Term 1 Week 11 2013

Dear families and friends of Morisset PS

Thank you staff, students and families for your wonderful efforts and contributions in Term 1.

Term 2

Students return to school on Wednesday 1st May.

Student Achievement

I was impressed with the research work being presented by the students in 4/5L.

Brock came to my office and proudly showed me his awesome project on Darwin. I also had the privilege of hearing other students present their project to the class.

Brodie and Joshua came to my office to show me the quality 5 work they had completed in their morning session. Fabulous job boys!

I am very proud of present and past Morisset PS students who are mentioned in the Lakes Mail article which highlights citizenship and respect.
Go4Fun
Please have a look at the Go4Fun brochure that is included with this week’s newsletter:
“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. A 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.”

3-Way Conferences
We would greatly appreciate if you could complete the 3-Way Conference feedback form and return it to school before the end of term. I will draw this on the last day of term.

Head Lice
Holidays are a great time to break the head lice cycle. Please check your child's hair and treat them before they return to school next term.

Congratulations
On behalf of Morisset Public School I would like to congratulate Mark and Gemma Kyrwood on the safe arrival of their new son “Nate William”.

Thought of the week

BEING HAPPY DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE PERFECT. IT JUST MEANS YOU'VE DECIDED TO LOOK BEYOND THE IMPERFECTIONS
- K.B INDIANA

Make the most of the awesome moments and have a safe and enjoyable break.

Kathryn Duncan
Principal

Week’s Newsletter

Dates to Remember

Term 1
Assembly - Junior Council
Friday 12th April - Last day of Term 1

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

Victim praises boys for returning bag

by DAVID QUICK

A COAL Point couple has praised the honesty and integrity of three young schoolboys who they say deserve to be recognised by the community.

Lyn Hazell-Bland said she was out walking the family dog when an intruder stole into their home around 10pm one night recently.

“My husband and son were both at home and neither of them heard a sound,” Mrs Hazell-Bland said.

The thief or thieves took a back-up computer hard drive, a laptop computer, software, a wallet and Mrs Hazell-Bland’s handbag containing all her credit cards and her purse.

“We reported the incident to Toronto police who came out next day and dusted our house for fingerprints,” she said.

Several weeks later schoolboys Ryan Lawrence, 12, Hayden Dewhurst, 11, and Zachary Oliver, 10, were riding their BMX bikes in the bush close to Morisset High School. While performing a jump, one of the boys saw a handbag in the bushes.

“The boys retrieved the bag and took it to Belinda, one of their aunts, who lives nearby,” Mrs Hazell-Bland said.

Belinda found a hairdressing appointment card in the bag.

“The hairdresser is in Newcastle East and I was astounded when the salon rang and asked me if I was missing a handbag,” Mrs Hazell-Bland said.

“I drove out to Morisset that afternoon to meet the boys. Everything was still in the bag except for the cash,” she said.

“T}hey are really great kids and should receive recognition for their honesty – they could have just left it there and done nothing, but they didn’t.”
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).

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!

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

2013-14 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK
SEE THE BROCHURE IN WITH TODAY’S NEWSLETTER

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 for donations to Stewart House. If you donate $2 you go in the draw to win a $4000 holiday.
P & C NEWS

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

Have a great holiday,
Rebecca Harridge
P&C President

2013 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

Look out for the ICAS form that is being sent home today. These competitions provide an excellent opportunity for all students in Years 3-6 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. The tests are an excellent preparation for national tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child’s strengths and weaknesses. Certificates and individual student reports are received by all participating students. There are a range of tests available and if you wish your child to participate in any or all of the tests please complete the entry form and return to the school office by 3rd May 2013 with the entry fee/s.

Holiday Reading

Have your children signed on for the Premiers Reading Challenge?

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Hello everyone, and welcome to my last article for Term 1. I sincerely hope that all of our year seven students have settled in and parents are happy with the education that we are providing at Morisset High School. Last week saw the final visits that Mr Bennett (Deputy Principal) and Mrs Kerr (Year Advisor Yr7 2014) needed to make to our primary schools. Both staff members came back to school with very positive images of the students and the enthusiasm that students displayed for next year and our school. This week marks the end of our Aboriginal Student Project at Wyong TAFE – Learning Circle. Aboriginal Students in Year 10 have been completing landscaping work at TAFE, creating a learning circle from scratch under TAFE Mentors. Each student at the conclusion of the program will obtain a Certificate 2 in Landscaping, a brilliant opportunity for our students. My next phase to this plan is to hopefully construct a learning circle here at Morisset High School. This week also saw the completion of our Drumbeats program a very successful initiative involving students within our junior school. The program culminated in a performance in front of a student audience. Our ESSA results arrived at Morisset High School this week. ESSA stands for – Essential Secondary Science Assessment and our data shows that Morisset High School has performed above all other high schools within the Lake Macquarie area, this is an amazing results. Finally I would just like to mention that every teacher from all of our partner primary schools will be coming to Morisset High School on our first Staff Development Day next term. All of the teachers across every school will be listening to a speaker from the Board of Studies who will be starting our planning for the National Curriculum that is being implemented in 2014. I am looking forward to having a positive morning with every education professional within our immediate area.

Take care and I hope that everyone has a great holiday!

Mark Snedden
Principal Morisset High School
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.

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: julia@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.art2264morisset.blogspot.com or Ph: 4973 4677 or 0459 038 217

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.

PCYC MORISSET APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAM - All activities $10 per day plus you must be a member($10p.a. for U18’s). Bring a packed lunch and a drink. For details of activities call 4973 4766 or 0459 038 217. Flyers available from the school office.

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