Principal's Message

Harmony Day
Moonbi Public School will celebrate Harmony Day on Friday 20th of March. This is a day when we remember and celebrate our cultural diversity and show cultural respect to everyone who calls Australia home.

The children are to wear “mufti,” either their national costume or orange clothing (symbolising harmony).

Easter
Coming up soon is our annual Easter Hat Parade. This year, our parade will be held on the last day of term, Thursday 2 April. For parents who are new to our school I have included a few relevant details in this newsletter so that you are aware of how it works.

Each year we have an Easter Hat Parade at school. Hats should be made at home ready to be brought to school that day.

The parade will commence at 10.00am followed by our Special Assembly and lunch. Parents and grandparents are invited up to see the parade and bring a picnic lunch to share with their children/grandchildren. Our picnic will be from 11am – 12 noon. We look forward to seeing lots of parents and grandparents here on the day.

ANZAC Day 2015
As most of your children will be able to tell you, this year commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli Campaign and the birth of the term ANZAC. To mark this significant event we would like to prepare something special and personal for our ANZAC service. We are planning to create a slide show which we will show during the service which will include photos of those service men and women who are relatives of the Moonbi Public School Community. If you would like to contribute to this please email a photo of your serving relative stating their name and rank and where they served. Also a small snapshot of your child/children to show the connection. Email to moonbi-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

What's On? Upcoming events

Week 8 Term 1 2015
Wednesday 18 March
Round 2 Small Schools Cricket
Knockout Soccer training 3.30-4.40pm
P&C AGM 6pm Old Staff Room. General meeting will follow

Thursday 19 March
Student Banking visit

Friday 20 March
HARMONY DAY
Awards Assembly 2.30pm

Week 9 Term 1 2015
Wednesday 25 March
Knockout Soccer training 3.30 – 4.40pm

Friday 27 March
Outback Sketch Scripture presentation


KIDS FOR KIDS ASSEMBLY
Awards Assembly 2.30pm

Week 10 Term 1 2015
Monday 30 March
K/1 excursion

Wednesday 1 April
Knockout Soccer training 3.30-4.40pm

Thursday 2 April
Easter Hat Parade – 10.30am

Awards Assembly

School Drop off area and Parking at School
School Parking will be an ongoing hazard unless everyone agrees to keep our kids safe. It is not appropriate for parents to park illegally and tell children to leave the car and go to class. Our school has more than enough perimeter parking to allow parents to park and see their child to the classroom or securely inside school gates. It may take a few extra minutes but students enjoy a calm start to the day and parents can confidently go about their day knowing their child is safely on school property. We have had a couple of near misses and due to increase number of school families we all need to take extra care!
Parking bays are located in Charles Street, opposite the front gate area. Please park in marked parking areas within the carpark and keep access (drive thru) areas clear. This carpark is designed as a one way area only. When leaving the carpark, please do so from the ‘top’ end (closest to Wellington Street).

School area speed zones apply to our entire school block.

Wellington Street is predominantly used for parking by the staff and should be kept as clear as possible. The area around the gate area is also our designated Bus Zone and must be kept clear at all times. Students should not be dropped off/picked up in this area.

In the interest of safety, please remember when parking around the school fence to park rear to kerb.

Busy Beehive Canteen

Only a few weeks remaining of this term, Easter is upon us. We must have all been having so much fun, as the time has really flown.

Busy Bee Volunteers this week: Mrs Robertson & Ms Abbott

With the P&C AGM tonight and the possibility of a new Canteen Supervisor, I would like to take this opportunity to Thank everyone that has assisted in anyway with canteen not only over the last twelve months but for the last 14years. It has been an absolute pleasure to serve so many wonderful children such healthy, good for you food.

If you are considering assisting or taking on the role as Canteen Supervisor then please come along to the meeting this evening.

Canteen Supervisor - Kim Kelly

P&C News

AGM TONIGHT AT 6PM - OLD STAFF ROOM MOONBBI SCHOOL

On behalf of the P&C Committee, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support and for their commitment to our lovely school over the time of their tenure. We will see many changes tonight as new Executive Members are required. Please come along and show your interest. We have a strong community base which supports our school whole heartedly and it would be good to see this continue. The P&C is YOUR P&C, you need to support and commit to it so as your students can continue to be supported in their learning. Being an active member of your P&C can be very rewarding.

We encourage and look forward to seeing you all this evening.

