

Term 4 Week 6 2012

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

<u>Relieving Principal's Message</u> <u>School Musical</u>

Morisset PS is a buzz with excitement as we start planning for our end of year activities. Our school musical is coming along nicely and our new sound and lighting system looks and sounds amazing. Our senior students are busy learning their lines, preparing for our whole school dress rehearsal on Monday 26th November. With only 2 weeks left before our performances, we would like to thank all of the wonderful people, from our fantastic parents, to our dedicated students, teachers, SLSOs and admin staff etc who all have gone above and beyond to make this a memorable experience for our students. We are sure you'll enjoy the show.

We'd also like to thank all of those who have purchased a ticket for our performances. This is OUR major fundraiser for the year (we often support external charities too). The money raised from ticket sales obviously needs to cover production costs, but also enables the school to improve its resources. This year, with support from our wonderful P&C, we have upgraded our sound and lighting systems in the hall, we will be able to maintain our Mathletics and Reading Eggs resources and much more. Again, thank you for your undying support.

Crazy Hair Day

This Friday, 16th November, our student parliament is running a crazy hair day to raise money for our up coming Year 6 farewell and school gift and Year 6 video. We look forward to seeing some weird and whacky hairstyles on Friday.

Year 6 HS visit -next Tuesday

Our Year 6 students will be attending MHS next Tuesday to preview the MHS Showcase and participate in a number of activities linked to their study of the novel 'Mrs Frisby' this term.

<u>GATS Day for enrichment class students at</u> <u>MHS – next Wednesday.</u>

Year 6 students who were successful in gaining a placement in next year's Year 7 Enrichment class have been invited to attend a GATs day at MHS next Wednesday. Every year, we hear great reports about this day from the students involved. We wish our next cohort a great day.

2013 Classes

Aside from planning for our end-of-year events, we are in the currently in the process of planning for 2013. If you are aware of any local parents who wish to enrol their child at MPS in 2013, please ask them to come to the school as soon as possible to ask about enrolment.

Quote of the Week

"No matter how dark things seem to be or actually are, raise your sights and see the possibilities – always see them, for they're always there." — Norman Vincent Peale

Mark Kyrwood Relieving Principal

Students, Teachers and the Community United in Quality Learning

P&C News

RAFFLE DONATIONS - Thank you to everyone who has donated to the raffle so far, We are still excepting donations, so please keep them coming in. Items such as toys, Christmas items & non perishable food items for the items for the hampers would be fantastic. It's great to have lots of prizes to give away.

The raffle tickets have been sent home today. There is a date change for when the raffle will be drawn, it is now being drawn on **Friday 7th December at Assembly** and not on the 30th November as previously noted. Please if you don't wish to sell them, send them back into the office to be handed on to others to sell.

<u>**THE CANTEEN**</u> - will be open to purchase drinks and snack items before and during intermission of this years Musical Performances.

<u>THE GARDEN</u> - 70 square meters of pavers were delivered yesterday, another step closer to the garden being done, YEH!!

Rebecca Harridge President

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 4

Friday 16.11.12—3/4W Assembly 16.11.12 Crazy Hair Day School Musical - Week 8 Tues 27.11.12 - Matinee Wed & Thurs 28/29.11.12 - Night Wed 5.12.12 - Yr 6 to Yr7 Orientation Day - Morisset High Mon 10.12.12 - Presentation Day Tues 11.12.12 - Yrs 5 & 6 Rooky's Workshop Wed 12.12.12 - Yr 6 Farewell Wed 19.12.12 - Last day for Students

<u>Crazy Hair Day</u>

Crazy hair day is on the **16th of November.** It's when you get to make your hair as crazy as you want. It is a gold coin donation to go towards Parliament funds. All the school can be involved in this activity. Thank you!! Abbey Bennett and Holly Saunders

COMMUNITY NEWS

MORISSET & DISTRICT CHILDRENS CENTRE - Vacancies are now open for enrolment for 2013.

Phone 4973 3244 for information

LAKE MACQUARIE AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS - Nominate someone who makes you proud.

Download nomination form at: www.lakemac.com.au (Australia Day Awards) or Phone Council: 4921 0333

CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday 17th November Scout Hall, Awaba Street St, Morisset

7.30 - 2pm \$20 per car site \$10 per table in hall Contact Dana Gill 4973 2555 After 4 or Kim Duncan 0410 267445

SOUTHLAKE COMMUNITY SERVICES INC

Community Christmas Celebration - Friday 7th December 4pm - 8pm

Morisset Multipurpose Centre 143 Dora St Morisset

FREE community event - food, drinks, entertainment, jumping castle, face painting, magicians etc

LAKE MACQUARIE CITY ART GALLERY -

Two contemporary visual art exhibitions are being held at the gallery from 26 October—9 December 2012

'Look Closely Now' and 'Surface Seeking' - marvels to confound and surprise, move and enchant.

