Dear families and friends of Morisset PS
Welcome back everyone, especially our new Kindergarten students and families.

Proud to be a part of Morisset PS
Students have come back very positive and I am impressed by their attitude and response to the reinforcement of school rules and expectations. We are focussing on making responsible choices by caring for our school environment and sun safety awareness by wearing school hats. As recognition for their wonderful efforts we have had 2 Gold licence rewards in 2 weeks. Well done Morisset students!

Work Health and Safety Reminder
Many students at our school are affected by allergies. Some students have allergies to peanuts and eggs. This can be a life threatening situation and as a school we need to put in place procedures and policies to minimise the risk for these students. Peanut products are not sold at the canteen and we request that parents not pack peanuts for their child for snacks or as spread on sandwiches. This is a serious concern that I will be discussing with parents at the P&C meeting next week and staff. Please be mindful of this situation when packing your child’s food for the day.

Play Equipment
Due to Work, Health and Safety, staff changes and review of supervision duties, the climbing play equipment is out of bounds, unless a class teacher supervises their class on the equipment. The soft fall has many trip hazards around the equipment as it has been deteriorating over the years and tree roots are pushing through.

Importance of the newsletter
As usual our year starts off action packed. You will need to read the newsletters each week as it is the major form of communication between school and home and informs parents and community about what is happening at our school. We also have the school website which we are in the process of strengthening to ensure it too is an effective form of communication.

Friday Assembly
On Friday assembly at 1pm we will be acknowledging the students who were elected as Sports Captains and Parliament Officials. Parents are more than welcome to attend.

Swimming Carnival
On Monday the 11th February we start the week with a swimming carnival for students 8 years old and above. There was a blue note sent out by Mr Kyrwood last week. These notes are to be returned by this Thursday 7th February.

Gym school Program
A green note went out last week about the gym school program starting on Wednesday 13th February. These notes are to be returned by the Monday 11th February.
We greatly appreciate your support in helping students to be organised
Organising events such as carnivals, excursions and Star Struck take time and a lot of communication between staff, venues, school and office etc. This year we are encouraging all notes to be handed in at the office on or before the recommended date. The money is also expected in but if you have financial difficulties or need an alternative payment plan please see Mrs Duncan or the office staff. Failure to have notes in on time may mean students miss out or events may be cancelled. To make it easier for students and parents we have purchased a red durable note folder for each child. We will also endeavour to distribute all notes on the same day to avoid lost or unread notes. Our students will be continually reminded about being responsible for bringing notes back on time. Your support in helping our students strengthen their organisational skills and acceptance of their responsibilities will be valuable tools that are essential to learning at school and many career paths.

Help us to provide for our students
To help reduce costs on the extra photocopying that is done for lost or forgotten notes, we will be posting any notes or permission slips on the school website for you to print out at home. The money saved on not printing extra notes will be used to support students in specialised programs.

Mosquitoes
Due to the weather conditions we seem to have a lot of mosquitoes around the school. If your child is affected by mosquito bites please spray them with repellent before they come to school. We can’t allow students to bring aerosol cans to school to spray themselves. Yesterday I learnt that the chemist sells Anti Mosquito Wet tissues. We do have stop itch pump pack sprays to try and relieve the bites after they have happened.

Communication between staff and parents
Research indicates that student learning is greater when parents are partners with the school. Many incidents out of school can have a significant impact, positive or negative, on student learning. Please make the effort to keep your child’s teacher informed about anything you feel may become issues at school. If you do wish to speak to a teacher about a lengthy issue please see Lynelle in the office to make an appointment or arrange to have the teacher to call you at their earliest convenience.

Term calendar
Next week we will put in the newsletter a Term 1 calendar of events, special days and activities that we know about so far. We will also try to have costs included to help parents plan ahead. All classes will be sending home a Term letter next Wednesday informing parents about what is happening in their child’s classroom.

Our Rose Garden needs your help!!!
We have a memorial rose garden near the office block. It was established in memory of a very respected and loved Morisset PS teacher Mrs Lustman. Unfortunately the garden is in need of some TLC. Mark Agar our general assistant has worked hard to re-establish it to its former beauty in what little time he has at our school. Are there any keen gardeners who know about roses or are willing to give us a hand? Please come and see Mrs Duncan.

