Term 1  Week 10  2013

Dear families and friends of Morisset PS

Students have come back looking rested after a long weekend break. Hopefully we have seen the tail end of the chicken pox outbreak. Thank you to the parents who kept their children home for the recommended time.

Term 2
Please be aware that all Morisset LMG schools staff will be participating in Professional Learning on the first 2 days of Term 2. Schools have been given the extra Pupil free day in Term 2 in preparation for the implementation of the new Australian Curriculum.

Students return to school on Wednesday 1st May.

Easter Hat Parade
Thank you Parliament for the organisation of the Easter Hat parade. I fully supported their decision to randomly select students from each class as the effort and support children were given by their families made it a difficult task to judge. There were so many creative and imaginative hats. Judging the tallest hats was also a tricky task with the efforts and clever ideas children used to gain that extra height. A marvellous effort by all. Thank you parents for your support in coming to our parade.

Athletics carnival
At events such as this I enjoy hearing the great stories of persistence, resilience, sportsmanship and having a go. Our wonderful P&C will be running the canteen on the day. As usual all profits from this voluntary work will go towards supporting the school in providing quality learning environments for our students.

The money for the carnival goes towards bus hire, hiring of venue and equipment, extra staff and resources. Unfortunately if parents choose to drive their children home from the carnival, we cannot refund any money due to cost commitments. All we need is for the weather to be on our side. To get an update an ensure the carnival is on please try our School Website or ring the school.

Due to the carnival falling on a Friday, drumming with Isabella will take place on Thursday so we don’t miss out!
Welcome Mr Barry Davis
Mr Davis will be teaching 5/6 K while Mr Kyrwood is on leave supporting his lovely wife who is expecting their 3rd child. Mr Davis has worked with Mr Kyrwood on the education program for 5/6 for this term and the start of Term 2. I expect that all students will continue to show respect and be responsible for their learning and behaviour while Mr Kyrwood is away. We wish the Kyrwood family all the best in this family adventure.

For Our Special Someone
I would like to thank the local Morisset shop ‘For Our Special Someone’ managed by Suzanne Gibson for their support in providing students with resources to best support their learning needs. The shop specialises in early education and special needs resources. Check out what they have to offer on their website www.forourspecialsomeone.com

P&C
The P&C have done an amazing job this term in supporting staff and students at MPS. I look forward to continuing this partnership with them in Term 2. Please don’t overlook the reminders for the Mothers Day stall which will be held in Week 2 next term. You will need to put in your orders so helpers can be organised on the day to ensure students wont be disappointed and miss out.

3-Way Conferences
As with any program or system review, we need to continually assess and evaluate. To ensure an accurate picture is represented we need feedback from all relevant stakeholders. We would greatly appreciate if you could complete the attached 3-Way Conference Feedback form and return it to school before the end of term. As incentive your feedback form will go into a draw and the lucky family drawn out will have a lunch bought for the students at the canteen. I will draw this on the last day of term to allow families who are only having their conference in the last week a chance to enter. Again we cannot strengthen our programs or activities if we do not have feedback from all perspectives, staff, students and parents.

Thought of the week.

A gem is not polished without rubbing, nor a man perfected without trials.

Chinese Proverb

Make the most of the awesome moments.

Kathryn Duncan
Principal

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.

DrumRoll
SOUTHLAKES MARKETPLACE

Bring your own enviro bag. Fill a bag for $30

WHAT: Selling best quality non perishable food & toiletries
WHERE: 41 Yombo St Morisset (Jin Lakes Mall Building opposite Library)
WHEN: Every Thursday 9am to 2:30pm
WHO: Anyone who holds a centrelink card

Become a member of Counselling Community Services to be eligible to purchase food (you can sign up on the day at our shop).

