Dear Parents and Friends of Morisset PS

Welcome back! Term 3 is already upon and we are already back into our routines and working hard in our classrooms. We hope that you had an enjoyable winter break and are ready to take on all of the challenges and events headed our way this term.

Last week was NAIDOC week, and you may have noticed NAIDOC Week celebrations being held right across Australia. The purpose of the week is to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year’s theme, ‘Serving Country: Centenary & Beyond’, honours all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have fought in defence of country.

Tomorrow (Thursday), at Morisset High School, two significant events will take place. First, is our LMG Pathways Awards. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and people of the community who are doing great things and excelling in education will be recognised, acknowledged and celebrated.

Second, is the formal signing of our Partnership Agreement, between our LMG schools and the AECG. This is an agreement where all education stakeholders in the Itji-Marru AECG boundary agree to work together to strengthen Aboriginal education in our schools.

Our NAIDOC week activities will take place during Education Week (Wk 3) on Wednesday 30th July. All families are welcome to come in and enjoy the activities with the students. More information about the day will be sent home soon.

Also, throughout Education Week, all schools in our LMG will be showcasing their talents and achievements at Morisset Square. Displays from all schools will be up throughout the week and on Friday 1st August, our students will be performing from 1pm until approx. 2:30pm. This year, we will have choir groups singing, classes drumming and so on. We look forward to seeing you there.

Next week, some of our students will be participating in Rail Safety (Yr 3) and/or Water Safety presentations (K, 3 & 6). These are free presentations and workshops that students participate in to develop their understanding and awareness of risk factors and are introduced to CPR.

Mr K’s Quote of the Fortnight:

“How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.”

~Carol Sobieski and Thomas Meehan (Annie)

Mark Kyrwood
Acting Principal
FLU SEASON IS HERE!

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's vaccination page.

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.
School Banking. New rewards released in Term 3.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

Rewards available in term 3 are:

- Handball (whilst stock lasts)
- Scented Pencils (whilst stock lasts)
- Shark or Penguin Key ring
- Whale Shark Pencil Case
- Moneybox (new release)
- Swimming Bag (new release)

COORANBONG VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL INC.

Cooranbong Valley Community Preschool currently offers educational care at a reduced rate for children who turn four by the 31/7/14. This program runs for six hours a day from Monday to Thursday with very few places left in our school readiness group. In an effort to accommodate those families who have younger children (2 and 3 year olds) and who would like their child to begin the first stage of their school readiness journey we are offering from Monday 14/7/14 (Term 3) an hourly care rate of $8 per hour for a minimum of 3 hours. Families of younger children must nominate three, four, five or six hours per day for their child to attend.

Families must provide a copy of an up to date immunisation certificate and birth certificate as well as pay an enrolment fee of $85 before their child can commence at our educational preschool. If you would like to take advantage of this offer please call the preschool (Louise Pike - Director) on 4977 1055.
DANCERS REQUIRED FOR OPENING CEREMONY

AUDITIONS

Experienced Dancers between the ages of 10-23 are required for the opening Ceremony of the International Children’s Games.

Audition date is Sat. 26th July 2014 at the Lake Macquarie Performing Arts Centre at Warners Bay.

The performance date is Sunday 7th December, 2014.

Application forms must be received before 25th July 2014. A copy of the forms are available from the front office, or by download from the Lake Macquarie International Children’s Games website.

Note: Late Applications will NOT be accepted.

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