From the Principal

2016 PRIORITIES
At the beginning of each school year, using student and school performance data from previous years, we identify key learning areas for our school to prioritise, to ensure we continue to improve student learning outcomes. For 2016 we have identified one key priority as our school focus for this year. This priority is broken down into two specific areas of focus:

Ensuring every student is literate, numerate, curious and connected to the world around them.

To achieve this, our sharp and narrow improvement focus is:
• Consolidation of our Reading and Writing Programs
• Spelling improvement for EVERY student

We will focus our research based teaching and learning programs, identified resources and expertise into these key priority areas. Your support with providing feedback in regards to your child’s performance and development, academically and emotionally would be greatly appreciated as the year progresses and our strategies are employed.

Our MORAL PURPOSE remains the same as last year and is our absolute
FEEDBACK REGARDING SCHOOL RELATED PROCESSES
As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, the staff and Administration team at MSS operate with an open door policy. I often receive feedback from parents and the wider community around programs operating within our school, that are working well, as well as feedback regarding programs that could be improved. Providing this feedback is an essential part of our school improvement journey. If you have feedback regarding our school, please take the opportunity to call, email or meet with school staff. I am always open to conversation around improving our school as well as open to providing parents with information around how school programs operate. Thank you for your support of our school.

KANGAROO GULLY CAR PARK UPDATE
The Kangaroo Gully Road car park will close for parking on Monday 21 March due to renovations. This is the last week of Term 1 (with Friday being a public holiday). We envisage that the work will take between 3 and 5 weeks. This will be dependent on the weather and other variables. We have worked hard to ensure there is as least disruption to our school community as possible during the renovation period. The good news is that, early in Term 2, we will have a new car parking facility.

BRINGING TOYS TO SCHOOL
It is important to remind students and families that toys are not permitted at school. Experience tells us that toys get lost, stolen or broken and end with unhappy children. Please discuss this with your children, reminding them that this is our school rule. We have enough equipment at school for students to use at break times. Thank you for your support of this.

EVERY Student, EVERY Day – LEARNING and ACHIEVING
Mr Darren Marsh
Principal

150 Year Celebrations
ORDERS
Don't forget, all souvenirs are available to order at any time. Julie & Lori in the office have copies of the order forms or you can download them by following the links below or going on the school website. Orders will be collected and processed weekly.

Souvenir Ad
Souvenir Order Form
History Book Order Form

Thank you.

From the Deputy Principal
GOTCHAS
GOTCHAS for week four went to:
• Molly of 1K for Being Responsible
• Christian M of 3R for Being Responsible
• Natarsha of 5-6H for Being Responsible
• Emily of 6C for Being Responsible (very helpful).
Great work! Keep up the good effort.

PEACE CODE FOCUS
This week our Peace Code focus is Find Help. Teachers are currently exploring this concept in relation to our four school rules. Please remind your children of the importance of this concept in your home conversations.

HOUSE CAPTAINS
Voting for House Captains occurred on Friday. I congratulate all candidates – a high quality group of students. Counting of votes has been finalised and the following students join our other School Leaders. Induction for House Captains and other School Leaders will take place on assembly on Monday, 29 February.

Apollo
Captain – Callum L and Chloe T
Vice Captain – Jake R and Laura K

Thor
Captain – Hunter R and Elly R
Vice Captain – Callum H and Sophie T

Pegasus
Captain – Cooper R and Grace R
Vice Captain – Liam G and Emma H

Mercury
Captain – Tyler A and Beth H
Vice Captain – Joe O and Phoebe D

The process for nomination and election of School Leaders is detailed in our School Leaders at Moggill Policy (SLaMP). Essentially the policy requires students to nominate in preference order for their leadership position. Students then provide a speech to their peers about why they should be elected to a given position and then students vote on a first past the post basis. Student Leaders can hold a MAXIMUM of two leadership positions.

All the best for week five.

Mr Paul Niner
Deputy Principal

From the P&C Association

MEETING
Wednesday, 24 February 7.00pm in the Resource Centre. All new agenda items, issues and reports to be sent to pandcsecretary@moggillss.eq.edu.au by Friday, 19 February. New members are welcome. Membership application forms will be available on the night.
AGM
Pre-notice for our AGM on Wednesday, 23 March. All memberships lapse and executive positions are vacated during this meeting. 2016 Membership forms will need to be presented to be reinstated at the meeting. Nominations are now being taken for executive positions. Contact pandcsecretary@moggillss.eq.edu.au for more information.

