

# Newsletter

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## From the Principal's Desk

### Welcome to Term 4

Welcome to term 4, the busiest term of the year. This term is our planning term where we prepare our budget, AOP and Curriculum Plans for 2010. We will also have to review our Responsible Behaviour Plan as well.

Besides the planning it is a time we congratulate and farewell our year 12 class with a graduation ceremony and a formal.

We also have our annual Awards Night where we celebrate the success and achievement of our students.

The year 7s from Moura and Banana State School join us for our transition to high school program. We also continue to work with the Theodore year 10 students to help them move into senior education at our school.

### Welcome to Joanna McGuire

I would like to welcome **Joanna McGuire** to our school community. Joanna replaces Veronica Hutchinson who left at the end of last term on leave. I hope Joanna enjoys her stay in Moura and finds the experience personally and professionally rewarding.

**Narelle Elkins** joins us for 6 weeks as part of her university studies. She will work in the English and Social Science classes.

**Alan Campbell – PRINCIPAL**

### 'Be safe and watch your mates' schoolies information booklet

*The Queensland Government has developed the 'Be safe and watch your mates' Schoolies 2009 information booklet for Queensland Year 12 students.*

*The free booklet contains important information that graduating students should be aware of before attending any Schoolies occasion, to help keep themselves and their friends safe.*

*Focusing on health and safety, alcohol and drug awareness, personal responsibility, and young people's rights as consumers, the booklet is a useful tool for parents to engage in conversation with Year 12 students and encourage healthy behaviour.*

*Copies of the booklet can be ordered by calling 13 13 04 or from the Queensland Government's Schoolies website: [www.schoolies.qld.gov.au](http://www.schoolies.qld.gov.au)*

*To help parents talk to their teenagers about alcohol and staying safe, the Queensland Government has produced 'The Parents' Guide to Alcohol and a Safer Schoolies'.*

*More useful information is available for parents and students on the Schoolies website, including this year's top safety tips, key contact numbers, and important topics for parents to discuss with their teenager before they finish school.*

*Spending time reading this information now and talking with your teenager about how to stay safe can help to ensure that Schoolies is a time to remember for all the right reasons.*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Fri 9 October</b>	<b>Commencement of Year 7 Transition Program</b>
<b>Mon 26 October</b>	<b>Sky-Lab Performance</b>
<b>Thurs 5 November</b>	<b>Awards Night</b>
<b>Thur 19 November</b>	<b>Senior Graduation Ceremony</b>
<b>Fri 20 November</b>	<b>Senior Formal</b>
<b>Fri 27 November</b>	<b>Year 10/11 Last Day</b>
<b>Fri 11 December</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 4</b>

### **Email advice for students leaving school at the end of Term 4**

*At the end of Term 4, all school-provided email accounts will close for Year 12 students and any other students who are leaving the state school system.*

*Please ensure your child is aware that their school-provided email account will not work beyond the end of the school year and that they should ensure that they provide a personal email address to prospective employers or educational institutions.*

*This is especially important for students enrolling in further education or training using the QTAC, TAFE or other online system.*

*Emails will bounce if sent to a student's school-provided account after the end of term and students may miss out on confirming their enrolment into their chosen course of study.*

### **VACCINATIONS FOR YEAR 8**

**Please note that a vaccination clinic will be held at the High School next Monday 12 October.**

**These will be for year 8 students for Hepatitis B – Dose 2 and HPV – Dose 3 and any catch up vaccinations left from throughout the year.**

**The vaccination team will have a list of student's names.**

### **REMINDER**

**SCHOOL FEES ARE VERY OVERDUE. IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID THEM, CAN YOU PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF FEES ARE NOT PAID, EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SENIOR FORMAL, END OF YEAR SCHOOL CAMPS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS WHOSE FEES ARE STILL OUTSTANDING.**

### **MOURA STATE HIGH SCHOOL OPTI-MINDS TEAM**

The Moura State High School Opti-minds team travelled to Rockhampton to compete in the regional finals at Central Queensland University on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August. The team consisted of **Caitlin Glass (Year 10), Margarette Williamson (Year 10), Sheridan Szabo (Year 9), Ayla Brown (Year 8) and Emily Quinn (Year 8).**

The girls chose to compete in the Social Science category, which meant they had six weeks in which to develop a short play explaining how, in 150 years, Queensland had turned into a terrible state in which to live, and also come up with an idea to reclaim Queensland's greatness. The girls' idea revolved around a State of Origin match gone wrong, resulting in New South Wales bombing Queensland with biological weapons, destroying our flora and fauna, and Queensland's recovery was linked to hosting another Expo.

The team worked very hard on their solution and demonstrated fantastic team work. Their efforts paid off, as they achieved Honours (runners-up) on the day. Well done, girls! Also, thank you to all of the parents for their support of the girls.

# HEALTHY KIDS FOR LIFE

## Oral Health

### Brushing and Flossing

- ✚ Regular toothbrushing and flossing help protect teeth from decay and gum disease
- ✚ Teeth should be brushed at least twice a day (after breakfast and before bed)
- ✚ Use a soft bristled toothbrush with a small head, and fluoride toothpaste
- ✚ Toothbrushes should be replaced every three months or when bristles appear worn or shaggy
- ✚ Floss your teeth once a day prior to brushing
- ✚ Flossing may be difficult at first, however with practice becomes easy
- ✚ Visit [www.health.qld.gov.au/oralhealth](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/oralhealth) or call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) for confidential health advice 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

For further information on how to enjoy the internet safely, visit the Australian Communications and Media Authority web site at:  
[www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au)

### Volleyball Update

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts. We are aiming to raise \$6000 to cover the cost associated with participating in the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup Competition in Melbourne in December this year.

So far we have raised \$1000 through a car wash, lucky squares and Bundy Rum raffle.

### Winners of the lucky squares

#### Pink Squares

1 <sup>st</sup>	Number 10	Paige Mallett
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Number 56	Rachel Briggs

#### Orange Squares

1 <sup>st</sup>	Number 62	Mark Allen
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Number 94	Elaine Maguire

### Upcoming events

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Training Day run by Kevin Howard (QLD Volleyball)
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Gladstone Competition
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	QLD Juniors Schools Cup Brisbane
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Fundraiser – Car Wash

**LOOK OUT MOURA!**  
**ELVIS is Coming!**  
Hosted by Ex Aussie Cricketer  
**Len Pascoe**

With *David Cazale* as Elvis!  
**Saturday 24 October**  
**Kianga Memorial Hall**  
Showtime 8pm! Doors Open 6pm!

**Tickets \$40 each includes Meal**

**On Sale Now!**  
**At Culture Shack!! 49 972118**  
**TABLES OF 10 AVAILABLE!**  
**Hurry! Tickets selling fast!**

*Raffles! Multidraw!*  
*Lucky Door! Prizes Galore!!*  
Come on Moura Grab Your Mates!  
Put on Your best Pink  
Bits and your Y-Fronts and support  
this worthy cause!  
IF YOU LOVED OUR PINK NIGHT! YOU'RE GOING  
TO LOVE THIS!!!!

Brought to you by 'Moura Community Champs'  
**Proudly supporting Breast & Prostate Cancers**

### FOR SALE

Pure Bred Dorpa Stud  
Ram from the Ag Farm.  
Please contact the school office  
for any enquiries.  
Ph 49975888

