

# MORISSET PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Friends of Morisset PS

Term 4 is definitely shaping up to be an exciting term! I know that teachers have been tapping into their creative sides and have been very industrious with starting the organisation of dance routines for the play, and Miss Webeck has been busy with students in practising the acting sections. Please keep an eye out for your child's play note which will mention the required costumes that will be needed for another wonderful performance.

A fortnight ago, Year 5 and 6 students travelled to Mogo to have a fantastic 3 day adventure. Thank you to Miss Webeck, Miss Darby, Mr Groves and Mrs Warry for giving up their time with their families and making the students' time safe and successful. It can be difficult to leave Mum and Dad, especially for overnight excursions; however the benefits of overcoming this challenge far outweigh any initial

concerns. Please see some students' recounts of the trip and the great photos. Also, a big thank you to Mrs Johnson and the organisation of the community read last week. It is an event that requires a lot of planning and it was very unfortunate that the weather was not on our side so the planned event of walking around the community and listening to businesses read did not go ahead. However, Mrs Johnson was able to organise a successful book parade on the day.

Swim school started in the first week back to school on the Friday and I have heard that the students are learning a lot, perfecting their strokes and are representing the school with their marvellous Morisset manners!

This week, Thursday and Friday and next week Monday and Tuesday, students will be participating in Life Education. Life Education and Healthy Harold, the mascot, promote

safe, healthy living in a positive way. It is of great benefit for the students and a lot of helpful information is taught.

The Year 6 transition to Morisset High School is well underway this term. I know from speaking to some students they have enjoyed going over to the high school and they are all very positive about starting next year. Today, Mr Gary Bennett, one of the deputies from Morisset High School, will be in the canteen to serve the students their lunch. It is one of the ways the high school is working hard to make the transition to high school a successful one - a familiar face is always a help.

Congratulations to the P&C for a successful shopping trip last weekend. I know Mrs Duncan had an enjoyable time and a substantial amount of money was raised by all involved!

Please be aware when bringing your child to and from school that it is important to keep the drop off zone clear during before and after school times so it provides clear access for parents to safely take their children into and from school. There are rangers that do come around and fines will apply if you are parked in the wrong area. Also, please be mindful of the residents' driveways and providing ample access to their properties. Have a great fortnight!

Sarah Baldwin Assistant Principal



#### DATES TO REMEMBER 2014 <u>Term 4</u> OCTOBER

Week 3				
Wed 22	CALM–Triple P Parenting Program 9.30-12pm			
	Newsletter			
Thurs 23	Life Education—Healthy Harold visit			
Fri 24	Swim Scheme Stage 2			
	Life Education-Healthy Harold visit			
	RAP Day - Year 6 @ MHS			
Week 4				
Mon 27	Life Education–Healthy Harold visit			
Tues 28	Life Education-Healthy Harold visit			
Wed 29	CALM–Triple P Parenting Program 9.30-12pm			
Thurs 30	Assembly – 5/6G @ 2.30pm			
Fri 31	Swim Scheme Stage 2			
	2015 Kinder Orientation-Bright Beginnings			
	School Read 9.30am-10.30am			
	NOVEMBER			
<u>Week 5</u>				
Tues 4	School Musical Tickets On Sale			
Wed 5	School Musical Tickets On Sale			
	CALM–Triple P Parenting Program 9.30-12pm			
	Newsletter			
Thurs 6	School Musical Tickets On Sale			
Fri 7	School Musical Tickets On Sale			
	Swim Scheme Stage 2			
	Sport/Nutrition/Parliament Day (Parents Welcome)			
	1.30pm - Meet at Hall for safety/			
	evacuation talk			
Week 6				
Wed 12	CALM–Triple P Parenting Program 9.30-12pm			
Thurs 13	Assembly – 5/6W @ 2.30pm			
Fri 14				
F11 1 <del>4</del>	Swim Scheme Stage 2			
	2015 Kinder Orientation-Bright Beginnings –			
	Teddy Bears' Picnic – 2pm-3pm			
Week 7	<b>N</b> 1 1 <i>u</i>			
Wed 19	Newsletter			
Fri 21	Swim Scheme Stage 2			
	GATS Challenge at MHS			
<u>Week 8</u>				
Tues 25	2015 Kinder Orientation-Bright Beginnings –			
	(Presentations by School Banking and Out of			
	School Hours Child Care—OOSH)			
Thurs 27	Assembly—4/5D @ 2.30pm			
Fri 28	Musical Dress Rehearsal			
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Week 9	Oshaal Maria al Matina a			
Tues 2	School Musical Matinee			
Wed 3	School Musical Evening Performance			
	Newsletter			
	Year 6 Orientation Day @ MHS			
Thurs 4	School Musical Evening Performance			
	Scripture 12 noon			
Fri 5	PJ Day			

