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2 February 2017

## From the Principal

I would like to extend a huge warm welcome to the start of the 2017 school year, to all of our new and old families. We have had a very smooth start to the year and this reflects the dedication of our fabulous staff who have put a huge amount of effort into preparing their programs and their classrooms so that the student engagement into learning is initiated from the very first day. Let me take this opportunity to welcome the 12 new staff members who have joined our school community:

- **Karen Herburg** (Deputy Principal P-2)
- **Lisa Crocker** (Guidance Officer)
- **Craig Caswell** (Year 6 Teacher)
- **Cathy Silva** (Year 6 Teacher)
- **Meredith Inkster** (Year 4 Teacher)
- **Carly Miller** (Year 3 Teacher)
- **Grace Eastley** (Year 2 Teacher)
- **Nikki Goodwin** (Year 2 Teacher)
- **Abby Rankin** (Year 2 Teacher)
- **Megan Allard** (S.T.E.A.M. Teacher)
- **Christopher Cann** (Special Ed Teacher)
- **Christy Aberley** (Special Ed Teacher)
- **Kylie Swan** (LOTE – welcome back)

Thank you all for making them feel so very welcome in their first week.

Please note – at the end of the school holidays, we were informed that Kristyll Hansen, the strings instrumental teacher, had resigned from EQ and found a position elsewhere. We are

currently searching frantically to replace her; however at this stage we do not have a replacement. We are hoping to fill the position in the next couple of weeks. We are working closely with our lovely Multi-Instrumental teacher, Louise Arthy, and she is including the string students in her program so that the enthusiasm and hard work is being catered for in our great Instrumental Music Program through continual engagement. Well done Mrs Arthy!!!

A special welcome to Mrs Bec Favotto who has taken on the Tuckshop Convenor role for Term 1 and Mr Brad Coogan who has taken on the interim role of P&C President until the 2017 AGM in March.

Once again we have 6 Prep classes and our little preppies have had a great start to their new school life as they are already old hands at lots of routines. The Year 1's slipped into "Big School" life very smoothly, thanks to the transition program that our Prep teachers run. It was great to see all the familiar faces on the first day of school and lovely to hear their happy voices singing out "Hello Mrs Wilson" followed by lots of stories about their holidays.

The Year 6 students moved smoothly into their final year of primary school and are busily preparing for their camp in Week 3. The school year started with all classroom teachers setting the parameters for engaging children with discussions of classroom management plans. Each year level has completed their class plan and will be sending them home for you to peruse. We ask that you read them with your child, sign them and send them back to their class teacher. Class newsletters are being sent out with more of the class specific information, so watch out for these! **Parent Information sessions will occur in Week 2 or Week 3** so look out for class notification re times as well.

Thank you to all those parents who have enabled their children to have the necessary school resources to start the year, by

paying the School Resource Scheme (SRS). This is a great scheme and one of the cheapest in the region. It really helps the class teacher with their organisation and learning procedures and is less stressful for the children when they all have the correct stationery and materials at hand. If you have not invested in this scheme please contact the office and arrange payment.

## Student leadership Badge Ceremony

The Student leadership Badge Ceremony will be held in our hall at 9am Tuesday 21 February. Badges and Certificates will be given to School Captains, Sports Captains and School Councillors. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Bell Times

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1:45pm	Playtime
2:05pm	End of Playtime
2:10pm	Start of Teaching Session
3:00pm	End of School Day

## School Dress Code

Every student at Morayfield East SS is required to wear the school uniform correctly every day. We are very proud of our school uniform and our students represent the school when they wear it.

All families have access to a copy of our school dress code which has been supported and passed by the Parents and Citizens Association of Morayfield East State School. (There is a copy attached to this newsletter.) As mentioned in previous newsletters last year we enforce this dress code as directed by law.

The uniform consists of:-

- Plain **maroon** unisex shorts or skorts with a school polo shirt (the shorts must not display brand names, motifs or logos, or cargo pants with side pockets)
- School Dress (ONLY available from uniform shop)

- **Black** lace or buckle vinyl or leather shoes OR joggers or runners with laces or velcro with short or sports socks only (white, maroon or black is preferable)
- **Slip on shoes are not permitted**

All of these items can be purchased from the Uniform Shop in the Tuckshop.

Our children wear the school uniform with pride and those parents who have attended assembly will attest to the fact that it does look fantastic. Thank you all those parents who have supported us in our endeavour to make our school culture a proud, successful and exciting place of learning.

