Dear Parents and Friends of Morisset PS,

2016 is continuing to be an extremely busy time for students and staff at Morisset Public School. As always our amazing students are taking this all in their stride and doing an impressive job. This year we have already had a number of new casual teachers in our school who have all said how beautiful Morisset PS is. This of course comes as no surprise to all of the lucky staff that get to work with the incredible students of Morisset PS.

In every classroom we have been practising our warm ups as part of the Explicit Direct Instruction teaching model that is being implemented across all Literacy and Numeracy lessons this year. Staff are already noticing more engaged, excited and happy students in every classroom. Morisset PS will be open for the community to come and visit later in the term showcasing the achievements of our students during term 1. This will be a chance for all parents and caregivers to come into every classroom and see the amazing learning taking place. A letter will be going home in the next few days to confirm the exact time and date of our open classrooms. Stay tuned for further details.

Last Thursday was the first sitting of our new school Parliament. Our year 5 and 6 leaders conducted themselves with great pride and respect showing their commitment towards their very important roles. We are already looking forward to some excellent fundraising initiatives decided by our school leaders.

This week our younger students have been busy walking to Morisset Pool for our annual School Swimming Scheme. Swimming is an essential skill for all young people to have growing up in Australia, so we thank you for your support with this potentially lifesaving program. Feedback from the students has been that they are having a great time and learning many new skills.

Over the past few days we have also had a few reported cases of head lice rearing their heads again at our school. It is important to be regularly checking and treating children’s hair to ensure lice don’t spread. I want to thank those parents who have phoned the school to let us know their child has lice, as this helps us inform the community. As you know head lice love all types of hair and it is not a sign of uncleanliness.

Finally, just a reminder about the importance of our home reading program. Reading is an essential skill to have in the 21st century. Reading at home every night will help with things such as spelling, comprehension, fluency and all round general knowledge. Please ensure you are filling your child’s home reading card out and returning it to their class teacher so that awards can be presented. It would be amazing if we could have all Morisset students on Bronze level by the end of term.

The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.

-Dr. Seuss

Tim Lewis
Assistant Principal
**Dates to Remember**

### 2016

#### Term 1

**March**

**Week 6**
- Mon 29 - Fri 4: Year 2 Swimming Scheme
  - 11.30am - 1pm
- Wed 2 - Thurs 3: Gymnastics

**Week 7**
- Wed 9: P&C Meeting 9.15am
- Wed 9 - Thurs 10: Gymnastics
- Thurs 10: ASSEMBLY
- Fri 11: School Cross Country

**Week 8**
- Mon 14: BOOKFAIR
- Wed 16: Newsletter
- Wed 16 - Thurs 17: Gymnastics
- Thurs 17: Harmony Day
  - Meet & Greet Picnic 5.30pm

**Week 9**
- Tues 22: Easter Raffle money due
- Wed 23 - Thurs 24: Gymnastics
- Wed 23: Zone Soccer Trials
- Wed 23: Easter Raffle Draw
- Thurs 24: Assembly
- Fri 25: GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

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**P & C News**

**Fundraising**

**Easter Raffle.** I hope everyone got the note about the Easter Raffle that was sent home with the last newsletter outlining the relevant dates about the raffle. The Raffle tickets will be send home on Monday 7th March, keep an eye for them.

**P&C Meetings**

Next meeting will be held on Wed 9th March.
All meetings start at 9.15am in the Multi-purpose room, morning tea provided, please join us to find out first-hand what is happening in our school, or if you have any questions or ideas, it is the place to be to talk about them!

**Canteen**

Menu has been updated and a copy has been sent home today with the newsletter.
The canteen is in need of volunteers, especially Fridays, if you would like to volunteer please leave your details at the office and we will get back to you.

**Canteen is open to serve students on;**
- Wednesdays – 8.30am-12pm
- Fridays – 8.30am-12pm and 1.50pm-2.15pm

Have a great week!
Rebecca Harridge
P&C President

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**School Photos - March 31 2016**

Keep an eye out in your child's bag for photo envelopes which will be sent home in the coming weeks.

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**School Cross Country - Friday 11 March**

Notes will be sent home with today’s newsletter. Parents welcome to attend. YR3-6 (and students turning 8) will commence at 11.30am
K-2 will commence at 2.00pm

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**School Website Calendar**

The calendar on the schools website has been updated and you are now able to access notes from the website if required, also available on the school app.

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**Technology**

This year I have been assigned the role of technology teacher K-6. At Morisset Public School, we believe that computers and technology influence almost every facet of our lives. Technology has become an integral part of the modern world and it is essential that this development should occur at home and school. Students should become familiar with computers from an early age and learn to incorporate them as part of their learning processes. Students learn about computers by using them and should be provided with many and varied opportunities, to develop their skill and confidence.

In class, the students will participate in activities that assist in the development of their ability to:

- Use computer-based technologies to locate, access, evaluate, manipulate, create, store and retrieve information;
- Express ideas and communicate with others;
- Develop an awareness of the range of applications of computer-based technologies in society;
- Discriminate in the choice and use of computer-based technologies for a given purpose;
- Develop the confidence to explore, adapt and shape technological understandings and skills in response to challenges now and in the future.

Currently students are becoming more familiar with their Department of Education User ID and Student Portal. The school has also made a commitment to use Literacy Planet and all students have a login and password. I strongly encourage you to visit both websites with your child/children and get them to explain to you how they work.

