

Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

Reporting and Parent Teacher Interviews

Teachers will be preparing Interim Report Cards by the end of this term. These will just give a brief progress report on a students' performance so far this year. Parents can then determine the need for interviews with teachers. Parents are encouraged to come to the parent / teacher interviews so that they can get a more detailed report. Interim reports will be out Week 1 of next term.

The parent teacher interview afternoon is **Tuesday 28 April 2009** starting at **3.15pm**.

Refurbishment of the Resource Centre

I have been informed that we have been successful in a State Schools of Tomorrow submission to upgrade our Resource Centre.

We have been allocated \$797,076 to upgrade this facility. I anticipate this will include closing in additional rooms, new carpets, furniture, painting and technology equipment such as data projectors and electronic whiteboards.

This is great news for our school as the Resource Centre is the focal point for learning in schools.

Student Leadership

Eight Year 8 and eight Year 11 students have been lucky enough to be selected to attend a leadership camp at Coolwaters in Yeppoon. This is a PCAP subsidised camp. Students will also be attending from Theodore, Baralaba and Biloela. It looks like a wonderful experience for these students. It is unfortunate that we could only send this number as there would have been more students that I would have liked to have sent. I hope the students who were selected enjoy and grow from the experience.

Technology Challenge

It is really good to see a group of boys working with Mr Williams down at Manual Arts in their own time to make a human powered vehicle. These students will enter their vehicle in the Technology Challenge race in Maryborough

later in the year. Thanks to Mr Williams for giving up his time to enable these boys to be challenged in this way.

Easter Church Service

As a school we intend to all walk down to the AOG church on Wednesday morning 8 April 2009. This will be for a combined churches Easter service. This is hosted by all of our local churches. These services have usually been well supported with students participating and enjoying the experience. If you would prefer that your student not attend, please write me a note to excuse your child from this service.

Alan Campbell – PRINCIPAL

Top ten tips – for healthy eating

1. Eat together as a family as often as you can.
2. Drink water and milk instead of sugary drinks.
3. Provide a jug of water on the table for the whole family to share during mealtimes.
4. Involve your kids in choosing and preparing a meal - shopping, peeling, chopping, cooking or serving.
5. Keep a variety of fresh vegetables and fruit on hand for quick healthy snacks.
6. Try and make fruit and vegetables a part of every meal.
7. Snacks don't need to come in packets - choose home-made, healthy foods. They can be tasty, low-cost and easy to prepare.
8. To encourage kids to eat more fruit and vegetables, try cutting and presenting them in different, easy-to-eat shapes. Also try different cooking methods.
9. Kids learn a lot from how their parents eat. Lead by example - make sure you eat and enjoy different vegetables as a regular part of your diet.
10. Try making meal times enjoyable and a happy time.

ROCKHAMPTON DISTRICT TRIALS

Term one has been extremely busy for school sport. We have had a number of our students trial to be selected in Rockhampton Teams for various sports. Below is a summary of what our students have been up to.

AFL

Hamish Davidson participated in these trials and was selected in the under 15 team. He trials on Tues 24th for the Capricornia Team. We wish Hamish the best of luck at these trials. ***BREAKING NEWS: - Hamish has made the Capricornia team. Well done!!***

NETBALL

Hailey Keene and **Julia Larsen** travelled to Rockhampton to participate in the netball trials. Netball is traditionally a strong sport in the Rockhampton district with many girls vying for a spot in the 10 person team. Unfortunately our girls were not selected in the team, but the experience was invaluable and they both enjoyed themselves.

TOUCH

Erika Edwards participated in the touch football trials under very muddy conditions. She was up against quality competition and unfortunately narrowly missed out on selection.

VOLLEYBALL

Skye Calvert, Shanice Short, Maycce Jones, Allistasia Fewster, Holly Tucker, Elyse Chiles, Rees Mackellar, Stevie Tucker, Audrey Tovera, Kait Chiles, Elinor Stratford, Brittany Schaeffe, Rebecca Elliott and **Courtney Semple** all trialed for the under 15 and under 19 volleyball teams. The competition was the strongest I have experienced in the 6 years that I have been involved with Rockhampton District Sport. It was difficult to select the team. **Skye Calvert, Shanice Short, Maycce Jones, Allistasia Fewster, Holly Tucker, Elyse Chiles, Rees Mackellar, Stevie Tucker, Audrey Tovera, Elinor Stratford** and **Courtney Semple** were all selected to represent the Rockhampton Team at the Capricornia Trials in Gladstone.

SQUASH

Joel Lucht, Taylor Jones, Tayla Muller, Holly Tucker and **Stevie Tucker** participated in the squash trials. They were all successful at being selected in the Rockhampton District Team and will try out for a spot on the Capricornia Team.

I would like to congratulate these students for proudly representing the school and themselves and for achieving such great success. Thank you to all the parents and guardians who have supported these trials, assisted with returning forms and money by the due date and transporting students to playing venues.

WINNERS OF VOLLEYBALL FUNDRAISING



Lucky Squares - No 1
1st - 96 – Marty Simpkins - \$60
2nd – 24 – Peter J –QNP - \$40

Lucky Squares – No 2

1st – 3 – Chris Mathews
2nd – 50 – Shelly Suttle

Fruit Raffle – Rebecca Turner – Red Ticket # Red B37

Learn Japanese!