Thanks.
Helen Capern

Thank you
Thank you to IN THE PADDOCK Stockfeeds for donating the loan of hay bales for the 150 Year Bush Dance on Saturday 13 February. Your support of our school community is greatly appreciated.

Payments Due

IMPORTANT PAYMENTS DUE
NOW DUE  Prep Requisites  $120.00
NOW DUE  Mathletics 1-6  $ 10.00
NOW DUE  Special Art Prep-6  $ 10.00
NOW DUE  Reading Eggs Prep-2  $ 20.00
NOW DUE  Forest Kingdom Yr 1  $ 20.00
NOW DUE  Mission Earth Yr 3  $ 20.00
1 March  Canberra  $ 350.00
4 March  Swimming  $45.00

Important Payment Info

PAYMENT OF INVOICES
The school payment window will be open for receipting:-
8.15am to 9.30am           Monday to Friday
2.30pm to 3.30pm           Monday to Thursday
CLOSED                       Friday PM

PAYMENT OPTIONS
Cash/EFTPOS/Credit Card/BPOINT (Biller Code 1002534)

Bank Transfer to:  BSB:  064-152
Account No: 00090138
Reference: Student’s Surname & Initial

Please allow three working days for Bank Transfers and two days for BPOINT payments to reach the school account. If you have made online payments, permission slips and some proof of payment still needs to be returned to the school via the “All Returns” box located in the Administration foyer.

Thank you.
ADMIN

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**School Calendar**

**FEBRUARY**
- 24  Playgroup
- 24  P&C Meeting 7pm
- 28  Moggill Music Mania Instrumental Workshop
- 29  PEEC 3M

**MARCH**
- 1   PEEC 1H
- 2   PEEC 2/3P & 3R
- 2   Playgroup
- 3   PEEC 1K
- 7   PEEC 1M
- 7   PEEC 3L & 3B
- 8   PEEC 1W
- 14-16 Honours Choral Program
- 24  Easter Hat Parade 9.15-9.45am

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**Swimming Program**

**STARTING DATE**
Year 2 - 25/02/2016 (Week 5 in Term 1)
Years 1 and 3 - Week beginning 29/02/2016 (Week 6 in Term 1)

**VENUE**
Bellbowrie Pool – Students will travel by bus supervised by a Moggill SS Staff member.

**DETAILS**
The cost for swimming is $45.00. All permission slips should be in by now.
Payment is due vby March, 4.

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**Reminder - Running Club Info**

From next week (2 March), Running Club for students in Years P – 6 will change from Tuesday and Thursday mornings to **Wednesday and Friday**
mornings starting 8.00am.

Students are involved in a variety of running activities to assist in their preparation for the P – 6 School Cross Country taking place on Wednesday, 16 March (Week 8).

We are experiencing a great turn out of students with approximately 50 attending each session but there is always room for more!

Hope to see you there.

From the Music Room
FROM STRINGS

INSTRUMENTAL WORKSHOP DAY
All SENIOR STRINGS and SENIOR BAND students are reminded that our annual workshop day is on THIS SUNDAY 28 FEB.

The day begins at 11.00am sharp and will run until 3.00pm. It is a free dress day and all students need to bring is: instruments, music, stand (clearly named) and a water bottle. Subway lunch is provided.

This year, there is no concert so please arrange to collect your child at 3.00pm sharp. We have some wonderful tutors coming this year that we are sure the kids will love.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Ms Conomos or Mrs Randall before the day.

Mrs Randall

From the Sports Office

INTERSCHOOL SPORT
Interschool Sport trials began on Friday and coaches are in the process of finalising teams. The sports on offer are Netball, Soccer, Touch Football and AFL. In some sports, there have been a greater number of student’s trialling than positions available in that sport. Where students have missed out on selection in their preferred sport we have endeavoured to find positions for them in other sports.

Permission forms and payment details are expected to be forwarded home via students by the end of the week. Please note, students not participating in Interschool Sport will be involved in a variety of physical activities with the supervising teacher at school. Please see Mr Mitchell if you have any queries. Thank you.
RUNNING CLUB
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SPORTING SCHOOLS INITIATIVE
The ‘Sporting Schools’ initiative will continue at Moggill SS in 2016. This initiative offers students free access to a variety of sporting activities throughout the year. The Term 1 sports on offer will be Softball (Years P – 6) and Golf (Years 3 – 6). Softball will begin this Thursday, 25 February, with Golf beginning on Tuesday, 1 March. Each sport will take place on the bottom oval from 3.15 – 4.15pm and continue for 4 weeks. If you are interested in your child participating please register your child at the school office or with Jackie Wataman at the bottom oval on the afternoons outlined above. Please be aware that there are limited numbers available in each sport with Softball accepting up to 50 students and Golf accepting up to 30 students. Thank you.