Haircuts @ $10, bookings essential. Affordable Clothing
Contact Christine, southlakesfoodshare@gmail.com
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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Term 1**
- Assembly - NO ASSEMBLY - ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
  - Friday 5th April - Athletics Carnival
  - Monday 8th April - Years 5 & 6 - IMAX Excursion
  - Tuesday 9th April - 3 Way Conference - 1K
  - Friday 12th April - Last day of Term 1

**Term 2**
- WEDNESDAY 1st May - First Day back for Students Term 2

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**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).

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**WYONG HIGH SCHOOL**

**SELECTIVE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM**

Application forms for 2014 enrolment are now available from our school office.

**Applications Close**: Friday 3rd May 2013
**Test Day**: Wednesday 15th May at 1.30pm, at Wyong High School IT Centre

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**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!**

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**2013-14 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK**

Morisset Public School will be selling the Entertainment Books again this year. More offers than ever, the books still sell for $60.00 and are packed with offers which remain valid until 1st June 2014.

**PRE-ORDER AN ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FROM US TODAY TO RECEIVE OVER $180 IN ADDITIONAL OFFERS!**

You can purchase on-line through our website or with cash from the office.

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**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.
**Athletics Carnival** this Friday 7th April. The canteen will be open and BBQ will be cooking up a storm!! Mmmm… Egg & Bacon Rolls…yummo! If you have a chance during the day to help in the canteen or on the BBQ, that would be fantastic.

**Mother’s Day Stall** is Thursday 9th May. Order forms have been sent out with the Newsletter today. Please have your order forms back by Monday 6th May to ensure we have enough gifts available.

Have a great week,

Rebecca Harridge
P&C President

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**Week 10 Term 1**

Hello everyone, and welcome back after our Easter Break. I am sure that four days are longer than just two, but gee it went quick! Last week we had our school Cross Country Carnival and a number of students qualified for the Zone competition. We actually won the Zone Carnival last year so I am looking forward to another successful day this year.

Incidentally, Mr Bennett ran the circuit with the students and promised to buy an ice block for every student who beat him….it did cost him a bit….but he did win his age division! Our girls open soccer team competed last week and has a great carnival but unfortunately were not successful on the day. This week Australian poet Steven Herrick came to Morisset High School and spoke to senior students about his work that is on both the Standard and Advanced Higher School Certificate lists for this year. Students were really engaged with what he had to say and enjoyed the workshop.

Finally, over Easter one of our students Tyler Walkey won the Pirtek Fishing Challenge for 2013. This is a state wide competition and he won in his age division, catching a 4.6 kilo flathead at Dora Creek. Well done Tyler!!!

Mark Sneddon
Principal Morisset High School

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**NEWCASTLE WRITERS FESTIVAL**

Friday 5th to Sunday 7th April

18 TICKETED EVENTS
21 FREE EVENTS
80 WRITERS

More info: www.newcastlewritersfestival.org.au
DEBATING TRAINING DAY

On Friday 28th March Mrs Lorenc and I were lucky enough to take some of our parliament students to Mannering Park Primary School to participate in a debating training day. This was a wonderful experience as it gave these children skills they will be able to use in their parliamentary positions and throughout their academic life.

It also provided the teachers who attended with techniques students can use in their classroom when developing arguments in any form. I was very proud of the students who attended for their participation and behaviour which were both exemplary – well done!

Helen Waldon
Teacher/Librarian
Teachers Corner

School Holiday Activities

Finding new things to do at home or getting out of the house are great ways to keep the kids entertained and reduce your stress. Here are some ideas and information that give you inspiration when the kids say those dreaded words: “I'm bored.”

IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD

Encourage children away from inactive video games and the TV with physically active games that improve their coordination, balancing and movement skills. This will also build their confidence and self-esteem. These need not be complicated and require only minimal resources. Suggest some of the following activities to your children:

- flying a kite
- helping in the garden – maybe your child could have part of the garden as their own
- practising skills like soccer, catching, throwing, skipping or hitting a ball against a wall
- playing with the family pet
- making an obstacle course and competing with their friends, siblings and you.