## Our school EXPECTATIONS are:

- **I am a Learner;**
- **I am Respectful;**
- **I am Safe and Responsible**

### 1. Behaviour:

We have very high expectations for every student's behaviour which supports our safe; supportive and disciplined environment. At Morayfield East State School we respect the right for all students to learn; all teachers to teach and all to be safe.

### 2. Attendance:

At Morayfield East we strive for 100% attendance which means that students come to school every day unless they have an explained and reasonable excuse. We award certificates for individual student attendance and we award a pizza party for the class that has the best overall attendance per semester. We are currently reviewing other strategies to encourage 100% attendance.

And most importantly-

### 3. Learning:

Morayfield East SS is an excellent state school with a big team of dedicated staff.

Prior to school commencing this year, all staff worked together to build further their skills in reading to enhance our school Reading Program, engaged in professional development with Trent Savill who helped us understand the impact of trauma on children's behaviour and learning, as well as plan the learning activities for students in Term 1. Our teachers consistently demonstrate high expectations of all students; possess deep knowledge of learning areas; teach students in response to their specific needs and context and monitor student achievement.

To achieve the very best learning for every student; our collective commitment is to **ensure that every day in every classroom that every student is learning.**

This is a 10 week term which will go very quickly so let's work together to make every day count.

## Road Safety

With children returning to school after the holidays, and the Prep students commencing their schooling, it is extremely

important for drivers to stay alert and obey road rules, especially in school zones.

We ask that you take the time to educate your children in the basics of road safety, particularly children starting school for the first time. Parents should ensure children wear an approved safety helmet when riding a bike, always use pedestrian crossings, and stop to look before crossing the road.

Police are reminding drivers about the **40kmh 'school zone' speed limits**, which haven't been in force during the holidays. Police are also reminding motorists **not to double park; not to pull into 'no stopping' zones; not to drop children off on pedestrian crossings; and not to use mobile phones when driving.**

## Compulsory Prep Year – Information for all parents and carers

From 2017, it is compulsory for all Queensland children to undertake the Prep Year, prior to commencing Year 1. However, the compulsory school age defined in the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* has not been altered and remains as 6 years and 6 months. Therefore it is not compulsory for children to attend Prep in the year they are age eligible to do so (i.e. they turn 5 by 30 June that year).

The 'compulsory' component requires principals to ensure that all children engage in Prep prior to year 1. That is, if a child seeks enrolment and has not previously done prep or equivalent, they must be enrolled in Prep, even if they are year 1 age appropriate. (This does not apply to children already enrolled in year 1 for 2017).

Parents retain the right to delay their child's entry to Prep as the compulsory school age remains 6½ years. No formal documentation, assessment or approval is required for delayed entry to Prep. Principals do not make decisions on delaying a child's entry to Prep; this is at the parents' discretion. While some parents may choose to discuss their decision to delay entry with a principal, it is not necessary for them to do so.

When a child enrolls in Prep, the expectation is that they will attend full time. As the compulsory school age has not changed, the Failure to Attend processes (leading to possible prosecution) can only commence once a child has turned 6½ years of age.

**Julianne Wilson**  
**Principal**

**Attendance - TARGET 93% CURRENT RATE – 91.80%**

### Attendance Data

Our whole school target is 93% attendance.

### Week 1

Attendance - TARGET 93%					
Class	% Rate	Class	% Rate	Class	% Rate
PDE	94.67	1EW	92.5	2GE	94.02
PDS	96.5	1LH	91.3	2LB	97.73

Attendance - TARGET 93%					
PFF	98.44	1LT	92.61	2LS	91.3
PJB	98.96	1MW	96.59	2MF	98.37
PKC	96.2	1PY	96.02	2VM	96.02
PSP	98.5	1SF	96.59		

Attendance - TARGET 93%			
Class	% Rate	Class	% Rate
3CM	90.63	4CC	94
3KC	95.31	4LH	95.5
3LD	98.44	4LM	90.38
3MT	93.75	4MC	97.84
3RK	97.4	4MI	96

Attendance - TARGET 93%			
Class	% Rate	Class	% Rate
5BH	89.02	6CC	92
5DM	91	6CS	89.35
5JP	100	6PO	97.12
5PM	95.37	6SS	92.13
5WS	98.15	6TR	92.41

## Deputy Principal's Report

### Prep/1/2 - Deputy Principal News!

Welcome all families to the beginning of Term 1 2017. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all. My name is Karen Herburg and I am your new Deputy Principal working closely with Preps to Year 2. I have had a wonderful start here at Morayfield East State School and I am looking forward to getting to know staff, students and families as the term progresses. I am spending this term learning about the processes here at school and the support from the staff thus far has been incredible.

