Dear Parents and Friends of Morisset PS

Thank you!
We have many people working behind the scenes at our school. Their work and support for our school makes the school the great place it is. Mark Agar, our general assistant has been working hard to make the first points of entry to our school the welcoming environment it is. He has worked with students in the environment group with Mrs Reynolds to upgrade our gardens. Thank you Mr Agar—You are amazing!

Thank you to the parents from the P&C who spent many hours at our school organising and wrapping presents for students to purchase for Mothers Day. Due to their support for our school I am sure there were plenty of mums and grandmas who received a very special gift bought from the school.

Star Struck has begun and we have 16 students representing our school. Mrs Bartlett is the organiser but she is working with a wonderful team of parents and staff with transport and costumes. The work these people put in to support our students who are participating is appreciated. Thank you!

You may have thought Mr Hodge has retired but he is at our school during lunch time training students in cricket. We are very lucky to have Mr Hodge on our team!

Congratulations to our students and the pride they are showing by wearing their full school uniform.

Year 3 & 5 students have been working through the NAPLAN testing this week. Students have shown confidence and resilience at this time. They know the results are from “one test on one day “ and that it is the day to day efforts that they put in at school that continues to give an accurate picture of their achievements.

P&C
Any parents and family members can be apart of our P&C. We have a get together this Friday at 9.15 am for an hour. We would love to see you there. Many hands make light work! We will be looking at the new school app.

Let’s Celebrate!

Our school newsletter is a form of communication to our school community. Part of our students ongoing learning is that we encourage them to write a report to share with the community about their achievements and efforts. This week we have many students that have taken up the challenge and their articles are included in this weeks newsletter. Fantastic effort kids, great reading.

We have many talented students at our school who have achieved their goals. Kurtis came to me with a story he had written. Even though the story was great he read me the story and was able to self correct himself when he misread. That is a very important skill for any reader. Well done Kurtis!! Brody wrote a story about a lion pie. My mouth was watering when he was describing the pastry, herbs and spices he would use in the pie. I am sure he is going to be a chef!

Make the most of the awesome moments.

Kathy Duncan
Principal
ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 2nd April 2014, James Lorenzo, James Wrench, Hayden Roberts, Chase Hovenden, Ben Ransom, Xander Patterson, Lochlan McIlveen, Brock Turnbull, Cooper Griffiths, Crystal Lienau, Olivia Lienau, Sammyjay Fatu, Joel Bennett, Aiden McManus, Riley McManus, Abby Bennett, Taylor Scanlon, Kirra Todhunter, Jemima Brace, Summer Oxenbridge, Ryan Craft, Mikayla Morgan, Ella Murray, Emma Clarke, Kyan Townsend, Kacie Hunter, Summer Visocchi, Jayden Mitchell, Macenzie Coulter and Skye McNeil went to Zone Cross Country at Rathmines. Everyone ran their best. We are proud of each other for participating in it and representing our school. Krystal Lienau and Ben Ransom both made it to Regional and will run again on Friday 9th April 2014. Congratulations to everyone who participated. It was a very fun day.

By James and Hayden

Kye’s Big Catch

In the holidays Kye Brinkworth and his dad went fishing. Kye caught a 1 metre and 7 centimetre long jewfish. It was almost as big as Kye. Kye caught it at Bird Island at Sunshine.

Written by Kye & Joshua

Boys Cricket Team

The boys cricket team was fun because we were playing with our friends and we had an outstanding match against Cooranbong. Our next match will be against Biddah. Cooper Griffiths was an amazing captain and Mr Hodge was a outstanding coach. We won against Cooranbong and we are very pumped for the next game. We had a marvellous time. Cooper, Brock, Ben R, Ben F, Liam, Sam, Kyle, Rhys, Blake F, Blake P and Ethan V were outstanding in the match and we would like to thank them for trying out and having the time of their lives.

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 9th May Ben Ransom and Krystal Lienau competed in Regional Cross Country for Westlakes. Ben came 7th out of 56 competitors and Krystal came 10th out of 52 competitors. The top six place getters in Regional go through to State Cross Country and Ben came 7th so he missed out for State by 1 place so he is a reserve for State Cross Country. Krystal was 4 places off going to State.

BOYS SOFTBALL

In first term, the boy’s softball team won two outstanding matches. Our first match was against Speer’s Point at Speer’s Point with our coach Mr Kywood. We beat them 12-2.

