Dear Families and Friends of Morisset PS

BFF is nearly here!!!!

Next Tuesday from 9-10 am parents are invited to be involved in their child’s reading session in the classroom. This wonderful opportunity promotes the partnership between home and school in supporting student success in their learning. After the reading session parents are invited to the library, where morning tea will be provided to say thank you for your active participation in your child’s learning.

Three Way Conferences

Observation sheets are going out today for parents to complete before the 3 Way Conferences take place. Please complete the form to better inform the class teacher about your child from a parent’s perspective. Your input is important in giving the class teacher a clearer picture of your child’s experiences out of school. Please remember that the conference is a time where teacher, student and parents celebrate the child’s individual achievement and make learning plans for the future. Every achievement, no matter how small is important to build upon the learners spiral of success.

Dates: 5/6K 18th March, KG 19th March, KB 20th March, 3/4W 25th March, 2/3 N 26th March, 2B 27th March, 5/6 G 2 April, 1/2J 3rd April, 1K 8th April, 4/5L 9th April.

School Contribution Fees

All families that pay the voluntary contribution fees before the end of term will go into a draw for a $50 Coles Voucher drawn on the 26th March, just before Easter.
LMG P&C Meeting

Last night I went to a newly formed P&C meeting where parents and staff from all the local schools get together to share ideas and talk about how we as a community of public schools can support each other. We also went on a tour of Bonnells Bay Primary School and heard Mr Mark Stiller and Bonnells Bay parents showcase their school and achievements. Next term the LMG P&C meeting will be held at our school and you are all more than welcome to attend. A date and time is yet to be confirmed.

Organisation

To help teachers, parents and students with ORGANISATION we have bought a red folder for each student. Please empty the folders when the notes come home. The folder MUST be returned to school. We are also trying to have the majority of notes going home on Wednesday to help with organisation. Included in the newsletter are some suggestions on what organisation looks and sounds like.

Thought of the week.

The basic building block of good communications is the feeling that every human being is unique and of value.

Make the most of the awesome moments!

Kathryn Duncan
Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Class photos are to be taken NEXT Wednesday 13th March 2013.

Full School Uniform is to be worn. Red shirt please.

Envelopes have been sent home today.

Please check your child’s bag.

If you wish to have a family photo (students) taken, envelopes are available from the school office.

LOST PROPERTY

If your child has lost a hat or any clothing please check our lost property box in the front foyer. Please clearly label any new items with your child’s name so if it is misplaced it can be easily returned to the student.

SPARE CLOTHES

If anyone has any spare socks, underwear, black shorts or track pants in small sizes that your child has outgrown that you could donate to the school it would be very much appreciated.
Assembly Awards

Term 1  Week 5

KB Student of the Week:
- Quinn Harrison
- Merit Award
- Isabella Hallett
- Kayley Milligan

KG Student of the Week:
- Megan Waters
- Merit Award
- Alexander Beirne
- Indi-Rose McLean

1K Student of the Week:
- Meisha Visocchi
- Merit Award
- Harrison Bailey
- Jett Sain

1/2J Student of the Week:
- Name Withheld
- Merit Award
- Amelia Barnett
- Lily Casey-Ireland

2/3N Student of the Week:
- Isabella Dawe
- Merit Award
- Olivia Caddey
- Joshua Coleman-Rouvray

3/4W Student of the Week:
- Rys Kelly
- Merit Award
- Jarrett Whitmore
- Ayden Hill

4/5L Student of the Week:
- Jack Nicholls-Hughes
- Merit Award
- Noah Leist
- Olivia Lienau

You Can Do It Awards

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Coby Sharp

Reading Awards

Bronze Reading Awards
Joshua Ridley,
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Dates to Remember

Term 1
Assembly - Shadow Cabinet
Monday 11th - Friday 15th March
- Book Fair
Wed 13th March - School Photos
Friday 22nd March - Cross Country/Fun Run
Wed 27th March - Easter Raffle Drawn
Thurs 28th March - Easter Hat Parade
Friday 29th March - Good Friday
Monday 1st April - Easter Monday
Friday 5th April - Athletics Carnival
Friday 12th April - Last day of Term 1
Tues 30th April - First Day back for Students Term 2

P&C News

Important Reminder
MUFTI DAY THIS FRIDAY 8th MARCH  for the students to bring in donations for the EASTER RAFFLE.

Raffle tickets will be sent home next Wednesday 13th March, Raffle drawn Wednesday 27th March.

