

# Principal notes...

## Moreton Downs State School Developing the Potential of Every Individual

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## CONGRATULATIONS

To our 2008 Student Leaders

School Captains – Zac Born, Monique Wilson

School Vice Captains – Jye Marsh, Chloe Munsie

Culture Captains – Justice Lockley, Ashley Burns

We are confident that they will be excellent leaders and good ‘ambassadors’ for the school.

## YEAR 7 GRADUATION NIGHT

Tonight is very special for the Year 7 students as they celebrate their graduation from Moreton Downs State School. We wish them all the best for the years ahead.



## SPORTS PARADE

Monday afternoon’s special ‘Sports’ parade was a tremendous celebration of the year’s successful sporting achievements.

## MUSICAL EVENING

Anyone who attended the recent Music concert at Hercules Road SS hall would agree that our students performed brilliantly. Such events highlight the opportunities provided to students to enrich their talents.

## SCHOOL MANTRA

During the October Pupil Free Day, staff revisited the school’s values and brainstormed a number of school ‘mantras’. After consultation with staff, the P&C and students’ consensus was reached on the following:

*‘We’re a team in a sea of green. Every child can ROAR’  
(Respect, Ownership, Achievement, Recreation).*

It builds on traditions with the ‘sea of green’ and reinforces aspects of the ‘You Can Do It’ program with its emphasis on Respect and YOYOB (You Own Your Own Behaviour).

It is timely to reinforce the school’s belief that we all ‘Own Our Own Behaviour’. Rather than blaming others or making excuses for behaviour, students need to learn to accept responsibility for their actions. When the school and parents work together to reinforce this, then children can learn this valuable lesson.

## PRIDE IN OUR UNIFORM

In the last newsletter, amendments to the dress code were listed. It has been pleasing to see parents supporting our uniform policy as the vast majority of students are wearing it with pride. Please remember that necklaces are not to be worn as some students are still wearing them to school.

**There is a clear expectation that all students will follow the dress code each day.**

## FAREWELL

As this is my last newsletter, I would like to thank you for your support during my short time here. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous contribution made by the P&C members and other parent helpers.

You can feel proud of your children and I have felt privileged to have had the opportunity to get to know them. Teaching and non-teaching staff show a commitment to the children and their genuine care, coupled with considerable expertise has created a very supportive environment for all.

I have enjoyed being part of this fabulous school and wish you all the best for the future.

Mike Woodward  
Acting Principal

*‘Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but the number of moments that take our breath away’.*

## VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

During the school holidays, the school grounds are **TOTALLY OUT OF BOUNDS**. It is illegal to enter the grounds without the permission of the Principal. Please ensure that your children **DO NOT** enter the school during this time.

**Student Awards this week go to:**

Hohepa Solomon Prep K, Kyron Chalk Prep.K, Lisa Peterson 1L, Harry Zordan 2T, Jadah Afoa 2CH, Gary Pitts 3DL, Jacinta Maletz 3DL, Alex Taufaga 4G, Tiarney Newton 5C, Shanae Jackson 5C, Amy Hallam 5L, Joseph Afitu 5C, Kimberley Crudgington 5OS.



**THANK YOU**

To the parents and caregivers of the students who were involved in our music program, school bands and choir. Then support you have given your children and the school is commendable. Keep up the good work.

Bronwyn Briant

**MIS READING**

Congratulations!! The following students from Moreton Downs State School were inspired because 'Reading is Rewarding' for everyone, raising \$373.95 to change the lives of Australians living with Multiple Sclerosis.

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| Samantha Andrews   | Ashley Burns   |
| Chelsie Burns      | Tatiana Dunn   |
| Claudia Gee        | Ebonee Gee     |
| Katelyn McNaughton | Sarah Walmsley |

**6S ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

6S has been studying the environment as an integrated unit and as part of this unit, they participated in a number of plant experiments to learn about the functions of roots, the stem, the effect of pollution on plants and so on. The class was divided into small groups to design a garden for the front of the new demountable. Each group had to decide which drought tolerant plants they would include, draw a scale drawing, work out costs and justify their choices. Once each group had submitted their designs the class voted on the garden they wanted to grow and business letters were written by the children and sent to different businesses to ask for donations.



The Bay Plant Shack at Deception Bay donated the plant for our garden, other smaller donations came from Theo's Nursery at Kallangur. Mr Burns helped with the garden preparation. The new garden is now up and running and we'd like to thank all those who made the garden possible.

**PULSE Dance Party**

The next Deception Bay PCYC Dance Party will be held on Friday 14 December. There will only be one session for primary students, 5.30 – 7.30pm. Cost: \$4.00 members, \$5.00 non-members.