Thank you
Mrs Kim Kelly - Acting President

P&C Report

Bunnings BBQ

A huge thank you to David & Justine George, Stuart Robertson, Penny Foster, Katie Abbott and Kathleen Harris for helping us with the BBQ at the weekend. Giving up your Sunday to help our school was very much appreciated.

Annual General Meeting & Next General Meeting

Our AGM will be held tonight, Wednesday, 18 March 2015, at 6.00pm in the old staff room (followed by our regular monthly meeting).

The following positions will be declared vacant at the AGM:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer
- Clothing Pool Supervisor
- Clothing Pool Assistant
- Canteen Supervisor
- Canteen Committee
- Student Banking Officer
- Student Banking Assistant
- Fundraising Committee

If you wish to nominate for any of the above positions, please attend the AGM in person, or alternatively put your nomination and acceptance in writing and submit it to the Secretary, Adele Forsyth, by the end of today. A ‘word of mouth’ nomination cannot be accepted.

If you are not currently a member of our P&C and wish to vote at the AGM please be aware that your membership must have been submitted and paid by the close of last month’s meeting.

If you are an existing P&C member you will be eligible to vote but your membership fee will be due and payable at the AGM on Wednesday, 18 March 2015.

As Kim and I will be vacating our positions tonight we would like to wish the new Executive Committee all the best and to thank the Moonbi Public School community for your support over the years we’ve been involved. We encourage everyone to become involved in your P&C in some way as it is a very satisfying and rewarding experience...plus your kids will LOVE you for it!!

If you are new to our school please feel free to come along and see what goes on. Everyone is more than welcome to join us and encouraged to attend as we are always happy to see new or familiar faces®.

Remember, all the money we raise goes back to improving our kids’ education and resources.

Adele Forsyth P&C Secretary Kim Kelly (acting)
**Clothing Pool**

Our winter order will be placed tomorrow, please come and see me at school in the morning if you require any winter items.

I am usually available at school Thursday mornings or Wednesday, Thursday, Friday afternoons by appointment only.

Clothing pool has a variety of second hand uniform items that are always available, prices vary on condition. You can contact me on 67605218 or 0429445253.

Please be aware that limited new uniform items are on hand in clothing pool so please try to order when an order form is being run to avoid students’ disappointment.

Clothing Pool Supervisor – Penny Foster

**Student banking**

Tomorrow at 10am, we are fortunate to have Jessi from the Commonwealth Bank in Tamworth coming for a visit. Parents and family are welcome to come.

Whether it’s for the latest craze in computer games, for a new bike or just for a rainy day, we all know it’s never too early for our kids to start learning about the benefits of budgeting and saving.

Banking day is Thursday. If you do not have a Banking day magnet please see me in the office on Thursday mornings.

Keep smiling, Lisa Madden School Banking Coordinator

**Moonbi-Kootingal Junior Cricket Club**

Moonbi- Kootingal Cricket news, Saturday 14/03/15

Saturday’s match saw Moonbi-Kootingal play an exciting match against a Peel-Valley. Moonbi-Kootingal won the toss and and Captain Ben Webster elected to field.

The Peel Valley batting line-up faced a strong Moonbi-Kootingal bowling attack but we were unable to capture vital wickets. Peel Valley posting 2/146. Ben Webster (1/4) was the best of the bowlers. Moonbi-Kootingal batted very well with all players getting runs on the board or not out. 146 was always going to be a difficult total to run down and our team fell short at 4/87. Laura George batted well for 21 retired. Jack Howard has become a regular opening batsman retiring again for 5 runs. Guransh Mahija batted well for 10 retired.

Brendon and Harry kept the wickets very well and give all bowlers encouragement with their glovework. Hermani and Jemma-Rose and Matt have all shown a massive improvement in the season. Well done to all on the weekend.

Thanks to all the supporters who assist with scoring, umpiring and keeping the team organised. It is very much appreciated.

Training on Thursdays at 4pm until 5.30pm.

The Moonbi-Kootingal Junior Cricket club are still recruiting for this season and next season. We are looking at teams in all ages from Under 9 through to Open players. I look forward to hearing from students that would like to play. Please contact me 0402356245

Thanks to Moonbi school for the way the field has been turned out each week. The quality of the outfield ensures a safe and fun morning is enjoyed by both teams.

David George – Coach

Come along and have some fun playing the great game of cricket