IN YOUR OWN HOME

In case of bad weather conditions it is a good idea to brainstorm a range of fun indoor activities for your children. It is best to get in early and have a list prepared, that might include some of the following:

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<td>Researching something the children are</td>
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<td>Listening to music and dancing</td>
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HOLIDAY FUN @ YOUR LIBRARY

Public libraries are not what they used to be. In addition to being a great place to pick up some free holiday reading, libraries offer school holiday activities such as story-telling, rock bands, courses and children's short films. There’s something for everyone.

DISCOVER A NATIONAL PARK

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service conducts a variety of school holiday Discovery walks, talks and tours around the State. The activities are led by specialist Discovery Rangers and are not only great fun, they offer new insights into the environment and the history that shaped it.

Prices vary from $3 per child. Family discounts are available. Bookings are essential. Telephone 1300 361 967, or visit their website at www.environment.nsw.gov.au.

More importantly, keep safe and enjoy some quality time together. Come back to school refreshed and ready for term 2.
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.

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

SCHOOL HOLIDAY NETBALL DEVELOPMENT CLINIC - The Hunter Academy of Sport, Hunter sports High School and Pivot Netball Academy are hosting a School Holiday Development Program for junior netballers during the April School Holidays. For children turning 9-12 in 2013. For further info email: jula@pivotnetball.com.au or visit the website: www.pivotnetball.com.au

OODLES OF FUN AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY THIS COMING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - Mask Making (design and decorate your own mask) Monday 22nd April 10am-11am Cost $5 Ages: 5-12 years at Morisset Library. Bookings essential 4945 2452. There are lots of other fun activities on offer for kids around the lake so visit www.lakemac.com.au for a full list of Autumn Holiday Activities.

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM - If you would be interested in hosting an International Student from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Japan, the USA or Canada in July for 5 or 10 months contact Dianne: 0429 406 126 for more information. Students have their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover.

YOGA AT MORISSET - Beginners Class Thursday mornings. Contact Debra 0438 754 681

NEWCASTLE’S MARCHING KOALA’S - New members always welcome. Rehearsals Tuesday night during school terms at Callaghan Jesmond Campus, 6pm-9pm. Next Fundraising event: Wednesday 24th April, Event Cinemas Glendale, Tickets $15 each, doors open 6pm, lucky door prize drawn 6.15pm, movie starts 6.30pm. MOVIE: IRONMAN 3. Tickets can be purchased by emailing Anissa Storey on astorey@ausgrid.com.au or Ph: 0408 921 378.

BRICKS @ THE BAY - The 3rd annual Tomaree Brick Display (Lego), Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th April 10am-4pm. Special evening session Sat 13th –7pm-8pm. $10 per family all welcome. At Tomaree Education Centre MPC Salamander Way Salamander Bay. See www.baybrick.com.au for more info


ART2264@MORISSET PCYC - Friday 12 April 4pm-6.30pm/7pm-10pm Youth Week - “Dance Extravaganza” and “Blue Light Disco”. To be held at Morisset PCYC, 5 Kahibah St Morisset. More info and program timetable: www.art2264morrisset.blogspot.com or Ph: 4973 4677 or 0459 038 217

Go4Fun - FREE fun program for kids to become fitter, healthier & happier! For children aged 7-13 who are above their healthy weight. Where: Various locations across Lake Macquarie When: Term 2, 2013 - a 10 week program two sessions a week. Parent or carer must accompany each child to every session. More info: Maria or Kate 4921 4113 or www.mendcentral.org/go4fun. Register: 1800 780 900

KIDS IN THE PARK - School holiday program at Sydney Olympic Park, over 50 fun filled activities ranging from FREE to under $20. Full details at www.kidsinthepark.com.au or 02 9714 7888.
### 3-Way Conference Feedback for 2013

**Family name:** ____________________________  (Optional)

Please tick the appropriate column for each statement.

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<td>4 I felt that, as a parent, my contribution to the 3-Way conference was valued.</td>
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**Any Comments**

Thank you for taking the time to complete the parent feedback form.
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