



MOOROOKA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Craig Kerwin, Principal



2018 staff update

As occurs each year in all schools, we have staff taking leave as well as being transferred.

Staff transfers

- Penni Salmon has been transferred to Ormiston State School.
- Maria Misson has been transferred to Dutton Park State School.
- Sarah Williams is relocating to Mackay in 2018.
- Hayden Lawrence will be moving in to secondary teaching.
- Monique Graham, who has been in an Acting Deputy Principal role for the past two years, has now received a permanent Deputy role in EQ.

Staff on leave

Matthew Bishop and Hayley Wilkes will both be on twelve months travel leave. Sally Boyd will continue on her leave from the school in 2018.

Staff joining the school

Heather Whaikawa, Rebecca Skarparis, Emily Martin and Naomi Taylor will join our teaching staff in 2018.

Lizzy Dixon will continue working in the library and Sandra Hjertquist returns as our LOTE teacher in 2018.

2018 classes

We are still fine-tuning class lists for 2018. Consideration is given to the mix of teachers and mix of students to formulate the best combinations.

Class lists will be displayed in the courtyard during the Pupil Free Days in mid-January. Book packs can also be dropped off.

Thank you and farewell

I write this final newsletter for 2017 with news that is both exciting and sad at the same time. Last week I was offered the opportunity to take a twelve month position working within the DET Information Technology Branch. As the Education Officer Special Duties - OneSchool, I will be supporting schools through state-wide projects involving curriculum and technology.

It has been an emotional process for me in making the decision. In the end, I felt the timing was right for my professional career.

I want to thank each and every one of you for all your support, and for entrusting me with your children for the past seven and a half years. I am honoured and feel so fortunate to have been given the opportunity to be part of the Moorooka Community. I have so many wonderful memories of my time at Moorooka State School and I am sad to say goodbye for now. Moorooka has been a very special place for me and I will miss everyone.

Vicki Hyne, Principal of Lota State School, will join the Moorooka State School community in 2018. I will be working closely with Vicki to ensure a smooth transition for her to our school. I am sure you will welcome Vicki as the new principal.

Although it's hard to say goodbye to my staff and the parents and adults of our school, the hardest part of leaving is saying farewell to the children. I have grown so attached to them over the years. I have loved watching them grow up into amazing young people. I will fondly treasure the memories I have of them all.

Please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation as I enter into a new learning experience of my own. Working for the corporate world will certainly be different.

Before leaving I would like to announce our four new school captains for 2018. Congratulations to Alex Owen, Nathanael Tran, Livia Fisher, and Ajla Hasanovic, who were voted in as our captains last Friday. All candidates did a wonderful job in preparing for the position of school captain.

In closing, can I take this opportunity to wish all our families a wonderful and safe holiday. Enjoy spending time together as a family during this coming Christmas period. The children of our school have certainly earned a decent break from schoolwork.

Yours in education

Craig Kerwin
Principal



Kristin Hill, Deputy Principal



2018 at Moorooka State School

With the final weeks of the school year upon us, preparations for 2018 are nearly complete, including class compositions and staffing. However, it is important to remember that actual staffing for 2018 is confirmed on "Day 8" of the new school year therefore plans, classes, structures and teachers advised in 2017 may change. At this stage, we are confident that our school will have 15 classes for the 2018 school year – the capacity of our school does not allow for much more. Class Lists will be available in the courtyard (behind Admin block) by 8.00am Monday morning. Members of staff will be available in the courtyard if you need assistance or directions to your child's class.

Thank you to those families who have advised of 2018 enrolments or departures. If you know of anyone planning to join our school next year, please ask them to contact us as soon as possible, so we can make the most accurate preparations for the new school year. The staffing picture for 2018 at our school is still being finalised.

Semester 2 Student Report Cards

Don't forget that Report Cards will be sent electronically again this Semester. In order to ensure that you receive your child's report card this term you will need to have a valid email address recorded with the school. Alternatively, you may email office@moorookass.eq.edu.au to advise of any changes to your email address. Report cards will be sent from OneSchool.application@dete.qld.gov.au. We suggest you add this address to your list of safe senders to ensure report card emails aren't sent to your Junk folder. Report Cards will be emailed out in Week 10 on Thursday 7 December.

2018 Booklists

Order information for 2018 booklists from "Edsco" have been distributed to all students who are returning to Moorooka State School in 2018 – this information is also available on our school's website. Orders are able to be placed online, or via the credit card slip on the booklist which can be handed in to the office. Parents and carers can choose delivery to a chosen address and in order to get free delivery orders must be received by Friday 8 December.

Big events to finish the school year continue ...

With only a week left in the 2017 school year, there are plenty of events to celebrate the year of learning at Moorooka State School. Below is a summary of a few of them, so please check out the school calendar for further information and activities.

This week (Week 10):

- On **Tuesday 5 December** we will be holding our Year 4-6 Swimming Carnival.
- We will acknowledge our departing Year 6 students – the class of 2017 – at the Year 6 Graduation on the evening of **Wednesday 6 December**. This event commences with food and photos at 5pm, with formal proceedings ending at 7.30pm.
- On **Thursday 7 December** our Awards Ceremony for students in Years 1 to 6 will be held in the Hall starting at 9am-10.15am.
- Semester 2 Student Report Cards will be distributed electronically to families on the afternoon of **Thursday 7 December**.
- **Friday 8 December** is the final day of the 2017 school year.

School will resume on Monday 22 January 2018. We wish you all a safe, happy holiday season.





2018 School Captains



Alex

Livia

Ajla

Nathanael

Congratulations!



Mathletics & Reading Eggs Awards

Congratulations to our final Mathletics and Reading Eggs champions for the year!



Sava (Year 1) Chris (Year 4) Akbar (Year 3)

Absent: Grace (Year 5)

