Dear Families and Friends of Morisset PS

BFF was a success!

Yesterday we saw 69 parents come into the school and participate in our BFF session. From the feedback, parents loved being involved in the normal reading sessions of each class and were amazed at just how different learning looks in classrooms today. Some parents indicated that they learnt something new!

Students were in routines and were able to independently participate in tasks. This gave parents an opportunity to gauge whether they could possibly volunteer in the classrooms to support the teacher and enhance their child’s learning. Parents also saw how the effort put in at home in supporting their student’s reading is further developed in the classroom. This is a clear indication of a positive home/school partnership. Student feedback noted that students loved having parents in the rooms as it enabled them to show parents and carers how they were learning and working at school. Some negative feedback came from students whose parents were unable to attend. Teacher feedback mentioned some disappointment in not getting a chance to talk to parents as they were busy teaching, but appreciation for parents getting in and working with the students. There were suggestions relating to parents being involved in a technology session in the technology room with their child’s class. Next term we will have another session and look at another subject area to enable parents to continue to see how learning takes place in our classrooms at Morisset Public School.

Thank you again for your support in being part of our Reading session. Thank you to Donna Coulter who organised the morning tea for me and Helen Waldon for the marvellous Book Fair display in the library. Lots of books were purchased and the proceeds will go towards buying books for the library.
Three Way Conferences
Don’t miss out on this opportunity to celebrate, with your child and their teacher, each student’s individual achievements and learning goals for the future. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could fill in the parent information sheet before the Three Way Conferences take place.


School Contribution Fees
Are you in the draw for a $50 Coles Voucher drawn on the 26th March, just before Easter if you have paid voluntary contribution fees.

There will be no assembly NEXT WEEK, 22nd March 2013 due to the running of the school cross country.

Thought of the week.
“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”
Henry Ford

Make the most of the awesome moments!

Kathryn Duncan
Principal

SCHOOL BANKING
School Banking is up and running, students wishing to deposit their hard earned savings please drop off your bank book to the school office.
Students who do not have a bank book you may drop into the Commonwealth Bank with your birth certificate and set up an account.
Regards Donna Coulter

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2013
Envelopes have been sent home today for donations to Stewart House.
If you donate $2 you go in the draw to win a $4000 holiday.
Please return to office as soon as possible.

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

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.
HOT CROSS BUNS

The school is holding its annual Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser. The buns are baked by Brumby’s and will be the same price as if purchased over the counter at Brumby’s. The school profits 50% of what is ordered. That is a very generous profit thanks to Brumby’s. Forms have been sent home, but more are available at the office. Did you know that there are No Numbers, No Additives and No Worries in Brumby’s Pure Bake range. Enjoy your delicious buns!

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 handing 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!

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

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY/FUN RUN

FRIDAY 22nd MARCH

K - 6 at school

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.

Seniors - 8 years - 13 years will run 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Juniors - 5 / 6 / 7 year olds will run 2.30pm –3pm

Helen Waldon
Teacher/Librarian
Term 1 Week 6

KB Student of the Week:
- Claire Dederer
  Merit Award
- Otis Brace
- Sarah-Lee Osborne

KG Student of the Week:
- Nina Dean
  Merit Award
- Emika Whitmore
- Brock McDougall

1K Student of the Week:
- Krystal Lienau
  Merit Award
- Ryan Nichols-Hughes
- Jett Sain

1/2J Student of the Week:
- Zoe Cuskelly
  Merit Award
- Jada Gibson
- Tamika Nicholson

2B Student of the Week:
- Bella Visocchi
  Merit Award
- Mollie Baldwin
- Lachlan Swancott

2/3N Student of the Week:
- Sarah Pel-Martig
  Merit Award
- Chelsea Visocchi
- Jamie Gambrill

3/4W Student of the Week:
- Ella Murray
  Merit Award
- Archer Sonter
- Kye Brinkworth

4/5L Student of the Week:
- Ben Ransom
  Merit Award
- Billie-May Watson
- Courtney North

5/6G Student of the Week:
- Ben Herring
  Merit Award
- Samuel Simmons
- Zachary Oliver

5/6K Student of the Week:
- Skye McNeil
  Merit Award
- Aaron Bennett
- Blake Hungerford

**NO ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK FRIDAY 22ND MARCH DUE TO CROSS COUNTRY**

**HUNTER SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION FORMS YEAR 7 2014**

Application forms for Hunter Sports High School 2014, Year 7 intake are now available from the school office.


