Sporting Successes

Our focus on learning and achieving every day is not limited to the classroom, but also extends to offering a wide range of sporting activities for students to participate in. At Moggill State School we are proud of our sporting success, not only at school, but also at West Akuna, MetWest and State championships levels.

A heartfelt congratulations is offered to all the Moggill State School students who have participated in and achieved successful results in their chosen sports! So far this year we have had great success in swimming with our team winning all three West Akuna trophies - being the first school in our district to achieve this! Our cross country team also finished second at the district carnival – our best achievement yet. We have had students represent the Met West sporting region in cross country, football, rugby league, tennis, touch football, rugby union and AFL.

Our budding sports stars are offered a range of activities at our annual sports days and this year, for the first time in 25 years, Pegasus were the Senior Sports Day winners! We are also part of the Australian Sporting Commission’s Sporting Schools Initiative (offering a choice of different sports and expert coaching every term). Our children also successfully participate in other competitions such as karate, golf, cricket, and QFA fencing where students have recently received outstanding results.

Senior Canberra Camp

The Canberra Tour has been a tradition at Moggill State School for many years and is educational in many ways – not only in terms of learning about the history of Australia and its government, but also our nation’s significant participation in international politics.

This year we were fortunate to meet Tom Edgar, Captain of the Australian Volleyroos at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) as well as being privileged with a candid and inspiring interview with the current Australian Governor-General, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove, at Government House.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the readers of the first community edition of our school newsletter, Moggill Matters. We plan to publish an edition of this community newsletter each semester.

Moggill State School is a school with strong community values providing excellent opportunities for our students and community to come together and celebrate learning. Our utmost priority is to ensure that every student is literate, numerate, curious and connected to the world around them. With the help of a fantastic teaching team and school support staff, parents and the wider community, I believe that we are providing our students with a variety of opportunities to help achieve this goal.

Each week, we publish our school newsletter Moggill Matters to celebrate milestones in our learning and school’s journey. Through this community newsletter, we would like to share with the entire community our school’s successes and achievements.

At Moggill State School, our focus is on providing needs based learning programs and intervention strategies to encourage student improvement, maximise achievement and ensure that every student, every day is learning and achieving.

I firmly believe we can and do offer something of extra value for the children at Moggill – providing opportunities for our children to develop into lifelong learners who are curious, committed and contributors to our society and the world around them.

I trust that you enjoy reading about the great things that have been happening at Moggill State School so far this year.

Mr Darren Marsh
Principal

Still to come in 2016...

It has been a busy year so far, but there is still so much our school and community have to celebrate. Keep an eye out for these events:

Term 3

West Cent Music Camp – 25-29 July
Mogganza – 6 August
Dance Fever – 9 August
Ekka Show Holiday – 10 August
Optiminds – 28 August
Prep Info Open Day – 7 September

Term 4

Queen’s Birthday Holiday – 3 October
Day for Daniel – 28 October
Year 5 Camp – 31 Oct – 4 November
Junior Concert – 29 November
Senior Concert – 30 November
Year 6 Graduation – 6 December

What’s on in the School Hall...

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Moggill State School Celebrates 150 Years!

Moggill State School opened its doors on 12 February 1866. This year we are celebrating our 150th anniversary.

At the end of last year, to raise awareness of our school’s upcoming year of celebrations, the 150th Year Planning Committee hosted a trivia night with over 200 community members participating in a fun evening.

On Friday 12 February of this year, we held our Heritage Day to celebrate 150 years at Moggill State School, and to learn about how things may have been 150 years ago. We commenced celebrations dressed for school in colonial clothing and participated in a range of 19th century activities throughout the day. The following day our celebrations continued with the wider community invited to join us for our 150th Year formal ceremony and heritage trail around the school, finishing with an evening of bush dance for everyone to come together and celebrate. The festivities continued on Sunday with a breakfast for past and present staff and students held at the Bellbowrie Tavern. We concluded the weekend of celebrations with a church service at St Michael's Anglican Church, which was the original Moggill State School building.

On Friday 17 June it was time to again bring the community together with the school hosting a magical Arts Evening in our school hall. There was plenty of delicious food and wine for all, with highly entertaining performances from Moggill State School’s very own Strings, Band and Choir. This was a wonderful showcase to the community of the talent our students have. Students also showcased pieces of visual art they had been working on for the evening.