Our second match was against Wangi and that was a glorious day with our new coach Miss Darby. It was a hard match and Wangi put up a fight but we managed to beat them.

All the boys in both matches played an outstanding game and they are ready for the next game against Cessnock West or Cessnock.

Girls Cricket Team

On Monday 5th the Year 5 & 6 girls cricket team went to Martinsville oval and played a game of cricket. Us girls played against Cooranbong, it was a tough game but unfortunately we lost. We scored 84 runs, whilst they scored 103. It was a great day and we are all thanking the parents who helped to transport us there and especially Mr Hodge for organising the game!

By Skye and girls cricket team.

FROM THE STUDENTS

STARSTRUCK

Tuesday last week 16 students from MPS went to The Forum at Newcastle University for the first practice to learn our dance for Star Struck. It was a really busy day, there was lots of other schools there and we managed to learn the whole dance in one day. Now we just have to get our costumes ready and practice the dance every recess.

By Holly & Taylor
TERM 2 WEEK 2

GETTING ALONG

K/1CA - Mikayla Shreeve - Kind & helpful to classmates
K/1G - Nate Fullerton - Always gets along with his peers & helps his peers
1K - Megan Waters - Always getting along with everyone
1/2O - Noah Charles - YCDI Champion this week!
2B - Ryan Nicholls-Hughes - Always helping friends in need
3N - Sharntelle Small - Always friendly to everyone
3/4KW - Natasha Homer - Making sure everyone is happy and safe
4/5D - Emma Clarke - Getting along and making new friendships
5/6G - Bennye McFarlane - Being co-operative and helpful in class

P & C NEWS

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea - Raising money for The Cancer Council, will be held on Thursday 5th June from 10am – 11am. We will be entertained by our beautiful children singing in the junior & senior choir and Drumming groups. There will also be a mini Raffle drawn on the day. Please come and join us for this very worthwhile cause.

Thompson Pie Drive - Will be run at the end of this term just in time for the next school holidays. Order forms will be sent out with the Newsletter in Week 5. Delivery and pick up will be Wednesday 25th June.

Next P & C meeting will be held this Friday 16th May in the Community Room/Multi-Purpose Room at 9.15am.

Reminder of the Shopping Bus Trip Fundraiser on Sunday 19th October. Put in your Diaries! Lots of fun! Lots of shopping! Delicious Lunch! Fantastic Company! More information will be sent home shortly.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Mother’s Day Stall last Thursday, very much appreciated. I hope all the mum’s had a beautiful day.

Thank you and have a great week,

Rebecca Harridge
P&C President

DATES TO REMEMBER

2014
Term 2

MAY
Week 3
Thurs 15 NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 – Numeracy
Fri 16 P & C Meeting 9.15am
Walk Safely to School Day

Week 4
Tues 20 ICAS Competition - Computer
Wed 21 GRIP Leadership Excursion
Thurs 24 ASSEMBLY 2.30pm – 3/4KW

Week 5
Mon 26 National Sorry Day
Wed 28 Lake Macquarie Parent Night-Speech Pathologist @ MPS Hall
Thurs 29 Starstruck Practice

JUNE
Week 6
Mon 2 Boys Soccer Gala Day
Morisset High School Open Afternoon
Interrelate
Tues 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day
Wed 4 ICAS Competition - Science
CARES Excursion Stage 3
Thurs 5 Parents Viewing Literacy at Morisset 9-10am
P & C Biggest Morning Tea 10-11am
Marvellous Mother’s Celebration
ASSEMBLY 2.30pm – 3N

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You Can Do It Awards

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Bronze Reading Awards
Isla Davis, Indy-Rose McLean, Emika Whitmore, Maddison Serone, Lili Serone, Grace Penman, Charlotte Harris, Harrison Bailey, Bella Hinton, Noah Cuskelley, Summer Visocchi, Siena Tumer, Lily Sain, Callum Churchill, Isabella Hartge, Abbey Whittaker, Jamie Gambrill, Samuel Anton, Darcee Bain, Ava Wenning, Lily Sonter, Madeleine Barnett, Nate Fullerton, Isla Mundy, Sunny Van Bezuwen, Conner Herbert, Ryder Jack, Grady Vitnell, Quinn Harrison, Alex Banning, Braiden Hall, Holly Veitch, Breanna Swain, Grace Ostergaard, Zara Lienau, Trinity Kearns, Mikayla Shereeve, Tahlia Porch