School Canteen
Open on
Monday- breakfast and lunch
Wednesday- breakfast and lunch,
Friday- breakfast, lunch and recess.
The P&C are asking for any interested parents or grandparents that can spare time to work on the canteen to please complete the form below and return to the office. Our school canteen is run by parents and the number of volunteers will dictate the times the canteen can be open. Any interested but nervous parents will be supported working with an experienced volunteer. Try and team up with another new canteen buddy!
**P&C**

P&C are an important part of any school community. It is through the P&C that parents can have input in the programs and events that take place in the school as well as hearing firsthand about what is going on at the school. As with any committee, the more people involved, the greater the effect and the less work for individuals. Please come along and be a part of our P&C team. All positions have been filled for 2013 so please don’t be concerned you will be expected to take on official responsibilities. We are just eager for you to become part of our team. Our first meeting of the year is Tuesday 12th February 2013 at 9.15 am in the multipurpose room, next to the technology room. On the agenda will be looking at Anaphylaxis, Mother’s Day stall, Easter raffle and school sign. Mark Sneddon, MHS Principal, will be introducing himself as well as letting us know what is happening at MHS. All are welcome.

**Technology**

Social media is becoming a very large part of our everyday lives. Using technology can be a very powerful tool to engage students in learning. It also provides students and teachers with amazing information and access to distant parts of the world at the end of their fingertips. In technology lessons, Mrs Waldon covers many aspects of computer skills and knowledge, as well as respect and responsible use of the internet. This year we will be running workshops for parents in regards to how they can best be informed of what social media is all about and the impact it has on our students today, as well as how our school uses technology for learning. Please make the effort to be aware of what your child is doing on the internet in particular the information they are sharing or receiving. If you have any questions or concerns please come and see Mrs Duncan. Included in this newsletter is the Teachers Corner information from Mrs Sylvester on Cyber Bullying.

Thought of the week.

Make the most of the awesome moments!

Mrs Kathryn Duncan
Principal
Term 1

1K Student of the Week:
- Charlotte Harris
  Merit Award
- Tahlia Hunter
- Tyree Griffiths

1/2J Student of the Week:
- Zoe Dalgleish
  Merit Award
- Lily Casey
- Isaiah Gray

2B Student of the Week:
- Nash McGrath
  Merit Award
- Jemina Brace
- Kyan Townsend

2/3N Student of the Week:
- Summer Vissochi
  Merit Award
- Isabella Hartge
- Kyan Townsend

3/4W Student of the Week:
- Noah Cuskelly
  Merit Award
- Ryan Leslie
- Bella Hinton

4/5L Student of the Week:
- Aiden McManus
  Merit Award
- Ellysia Okeno
- Blake Fleming

5/6G Student of the Week:
- Bennye McFarlane
  Merit Award
- Owen Chadwick
- Harry Hinton

5/6K Student of the Week:
- Ethan Vissochi
  Merit Award
- Jessica Grebert
- Taylor Scanlon

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Book Club News

Welcome back to Book Club 2013, there will be one Book Club order per term. This term orders are due back to the School Office by Friday 15th February.

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Music News

Guitar and Ukelele lessons will be starting again this year. Any student from year 3 and above are welcome to come along to Miss Webeck's classroom (with their instrument). Guitar lessons will be every Tuesday at recess and Ukelele lessons will be on a Monday at recess.

There will also be 10 guitars for hire again this year, application notes will be available from the office. Please return your note and money as soon as possible to secure your instrument. No instrument will be given without a deposit paid and as always it's first in best dressed.

Anna-Lee Webeck
Classroom Teacher
Welcome back everyone, to another busy year ahead.

**Meeting**
The next P&C Meeting for this year will be held next Tuesday 12\textsuperscript{th} February at 9.15am in the Multi purpose room. All welcome, join us for your morning coffee and find out what is happening in our school for the year ahead.

**Uniforms**
Due to price increases from our uniform suppliers, there will be a price increase from Monday 11\textsuperscript{th} February on a few of our items. Our NEW School Jacket is now ready to be ordered for $40 each. Order forms are available from the office or down in the Uniform room on Fridays between 8.30 – 10.00 am. A sample of the Jacket can be viewed in the foyer of the office.

**Fundraising Events**
Fundraising events organised for this year so far are;
*Easter Raffle – Drawn on Wednesday 27\textsuperscript{th} March
*Mother's Day Stall – Thursday 9\textsuperscript{th} May
*Father's Day Stall – Thursday 29\textsuperscript{th} August
*Annual Shopping Bus Trip – Date to be announced
*Christmas Raffle – Date to be announced
As Easter is early this year, we will be very happy to except donations from now. A mufti day will be organised for the students to get involved. Come in mufti when they bring in a donation for the raffle.

**Canteen**
The Canteen will be open on, **Mondays** and **Wednesdays** for Breakfast and Lunch, **Fridays** for Breakfast, Lunch and Recess.
If you can help during these times, please see Lisa the Canteen Manager, to put your name on the volunteer list.
Rebecca Harridge
P&C President

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**T20 Cricket Competition**
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