We were privileged to host the launch of "Moggill State School – Celebrating 150 Years" written by Professor Neville Marsh at the Arts Evening. Documenting the official school history this wonderful book is available for sale either through the school website or at Mogganwa where other memorabilia will also be on sale.

These celebrations all lead up to this year’s Mogganwa which is being held at the school on Saturday 6 August. This year Mogganwa will be bigger than ever with rides, show bags, a great range of stalls including books, plants and tasty food, raffles, face painting, games, 150 Year Souvenirs, Lego competition and of course – Kiss the Pig. But that’s not all, this year at Mogganwa there will be a fireworks spectacular to conclude the celebrations. Be sure to come along and join in the celebrations which start at 11 am.

Our Improved Facilities

Thanks to the amazing support of our hardworking P&C, our school continues to make facility improvements. From the terracing and upgrade of the oval, to the resurfacing of the Kangaroo Gully Car Park. Currently we are working on plans for a new toilet and change-room block for the school hall.

Awesome Academics!

Our curriculum incorporates a rounded approach to teaching and learning and includes tailored strategies to cater to all students, from highly capable learners, through to those needing a little extra help. We believe in providing as much opportunity to learn as possible and offer a range of school based and extra-curricular activities to support all student needs. Aside from classroom teaching, we also offer life experience through excursions and school camps where students learn a range of valuable life skills. Moggill State School provides students with a number of pathways to be and do their best.

A few of the programs students have participated in so far this year:

- **Moggill Thinkers** – A challenge open to all students encouraging them to investigate a topic and present their findings to the school community. This year’s challenge was “What will Moggill SS be like in another 150 Years?” - Students were able to present their ‘imagining’s as a diorama, model, sketch, multi-media or diary entry.
- **STEM Club** – Our Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Club enjoy problem solving and discovering why and how things work.
- **Queensland Academies Partnership Program** - An extra-curricular program offered to senior students who are highly capable. Young Scholars is a combination of online coursework and workshops at the QA Toowong Campus.
- **Optimands Challenge** - Team based problem solving program which encourages students to think, create and communicate to compete against teams from other participating schools.
- **Creative Generation** - Queensland’s largest youth performing arts event where all the Department of Education and Training provides students with the opportunity to work with professional mentors, culminating in a fantastic concert event.
- **ICAS** - International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an independent, skills-based assessment program which recognises and rewards student achievement. It provides assessment for IT, English, Maths, Science, Spelling and Writing.
- **Premier’s Reading Challenge** - An annual statewide initiative for state and non-state schools aimed at improving literacy and encouraging children to engage in reading for pleasure and learning.
- **Readers’ Cup Challenge** - Readers’ Cup is an annual event held at Brookfield State School where participating Year 6 students are required to read a set of five prescribed books, review them and then compete to answer five questions relating to the books.

Sweet Sounds of Music

Our talented kids have gone beyond academics and sports at Moggill State School this year. They have been engaged not only with competitive performances such as FANFARE, but also with community and charity performances. From our Junior Choir performing at the RSL Care Fairview - Pinjarra Hills Retirement Home to our Senior Choir dazzling the audience at the Lord Mayor’s Breakfast at Town Hall, performing an exquisite rendition of the National Anthem – our music program is boundless. We are proud to have had several successful applicants from our school attend the WESTCENT Honours Music Program this year as well as winning gold and silver at FANFARE, a state wide festival of bands and orchestras from Queensland state schools.

For the first time this year we offered students the opportunity to participate in the Department of Education and Training’s Creative Generation spectacular at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. The performance by more than 1700 State School students was spectacular! Continuing our history of success, we will also be attending MusicFest at Centenary State High School where our instrumental teams have won numerous awards in previous years.

This year we have established a Moggill State School Community Choir. This choir consists of school staff, parents and members of the wider community. They rehearse every Monday morning from 8.00am in the music block. So far the group has performed at our school ANZAC Service and our 150 Year Arts evening. Anyone interested is welcome to come along.

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Moggill State School 2016 Educational Priorities

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