MET WEST REGIONAL SWIMMING TRIALS
Best of luck at the Met West Swimming trials for our swimmers in the West Akuna Swimming Team. I'm sure you'll all be giving it your best effort.

Thank you.
Mr Mitchell (PE Teacher)

Well done!
Well done Kieran Lees who won the West Akuna Boys 10 yrs 200m Individual Medley!!

From the Resource Centre

LIBRARY MONITORS
Library monitors will receive their badges and hats on parade next Monday. The 2016 monitors are Emma Harvey, Lachlan Capern, Will Paynter, Oliver Ward, Harrison Asmar, Lachlan Edwards, Eva Allingham, Christina Isan, Elgar Maboudi, Jessica Matthews, Sarah Smeaton and Christopher Lee.

Library captains for 2016 are Harrison Asmar and Sarah Smeaton. They will be assisted by Jessica Matthews and Oliver Ward. Next meeting will be Wednesday 2nd break.
PREP
Prep have been learning ‘what reading looks like’ and practising saying their first and last name clearly. These skills are building readiness for borrowing later in Term 1.

Community Links Volunteer Program
Would you like to help around the school in some capacity? You might choose to help in the classroom or help out on Tuckshop. You may have gardening skills or an interest in the library. If you have a particular expertise that you would be willing to share with us, WE WANT YOU!

Existing and new volunteers are invited to come along to our first training session for 2016.

**Date: Monday February 29**

**Place: Resource Centre**

**Time: 2.00am–2.30am**

(if you have attended an induction session previously you will only need to attend for the first 10 minutes to up-date your annual workplace, health and safety training requirement.)

I look forward to catching up with existing volunteers and meeting our new recruits. Tea and coffee provided.

Louise Swann
Community Links Volunteer Program Coordinator
Teacher Librarian
lswan2@eq.edu.au

Enrichment Program
We have lots of enrichment activities up and running here at Moggill SS this term. The **Junior Science Explorer** program has started in the Media Room on Fridays and the Jnr Engineers program is off to a great start too, with a large group of our children moving to the computer lab this Tuesday after school to start working on their computer coding skills. Please contact Jnr Engineers or Jnr Science Explorers directly if you’d like to join.

A number of our children will be attending **Brainways programs** at Corinda State High School this week. They’ll be exploring things like mathematical problem solving and functions, creative and persuasive writing and probability.
Our CGEN team starts rehearsals in a couple of weeks’ time and we’re all very excited! We also have a number of children attending auditions for “featured artist” roles this week. We wish them luck with their auditions. If you’re a CGEN parent and you’re not sure what’s happening, maybe you aren’t receiving my emails! Email me at kwhit22@eq.edu.au and I’ll make sure you’re up to date.

Finally, our new Moggill Thinkers Challenge is here, and it’s a fun one. The challenge this month is to imagine what Moggill State School will be like in another 150 years’ time. All students are welcome to participate, and can present their “imaginings” in any way they like. This might be a diorama, model, sketch, multi-media presentation or diary entries. I hope the children let their imaginations run free.

See the information sheet HERE for more details. I can’t wait to see what our clever Moggill SS children create.

Kathy Whitefield
Enrichment Program Coordinator
Kwhit22@eq.edu.au

Chappy Corner

Thank you for the wonderful donations of stationery towards the KITS FOR KIDS project. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

There are a LARGE NUMBER of unnamed jumpers in lost property. They have been lovingly washed by our cleaning staff and are ready for collection. PLEASE check the containers next to the lost property bin from tomorrow for clean jumpers.

If there are any parents who would like help to manage the lost property bin please let me know. The role would entail weekly checks of the lost property bin and returning all named items to the class.

A reminder of our monthly morning tea on FRIDAY 4th March to celebrate WOMENS day. Please join us in the hall meeting room after school drop off. We have a fabulous guest speaker sharing inspirational stories about the difference women can make in the world.