# <u>P & C NEWS</u>

**P&C Meeting** – Thank you to everyone who came to the P&C Meeting last Friday. The next meeting is the AGM on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. If you want voting rights at that meeting, you need to come and see me ASAP to pay your membership money of \$2. You need to be a paid member for at least one month prior to the AGM. At the AGM all positions are vacated and then the positions are voted in. The positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and also Uniform Co-ordinator. It's ok if you don't want to take on any of the positions but we still need people there to do the voting. The monthly General meeting will follow. **Fundraising Shopping Bus Trip** – Thank you so much to everyone who came on the bus trip this year. What a fantastic day, beautiful weather, fabulous lunch, lovely company and Really Good Bargains!! \$11,500 was spent on the day and \$1,100 was raised between 30 ladies, GOOD JOB GIRLS!!! Christmas Raffle - Donations for the Christmas Raffle have already started coming in. It is our major fundraising event for year. The raffle will be drawn at the General P&C Meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> December. Winners, if not at the meeting, will be notified by phone. **Calendar Fundraiser** – The calendar fundraiser is happening again this year. But this year we are sending the drawing sheets home for the children to do there. If you want them please send them back to school by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November. All information and drawing sheets are being sent home tomorrow. **Uniforms** – Effective immediately due to price increases form the suppliers, the prices of the Red School Polo are now \$30 and the Girls Box Pleat Shorts are now \$20. All out standing orders will be

from the Office. <u>Canteen</u> – Please have ALL LUNCH ORDERS IN BY 9.15am. Late orders, especially if it is hot food, will not be accepted and only sandwiches will be made in their place. Obviously we aren't going to let the children starve but we don't want to risk food poisoning due to hot food not having enough time to get to temperature before lunch, if orders are coming in late.

honoured. New Price List/Order Forms are available

Thank you for your cooperation.

An updated Canteen Menu has also been sent home with the newsletter.

Rebecca Harridge P&C President



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#### GETTING ALONG

- K/1CA Mikayla Shreeve Always being kind and getting along with everyone
- K/1G Aidan Evans For his wonderful sharing and assistance with our new Kinders (2015)
- 1K Nina Dean Always being a good friend
- 1/20 Tahlia Hunter Always being friendly to everyone
- 2B Shawn Hill For getting along with others
- 3N Molly Robertson Being a kind and caring student
- 3/4B Sarah Pel-Martig For always being a great friend to her classmates
- 4/5D Riley McManus Showing an increasingly mature approach to getting along
- 5/6G Cory Noll Supporting unwell students on camp
- 5/6W Lachlan McIlveen Showing fantastic getting along skills at camp



#### YEARS 5 & 6 MOGO EXCURSION STORIES







On week one Year 5 and 6 went to Old Mogo Town, well that was the destination but on the way there we went to the rainforest

for a walk and then to Kiama blowhole. When we got the camp we were shown our rooms and had dinner, then we sat down at the camp fire to listen to campfire stories. They told Aboriginal stories. The day after that we went gold panning at the river and were shown around the old gold camp. That afternoon we had to go to bed early so we could get up early the next morning. Cory Noll

