

MOURA MINOR

MOURA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

‘Your time maybe limited, but your imagination is not!’

- Anonymous

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tomorrow marks the official end of Term One and this week, like the other eight before have been incredibly busy ones too. For those who attended last Friday's Cross Country, you would agree that every student who competed did very well and for those who won Age Champions in their respective age groups, we congratulate you.

I would like to personally commend every student who took part. Currently in the Office there is a photographic display of Friday's event and we hope to have an electronic collage functional by tomorrow afternoon as well.


This week marks the running of the 2005 Sports Expo with over 1300 children participating from schools across the Cluster and District. It is a great pleasure to welcome so many visitors, families, teachers, coaches and sports development officers to our great school over the next few days. I would like to extend a personal thanks to **Mr Ian Brackstone** and his band of helpers for coordinating this event to equal the success of last year. Unfortunately Ian had contracted

appendicitis yesterday afternoon and was flown to Brisbane by aerial ambulance for treatment. We all wish Ian the very best. In the meantime, **Mr Bryan Marshall** has taken over the coordination of the Sports Expo to maintain its smooth running. Thanks Bryan!

This afternoon saw the running of our Annual Easter Hat Parade, which was a mass of colour and excitement for all who were present. Thanks again go to **Ms Kellie Waraker** for all of her hard work behind the scenes and the great efforts of all our Early Years teachers who assisted her.

On a final note, I sincerely hope the upcoming Easter Break is enjoyable for you all. If you are fortunate to be able to get away, travel safely ready for yet another productive term ahead.

Until next term,


Lyle Walker
PRINCIPAL



WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who has been recognised as Workers of the Week for the last week of term. Great job everyone.

MUSIC	Year 1S
1S	Timmy Walton
1/2W	Kelsee Haynes
2P	Shanee Lindley
3N	Jaryn Nilon
3S	Madeline Roberts
4M	Joshua Hicks
4/5H	Julian Homan
5M	Matthew O'Mahoney
6RK	Neil Satur
6/7A	Tamika Pashley
7P	Matthew Warren

SPELLING RULE OF THE WEEK

This week's **Spelling Rule** looks at words that remain the same in both their singular and plural forms.

One fish



Two fish



P&C NEWS

Last Thursday's P&C Meeting was very well attended and a new Executive was elected for 2005 and 2006. Congratulations to our new President, **Mr Anthony Watson**, Vice President, **Mrs Jenny Regan**, Correspondence Secretary, **Mrs Teresa Luhrs**, Minutes

Secretary, **Mrs Dale Sleep**, QCPCA Representative, **Mrs Jenny Regan** and Fundraising Coordinator, **Mrs Leonie Tucker**.

The Moura School Community thanks you all once again for your personal commitment to our students and the school. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the outgoing P&C Executive for their efforts over the past year. Thanks everyone !

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

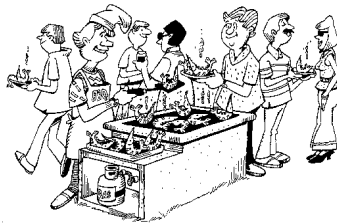
Birthday Greetings this week go to Talliah Cumming, Michael Short, Justin Cooke, Shanee Lindley, Kimberley Luhrs, Leah Winn, Cooper Bambling, Matthew O'Mahoney, Maxine Flanigan, Kaitlyn Millwood, Joel Lucht, Jaimi Muller, Lucas Hetherington, Jane Hughes, Kyle Hayes, Annika Draheim and Neil Satur. We all hope you have a super day !



SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER

The School Council's weekly Sausage Sizzles are proving to be a huge success due to the consistent efforts of a number of people. We would like to extend a personal thanks to **Mr Lucht** and **Mr M-Pherson** for cooking sausages each week and to **Tom M-Pherson**, **Stewart Doherty**, **Harley Lang** and **Joel Lucht** for their role in preparing, serving and cleaning up each week.

The Sausage Sizzle will resume again in Week Two of Term Two. Please remember that sausages must be pre ordered using the slip provided in each week's Newsletter and returned on the Monday. Thanks again everyone for your wonderful support.

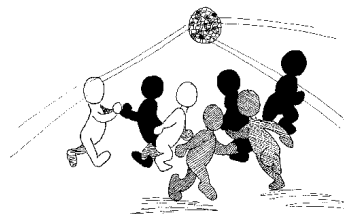


TERM ONE DISCO

Thankyou to everyone who helped at last Friday's Disco. The children really enjoyed the night and it was a good success. There was approximately \$700 raised to support the Musical which will be held in Term Three.