<u>THE FAMILY AND TECHNOLOGY</u> - Free lecture by Darren Pratt Saturday 17th November at 2.30pm, Hillview Adventist Church Hall, Gimberts Rd, Morisset, Phone 4977 2485

<u>SINGLE WITH CHILDREN -</u> For your FREE copy of social calendar contact 1300 300 496 or check out website www.singlewithchildren.com.au

<u>2012 LAKE MACQUARIE GAMES TRAMPOLINE SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS -</u> Saturday 24th November, Belmont High School Gymnasium, Macquarie Dr, Belmont. Entry fee \$10 Start 8.30am. More Info contact Brett Austine Belmont High School, Ph: 4945 0600 Fax: 4947 7531 Mobile: 0421 089 910

BLUE LIGHT EVENT - Morisset PCYC Friday 16th Nov. 7pm-10pm, Tickets \$10 pp available at the door, under 18's only

* NO ALCOHOL * NO DRUGS * NO PASSOUTS

Assembly Awards Assembly Awards

Term 4

Week 5

KB Student of the Week:
Christopher Breeden

Merit Award

- Ashlyn Hunt
- Charlie Nolan

KG Student of the Week:

Nickolas Vider

Merit Award

- Billy Gibson
- Charlotte Harris
- Harrison Bailey

1C Student of the Week:

- Jack Scanlon
 Merit Award
- Molly Baldwin
- Claire Camilleri

1/2K Student of the Week:

- Brendan Carey
 Merit Award
- Shayla Ridley
- Isabella Hartge

2B Student of the Week:

- Tashawn Griffiths
 Merit Award
- Jayden Austin
- Olivia Caddey

2/3C Student of the Week:

Ethan Kelly

Merit Award

- Charlotte Hill
- Tahnee Coulter

3/4W Student of the Week:

- Xander Patterson
 Merit Award
- Olivia Lienau
- Name Withheld

4/5R Student of the Week:

Tyson Randall

Merit Award

- Skye McNeil
- Liam Greatrex

5/6G Student of the Week:

Name Withheld

Merit Award

Brock RadleyTyler Morgan

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- Christopher Breeden
 Merit Award
- Taj Coulter
- Shakyra Riley

The Awesome 80's

School Musical

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SORRY Tickets have <u>SOLD OUT</u> for Wednesday and Thursday night performances. BUT GOOD NEWS

Matinee **tickets** are still available but selling fast so be quick to avoid disappointment.



Dear Parent/Caregivers, The bus drivers have asked if any children needing to catch a different bus home with cousins or other family members need to have a note from the parent and also payment of \$1.

Thank you



Bronze Reading Awards Natasha Homer, Talitha Egan-Williams **Double Bronze Reading Awards** Courtney North, Travis Ridley, Bella Visocchi, Nicholas Jolly, Jack Nicholls -Hughes **Double Silver Reading Awards** Billy Nicholson, Ashlea Porch, Mitchell Patterson, Harrison Bailey, Owen Fullerton. Amelia Barnett **Double Gold Reading Awards** Nickolas Vider, Charlotte Harris, Tara Harridge **Royal Amethyst** Ryan Nicholls-Hughes, Karlee Hunter,

> Anthony Robinson Double Amethyst Sophie Reay





Resilience: Name Withheld Organisation: Jett Sain Confidence: Kyle Wilkes Getting Along: Connor Greatrex Persistence: Ryan Leslie



Teachers' Corner by Mr Mark Kyrwood

Keeping your kids safe online is easy with a few simple precautions.

1.Nothing replaces parental supervision and education for kids about cyber safety.

2.Set a technology curfew.

3.Remind your child to never give out identifying information such as your home address, school name or telephone number in a public message such as chat or newsgroups.

4.If your child posts photos online, use privacy settings to limit access to people they know well.

5.Remind your child that people don't always tell the truth online, and they can't take anything at face value.

6. Reassure your child that they can tell you anything, without fear of losing the laptop or internet access.

7.If they get a message or email that's threatening or rude, they should 'STOP, BLOCK, TELL'. First step is to tell your child to stop responding to the abuse and then block those people sending threatening or rude messages if they continue. Let your child know that if they are being bullied, or know someone else who is, they should tell a trusted adult.

8.Never click on any links that are contained in emails from people they don't know. As well as sexual content, they could contain a computer virus.

9.If you suspect your child has been contacted by a predator, try to save a copy of the chat log (or whatever form the contact takes) for evidence. Call Crime Stoppers 24-hour line 1800 333 000 to make a formal complaint.

10. Your child will be using computers and the technology for the rest of their lives – you're in the great position of being able to get them off to a safe, positive start.

NOTE:*** It is illegal for children under the age of 13 to be on facebook.*** If you are on facebook and are aware of children under the age of 13 having a facebook account, you should report them to facebook.



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