills as well as have some fun with their mates! Aqua Fitness and Body Blast sessions have also commenced. Qualified instructor, Janelle McPherson is conducting these classes and welcomes anyone of any fitness level along to have some fun! If you would like to discuss your child's swimming skills and what I can offer at the pool, give me a call - Sarah on 49971680 or 0415278750. I look forward to hearing from you!!



HOW COOL WAS YEAR 6/7 CAMP TO TALLEBUDGERA??.....

Year 6/7 camp was very awesome. My favourite thing was going on the Corkscrew at Seaworld. Sam

At camp I met a girl from Crows Nest called Clarice but I nicknamed her Flo. Chelsea

At Seaworld the fastest ride is the Corkscrew and I went on it. Jennifer

On camp my favourite activity was the Burleigh Mountain walk because it was something I had never done before. Joshua H

When we went on camp we went to Seaworld and my favourite ride was the Pirate Ship (I went on it 8 times). Camp was great. Emily W

On camp we went to Seaworld and my friends took me on a rollercoaster. I had never been on a big rollercoaster. It was really fun. Jessica

The best place we went on camp was Seaworld because we got to see all of the animals and go on lots of rides. Jonah

The most enjoyable moment on camp for me was doing surf awareness when we got to go body boarding because I did a 360 and we got to muck around in the surf. Emily Q

Camp was the best ever. All of the activities were awesome and the food was good. I had a lot of fun. Cassidee

Camp was so fun but my favourite thing was going to Seaworld and going on the Corkscrew. Tegan

Tallebudgera Beach School provided really fun activities like tobogganing. It was really fun and the Seaworld trip was really cool. Emily A

Seaworld and tobogganing were my favourite things on camp. Ethan

On camp the best things were the food, body boarding and going to Seaworld. Harley

On camp we went to Seaworld and my favourite ride there was the Corkscrew because it was the fastest ride they had. Brandon

Camp was fun, I loved it! Seaworld was the best and the Corkscrew was the fastest, biggest rollercoaster I have been on. We walked about Burleigh Mountain which was good exercise. Riley

My absolute favourite thing about camp was the outstanding behaviour and attitudes of all Moura SS campers. We received many compliments about our exemplary behaviour from all Tallebudgera Beach School Staff. I am very proud.

Miss Miller

The best part on camp was tobogganing and going to Seaworld. Being my first time on camp it was great. Rachael B

Tallebudgera was the best camp ever. I love the science show and tobogganing. It was AWESOME. Tim

At Tallebudgera I enjoyed tobogganing, body boarding and science experiments. Jesse

At Tallebudgera it was so cool and my favourite part of camp was tobogganing, body boarding and the food. I liked Seaworld. Kaylah

Camp was really fun I liked tobogganing, the Burleigh mountain walk, Seaworld, raft building and fishing, body boarding and the night activities. Tyson

Camp was really fun. I think the best thing we did there would have to be tobogganing and going to Seaworld. Hayden

I liked camp because I enjoyed the mountain walk, the red rocket, tobogganing, body boarding, games night, dance night, movie night and science night. Travis

This year's camp was the best camp I've been on. I think tobogganing and Seaworld was awesome. I met some new friends and I want to go back. Jarred Shaw

I had heaps of fun I liked tobogganing the most. It was awesome. The food was great the staff were nice. Johnno

When I went tobogganing for the first time in my life I was scared but when we finally got on the rocket and in the water I was fine. Ayla

I liked camp because we got to do a lot of different things. I liked Seaworld and body boarding the best. I hope I can go back one day. Mikayla

Camp was so much fun! The each school was totally awesome and the staffs were super nice! Seaworld was wicked fun! Emma

The activities were fun. The food was great and it was a good experience. Savannah

Camp was cool but it was everything but relaxing. We went fishing but we should call it "ing" because there was not fish! Gabriella

Camp was wicked! I had a lot of fun tobogganing and playing on the beach. Amy

This year's camp was at the Gold Coast. It was so much fun. We did a lot of stuff like tobogganing that was the best activity, we also went to Seaworld. THAT WAS TOTALLY AWESOME!! But don't get me wrong, all the other activities were good fun too. Gemma

It was the best time I ever had and I wish I could do it over again. Evie

The thing that I enjoyed most was body boarding. I also liked tobogganing. Emma

The thing I enjoyed the most is tobogganing because you get wet and its so much fun when you fall off. Allistasia

The activity that I enjoyed most at camp was when we went to Seaworld and tobogganing. Holly