Hi, Konnichiwa! I would like to introduce myself to the parents and students of Moura State High School. My name is Reiko, and I have been placed at Moura State High and Primary Schools by Mitsui Coal Holdings Pty Ltd, who is a key investor in the Dawson Mine under Mitsui Moura Investment. I am here as a Japanese teacher to assist high school students undertaking distanced learning in Japanese, and I am also assisting Ms Eckersley with the primary school classes, looking at cultural comparisons between Australia and Japan.

There are many benefits to learning a second language, including enhanced communication skills, enriched social skills and a further understanding of other cultures. **NOW, YEAR 8 STUDENTS CAN STUDY JAPANESE AS AN ADDITIONAL SUBJECT WITHOUT DROPPING AN ELECTIVE SUBJECT.** I am able to assist students with this learning in tutorial style sessions, and one-on-one lessons. Mr Campbell and I would like to invite all parents and students to come in and find out more about this learning opportunity. I am available in the library between 9am and 12pm every Tuesday, or alternatively please give Mr Campbell or myself a call to discuss. I am more than happy to answer any questions you might have about this fun and exciting opportunity! I look forward to meeting with you in the near future.

Reiko Clissold (mobile: 0400389688)

DATES TO REMEMBER

9 April	Cross Country
9 April	End of Term 1
20 April	Pupil Free Day
21 April	Term 2 begins/ Reports Posted
28 April	Parent / Teacher Interviews



The best Australian books for kids

Sometimes as a parent you may have trouble choosing a children's book. One way to find the perfect book is to learn about what kinds of stories your child is interested in.

For younger children, there are a variety of audio books available to borrow at libraries and purchase at book stores. Your child can listen to the story as they learn to read.

This will not only keep them interested, but help them recognise important words and letters.

Here are some titles of Australian classics to share with your child:

- *Blinky Bill* by Dorothy Wall
- *I can jump puddles* by Alan Marshall
- *The Muddleheaded Wombat and Playing Beatie Bow* by Ruth Park
- *Snugglypot and Cuddlepie* by May Gibbs.

Our school suggests the following stories and picture books for younger readers:

- The *Tashi* series by Anna Fienberg
- *Cool Bananas* by Christine Harris and Bettina Guthridge
- *Are You Hungry?* by Tina Burke
- *No Room for a Mouse* by Kyle Mewburn and Freya Blackwood
- *Nim's Island* by Wendy Orr
- *One Blue Sock* by Emily Ballou and Stephen Michael King.

For older children:

- *Daughter of the Regiment* by Jackie French
- *Hating Alison Ashley* by Robin Klein
- *Two Weeks with the Queen* by Morris Gleitzman
- *Pigs Might Fly* by Emily Rodda
- *Lockie Leonard Human Torpedo* by Tim Winton.

Remember to talk to your child to discover if he or she likes mystery or adventure stories or humorous books. This will not only make choosing a book easier, it will also make reading more enjoyable.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL LEVIES

Statement for School Levies have once again been sent out this week.

We urge parents to pay these fees as soon as possible. If you are unable to make a one-off payment, a payment plan can be arranged through the school office to make payments periodically during the year. An individual arrangement can also be made with the Principal.

Please be aware that until all school levies are completely paid, students will not be able to participate in any extra curricular activities or order items such as the senior jersey. Examples of extra curricular activities are as follows:- (*excursions not relating to a school activity, Yr 12 formal, senior jersey, camps at the end of the year, extra sporting activities*)

Moura Coal & Country Festival AGM will be held on Wednesday 1st April at 6pm at Kianga Hall Meeting Room. We request your attendance at this festival planning meeting. Last call for festival entrants for Entrant of the Year Quest, please contact the secretary on 0419722189 if you will help this worthy event continue.

Maureen Clancy
Secretary

DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE THE LINK TO THE NEWSLETTER ON THE MSHS WEBSITE?

If so, please send your email address to the school office via note or phone. The Moura State High School website was re-invented at the end of last year and is very accessible to everyone. Newsletters will be able to be accessed on the day the paper copies are sent home usually every second Thursday afternoon. Sometimes last minute delays mean the hard copies do not get out until Friday, but the electronic copy should be available every second Thursday afternoon. To access the newsletter go to www.mourashs.eq.edu.au click on newsletters in the main menu and then click on the date of whichever newsletter you wish to read. Electronic copies are in colour and hard copies are not and the newsletters often have inserts that are not included on the website copy, so it is always a good idea to retrieve the paper newsletter from your student. Happy reading!!

Year 9 Industrial Technology and Design



Grade 9 ITD students have been designing wooden toys with a transport theme. The toys were to be made to appeal to preschool children. The students had to come up with a range of ideas then choose the best idea to develop further. Each student produced a folio with detailed working drawings showing all material sizes and a construction sequence.



Once the projects were completed, the students evaluated how they went in terms of how well the toy worked, what changes they would make next time and how well their construction came together.



The students learned a lot about the limitations of working with timber and some of the methods of joining wood neatly.

The range of designs was very impressive with utes, trains, trucks, a tractor, a bobcat and a caterpillar making up some of the many clever designs that the students produced.