First we had to get up early for Mogo, (I struggled a lot). It was hard. At the school we had to wait around as the bus

driver loaded our bags onto the bus. Once we were on the bus, (it was a double decker) I chose to sit up the top because

it had more seats. First we went to Minnamurra Rainforest. We looked at the

trees, the wildlife and even a waterfall. Then we had lunch at the eating tables and then we went for another long drive. We got to Kiama blowhole. The blowhole

was huge! It took along time for the water in the blowhole to go up but it was awesome! After that, it was another long drive to the cabins. The next day we did some gold panning and went to the zoo. It was great. We also went through a mineshaft! On the last day we went to JAMBEROO ACTION PARK! It was AWESOME. I think my favourite ride was the funnel web! Ben Coleman

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Term 4 Week 1, the 5 & 6's went to Old Mogo Town. The first day we had to wake up really early. Then we got on the bus and drove to

Minnamurra Rainforest later we went to Kiama blowhole. For our night activity we sat by a campfire and listened to stories. The next day we went to Mogo Zoo, then gold panning, then saw rooms from the 1800's. Later that night we did bush dancing and then we packed ready to leave in the morning. We woke up extra early that morning and finished packing our stuff, then we put our bags on the bus and left for Jamberoo. We stayed at Jamberoo for 6 hours. After that we went to McDonalds for dinner. My favourite part of the camp was Jamberoo.



### NATIONAL BANDANNA DAY 2014

National Bandanna Day 2014 will be held on Friday **31**<sup>st</sup> **October** and this year we're once again asking the Morisset Public School community to join the fight against cancer.

CanTeen need to raise \$1.1 million to continue their vital work supporting young people living with cancer. We can join the fight and raise funds for CanTeen by buying from the front office on the day!

Bandannas are \$4.00 each, Pens are \$3.00 each and Lapel Pins are \$5.00 each.

#### TWILIGHT GIRLS CRICKET REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Grab some girls and come in play in Newcastle's only "No Boys Allowed" T20 Blast cricket competition. Haven't played cricket before? Doesn't matter! Our gualified, accredited coaches will help you learn some great new skills and along the way you will make some new friends and have heaps of fun!

\* Ages 8 - 12

- \* T20 Blast format Fast and exciting.
- \* Everyone gets to bat, bowl and field.
- \* Played Friday evenings from 5pm 6.30pm.
- \* Team or individual registrations welcome.

\* Starting on the 31st October at 5pm and continuing for 8 weeks.

\* The venue will be Wallsend Park, Thomas Street, Wallsend.

\* The cost is \$99 per person and includes a MILO T20 Blast t-shirt, KFC T20 Big Bash League team cap, MILO giveaways and other KFC T20 Big Bash League promotional items!

To register visit <u>www.newcric.org.au</u> or for additional information please contact Sharyn on 0400 724491 or email administrator@newcric.org.au



# An easy way to fundraise!

Mention Morisset Public School when applying for a Newcastle Permanent home or business loan (over \$100,000). and for each eligible new loan they will receive \$600 through our Introducer Program!\*

For more information or to arrange an appointment with a Newcastle Permanent home or business loan expert, call 13 19 87.



#### SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS IS **EXPANDING IN YOUR AREA**

Lake Macquarie City Council is working with the Morisset Sustainable Neighbourhood Group to assist them to expand and formally include residents on the Morisset Peninsula. Sustainable Neighbourhoods provides opportunities for residents to develop local plans and community actions that will protect and enhance the natural environment, reduce their ecological footprint, and build their capacity to respond to environmental issues and events. Involvement in the Sustainable Neighbourhoods Program builds strong community relationships as citizens discover the values and strengths of their neighbourhood, understand their community assets, and work alongside their neighbours on projects that they decide will make their neighbourhood an even better place to live.