Next P&C Meeting will be held on Friday 15th March at 9.15am in the Multi Purpose Room. Please come and join us for morning tea and find out the latest happenings in our school. Hope to see you there!
Have a great week!!

Rebecca Harridge  P&C President

Canteen News

Canteen will be open for breakfast and lunch on Mondays and Wednesdays, recess needs to be ordered in the morning for these days.
Open Fridays for breakfast, lunch and recess.

Thank you.  Lisa

2012 School Musical
“The Awesome 80’s” DVD’s
Now available for purchase from the school office.

$12 each
Book Fair Tuesday 12th March
A book fair will be held in the library on Tuesday, 12th March. Everyone is welcome to come and browse through the books and resources for sale. The fair will be open from 10:00am - 11:00am and again in the afternoon from 3:15pm - 6:15pm.

School Cross Country/Fun Run Friday 22nd March.
This year the school’s cross country carnival will be combined with a fun-run fundraiser. There is no obligation on children to participate in the fund-raising, however students will still need to participate in the cross country as part of their normal school activities.

Helen Waldon
Teacher/Librarian

EXCITING NEWS!!
Congratulations to Cooper Griffiths on being accepted into Hunter Tennis Team.

COMMUNITY NEWS
BAY TENNIS ACADEMY BONNELLS BAY - Group tennis lessons at Bay Hotel courts Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings by qualified coach Bill Griffiths. All standards catered for, beginners welcome. Junior competition Tuesday afternoons and 'hot shots' half hour lesson for 4-6 year olds. Info and bookings Ph: Bill 0402 274 646.

UNDERSTANDING AUTISM SPECTRUM CONDITION - One day seminar - Autism Spectrum Condition - A different way of thinking. Learning and managing emotions. Friday 8th March Asquith Leagues Club Waitara 9am-4pm. Presented by Dr. Tony Attwood and Dr Michelle Garnett. Dr Attwood is well known for is extensive knowledge of Asperger Syndrome. To Register www.suelarkey.com.au.

SOUTHERN LAKES UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB—ADVANCED SKILLS CLINIC - Coaches: Adam Kwasnik (Boys only) and Lauren Colthorpe (Girls only). Starting 11th March will run for 15 weeks COST: $200 Southern Lakes Registered players, $220 Other club registered players, $40 strip. Register online: www.southernlakesunitedfc.org.au

PLAY GIRLS ONLY UNDER 6 SMALL SIDED FOOTBALL—For girls turning 5 or 6 yrs old this year, make up a team of girls only or come by yourself and join a team. All entry level (under 6’s & 7’s) receive a free ball and shin pads. Contact: Macquarie Football Ph: 4953 0800 or www.macquariefootball.com.au

IRIS FOUNDATION (CENTRAL COAST SUICIDE PREVENTION) - Annual slither and slumber sleep out. Friday 15th March at Amazement 179 Yarramalong Rd Wyong Creek. Attendance requires $1000 donation or you can raise funds by selling raffle tickets. Info or registration at www.slitherandslumber.com.au or Ph: Lyn Thompson 0419 469 260 or Bev & Dawn 0429 921 149

EXCITING NEWS!!

Helen Waldon
Teacher/Librarian
### ORGANISATION

#### Organised Behaviour
- Brings home all materials needed for homework
- Brings homework and other important materials to class
- Gets started on class work right away
- Makes sure understands instructions before beginning work
- Keeps a neat desk and school bag and study area at home
- Has all school supplies ready
- Seems to plan enough time for completing homework on time and to review for quizzes/exams
- Finishes one activity and begins the next activity
- Knows schedule
- Listens when instructions are given
- Is aware of important “special events” at school

#### Things to Say to Encourage Organised Behaviour
- “You are organised.”
- “Doesn’t it feel good to be organised?”
- “Being organised is helping you be successful.”
- “You really planned well.”
- “You really focussed to get your work in on time.”
- “I bet it makes school easier when you have everything ready.”
- “You are really keeping your backpack/book bag clean and neat.”
- “I can see you are planning ahead so that you do not rush your work at the very last minute.”
- “When you are prepared, you can do a good job.”
- “You planned well. You finished on time.”

#### Teach the Following Types of Thinking
- **Setting Goals**: Setting a goal can help you to be successful.
- **Planning My Time**: Think about how long it will take to do your schoolwork, and plan enough time to get it done.

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Expression Of Interest
Norta Norta Program In-Class-Tutor
Morisset Communities of Public Schools

Expressions of interest are being sought from individuals interested in tutoring Aboriginal students for the Norta Norta Program. The successful applicants will be placed on an eligibility list for future possible employment at Bonnells Bay PS or other local Morisset Communities of Public Schools.

