Welcome to the 2017 school year. I trust that all our families have a wonderful break over Christmas and that our children are refreshed and ready to start school.

At the time of writing this newsletter we welcome 70 new Preppies and fifteen students in other year levels to our school. We are so pleased these new families have chosen our school. Before school commences we have 350 students on our enrolments. This is simply fantastic. We have welcome a couple of new students this morning and believe we will see some more families join our school prior to Day 8. This is a special date on the EQ calendar. Whatever the total enrolment for our school is for this date it sets the staffing and funding available to our school.

To commence our year we have some staff updates. Firstly, we welcome the return of Miss Hill after her maternity leave last year. Miss Hill is very excited to be back at Moorooka. We are thrilled to have her back on the team. Mr Craig Charles has been seconded to an acting deputy principal position. We all wish Mr Charles the very best as he takes on this next phase in his career.

We welcome the following new staff: Mr Hayden Lawrence on Year 5/6; Mrs Selena Kirkman on Year 1; Mrs Natalia Anstee as our SWD teacher; Mrs Jessica Ballantyne as our Guidance Officer; Mrs Lizzy Dixon on Year 1; and Mrs Maria Spyrou on Year 3. And of course the return of Miss Harre from relief work to Prep. Mrs Jodie Brighton joins us as an instrumental music teacher this year.

The teachers returned to work last week for Pupil Free Days to ensure they are well prepared for the start of school this week. As always there is so much to get through. Once again in 2017 our primary focus is on reading and literacy, along with ensuring we continue with our great NAPLAN results.

Please note that parades this year have been moved to Fridays at 2:20pm in the hall. With an increase in classes Monday parades claimed too much of our specialist times. Hopefully families can still come along.

Our first full newsletter will be next week with newsletters fortnightly even weeks. Please ensure you are on the newsletter mailing list.

**School enrolments**

It’s the first day of school. We are still taking enrolments, so it’s not too late to get the paperwork in and sign up your child to be educated at our school.

**Parent information evening**

Our annual parent information evening will be held on Monday February 6. Our staff have a twilight session of PD that evening. There are two sessions:

- 5:30pm - 6:00pm
- 6:00pm - 6:30pm

In Week 4 staff will hold parent-teacher appointments. These will be before and after school with some staff offering Saturday appointments.

**School fees**

There are three types of fees at our school:

- Reading Eggs/Mathletics
- Instrumental Music
- Voluntary contributions

Families will receive an invoice for Reading Eggs/Mathletics and an offer to participate in the voluntary contribution (a minimal contribution amount).

Instrumental music students must pay their fee to participate.
Message from the President...

Welcome back to a new school year, and a very special welcome to the parents of our 70+ preppies! We welcome you to our wonderful little school community and wish you all the best for the coming days as your little ones settle in to life at Moorooka State School.

We are completely blown away by the number of new enrolments for this year. The numbers have taken us by surprise and have under-ordered our uniforms.

Never fear, we have placed another order and will let you all know when new stocks are in.

Speaking of keeping in touch, please remember to like us on Facebook to keep abreast of the latest school and P&C news.

https://www.facebook.com/moorookastateschoolpac/?fref=ts

What does the P&C do?

The P&C is a genuine partner in the school’s life, working as one with the school and the wider community to achieve the best possible outcomes for all students of the school.

Last year with the help of our amazing members we:

◊ Purchased $20K worth of lego robotics to ensure every class has access to robotics
◊ Updated the school’s PA System
◊ Funded an additional hour per week to have the strings teacher provide tuition to a beginners’ class
◊ Funded an additional TA to support the PE Teacher for swimming lessons
◊ Raised $2350 for Visual and Creative Arts
◊ Hosted a successful community Movie Night

How can I get involved?

Our motto is Be Informed—Get Involved.

None of the achievements listed would have happened without the support of parents and the community.

Joining the P&C Association is a great way to keep informed, to contribute to the quality education of your children and to make new friends. Your contribution can be as large or small as you can manage, but your ongoing support of the P&C Association is invaluable.

And it’s free! We can only email members, so the best way to find out what’s going on and be informed is to become a member. Simply email us at pandc@moorookass.eq.edu.au.

Exciting Tuckshop news!!!

You spoke, we listened!

We are very excited to announce that the tuckshop will be open everyday day in Term 1! We are trialling opening for first break only everyday except Fridays when we will open for both breaks.

We are also very pleased to announce the appointment of Linda, our new tuckshop convener.

Please bear with us as we work to implement a new exciting menu in week 2. This week we will only be providing sandwiches and pizzas and a basic snack offering for first break on Wednesday and both breaks on Friday. No online ordering this week. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for our new menu.

Upcoming Dates

Tuckshop times
Wed 25th  1st break
Fri 27th both breaks
From Mon 30th:
1st break Mon-Thurs
Both breaks Fridays

P&C Meeting
Tuesday 21st Feb
Get Involved and
Be Informed
6.30pm in the Library