To understand the community's views, a survey is being posted out the week of November 3 to residents of Morisset, Morisset Park, Bonnells Bay, Yarrawonga Park, Balcolyn, Silverwater, Mirrabooka, Sunshine, Brightwaters and Windermere Park and will be available online at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/

#### MorissetandPeninsulaNeighbourhoodSurvey.

To have your say and participate please complete the survey before the closing date of 5pm Friday 21 November 2014. For further information, please contact Ms. Shandala Loving, Lake Macquarie City Council, on 4921 0333 or visit www.sustainableneighbourhoods.org.au.

#### **2015 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS NOMINATIONS**

We're urging anyone who knows of a group or individual who has made a positive impact within the Lake Macquarie community and further afield to nominate them for the 2015 Australia Day Awards.

We often hear about people who carry out extraordinary, selfless acts of bravery or charity, but too often the folks who give their time and energy to the community as a matter of everyday life, fly under the radar.

- Citizen of the Year:
- Volunteer of the Year;
- Community Event of the Year.

- Young Citizen of the Year;
- Community Group of the Year;
- Nominate your friend, relative or colleague for the prestigious 2015 Australia Day Awards, which include: Give back to someone who deserves this prestigious civic recognition - download the nomination form from our website and submit it by 27 October 2014. Please call Angie Francisco or Danielle Nelson on 4921 0587 if you have any questions.



## Rewarding regular savings with precious prizes.

The Dollarmites have uncovered the ancient Clam of Fortune. Inside they found these amazing prizes that you could win a share of:

- 40 x GoPro HERO3 White Edition Cameras
- 150 x Slip 'N Slide Double Wave Riders

#### Here's how to win

Every deposit you make with School Banking will automatically create one entry for you into the competition. So the more you save, the more chances you have to win (up to a maximum of 6 entries), Competition runs: 20 October–30 November 2014.

To find out more, visit commbank.com.au/deepseasavers

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#### When kids ask "the" questions... Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate's high-quality Sexuality and Relationship Education program is coming to your school! With over 85 years' experience in this field, Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellence in sexuality and relationship education. Today, over 41.000 students and family members participate in Interrelate School and Family programs each year. Many parents find it hard to discuss questions relating to sexuality education. We know how to help break the ice. Interrelate programs are interactive and family focused, and are conducted by highly trained and experienced educators, who adhere to a strict code of ethics.

Session I: Where did I come from? (I-hour session, years 3-6) This session educates children more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females, including their understanding of conception, refinisation, feelal development and the birth process.

Session 2: Preparing for puberty (I-hour session, years 5-6; years 3-4 at parent's discretion) This session prepares children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty, and addresses changing emotions and relationships with families and peers.

#### Interrelate School Services Presents a Special Evening Program

Family cost\*: I session \$25 per family | 2 sessions \$30 per family \*GST exclusive – GST is payable / claimable by the school or organising body

#### Where: COORANBONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

When: Tuesday, 28th October 2014

Time: Where did I come from? – 6:00pm sharp | Preparing for puberty – 7:15pm sharp Specially books are available for purchase on the night

A Special Evening Program

 Name of family:

 No. attending:
 Session 1: Where did I come from?
 Session 2: Preparing for puberty

 Amount enclosed:
 Cash
 Cheque (payable to school)

 Tel:
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#### WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?

The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- A \$150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- A \$165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

#### AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?

- To be eligible you MUST:
- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY? Before you apply, here's a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- return? Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?
- HOW TO APPLY

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- ONLINE it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- PAPER download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

- PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88
- EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au
- WEB www.resourcesandenergy.nsw gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate

#### **<u>1<sup>st</sup> CLASS CRICKET COACHING BY 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS PLAYERS</u>**

Charlestown District Cricket Club, a not for profit community organisation, is providing cricket coaching sessions at Kahibah Oval this season. The sessions will be by two current 1<sup>st</sup> Class players who are contracted to CDCC this season.

**Callum Jackson:** Contracted professional with Sussex CCC who made his 1<sup>st</sup> Class debut vs Australia in 2013. The Newcastle Herald Player of the Year in the 2013/14 season. Specialist wicketkeeper/batsman.