Niki Durrheim
School chaplain

From the LOTE Room

LOTE FOR 2016

I would like to welcome everyone to the 2016 LOTE Program. We are finally able to kick off the National Curriculum for Languages this year and I am very excited about this initiative!
It is also fantastic that in 2016 Yr 3 students will be able to have a taste of the Japanese language and will study with me once a week. I am one lucky Sensei!

Students in Yr 5 and 6 will learn how to introduce themselves, using simple Japanese language. They will also be talking about “Names”. Do you like your name? What does your name mean? Things like that will also be discussed in simple forms of Japanese. Similar to Australia, in Japan there is a trend in “naming”. Popular names at times change with each era. Children will learn how to compose simple sentences, how to pronounce each word correctly and this will be aligned with learning how to read Hiragana characters. Yr 3 and 4 students will learn various cultural themes and do hands on activities in these areas.

LOTE CLUB
I am pleased to welcome more than 30 students to LOTE Club this year. It is very exciting to see so many students wishing to participate. We have already started to plan for the World Harmony Day Celebration. We will get together two times a week during our lunch breaks. It will be a fun year ahead!

Thanks.
LOTE Rowswell Sensei

Pathways to Peace
PATHWAYS TO PEACE®: LEADERSHIP
Last week, I had the pleasure of working with the Grade 6 students and their teachers. The aim was to prepare the Grade 6’s for a role as Peacemakers. Last year, the Grade 6 Leadership Group was challenged to become Peacemakers in the playground particularly working with the Prep and Grade 1 students. They were very successful. The hope, this year, is that the role can be extended to a greater number of students.

Good leaders are good communicators; they are good listeners; they are good role models for others; above all, they empower others to be the best they can be. They are good Peacemakers!

Last Tuesday, two sessions were devoted to Team Exercises. In groups of ten, the students were challenged to perform a series of exercises. Some were more difficult than others; all were completed under strict (and short!) time limits. The pace was relentless (as was the heat!) and teams had to learn quickly how to co-operate and work together to complete the exercises.

Throughout Teams were encouraged to support and encourage one another (Care for myself and others), take risks in their problem-solving (Be brave), to communicate effectively (Speak kindly) and, above all, to stick together even when things were difficult (Be a Peacemaker). There was no time for arguments, for recriminations if things went wrong or for blame if things did not work out as they should.

The sessions offered Staff an invaluable opportunity to see not only how well (or otherwise) the Teams performed under pressure, but also which students
stood out as potential leaders—and there were many.

Dr Simon Petrie

Staff Profile

“FIVE MINUTES WITH DI GRIFFITHS”
One of our Yr 2 Teachers

Where do you enjoy holidaying?
Yeppoon

What is your favourite book?
*George’s Marvellous Medicine*

What is your favourite children’s movie?
*Peter Pan*

What is your favourite sport?
*Hockey*

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?
*Reading*

What is your favourite food?
*Anything with potato*

What is your favourite school subject?
*Geography*

If you could go anywhere in the world right now, where would you go?
*France*

What quote do you live your life by?
*Good manners cost you nothing, but they can get you a long way.*

What is the best piece of advice you have received?
*Never give up – and smile!! 😊*
From the Uniform Shop

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
Monday 2.30pm-3.30pm
Thursday 8.00am-9.30am

Have a great week!
School Banking

Big Hello to Everyone,

My name is Stacie Puru and I am the NEW School Banking Coordinator. I am very excited to be given this role in our awesome school and would like to acknowledge Leisha Bennett for her help and support to help me fulfil this role. I would also like to acknowledge all the work her and her team has done in establishing and maintaining the School Banking Program. Next week I will publish information about School Rewards, Tokens and new accounts, but by all means please feel free to contact the school office or myself if you have any enquiries.

• School Banking is now THURSDAY.
• School Banking Information Packs are available at the office

Last but not least I would like to extend a warm welcome to any parents or guardians who would like to give their free time for processing the banking on Thursday to please contact me or the school office. Any help will be greatly appreciated and I look forward to meeting you all.

Have a great rest of the week & happy banking kids!! :)

Stacie Puru
School Banking Coordinator
Mobile: 0422 121 969

From OSHC

Do you require Before or Afterschool Care?
At Moggill OSHC we provide a range of activities for your children to enjoy, including Homework Club. Spaces are filling fast. Please see the Staff at the OSHC building to collect an enrolment form or click here to get an online copy. Only two more weeks until our Vacation Care program will be out.