Silver Reading Awards
Grady Vitnell, Grace Ostergaard, Archer Sonter, Karlee Hunter, Claire Dederer, Isabella Harrison, Matilda Scott, Alexander Beirne, Megan Waters, Nina Dean, Tyler Stace, Luke Ostergaard, Ryan Nicholls-Hughes, Adelle Clarke,

Gold Reading Awards
Megan Waters, Nina Dean, Archer Sonter

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**RUNNER UP PRIZES.**
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**CANTEEN NEWS**

New on the Canteen Menu - starting next week:

- Home Made Chicken Soup - $1.50 (Wed & Fri)
- Hot Corn on the Cob - $1.00
- Pizza Slices - $1.00

Thank You

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**WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY**

Walk Safely to School Day will be held throughout Australia on Friday 23 May. We encourage all families and teachers to walk and commute safely to school on this day.

The aim of the day is to promote and encourage safe and regular walking to all Australian children. Benefits of walking to school include:

- Reinforcing safe pedestrian behaviour
- Promoting the health benefits of walking and creating regular walking habits at an early age
- To ensure that students up to 10 years hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles

Please consider walking to school with your child on this day. If you live far away from school and have to drive, we ask that you park one kilometre away from the school and walk the remaining distance.

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**MORISSET HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

Hello everyone, I hope that the sudden cold weather is not hitting you all too hard. We are all back in full swing at the high school as we reach the end of week two. Our Girls Bill Turner Cup Team had a great first round win last week by four goals and so they are now gearing up for round two. At the Zone X-Country Carnival we had fifteen students qualify for the Regional Carnival, despite some organisational issues on the day. This is a great effort by our team! A year eight student has also been successful in gaining a position on the regional Squash Team, Kevan Ghattas, an amazing effort. Both of our year 7 and 8 enrichment classes have begun their Gifted and Talented Projects for 2014 and staff are very excited by some of the initial ideas and the enthusiasm of the group. I am looking forward to the development of the projects over the coming terms.

Finally, our library is nearing the end of its upgrade. We have had the library repainted, re-shelved, new computer banks and benches installed as well as a brand new touch screen, replacing an interactive white board. Finally, next week I am working in Cooranbong Primary School’s Canteen. This is a new initiative where myself along with the Deputy Principals will be donating one day per canteen within all of our partner primary schools as a way of working closer within our partner schools and closer with our community. I am looking forward to my day next Tuesday!

Take care and have a great week!

Mark Snedden
Principal Morisset High School

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**Thank you Lions Club of Morisset!**

On behalf of Morisset Public School’s students, staff and community, we would like to thank you for your kind donation to our school. With this donation we have purchased two books for our school library: “Meet the Anzacs” by Claire Saxby and “The Poppy” by Andrew Plant. These books teach us about how soldiers prepared for war, what happens during the war and explained to us the significance of the poppy. The books are helping us to better understand war and the ANZAC spirit. We will never forget the sacrifice these amazing people made for us all.

Prime Minister and Deputy Minister

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**2014 SELECTION FOR YEAR 5 OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT IN 2015**

Applications for Year 5, 2015 Opportunity Class Placement are now open. Apply online at: www.school.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Applications close on **Friday 16 May 2014.**

Check the website for more details about applying. Some applications are available from the school office if you do not have access to the internet.

**Key Dates:**

- **Friday 16 May 2014** - Applications close
- **Wednesday 9 July 2014** - Test centre advice received by parents or carers
- **Wednesday 23 July 2014** - Opportunity class placement test
Milo in2CRICKET is coming to Charlestown Indoor Sports Centre

The MILO in2CRICKET program will offer boys and girls aged 5 to 10 years the opportunity to learn lots of new cricket skills. This program will operate on Friday afternoons for 6 weeks at Charlestown Indoor Sports Centre from 4pm-5pm starting on May 16th. This program will be run by Cricket NSW staff with the cost $80 per child (includes Milo in2CRICKET participant pack - shirt, hat, bat, ball, drink bottle & bag). Parents can register their child/ren online at www.in2CRICKET.com.au. Any questions to Neil via email at Neil.McDonald@cricketnsw.com.au.
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