It is an exciting time for our Prep students this year as they have begun the transition to school. Our wonderful Prep teachers have been working extremely hard organising their classrooms and welcoming their new Prep students. They are settling in very well and look absolutely fantastic in their school uniforms. I look forward to seeing them make new friends, learn about new routines and watch them grow over this next year.

Our Year 1 and 2 teachers have also been very hard at work. It is always an exciting time of year to see our student's transition to the next year level; they look so grown up, making new friends and engaging in lots of new fresh learning. As the year progresses, your teachers and I will endeavour to keep you informed in our fortnightly newsletters and on our Facebook

page, about what is happening in our classes, as well as important dates such as excursions and events that come up each term.

Junior Assembly for Prep - Year 2 will be held every three weeks starting in Week 4 of this term. Parents/carers are more than welcome to come along, we love seeing you there and joining in.

Please come and say hello if you see me out and about, I will enjoy having a chat with the families who are part of this fantastic community that is Morayfield East State School. Again welcome students and families to our wonderful school community, and what will sure to be a fantastic term ahead!

**Karen Herburg**  
**Deputy Principal**

## Term Dates for School Assembly

School assemblies will all be held on **Fridays at 9am** this year. We have organised a roster each week starts this Friday. Please see the table below for this term's year levels:

Week	Date	Sector
Week 2	03/02/17	Year 5 & 6
Week 3	10/02/17	Year 3 & 4
Week 4	17/02/17	Prep to Year 2
Week 5	24/02/17	Year 5 & 6
Week 6	03/03/17	Year 3 & 4
Week 7	10/03/17	Prep to Year 2
Week 8	17/03/17	Year 5 & 6
Week 9	24/03/17	Year 3 & 4
Week 10	28/03/17	Whole School
Week 10	31/03/17	Prep to Year 2: Easter Parade

Parents are more than welcome to attend any assembly.

## Whole School Assemblies

The end of term whole school assemblies will continue this year in the last week of each term. The dates are as follows:

- Term 1:** Tuesday 28th March 9am
- Term 2:** Thursday 22nd June 9am
- Term 3:** Thursday 14th September 9am
- Term 4:** Tuesday 5th December 9am

## Bell Times in 2017

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## Focus for the first few weeks

It has been an exciting return to school after the Christmas break. All of the students in the year 3 and 4 classes have settled into the routines of their new classes. They have been very busy learning the new procedures for both inside and outside the classroom. New lunch areas and lining up spaces have been reassigned and should now be settled.

The students are also hard at work with the curriculum requirements for the year. Staff, other than the classroom teacher, work in most rooms across the school. So it is very possible that your child may have staff from our Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy, master teacher, or student support team as well as teacher aides in the rooms at various times throughout the day.

## QSchools Mobile App and Other DETE Apps

The department has created a range of free apps for use and download by the community. These apps can be downloaded from the following link:

<http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/index.html>

Families can keep up-to-date with the latest information from our school through the QSchools app. It's an easy way to find vital school information including events and newsletters. A brochure is available with this newsletter for more information.

## Morayfield East Website

The school website continues to be updated. If you have not visited recently you would now find a lot more information available, particularly under the Support and Resources tab. When the information here is updated a notification also appears in the Qschools App for Morayfield East.

<https://morayfieldeastss.eq.edu.au/>

## Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6 leadership camp is next week, Monday 6 Feb to Wednesday 8 Feb, at Emu Gully near Laidley. A reminder that students need to be at school at **7.30am** on Monday for roll marking so that the buses can leave on time. Students

will return to school at approximately 3pm on Wednesday afternoon.

Year 6 students who are not attending camp will be assigned work to complete in other classes in the school for the three days.

Year 6 teachers are meeting with parents at 3pm this afternoon (Thursday 2 February) to answer any last minute questions regarding camp.

### Year 5 Parent/Carer Information Session

Invitations have been sent home with each year 5 student to invite parents to attend Parent/Carer Information sessions with the classroom teachers on Wednesday 8 February from 8.15am in the classrooms.

### Early Arrival at School

It has come to our attention that some students are arriving at school very early of a morning. Some students are even arriving to a near deserted school ground before 7.30am. While there may be a couple of staff members and cleaning staff around at this time of day, there are no staff on duty to supervise students before 8.30am.