We are looking for a food extraordinaire to cook meals during vacation care. This is a paid position and the hours will be between the hours of 8.30am
From the Tuckshop

Let’s just say that the last week was full of surprises. I am sure most of you are aware that there have been some nasty bugs around lately, with many sick children. This has, as a flow on, left the Tuckshop a little short staffed. Friday especially was a less than shining day, with delays as a result of equipment failure beyond our control. Apologies to all the children who had to wait for orders, or had little mixups, but I’m sure you understand that we can only do our best.

I wish to personally thank the gorgeous Ms Walter who can whip up a mean sandwich in lightning speed, Mrs Taylor who just jumps in behind the counter without a thought, Mrs Hedges, another lovely teacher, I am looking forward to meeting again (to find out her name. I’m so sorry) and Mrs Sullivan who also came to the rescue so we could get everything out for second break and open the counter. Oh, I almost forgot my two super Grade 6’ers who did a fab job helping pack the boxes. Again, I wish I knew your names, you are certainly shaping up to be beautiful young people.

RED SPOTS ON TUCKSHOP BAGS – MEAN ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED

A number of children have not collected their lunch items from the Tuckshop. Please be sure that your children understand that some things cannot be delivered to the classrooms, such as hot milo, smoothies, plain milk, icecreams etc. If this is the case, there will be a red spot placed on the child’s lunch bag to let them know to go and collect the item. If your child thinks they are missing something, please encourage them to come and see me, I can then make sure everything is ok.

SUSHI ORDERS

Yummy Sushi is available Thursdays. Remember that the cutoff is 9am Wednesday.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – PLEASE COME AND JOIN US!

We have some wonderful ladies lined up to help us out in the Tuckshop this year, but still we need more – as you can see we have quite a few gaps in our roster and we really need the help if you can spare a little time. Even if
you can be a standby helper, your efforts will be greatly appreciated. The Tuckshop is a warm (literally), friendly and fun place to hang out with other Mums (or Dad's) and help deliver this important service for our children. We need 3 people on Wednesday, 4 on Thursday and 5 on Fridays. We especially could use some afternoon people if you can't do a full day, especially on Thursday and Fridays.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR TERM 1 WEEK 6 & 7

Wednesday 2nd March
Anne Sennitt
Chris Moncrief (am)
Claire Pitcher

Thursday 3rd March
Sarah Pye (am)
Jo Hamilton
Help needed!

Friday 4th March
Nadine Eisemann (am)
Alix Munce (am)
Melanie Smeaton (am)
Corrinne Tristram

Wednesday 9th March
Sheruza Uduman (am)
Kirsty Hull
Tanya Gallagher

Thursday 10th March
Sarah Pye (am)
Jo Hamilton
Help needed!

Friday 11th March
Nadine Eisemann (am)
Corrinne Tristram
Denis Burton
Jasmine Wood

If you are unable to make it for your allotted time, please text me on 0408 767 263

A big thank you to Fran, from our local Brumby’s Bakery for her continued and generous support. Let me also introduce the super Brad, from the local Greengrocer’s Pantry who is now kindly supporting our little Tuckshop as well. Shop Local!

Warm regards,
Lisa Plunkett
Tuckshop Convenor
Phone: 07 3202 0409
Email: mssstuckshop@gmail.com
From the Community

BELLBOWRIE KINDY
Bellbowrie Kindergarten has a vacancy becoming available in Group A. This group attends Kindy between 8:30am & 2:30pm Mondays, Tuesdays and alternate Wednesdays during school terms. If you have a Kindergarten aged child (born 1 July 2011 – 30 June 2012) and you would like more details about the vacancy, contact the team by phone: 3202 6626 or email: bellbowriekindyl@iinet.net.au

JUNIOR AFL
“Moggill Mustangs”
Australian Football Club
Training Venue: Bellbowrie Sports and Rec. Club
Season Preparation Starts Now 12th Feb
We welcome you to join The Team
Have a go/try it out Friday
Training times Friday 5-6pm
Girls Welcome

Age Groups include:
• 5-6yr olds NAB Auskick Program $70
• Under 6 (Follows on from NAB AUSKICK)$95.00
• Under 8 (Modified Rules –min contact)$95.00
• Under 9 (Modified Rules)$195.00
• Under 10 (Modified Rules)$195.00
• Under 11 (modified Rules)$200.00
• Under 12-17 coming soon

For Expressions of Interest and Club Sign on contact:
The President - Richard Pidgeon
M: 0477 346 759
E: President@moggillmustangs.com