[www.literacyplanet.com](http://www.literacyplanet.com)
Rodney Groves rodney.groves@det.nsw.edu.au
ORGANISATION

K/1C - Isabella Gardiner - Ready to learn at all times.
K/1 K - Ruby Murray - Always ready to learn.
1/2B - Tahlia Porch - Outstanding organisation in the classroom.
2B/C - Zara Lienau - Always organised and helps others be organised.
3/4B - Harry Bailey - Always being organised and ready to learn.
3/4AN - Ashton Wenning - Always being organised in the classroom.
5/6F - Nash McGrath - Having a neat desk.
5/6J - Noah Cuskelly - Great organisation in all aspects of schooling.
5/6L - Gabby Beach - Always organised and ready to learn.

Week 5

3/4AN Merit Award
• Eliza Hungerford
• Joshua Ridley

5/6F Merit Award
• Liam Gitt
• Claire Dederer

5/6J Merit Award
Siena Turner
Jawad Ahmed

5/6L Merit Award
Julia Druce
James Wrench

Morisset Book Fair 2016
We are very excited to be hosting a ‘Monster Book Fair’ in our school library from Monday 14th to Thursday 17th March. The library will be open for you to purchase books before school (8.15am-8.55am) and after school (3.05pm-3.45pm). Students will be able to see what is available during their library lessons in the week before and write a wish list of their favourite books. We will also be holding a colouring-in competition in the week before and the winners will receive book prizes. Prices start at $4 and there will be books appropriate for all ages K-6. A letter and invitation will be sent home to all families to give you more information closer to the date of this exciting event. We hope to see you all there!
A Dad’s Workshop

Creating Emotionally Resilient Families

Resilience is the ability to bounce back or even thrive during daily stressors or more challenging life events. The program delivers strategies for parents wanting to raise resilient children and develop a strong, emotionally connected family.

Venue: Morisset Public School
Date: Wed 11, 18 & 25 May 2016
Time: 5.30-7.30pm

To express your interest, please contact:
Phone: (02) 4960 3855
Email: Denise@calm.org.au

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Presented with the support of:

SHIM JANG
TAEKWONDO
Learn Self Defence

Bonnells Bay Community Centre Mon & Thur 5.45-6.45pm
Multifunction Centre Tue 6-7pm
Morisset Community Hall Wed 6-7pm

Ages 5 years to adults

Call 0416 183 810
or 0411 896 490
www.shimjang.com

Southlake Responds:
When disaster hits

The Southlake Connections Team invite you to a SIMULATED DISASTER EVENT

Lets learn together about how we prepare & respond as a community when disaster hits.
It is a great opportunity to meet others, contribute your valued perspective in a fun & interesting way!
And its FREE

Directed by Tigertail
a leading risk, crisis and emergency management consultancy in Australia

FREE Lunch & Afternoon Tea Provided

Saturday 19th March 2016 - 12:45pm - 4:30pm
@ Morisset Multipurpose Centre
143 Dora St, Morisset

Secure Your Place Today RSVP
p: 49737002 e: nhc@morissetmpc.org

WESTS CYCLE CLASSIC
16 - 20 MARCH

Are you a keen mountain bike rider? Come and join in the fun of our fundraising ride. Caters for all levels. The event is proudly sponsored by Wests, Centennial Coal, Coal Services, Pacific National, Orica and BHP Billiton. For more information please contact Annette Watson on 49500000 or email annette.watson@rescuehelicopter.com.au

FIRST SEASON OF PARLIAMENT OF 2016

PROPOSALS PASSED:
PENPALS - TAHNEE
MPS WORLD CUP - ELLA

PICCOLLAGE
DOBELL ART FESTIVAL

The Dobell Art Festival will be held at the Wangi Workers Club opening on Friday evening 29 April - Sunday 1 May. There will be a youth section in two age groups 13-18 yrs and 12yrs and under. The prize is $200 and the entry fee is only $5. An entry form with terms and conditions can be collected from the school office. For further information please phone Stephanie Macfarlane on 0427 412324 or 4975 5133.

Parenting can be tricky for everyone at one point or another. The Circle of Security provides a roadmap for parents to look beyond their child’s behaviours and understand how to meet the underlying needs being expressed. The Circle of Security focuses on the relationship we have with our children, to give them the emotional security they need.

WHEN: Tuesdays commencing 9th February - 22nd March 2016 10am - 12.30pm
WHERE: Salvation Army, Bonnells Bay Community Church, 158 Station Street, Bonnells Bay.
COST: FREE (Bookings essential) For more information please contact Emma on 4950 3855
A free morning tea and limited child minding provided

DYSLEXIA OR LEARNING DIFFICULTIES?
Some children experience reading and learning difficulties as a result of visual perception problems caused by Irlen Syndrome/Scotopic Sensitivity
Irlen Syndrome can cause Dyslexia and difficulties with:
- Spelling
- Writing
- Comprehension
- Concentration
- Fatigue
- Eye Strain
Regional Clinics IRLEN DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC NEWCASTLE
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Coffs Harbour: 0437698559 Wallsend 2287
Singleton: 49556904 Phone 49 556904
www.irlendyslexia.com

Lake Macquarie Wallsend Dockers

2016 Registrations are NOW OPEN
To register please visit www.lakemacquariedockers.com.au
OR attend training on Thursdays 5.30pm-6.30pm
NAB Auskick - 5yrs to 7 yrs $70
Juniors - U9s, U11s, U13s, U15s & U17s $110 (no weekly fees)
Youth Girls - 12yrs to 16yrs $60 (no weekly fees)
For further information please contact Brad 0402 494 737, Simone: 0452 433 353 or email lmafc@hotmail.com