Dear Parents and Friends of Morisset PS

Congratulations

One of the best parts of being a Principal at a great school is the opportunity I have to see the work students are doing in class and the support they give each other. Please come and have a look in our office at the ‘Celebrating all at Morisset PS’ board that shows work and personal achievements of some of our students.

I also know that 1/2O, 1K and 2B must know everything there is to know about wombats from the poetry writing and stories I am reading from students in these classes. Thank you for sharing!

I have been looking at the work that 5/6G have been doing in class in mathematics. These students have demonstrated good understanding and knowledge in lines and angles - Abbey, Holly, Taylor, Liam, Jackson, Olivia, Thomas, Ben, Joey. We may have some budding architects in that class or even politicians from the impressive results of their class speeches. Zachary, Cooper, Ben, Alannah were just a few of the students who achieved personal best results. Each student in 5/6G was able to also self-assess how they went in their speeches and what they could do to improve for their next speech. This is an important skill for any learner.

Mr Groves then gives the students feedback to support their evaluations. Great work 5/6G and Mr Groves.

Olivia and Shannon are working together in supporting each other with achieving personal goals. That is a wonderful example of getting along and confidence! You are amazing girls!

I met with the Parliament Ministers and asked what would be a good reward for students who in the last 5 weeks have been great representatives of MPS. They decided that extra play time would be great and so today all those students who have made good choices in class and in the playground will have more time at recess to play!

Well done kids. Those students who do miss out today I’m sure will be included in the next reward in 5 weeks time because of their better choices.

Thank you to the staff and students who had input in designing and painting the MPS pole that is now at Eraring PS in a Unity garden with poles from 7 other schools in the Morisset Network group. The pole was our gift to Eraring PS for their 90th Birthday celebration last weekend.

Kindergarten Afternoon Tea

On Monday this week I had a lovely afternoon tea with parents of Kindergarten students and we talked about how their experiences at MPS had been for their child as well as for them as parents. They came up with some great suggestions for us as a school to further strengthen the partnership between home and school. A big thank you to Lorraine Smith who supplied the delicious snacks. Thank you to those parents who could make it as it was a lovely way to spend an informative afternoon.

Parent Feedback is Important

From feedback received from parents at the P&C we are starting Parent Online Payments at our school in Term 2. Included in this week’s newsletter is the information you will need to make payments. Also in Term 2 we will be launching our new MPS app. Watch this space!!

Make the most of all the awesome moments.

Kathy Duncan
Principal
Attendance Honour Roll

These students have had 95% or above attendance for Term 1!
Well done and keep it up for Terms 2, 3 and 4!

Kindergarten
Darcee Bain, Alex Banning, Madeleine Barnett, Aidan Evans, Nate Fullerton, Tkai Griffiths, Conner Herbert, Samiha Hossain, Taskia Ifrat, Trinity-Anne Kears, Zara Lienau, Rehanul MD ISLAM, Isla Mundy, Grace Ostergaard, Braiden Parker-Hall, Tahlia Porch, Mikayla Shreeve, Lily Sonter, Sunny Van Bezouwen, Holly Veitch, Larz Vider-Richards, Grady Vitnell, Ava Wenning

Year One
Milo Ashman, Alexander Beirne, Adelle Clarke, Claire Dederer, Kurtis Dicandilo, Jhett Hill, Isabelle Hallett, Liam Hewitt, Phoenix Hovenden, Cody McGrath, Lily Sain, Tyler Stace, Jaxon Oxenbridge, Lars Oxenbridge, Name Withheld, Matilda Scott, Lili Serone, Maddison Serone, Zachery Small, Ella Waters, Ashton Wenning, Matteus Wenning, Emika Whitmore

Year Two

Year Three
Claire Camilleri, Kira Dicandilo, Saiia Fatu, Jada Gibson, Nathan Herring, Chase Hovenden, Angelina Joyce, Brandon King, Rebecca McGrath, Nash McGrath, Ben Melman, Sabrina Melman, Tamika Nicholson, Summer Oxenbridge, Sarah Pel-Martig, Ashlea Porch, Name Withheld, Sophie Reay, Travis Ridley, Jessica, Molly Robertson, Joshua Ridley, Jett Sain, Nick Vider, Ky Whitmore, Jackson Scanlon-Hourigan, Emily Scott, Kirra Todhunter, Tayla Todhunter, Shataya Whitmore, Abbey Whittaker, Chloe Wood

Year Four

Year Five
Joel Bennett, Ben Coleman, Alanna Collins, Cory Dean, Lincoln Edwards, Charlee Evans, Charlotte Hill, Ethan Kelly, Rhys Kelly, Ryan Leslie, Joey Lewis, Olivia Lienau, James Lorenzo, Lane McGrath, Aidan McManus, Ethan Mundy, Ben Ransom, Bailey Ridley, Ben Smith, Brock Turnbull, Kyle Wilkes.

Year Six
Abbey Bennett, Macenzie Coulter, Cai Dicandilo, Sammyjay Fatu, Blake Flemming, Ben Fullerton, Cooper Griffiths, Kacie Hunter, Guy Jarasius, Liam McBride, Lochlan McIlveen, Skye McNeil, Jackson Melman, Jayden Mitchell, Xander Patterson, Name Withheld, Samuel Simmons, Kyesha Williams.
Motocross Regional Interclub

On the 23rd of March 2014 Aidan McManus went to Blacktown Sydney for the regional motocross interclub. He came second in one of his event’s and received a second place ribbon. He was racing on his Kawasaki 65cc motorbike. Aidan raced on a dusty track that was very slippery.

