

# *MORISSET PUBLIC SCHOOL*

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#### Term 4 Week 8 2013

# DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 4

#### **NOVEMBER**

#### Week 8

FRI 29 NO ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

Fri 29 Stage 2 Swimming Program

#### **DECEMBER**

#### Week 9

Tues 3 Musical—Matinee starts 11.30am
Wed 4 Year 6 Orientation Day at Morisset

High School

Wed 4 Musical—Night Performance starts

6pm

Thurs 5 Musical—Night Performance starts

6pm

#### Week 10

Wed 11 Stage 2 Movie Day Wed 11 Year 6 Farewell

Thurs 12 Presentation Day at Morisset High

School Hall starts at 9.30am

Thurs 12 Jets Women's League Soccer

Afternoon starts at 1.30pm

Fri 13 Kindy 2014—Bright Beginnings

"Teddy Bears' Picnic"

#### Week 11

Wed 18 Mud Day Year 6

Wed 18 Students Last Day

### P & C NEWS

\*<u>Christmas Raffle</u> - Drawn at assembly on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you to everyone who brought in a donation for the Christmas Raffle, it is very much appreciated.

We are still accepting DONATIONS for the Christmas Raffle, please drop them into the office A.S.A.P.

Please send back any **unsold raffle tickets A.S.A.P** as we have families who we can forward them onto and we can sell them during the Musical performances.

Please have sold raffle tickets in by 9am Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

\*Thank you to the Hill Family for donating our Jelly Bean
Guessing Competition. It will be 50c per guess. The
opportunity to guess will start next week and the winner will
be announced at Thursday night's performance.

\*\*The canteen will be open during the musical performances.\*\*

Cold drinks, tea, coffee and light snacks will be available for purchase.

\*The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>
January before the students start back from 8.30am to
10am. Then again on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January from 8.30am to
9.30am.

Have a great week, Rebecca Harridge P&C President



#### Dear Parents and Friends of MPS

On behalf of MPS staff and students we would like to thank our 2013 P & C for their hardwork and commitment. Last Friday our new P & C Committee were elected. Congratulations to Rebecca Harridge (President), Ann Beirne and Merrilee McBride (Vice Presidents), Allyson McIlveen (Secretary), Tina Morgan (Treasurer). We also have wonderful people in our P & C taking on roles to support Uniforms and Canteen.

Our P & C is an important part of the school structure. As the quote goes "it takes a village to raise a child". The research has proven the most effective result for student success is to have a strong partnership between school, home and community. At MPS we value the support and the many hours behind the scenes of fundraising and activities that increase the resources and opportunities our students can access.

The P & C welcomes all parents and carers and values their input no matter how large or small. The Christmas Raffle is the next project P & C have organised. Please send in gifts or special food items to be included in the prizes. Students all have tickets to sell so we appreciate all donations.

#### Road Safety

You may have read in the local paper we now have a new sign indicating the 40 km school speed zone. Students and teachers have been discussing how we cross at the flagged crossing at our school. We encourage the support from parents to show a good example to their children by also using the flagged crossing.

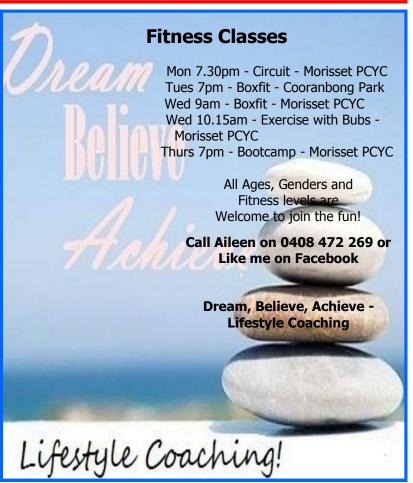
Excitement is building here leading up to our school musical. Staff, students and parents have all worked together to bring a pirate feel to the school. Arrrgh!!

#### Thought of the Week

We can't go back and make a new start but we can start now and make a new ending.

Make the most of the awesome moments. Kathryn Duncan Principal





### **Teachers Corner**

Each week, on average, one child drowns!



### **Water Safety**

As the holidays are fast approaching it is important to think about water safety especially if you have a pool in your backyard. Pools, lakes, ponds, and beaches mean summer fun and cool relief from hot weather. However, drowning is the greatest cause of accidental death in children under five in Australia.

The good news is there are many ways to keep your kids safe in the water and make sure that they take the right precautions when they're on their own.

- Kids need constant supervision around water always watch children closely when they're in or near any water.
- Young children are especially vulnerable they can drown in less than 6 centimetres of water.
- Learn how to swim check the local swimming pools for classes taught by qualified instructors. Don't assume that a child who knows how to swim isn't at risk for drowning.
- Invest in proper-fitting, Coast Guard-approved flotation devices (life vests) and use them whenever a child is near water.
- Don't forget the sunscreen and reapply frequently, especially if the kids are getting wet. UV sunglasses, hats, and protective clothing can also help provide sun protection.
- Kids should drink plenty of fluids, particularly water, to prevent dehydration. It's easy to get dehydrated in the sun, especially when kids are active and sweating. Dizziness, feeling lightheaded, or nausea are just some of the signs of dehydration and overheating.
- The temperature of the water is important, too. Enter the water slowly and make sure it feels comfortable for you and your child. In general, 28° 30°C is comfortable for recreational swimming for children (babies are more comfortable when the water is on the warmer side of this temperature range). If a child is shivering or experiencing muscle cramps, get him or her out of the water immediately.
- Check your pool has a climb-proof fencing at least 4 feet (1.2 meters) high on all sides of the pool? Does the fence have a self-closing gate with a childproof lock?



#### CANTEEN

Please place lunch orders with canteen

# AS SOON AS YOU ARRIVE AT SCHOOL.

Some students have been forgetting and handing their order in at lunch time.



## MORISSET HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

#### **OPENING TIMES FOR JANUARY 2014**

Wednesday 22nd Jan: 8.00am -2.00pm
Thursday 23rd Jan: 8.00am - 2.00pm
Friday 24th Jan: 8.00am - 2.00pm
Tuesday 28th Jan: 8.00am - 2.00pm (Pupil free day)
Wednesday 29th Jan: 8.00am - 12.00
(Year 7,11,12 Return)
Thursday 30th Jan: 8.00am- 12.00

(Year 8,9,10 Return)

For more information and prices please go to Morisset high school web site, uniform info.



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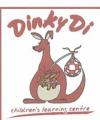
#### YEAR 6 - 7 TRANSITION ACTIVITIES 2013

ORIENTATION DAY (WEDNESDAY 4/12/13)

Year 6 students spend a day at MHS getting a taste of High School life including peer support activities,

orientation around the school, introducing key staff, sport and sport's houses and enjoy a series of taster lessons

following a High School style timetable. The opportunity is given to answer student's questions, explain what to do and where to go on the first day (and how to get home).



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