I would also like to make a special thankyou to the Senior Leaders who helped through the Junior Session and then continued to assist at their own Senior Session. It was greatly appreciated. Special thanks also go to Lyn Ogden and Leonie Tucker who also assisted the entire night cooking hotdogs and monitoring the canteen. Thankyou again.

Kate Molloy
MUSIC SPECIALIST



MOURA RANGERS SOCCER

There will be NO training this Thursday, March 24th. Training will recommence after the Easter Break with the Under Tens on Tuesday April 05th at 6:30 p.m. and all other teams on Thursday April 07th at 4:30 p.m. Competition for the season will begin on Saturday April 09th. New players are still most welcome to join !



JIM PEARCE MP VISIT

The next visit to Moura by Jim Pearce is scheduled for Wednesday April 06th 2005 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the CFMEU Moura Office, 41 Davey Street. To make an appointment, please call the free number **1800 819 513**



SPEECH PATHOLOGIST VISITS

A number of Speech Pathologists will be in Biloela on April 04th, 05th, 06th and 07th April. Interested parents who wish to access this service need to phone **4992 5544** for an appointment that costs \$10:00. The Central Queensland Rural Division of GPs funds the service and there is a minimal cost for therapy if your child/ren require it.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Mr Ian Brackstone and his marvellous team of helpers who coordinated last Friday's Annual Cross Country. It was wonderful to see so many parents and families in attendance supporting their children.

Our Student Leaders, in particularly our House Captains did an amazing job rousing the spirits of each House. No doubt there would have been many sore throats on Saturday morning.



3NS CLASSROOM NEWS

Hello All ! The term has flown by and we have had a fantastic term one, filled with a lot of learning and hard work. We are sure the students will enjoy the Easter Break and have a great time relaxing after their busy introduction to Year Three.

We have completed our information reports on an endangered animal and they are on display in our room. Some parents have already come up to have a look. Feel free to come and view them before school. The information report was a part of the final assessment of our endangered animals unit.

We have also looked at extinction as a natural process. Humans have been the reason for the endangerment of many animals but we also discovered that extinction has been happening before people were

even on the Earth. The students looked at three "periods" on Earth, dating back as far as 280 million years ago and the reasons animals from these periods became extinct.

You may have noticed the paintings on our windows, which illustrate these three periods of time. If you have access to the Internet please log on to our web page at the following link http://www.mourass.eq.edu.au/year_3ns.htm as there is a power point illustrating the lesson completed that you can look through. The students have had a lot of fun learning about endangered animals and we have viewed some fantastic learning taking place.

As the beginning of the year was disrupted with the possibility of losing a teacher and consequent classroom reshuffling the expected date for our Parent Information Night was constantly being revised until the term was well underway and classroom routines had been established.

Therefore, due to the fact that we have sent letters home outlining routines and posted information on the Moura State Primary School Website, it has been decided that the time for a Parent Information Night has passed. Our classroom doors are open to parents every morning, and we would prefer to deal with any concerns, queries or comments on a one-to-one basis. This ensures that we can discuss the concern in detail.

Please feel free to come and see us with any problems or questions, we are more than

happy to talk with you about them.

At this stage the students seem very well adapted to the routines of the room, with classroom talks, homework and general day-to-day routines running smoothly.

We trust you all have an enjoyable and relaxing Easter Break and look forward to seeing you all in Term Two.

Karen Newton & Andrew Sleeman
3NS CLASSROOM TEACHERS

ANZAC DAY 2005

The Staff and Students of Moura State School have again been invited to participate in this year's Anzac Commemoration Service and Parade on **Monday April 25th**. Further information will be sent home closer to the day.

We will be conducting our own Anzac Day Service on the front lawn of the school on **Thursday April 21st commencing at 9:30 a.m.** This service will be coordinated and led by our school leaders.



FULL TIME DAYCARE SURVEYS

The Moura Childcare Centre is seeking community support in their quest to extend their current facility to a fulltime service in Moura. Forms to indicate your support are available at our Office.

ITEMS UP FOR TENDER

We are currently seeking tenders from interested individuals, clubs or organisation for a number of items currently no longer required by the school. These items include ...

- 5 steel bike racks that have the capacity to hold 14 bicycles
- 4 steel stands with a central pole
- 1 gymnasium horse

Each of these items can be inspected at the school during school hours. If you are interested in any of these items, tenders can be submitted by Friday April 08th 2005, attention the Principal.

