

# Newsletter

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## From the Principal's Desk

### Congratulations – Rugby League Team

Our Under 15 Rugby League Team have made the final. They came third out of nine teams. They start their final campaign this week. Congratulations boys.

Also congratulations and thanks to Mick Findlay, Josh Cresswell and Lacey Townsend for organising and running the successful Rugby League carnival last week for Coal & Country Festival. Well done!!

### Mathematics Tournament

Two weeks ago a team of our mathematics students - **Gavin Martin, Caitlin Glass, Margarette Williamson, Izack Dowden and Ben Larsen** attended the Maths Tournament in Tannum Sands as reported. By all reports our students did very well, learnt a lot and were fine ambassadors for the school. I would like to thank Helen Glass, our Resource Centre Teacher Aide, for transporting our students to the event to ensure an extra and stimulating activity was provided for our students.

### Opti-Minds Challenge

**Natalie Thomas** has been coaching an Opti-Minds team. They have been preparing for months. This activity is also a challenging and extension opportunity offered to students.

The team is **Caitlin Glass, Emily Quinn, Ayla Brown, Sheridan Szabo and Margarette Williamson** and also thanks to Natalie for providing this opportunity for students.

**Year 10 to 11 Parent Information Evening** will be held on **2 September** from **5pm – 6.30pm**.

We will be hosting an evening for parents so that parents and students can start preparing for Year 11 and 12. Information on Senior Schooling, Subjects and Subject Choices will be available.

### Visit to Theodore State School

On Thursday 13 August, **Bev Conway, Fiona Zimmerlie** and I visited Theodore State School to speak with their Year 10 students. The purpose of the visit was to invite them to join us for Year 11 and 12 and give them some information about

Moura High. They then visited us on Monday 24 August to have a tour of our school and to find out about senior subjects and facilities here. They were even able to partake of some of the fine food served at the canteen. It's great to see the interest from the Theodore students. We now have more and more of the Theodore students completing senior with us. Thanks to the Principal, Mrs Campbell, for her support in ensuring Theodore students get full access to information about senior and our high school.

### P & C – Coal and Country Festival

The P & C need to be commended for their efforts over the Coal and Country Festival week. They manned the dagwood dog stall on Wednesday night, Friday night and all day Saturday. A huge endeavour!! This is a major community commitment plus a terrific fundraiser for the P & C. Also the addition of a float in the parade was a fantastic achievement for our school because the school community has not had a float in the parade for years. Great publicity for our school.

The dagwood dog fundraiser, along with the campdraft fundraiser a few weeks ago mean a significant boost of funds for the P & C. The P & C can now look towards funding a major project with the school.

**Alan Campbell – PRINCIPAL**

## Every Day is Important

Report cards issued earlier this term indicated the number of days students were away in Semester 1. There were exactly 100 school days in Semester 1. Research indicates one of the biggest determinants of success at school is, fairly obviously, the number of days attended. Stay home if you are sick, of course, otherwise; you need to be here and to make appointments outside school time wherever possible. Our congratulations to families who reinforce the importance of being here EVERY day – you are instilling a habit of persistence that shapes a young person's values.

## Australian Defence Force scholarships

Is your child interested in pursuing a career with the Australian Defence Force?

In 2010, the Australian Defence Force will offer up to 1500 scholarships to Year 11 and 12 students through their Defence Technical Scholarships (DTS).

The scholarships reward technically-savvy students for staying on at school and provide financial support while they complete their studies.

To be eligible to apply, students must:

- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- complete an application form and demonstrate a genuine interest in pursuing an Australian Defence Force general-entry technical trade career
- have their application approved by their parents or carers and either the school VET coordinator or nominated DTS representative
- be enrolled in a Year 11 or Year 12 mathematics subject
- be enrolled in a VET technical subject for Year 11 or Year 12.

Students will need to express an interest in pursuing a technical trade career with the Defence Force as part of the selection process, although there is no obligation to join the Navy, Army or Air Force after finishing school.

Student applications for the 2010 Defence Technical Scholarships are open now. Applications close Friday 25 September.

More information, including application forms and eligibility criteria, is available on the Defence Jobs website at [www.defencejobs.gov.au/dts](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/dts) or by phoning 1300 880 818.

## Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust

In 2010 the Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) will give financial assistance to up to 65 students under many different scholarship schemes.

The schemes help disadvantaged children of the veteran community with the costs of tertiary education.

Applications open on Tuesday 18 August.

To apply students must be:

- Within the means test. That is, eligible on assets and income grounds for Youth Allowance benefits for full-time education.
- Enrolled, or planning to enrol in a full-time course of tertiary education in Australia by

attendance at a university, TAFE or college. The course must be of one or more academic years in length and at undergraduate level.