Students should not be arriving at school before 8.30am.

(Except students on a school bus – these few students will arrive with the known bus schedule and will be monitored. There are also times when some students are involved in music, sport or dance programs with a teacher that will some days begin as early as 8am).

It is a real safety concern for young children to be arriving so early at school and being left for an hour to an hour and a half before school begins. Staff will be on duty at 8.30am. Classes do not start until 8.50am. Arriving after 8.30am gives students plenty of time to catch up with their friends before classes begin. When students arrive at school they cannot play; they must sit in their designated places to quietly read or chat and should not move until class begins. Arriving early is not only a safety concern, sitting for so long isn't helping students start the day in a positive way.

Some parents work or have other reasons for dropping off students early. Helping Hands Outside School Hours Care operates at the school for your convenience and for your children's well-being and safety. If you need to drop children off at school before 8.30am please call them on 0438897804 or visit their website at the link below.

<http://www.helpinghandsnetwork.com.au>

In anticipation, we thank you for supporting these guidelines to ensure the well-being and safety of your children.

## Date Claimers

<b>6-8 February</b>	Year 6 Camp
<b>20 February</b>	P & C Meeting – 3.15pm everyone welcome
<b>21 February</b>	Senior Leadership Badge Ceremony

<b>8 March</b>	Meal Deal
<b>10 March</b>	Term 1 Disco
<b>20 March</b>	P & C AGM Meeting – 3.15pm everyone welcome
<b>28 March</b>	Whole School Assembly
<b>22 June</b>	Whole School Assembly
<b>14 September</b>	Whole School Assembly
<b>5 December</b>	Whole School Assembly

- Every 3rd Friday (starting 17 February) parade for Prep, Years 1 and 2 at 9.00am in the school hall. Everyone welcome
- Every 3rd Friday (starting 10 February) parade for Years 3 and 4 at 9.00am in the school hall. Everyone welcome
- Every 3rd Friday (starting 3 February) parade for Years 5 and 6 at 9.00am in the school hall. Everyone welcome
- Tea and coffee is provided at the Parent Café after our weekly 9.00am parade for all parents. Please come along and catch up on the school happenings

## News from the Office

### SMS text messages

At Morayfield East State School we have started to notify parents the day of your child's absence with a text message to all residential parents. Please ensure when you receive a text message you reply indicating your students name and the reason for their absence. This process allows us to make sure all absences are accounted for within our system.

If you have had a change to your contact details OR would like to confirm which parent will be receiving the text message please contact the school office on 5428 8444.

### CASUAL POSITION VACANT

A casual position exists for a Casual School Crossing Supervisor at Morayfield East State School, you may also need to relieve at other schools.

The School Crossing Supervisor **may** be required to work five days per week in all *weather conditions*. The hours of work for School Crossing Supervisors are normally 1.5 hours a day and usually comprise of one hour in the morning and ½ hour in the afternoon.

The successful applicant is dependent on:

- The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a Government Medical Officer or a duly qualified Medical Practitioner according to the guidelines in the "Notes for Medical Practitioner" on the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme – Health Assessment Form; and

- A Positive Notice Blue Card (This means you do not need to have a blue card to apply for the position)

Applicants are required to advise in writing of any charges that have been laid against them or any offence of which they have been convicted of.

Applications addressing the selection criteria as listed in the position description must be submitted in writing to the school.

If you are successful in your application for this position, you can only commence employment with Transport and Main Roads if you hold a current Blue Card or are renewing your Blue Card and have submitted either a Blue Card Application form or Authorisation to Confirm Current Blue Card form to the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian.

Address application to:

Private and Confidential  
The Principal  
Morayfield East State School  
Morayfield QLD 4510

Applications close at 3.00pm on 17 February 2017

For further information please phone the Road Safety on 07 54521829

## News from the Health Room

Dear Parents and Carers

If you require staff to administer medication to your child at school, please contact the school Health room on 54 288 446 in the first instance to discuss your child's requirements.

Please note, school staff will only administer medication that:

- has been prescribed by a qualified health practitioner (e.g. doctor, dentist)
- is in its original container
- has an attached pharmacy label

Health room staff will ask you to complete and sign Section 1 of the Administration of medication at school record sheet.

N.B. If your child requires more than one medication, you will need to complete a form for each medication.