The Big Race

A new rivalry has taken over Morisset Public School. It all began when Year 5 student Cory Dean challenged Miss Darby to a lightning paced running race.

Cory and Miss Darby went head to head earlier in the term in a sprint from one end of the oval to the other. To many spectators’ surprise, Miss Darby crossed the line just seconds before the little athletics star.

From then on, Miss Darby has challenged Cory to race every Thursday until he succeeds in victory!

Results to date have shown Miss Darby win 2 from 2 races, however recent rainfall has hampered efforts to compete.

Fellow classmates have noticed great sportsmanship displays, with both competitors shaking hands and congratulating each other at the end of races. Both competitors are excited for the race this Thursday.

To increase participation, an even bigger series of races occur straight after, where students from all years participate in grade divided races for the remainder of lunch.
Make Online Payments

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school’s website by selecting $ Make a payment.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called Other this to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:
- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

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**Bronze Reading Awards**


**Silver Reading Awards**

Chris Breeden, Merkesha Whitmore, Hayley Ostergaard, Tahnee Coulter

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**DISCO**

Who’s ready for a Disco?

Next Monday 7 April there will be a disco at Half Lunch for Kinder to Year 3. Entry will cost 50c.

On Tuesday 8 April there will be a disco for Years 4 to 6 at Half Lunch. Entry is 50c.

School Uniform is to be worn.
Assembly Awards

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P & C NEWS

Athletics Carnival – Friday 11th April. The Canteen and BBQ will be running on the day. Hopefully it doesn’t get postponed again… rain, rain, go away…

Easter Raffle – Will be Drawn on Thursday 10th April. Please have all tickets (sold or unsold) and money returned by Wednesday 9th April.

There are lots of prizes to be won. The first three major prizes will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade. The rest will have been drawn earlier and names will be read out during the parade. All prizes will be set up in the Hall for collection after the parade.

Donations for the raffle are still being accepted, Please have them in ASAP. Easter eggs, Easter gifts, baskets, bags or money to go towards wrapping of prizes will all be gratefully accepted. Thank you to everyone who has already donated to the raffle.

Mother’s Day Stall – The stall will be early next term on Thursday 8th May.

The stall will be run as previous years. Order forms are being sent home today. Please fill out the order form and send in with the amount of gifts your child wants to get on the day with correct money as soon as possible so we have time to have enough gifts ready for the day.

Have a great week
Rebecca Harridge

SCHOOL BANKING DAY REMINDER

THURSDAY is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Morisset Public School.

Entertainment @ Morisset Public School
Pre-purchase On-line or Pre-Pay at school for BONUS OFFERS!

This year, the fundraising generated by the purchase of these books will be put towards the line-marking of our Cola areas for various sports, such as futsal, netball and basketball. A company has been engaged to carry out the work in the school holidays! (we just have to pay for it !!!)

On-line orders can be purchased by accessing the School Website and clicking on the link, or use the following: https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/34r476

This year books or digital memberships are being offered. Thanks for supporting this fundraising initiative.
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THORNTON REDBACKS FC - Players needed for the following development squads for the 2014 Football Season. Under 13—3 field players, Under 14—3 field players. Interested players contact Michael Hurn (Director) Ph: 49663462. Rego payment plans available if required

LAKE MACQUARIE EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES - Holiday activity timetables are now available from the school office.

TIN LIDS VACATION CARE – Application forms for the April School Holidays and time tables are available from the school office.

SOUTHLAKES OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS VACATION CARE – Application forms for the April School Holidays and time tables are available from the school office. Bookings essential. Ph 4973 7005 for more information.

Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:
- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Cynthia Culhane, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(02) 4927 8385 / 0418 699 646
or cynthia.culhane@thesmithfamily.com.au

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ARE YOU A SINGLE PARENT?

Every week Single with Children provides fun and exciting activities especially for single parents and their children (many activities are subsidised or even free)

It’s a great way to meet and get to know people in your area
To find out more and get a FREE copy of our social calendar, contact us today.

Call 1300 300 496
Or visit our website: www.singlewithchildren.com.au

AN INVITATION TO PARENT/CARERS
Do you provide care and support to a Child/Young Person who is aged Pre-School to School Years with a Disability, Mental Illness or Chronic Condition?
You are invited to attend our FREE Parent/Carer Information Sessions

Where: Club Macquarie, 458 Lake Road, Argenton
Time: 9.30am — 2.00pm
Cost: FREE — Morning Tea & Light Lunch Provided
RSVP: Thursday 24th April – For Catering Purposes Ph: 4921 4865 or 1300 887 776 or Educare-Admin@htnehealth.nsw.gov.au

When: Wednesday 30th April 2014
• The Impact of being a Parent/Carer – HNE – Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter
• Building Parent Resilience – Jackie Currey, First Chance

When: Wednesday 7th May 2014
• Siblings – HNE – Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter
• National Disability Insurance Agency – Suzanne Punshon
• Using Assisted Technology – Ben Coorey, Samartans

When: Wednesday 14th May 2014
• The Importance of Support Groups – Bronwyn Thoroughgood - Families Supporting Families
• Child Behaviour that Challenges Us – Craig Moore, Clinical Psychologist
• Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW

Respite may be available by contacting Commonwealth Respite & Carerlink Centre on 1800 052 222

Health Hunter New England Local Health District