**Roscoe Thattil:** Plays for Burgher Recreation Club in the Sri Lankan Premier League and made his 1<sup>st</sup> Class debut in 2012. All rounder.

Hourly coaching sessions will be available Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4.00 pm, 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm on the turf wicket practice facility at Kahibah Oval. All skills including specialist wicketkeeping are available in the following formats and costs.

Rates: \$20/hr (3:1 ratio) \$30/hr (2:1) \$50/hr (1:1)

All rates are based on a booking for 5 sessions.

For 1 session you pay an additional \$10 ie \$30/\$40/\$60.

For bookings and/or further information call:

Chris Oliver 0419 270 911 4920 6350 <u>chrisoliver66@hotmail.com</u> Bookings available now for sessions from Monday 27 October.

## SPECIAL INVITATION

Movie comedy of the year:

#### THIS IS WHERE I LEAVE YOU Starring; Jason Bateman, Tina Fey and Jane Fonda

When their father passes away, four grown siblings are forced to return to their childhood home and live under the same roof together for a week along with their over-sharing mother and an assortment of spouses, exes and might-haveens. absolutely hildrigues!

#### Date: Friday 24 October 2014

Time: 6pm arrival for festivities - 7pm sharp for movies

Tickets: \$30 per person

Book: www.rescuehelicopter.com.au/events



Join us for drinks on arrival, light finger food, variety of stalls to browse, live entertainment, raffle and prizes galore!

For more information, please contact: Annette Watson annette.watson@rescuehelicopter.com.a 02 4952 0000



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# PENINSULA RURAL FIRE BRIGADE TRIVIA NIGHT SUPPORTING THE UPGRADE OF THE MORISSET PENINSULA FIRE STATION





We have mums and dads training with kids from 5yrs and up. Come and have a go - free trial lesson with no obligation. Class Location: Dora Creek Hail, 2 Doree Place Times: Tuesday & Thursday 5.45pm - 6.45pm \*\* Already doing Tae Kwon Do, Join Shimjang for FREE - Conditions Apply \*\*







#### Itji-Marru Local AECG \*\*Reminder

Cordially invites you to our AGM MEETING 2014 (this will be followed by a short general meeting) On: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014 Arrival: 10:20am start 10.30am At: Itji-Marru Centre, Morisset High School

#### REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COMMUNITY, PARENTS/CAREGIVERS, PRIMARY & HIGH SCHOOLS & RELEVANT ORGANISATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND JOIN AS MEMBERS.

The AECG needs continued support from the community as active members or executive to

continue programs such as:

•	Sista Speak	•	The development and the signing of local partnership agreement
•	Mentoring and Transition to High School	•	Morisset High School Aboriginal Education Committee
•	Representation on Merit Selection Panels	•	Personalised Learning Programs
•	Presentations and Assemblies	•	Norta Norta.
•	Assisting in the development of Aboriginal units of work		

Please consider a position on the executive committee for 2015. If you would like an item added to the agenda please RSVP the secretary **as soon as possible** to allow time for the agenda to be distributed

Tea & coffee will be provided on arrival.

#### Please RSVP: Rodney Groves 49731435 (Morisset PS) rodney.groves@det.nsw.edu.au

#### **DYSLEXIA OR LEARNING DIFFICULTIES?**

Some children experience reading and learning difficulties as a result of <u>visual perception problems</u> caused by Irlen Syndrome/Scotopic Sensitivity

Irlen Syndrome can cause Dyslexia and difficulties with:ReadingSpellingWritingComprehensionConcentrationBall Sports

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Email: swim@firstsplashes.com.au





I would like to say my respects to Toon's parents. They have done a wonderful job raising such a courteous, well mannered, well balanced son. We have so many fantastic stories from this exchange experience. We have enjoyed it so much that we are hosting again next July. We will have a friend for life and will never forget Toon.

Thank you WEP for the chance to meet Toon. It wouldn't have been possible without the WEP team. Only a quick few words to show my appreciation in meeting Toon and to WEP.

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