- The child or grandchild of a person who has operational service with the Australian Navy, Army or Air Force, or if not, has three or more year's continuous full-time service as a member of the Australian Defence Force.
- Under the age of 25 when applying, unless there are exceptional circumstances related to the veteran's service.

Applicants are considered for all schemes for which they are eligible.

To receive an application form or to find out about eligibility, phone 1800 620 361.

Applications close on 31 October.

For more information email [vvt@accsoft.com.au](mailto:vvt@accsoft.com.au) or visit [www.accsoft.com.au/~vvt/](http://www.accsoft.com.au/~vvt/)

<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>	
<b>Sat 29 August</b>	<b>Yrs 8, 9 &amp; 10 Opti-MINDS Tournament in Rocky</b>
<b>Tues &amp; Wed 1 &amp; 2 September</b>	<b>QCS Test</b>
<b>Wed 2 September</b>	<b>Yr 10 to 11 Parent Information Night – 5.00 – 6.30pm</b>
<b>Mon 7 September</b>	<b>Motivational Media</b>
<b>Tues 15 September</b>	<b>Spinal Injuries Awareness Talks by the SEAT Team</b>
<b>Fri 18 September</b>	<b>Last day of Term 3</b>
<b>Mon 5 October</b>	<b>First day of Term 4</b>

## RUGBY LEAGUE

The Rugby League team played on Thursday last week for the Coal Festival carnival. The team won the B grade final and came 3rd overall which is a great achievement. In the Rockhampton Rugby League competition the team played in the semi-finals last Wednesday evening and lost 36-12 against Emmaus. The boys have played well all season and played off against 8 other teams over the year.

Congratulations on making the semi-finals this week, you have done your team and the school proud.

**Mr Findlay**

# HEALTHY KIDS FOR LIFE

## Term 3 Topic is Oral Health

### Article 2

#### Fluoride Facts

- ✚ Fluoride is a naturally occurring mineral found in water, plants, rocks, soil air and most foods
- ✚ Fluoride strengthens tooth enamel and protects against decay in people of all ages, from very young children to older people
- ✚ In Australia most capital cities have optimal amounts of fluoride added to tap water
- ✚ Some areas of the country have naturally occurring fluoride in the water
- ✚ Fluoride will not change the taste or smell of your drinking water
- ✚ Water fluoridation is a safe way to protect teeth against decay and is supported by national and international organisations such as the World Health Organisation
- ✚ Bottled water usually does not contain enough to offer protection against tooth decay

### MOCK INTERVIEW DAY

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August, the Year 12 English Communication students participated in mock job interviews as part of their assessment for this term, which also included selecting a job advertisement to "apply" for, preparing a resume, job application letter and profile of the "potential" employer. While the whole assessment piece aims at preparing students for the job market next year, the mock job interviews were particularly important in creating a real-world experience for our Year 12 students.

These mock job interviews would not have been possible without community support and we greatly appreciate the assistance of local business people who formed the mock job interview panels, taking on the role of potential employer.

Thank you to the following people:

- ✚ Craig Nowland (Ag N Vet Moura)
- ✚ Mark and Bev (Sunwater Bilo)
- ✚ Nicky Muller (Culture Shack)
- ✚ Vanessa Burns (Moura Hospital)
- ✚ Sue Hetherington (Moura SHS)
- ✚ Fiona Hourn (Hourn & Bishop R.E.)
- ✚ Chris Tietzel (QNP)
- ✚ Leah Brosnan (Anglo Coal)
- ✚ Mina McGuire (Australia Post)
- ✚ Kerry Morton (Moura SHS)
- ✚ Belinda Calvert (Coal n Cattle Hotel)
- ✚ Pam Shipman (Moura SHS)
- ✚ Louis Saayman (Moura SHS)
- ✚ Debbie Elliot (Beauty Lodge)
- ✚ Jan Hicks (Disability Services)
- ✚ Sue Meier (Anglicare Moura)
- ✚ Andrew Sampson (Moura Police)
- ✚ Tim Millis (Belvedere Coal)
- ✚ Bernadette Ryan (ACE Apprenticeships)
- ✚ Helen Glass (Moura SHS)

## P & C NEWS - Many thanks to all

the wonderful people who helped over the weekend with the dagwood dog stall at the festival. What about our float!! Did you see how great our high school children looked!! Thanks to all the parents who gave of their time to get the float ready on Friday afternoon and thanks also to teachers, coaches, students and Mr Williams for your support and involvement also. Thanks to Ian and Paula from Moura Sand and Gravel for donating the truck for the float. Thanks also to Darren from Anglo Coal and his little sons who walked all the way with the Human Powered Vehicle. Fantastic effort everybody!!

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THANK  
YOU

Huge thank you to **Jonathan & Helen Glass** who have donated a new DVD Recorder to the Resource Centre.