Before you provide the school with your child's medication, check the expiry date to ensure it is in-date and there is enough for the agreed time period. It is also a good idea to take a note of the expiry date so that you can replace the medication before it expires.

Please note, school staff will not administer medication that you can buy over-the-counter at chemists and supermarkets (e.g. paracetamol, eye drops, cough syrup) unless it has been prescribed by your child's qualified health practitioner. For example, the school would administer paracetamol to a student only if it has been prescribed by their dentist to be taken for a short time after dental treatment.

School staff are bound by these regulations and we hope that all parents will acknowledge and cooperate with these rules.

It is safer for all students if you can provide medication to the school in person (rather than send medication with the student). If you can't provide the medication in person, contact the school to determine the easiest and safest approach for the school to receive the medication.

If your child's medication is no longer required to be kept at school, please collect all unused medication.

Thank you for assisting the school in keeping our students safe and healthy.

**Health room staff**

## Sports Report

Welcome all to another action packed year of sport at Morayfield East State School. My name is Mr Tony Messer and I am entering my 22nd year of teaching PE at this fantastic school. This year my office is located in Mod 8 so if you have any questions related to PE or sport please pop in for a chat before or after school.

### Inter School Sport

Our year 5/6 children participate in interschool sport in the form of Gala Days. Our first season will be played on March 24 (Friday week 9) and May 5 (Friday Term 2 week 3). Boys have the choice of rugby league or soccer and girls have the choice of AFL or softball.

Students will sign up this week for the sport they wish to play. Coaches will then begin selection trials which will include some training. This may take place at lunch-time or on Friday afternoon in sport time. Teams should be finalised by the end of week 5.

### Year 4 Sport Development

Our school is trialling a new initiative this year with our year 4 students. About 35 of the sporty children from year 4 will be invited to attend extra sport development classes in the last session on Thursdays. We will cover a variety of sports that are offered at interschool level in year 5/6. Participation will be conditional upon students behaviour and school work being satisfactory.

### Caboolture District Sports Trials

Each year we send a number of our more gifted sports stars off to Caboolture District and Regional Trials. Caboolture trials are usually held after school and it is the responsibility of parents to arrange transport to these. I will inform students of upcoming trials and they are asked to see me for more information. This year if you are attending Caboolture District trials there will be some paperwork to complete and be signed by the school before you can attend.

I will also post on the window of Mod 8 the notices of trials as they come to hand. District trials will also be listed in the newsletter so parents can keep an eye out for upcoming sports. Girls softball was scheduled for this week, February 1 & 2. The Caboolture District swimming trials will be held on February 15 (Wednesday night).

## Cross Country

Our Morayfield East State School cross country is scheduled for the last Wednesday of Term 1, 29 March. This involves all students. They will spend time in PE classes preparing for this event as it draws closer. Runner's club will also operate before school for years 3-6 to build some fitness. Runner's club begins in week 4 and will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

## Gym Club

Gymnastics is a popular part of our school physical education program. To further the development of skills in this area we are very fortunate to be able to offer a gymnastics club at school. Mr Paul McCarthy (year 5 teacher) is a highly qualified gymnastics coach and has volunteered to run this club. This will be run before school 8.00 – 8.45am, Tuesday and Thursday where year 5 & 6 students will be invited to practice in the hall.

Other year levels are at first break on Wednesday year 2 students, Thursday year 3 students and Friday for Year 4 students.

## Health Room

We have a number of students in our school with anaphylaxis. Over the coming weeks, teachers will be talking with their classes about how they can be a 'real mate'. Please see the attachment for further discussion with your child/ren at home. Please remember that if you have a child that requires regular medication at school or has a health condition, please contact Cath in the health room to manage this effectively.

## Student Support Services

### SEP

Welcome back to school everyone! Hope you had a great break and are all ready for a fabulous 2017. In addition to our fantastic teacher aides who all remain with us, we have some new SEP teaching staff this year whom some of you may have already met.....some coming from other schools and some from different areas in our school (Ms Gault). Mrs Mottlee returns this year and will job share with Miss Hurst mid-year when she returns from maternity leave.



Christy Aberley (P-2)

Cilla Gault (2/3)

Peta Mottlee (4/5)

Chris Cann (5/6)

In addition, we also have a new member of our team.....

### Envy

This is Envy, she is an Assistance Dog (in training) under the charge of Ms Gault. If you see Envy with her coat on, then she is 'working'. She has already made a big impression at Student Support Services.