The Norta Norta Program provides targeted support for Aboriginal students to accelerate progress in student achievement. The focus of the program is to provide learning assistance in the key areas of literacy and numeracy to improve educational outcomes for Aboriginal students.

Previous applicants will need to re-apply.

Position Criteria

- The applicant will need to demonstrate their ability to meet the following criteria:-
- Aboriginality is preferred but not essential to fill these positions.
- Well developed communication skills both written and verbal
- Ability to maintain accurate records and information about each student
- Ability to follow structured timetables
- Follow teacher set programs and implement in keeping with student Personalised Learning Pathways.
- Effectively liaise with parents, carers, students and the school community
- Willingness to participate in professional learning as required.
- Foster student engagement in learning

Placement on the eligibility list is not does not guarantee employment.

Suitable Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people have priority for employment as part of the Norta Norta program.

Applications to:

Please provide a written Expression of Interest outlining your suitability for the position addressed to:

Mr Mark Stiller
NORTA NORTA TUTOR PROGRAM
Bonnells Bay Public School
Morisset Park Road
Bonnells Bay NSW 2264

Or email : bonnellbay-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Closing Date:

Applications close 3.30pm on Monday 18th March 2013.

Any enquiries phone Mark Stiller  49731149
HELPING IN THE CANTEEN AVAILIBILITY

Please complete the form below and return it to the school office if you are available to help in the canteen. The more volunteers we get the greater the possibility of the canteen being open more days. Thank you

Name: ........................................................................................................................................................................ 

Childs Name: ................................................................................................................................................................

Phone Number: ..........................................................................................................................................................

Day/s Available for Canteen Duty: .......................................................................................................................................

☐ Tick if Interested in Canteen Workshop

MUSIC NEWS

Our ukulele group is now meeting Thursday’s at recess to avoid clashes with other activities. Anyone who is interested in learning the ukulele is welcome to join in the fun. The lessons are free, all you need to join is a ukulele and a smile.

Guitar group is off and running for the year with lots of interested beginning, intermediate and advanced students joining in the fun. We have three guitars left for hire so if you are interested please pick up a form in the foyer. Guitar lessons are free to anyone who is willing to work hard and improve their skills. If you would like to join in, please bring your guitar to Miss Webeck’s room every Tuesday at recess.

Anna-Lee Webeck  Class Teacher

RED RAINCOATS

Kathmandu currently have for sale on their website red raincoats for $29.99. They are only available in size 8. These are usually three times this price and are good quality. The colour will match the school uniform. This is the link: http://www.kathmandu.com.au/boys/jackets/rainwear/raindance-jacket-v2-youth-red.html

OLD MOBILE PHONES ‘WANTED’

Our school is currently the collection point for old mobile phones for a fundraiser for Team Lake Macquarie athletes to compete in the International Children’s Games to be held in Canada this year.

This is a good chance to get rid of those old mobiles that have been hanging around the house. These items should never be thrown in the bin as there are toxic parts in them which shouldn’t go into our landfill. All the old phones are broken down and recycled.

Thanks for supporting our young athletes.

GO AUSTRALIA!
Week 6 Term 1 2013

Hello everyone, I am sure that you have all settled in to the school year for 2013! I am sorry that I haven’t made an entry for a few weeks but things have been very busy at Morisset High School. Two weeks ago our school came second at the Zone Swimming Carnival with a number of students qualifying for the regional carnival. We had a morning tea to celebrated our high achievers for 2012, celebrating excellent HSC results from last year. Ten of our Aboriginal students have begun a TAFE Course where they are gaining a qualification in Landscape and Design as well as cultural learning and leadership from an elder. The students are really enjoying this course that is being delivered through Wyong TAFE every Monday and Wednesday this term. Our Peer Tutoring Program has started up again for 2013. This program utilises older students within our school mentoring younger students who are having difficulties with reading and it take placed during roll call. This has been a very successful program at Morisset High School rung by Mrs Balancoire. Our Star Struck team have started to work on their pieces this year and we are again looking forward to seeing our students involved in this amazing event. Finally, our Lifeskills Students begin their Work Experience program this week moving out into industry as of Wednesday this week and then each Wednesday for the next ten weeks.

Take care and have a great week!

Mark Sneddon
Principal Morisset High School

SCHOOLKIDS BONUS—A MESSAGE FROM THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013—have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETER you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education—whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

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