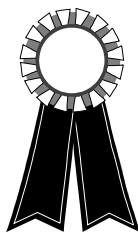
EDUCATION LAWS FOR THE FUTURE

Feedback regarding Education Queensland's review of the **General Provisions Act** can still be made until **March 31st 2005**. These laws cover all aspects of education including Religious Education Programs, Educational Costs, Home Schooling, Homework and Enrolment Procedures. Further information can be obtained from the following website.

www.education.qld.gov/review

SWIMMING NEWS

On the 22nd February 5 Moura Primary school students travelled to Biloela to compete in the Capricornia Swimming Trials. All five of our students swam extremely well with several personal best times being recorded. In most events there were anywhere up to 40 competitors so the results that are listed below must be commended.



Tayla Muller

50m Freestyle 10th
50m Backstroke 16th
50m Breaststroke 16th
50m Fly 7th

Jaimi Muller

50m Freestyle 29th
50m Breaststroke 9th

Christy-Lynn Muller

50m Freestyle 32nd

Holly Tucker

50m Freestyle 29th

Sam Hicks

50m Freestyle 13th
50m Backstroke 11th
50m Breaststroke 11th

A special mention must go to Tayla who was extremely unlucky to miss out on selection in the Capricornia team in the 50m Freestyle. Tayla swam 1:07secs under the state Qualifying time however due to the strong field in her age group was placed 10th. Great Effort Guys!

Yours in Sport
Ian Brackstone

MEDIA PERMISSION

It would be appreciated if you could please inform your child/ren if you do not wish for their photographs to be taken for the school Newsletter or general display in our Administration

Foyer as on two occasions, it has come to our attention that the students concerned had no knowledge that this request was made and photographs had to be retaken.

Children are reminded each week that if they are able to have a photograph taken to assemble outside the Office following Parade. You can appreciate that with so many children assembled together, it is difficult to know who has permission without referring to our database.



HARBOUR FESTIVAL FUN RUN

The Harbour Festival Lions Fun Run will be held on Good Friday, March 25th. There will be 3km and 10km events for all runners and walkers from the waterfall on Flinders Parade.

Sign on will start from 6:00 a.m. for a 7:00 a.m. start. Entry cost is \$10 for adults, \$6 for juniors and \$20 for families.

For more information, telephone
4979 1153



TERM ONE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEEK	DATE	ACTIVITY	
1	JANUARY	24	FIRST DAY OF TERM ONE
		25	
		26	AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY
		27	
		28	
		29/30	
2	JANUARY/FEBRUARY	31	
		01	
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		03	
		04	SCHOOL CAPTAIN SPEECHES
		05/06	
3	FEBRUARY	07	
		08	
		09	HOUSE CAPTAIN SPEECHES
		10	
		11	STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS
		12/13	
4	FEBRUARY	14	VALENTINE'S DAY
		15	
		16	
		17	P&C MEETING
		18	
		19/20	
5	FEBRUARY	21	
		22	
		23	
		24	SCHOOL LEADER INDUCTION
		25	
		26/27	
6	FEBRUARY/MARCH	28	
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		05/06	
7	MARCH	07	
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		12/13	

WEEK	DATE	ACTIVITY	
8	MARCH	14	AUTHOR VISIT/ MUSEUM OPENING
		15	
		16	SCHOOL LEADER COUNCIL VISIT
		17	ST PATRICK'S DAY
		18	CROSS COUNTRY
		19/20	
9	MARCH	21	
		22	MOURA SPORTS EXPO
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		25	GOOD FRIDAY
		26/27	



TERM DATES FOR 2005

Term One commences **Monday January 24th 2005**

Easter Break – March 25th to April 05th

Term Two commences **Tuesday April 05th**

Winter Holidays – June 20th to July 04th

Term Three commences **Tuesday July 05th**

Spring Holidays – September 12th to September 23rd

Term Four commences **September 26th**

Term Four Student Free Day – **Monday October 10th**

Christmas Holidays – December 12th to January 20th

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 14th	Author/Illustrator Visit Opening of Moura Museum
MARCH 18th	Student Leader Visit to Council
MARCH 18th	Cross Country
MARCH 21st TO 23rd	Moura Sports Expo



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STUDENT COUNCIL SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER
\$1.20 PER SAUSAGE ON BREAD

NAME _____ CLASS _____

NUMBER OF SAUSAGES _____ SAUCE YES NO

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

CHANGE REQUIRED \$ _____

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PLURAL RULE EIGHT

Sometimes, a word may stay the same in both its singular and plural form



one fish



two fish

bream	→	bream	series	→	series
aircraft	→	aircraft	trout	→	trout
salmon	→	salmon	moose	→	moose

Try these ...

species	→	_____	sheep	→	_____
deer	→	_____	perch	→	_____
offspring	→	_____	tuna	→	_____