Information also available from the Hunter Sports High School website: www.huntersports.com.au or Ph: 4943 5755 (Director of Sport - Mr James Pascoe).
P & C NEWS

Easter Raffle Tickets have been sent home today. Please, if you don't wish to sell them, don't throw them away, send them back in A.S.A.P so we can pass them on to others. There will be a prize for the family who sell the most raffle books.

Thank you to all who brought in donations for the raffle. The students really enjoyed their Mufti Day and we have enough donations for 30 prizes!!

Please have all raffle tickets back in by 9am Wednesday 27th March. The winners will be announced in the Newsletter that day. All prizes can be collected after the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 28th March.

The next P&C Meeting is this Friday 15th March at 9.15am in the Multi Purpose Room. All welcome, see you there.

Up coming events to put on the Calender

Athletics Carnival on Friday 5th April. If you can volunteer any time during the day in the canteen or on the BBQ (or volunteer your husband if he loves to BBQ), it would be greatly appreciated.

Mothers Day Stall on Thursday 9th May. That is only 1½ weeks after we get back in term 2. Notes will go out first thing back to school with the details for students who wish to purchase gifts.

Have a great week,

Rebecca Harridge
P&C President

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.

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

MORISSET STREET BEAT FESTIVAL 2013 POSTPONED- Due to other competing events the Morisset Street Beat Festival has been postponed from Sunday 17th March to SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2013.

JAMS AND PRESERVES FOR SALE - 278-280 Main Road Fennell Bay, Wednesdays and Fridays 12 noon - 5pm. For all enquiries regarding jams, relishes, chutneys, pickles and more call 0414 216 030 or email mumsiana@gmail.com. Products DO NOT contain artificial food colourings. Proceeds to help support the Southlakes Refuge.

STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND - Host families needed in June/July 2013. Info call 1300 135 331 or www.studentexchange.org.au
SEASONS FOR GROWTH

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At Morisset Public School, we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, natural disasters, divorce or related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We offer a very successful education programme called ‘Seasons for Growth’ to help children deal with change. This programme is facilitated by Mrs Knight or Miss Webeck in small groups and is based on research that highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The programme focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks.

We use the imagery of the four seasons to illustrate that the grief cycle is circular not linear with a clear end. Seasons for Growth runs for eight weeks and each weekly session is 40-45 minutes focusing on a certain season. We begin the program with a two week focus on autumn where the children a guided through a number of activities to help them accept that change is normal and a part of everyone. The next two weeks focus on winter and processing grief involved in change. The two spring sessions focus on adjusting to the new environment and circumstances. The last two sessions of summer focus on moving forward while creating an enduring connection to what has been lost. The programme concludes with a ‘Celebration’ session.

This year we are hoping to provide a number of Seasons for Growth courses targeting different grades. If you think your child would benefit from the Seasons for Growth program, we would encourage you to talk to him/her about this. Places in Seasons for Growth depend on the ages and range of children nominated and therefore not guaranteed.

Should you and your child both decide that this would be an appropriate program for your child participate in, could you please return the slip below to Miss Webeck. You will then be contacted over the coming weeks to discuss your child’s needs and if and when it will be appropriate for your child to participate in Seasons for Growth. If you need more information, contact the school and make an appointment to see Miss Webeck or Mrs Knight to discuss the programme further.

Morisset Public School is pleased to be able to offer this important programme and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved.

Seasons For Growth Nomination Form

I would like to nominate ___________________________________ of class_________ to be a part of the Seasons for Growth program.

What changes has your child been through? Please give some details to help us tailor a group to suit their needs:

____________________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________

The best way to contact me:

Phone: ___________________________________________________________________________

Email : ___________________________________________________________________________

Signed :_________________________ Date:________________________

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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
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 $10 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.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink—with in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

HELPING IN THE CANTEEN AVAILABILITY

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: .....................................................................................................................................

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