**COME & TRY RUGBY LEAGUE CLINIC**



- Where: Ken Hayward Oval, Government Street, Deception Bay
- Who: For boys and girls aged 5 to 13
- When: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2008 (10am - 2pm)
- Cost: \$15 per child (includes Mod Football, waterbottle, certificate, lunch and showbag)

To register your spot in the clinic, phone Kate on 0408 069 463 or visit [www.arldevelopment.com.au/brisfarnorth](http://www.arldevelopment.com.au/brisfarnorth)

*'In one hundred years from now, it will not matter what type of car you drive, the house you live in, the clothes you wear or how much money you have in the bank. But, if you were important in the life of a child, the world could be a better place'.*

**SPORTS REPORT...**

**KANGAROO BUS LINES NOTICE TO PARENTS**

Kangaroo Bus Lines wish to advise that all 2008 bus passes are available to pick up only from the Kangaroo

## Year 7 Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students who received graduation sports awards at the sports parade on Monday.

AFL-girls-	Kaylyn Russell
AFL-boys-	Jordon Lock
Football-girls	Jemma Bugden
Football-boys	Brock Burrows
Netball	Samantha Andrews
Rugby League	Konesane Tini
Touch-boys	Jack Copeland
Touch-girls	Jordyn Schulkins
Volleyball	Jacobe Fiorin
Athletics-girls	Jordyn Schulkins
Athletics-boys	Blake Aholeleikefu
Softball	Kelly Clayson
Basketball-girls	Kylie Schwabel
Basketball-boys	Tom Shaw

The overall champion sports girl and boy will be presented at year 7 graduation.

## **An Absolute Hammering!!**

In the last newsletter, I went on about the absolute humiliation that the teachers were going to inflict on the students in the annual staff vs students games.

Well this year I took it one step further. I went for individual humiliation by challenging Jessica Singh to a game of tennis. For those who don't know Jessica, she lives at the Frawley courts most days and by reports wasn't a bad player.

Well, humiliation did happen but not the way I planned it. I WAS HAMMERED!!!

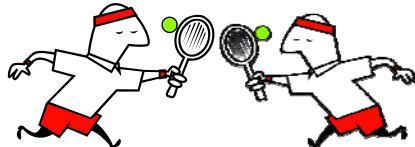
After arriving early (to size up the opposition) I happened to see Jessica playing her coach (who has won Wimbledon). The fact that she was giving him the run around wasn't too good for me. Unfortunately I had been spotted so there was no running for the car.

I thought, how bad could it be, I had played a bit of A-grade tennis in Caboolture 15 years ago, I know which end of the racquet is up.

Well it was bad. I should have used the other end. The final score was 6/0, 6/1.

It was a humbling experience but an enlightening one however to see a young lady so determined to get to the top.

Although I'm not much of a yardstick to judge her on, I would get an autograph now as it may be worth something in years to come. Well done Jess!



## **Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to the 110 students who attended the swimming carnival last Monday. We competed against the other three Deception Bay schools and performed very well. Students who finished in the first four places will be part of 'The Bay' team for the district carnival on the 19<sup>th</sup> February next year.

Some great individual performances were put in by Alex Duric, Joshua Hollindale, Shawn Crichton and Zac Born to name just a few. I will give all the results when they are sent through in the New Year.

Our relay teams topped off a good carnival by finishing first and second in the "blue-ribbon event".

Well done all.

## **Sports Uniforms**

Around 130 students have ordered the new sports uniform for next year. Orders are being sent away this week so if you see Alice Wallace (P & C Pres.) this week, and smile sweetly, you may still be able to put an order in.

Don't miss out. A \$5 deposit will get you a shirt for next year's sporting activities with the balance of payment (approx \$15) on delivery.

The shirts are very sharp looking!

## **Little Athletics State Championships**

Congratulations to two of our students who picked up medals at the recent Little A's state championships. Jordyn Schulkins(7G) picked up an individual bronze in the 60m hurdles and a team gold in the 4 x 100m. Rhein Dixon (6P) won silver in the 11 years long lump relay. Congratulations to both and to past students James Lock and Justin Bugden on their fine performances.





**THE UNIFORM SHOP  
WILL BE OPEN**

**THURSDAY JANUARY 24 9.00 – 11am**

**FRIDAY JANUARY 25 9.00 – 11am**

Tuckshop menu for 2008 out this week

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER 2008**

Please help us fill in the blanks. We need 31 NEW helpers who only need to volunteer at least ONE DAY PER MONTH. If you can help, please enter your name in the table below at the times that suit you and return to school as soon as possible. Come and see us at the Tuckshop for more information.

WEEK	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
1	1. 2.	11. 12.	21. 22.
2	3. 4.	13. 14.	23. 24.
3	5. 6.	15. 16.	25. 26.
4	7. 8.	17. 18.	27. 28.
5	9. 10.	19. 20.	29. 30. 31.
Emergency on-call list			

**TUCKSHOP WILL RE-OPEN ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 30**