

# MORISSET PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Friends of Morisset PS

Congratulations to the Morisset debating team who repressed our school in the Western Shores Learning Alliance (WSLA) debating cup held at Morisset High School. Under the guidance of Miss Webeck and Miss Darby, Ben, Abbey, Macenzie and Cooper demonstrated excellent debating skills. The positive feedback from all the schools has ensured the debating competition will be an annual event. Congratulations to Wyee PS who won the WSLA cup.

Tickets went on sale this week for our end of year performance and are selling fast. This event is a wonderful example of the partnership between school and parents. Staff and students are busy rehearsing their parts. As you walk around the school you can hear an assortment of singing and music coming from the classes. Ye-ha!!!

Miss Darby and Miss Clapham have done an amazing job organising our crunch and sip week! They have organised an information session tomorrow at 1.30pm on healthy lunchboxes. Parents are then welcome to stay for the remainder of the day for sporting activities from Kindergarten to Year 3 and a Parliament session for Years 4-6.

With so much going on at our school, students are still showing commitment to their learning and producing quality work. Our school uniforms are looking wonderful which reflects the pride students have in their school and themselves. I'd like to welcome the new students and families to our school.

Year 6 have been participating in transition programs to support their move to high school. Also our new 2015 kindergarten students and parents participated in our Bright Beginnings program. The next session will be on Friday 14th between 2-3pm which will see the children take part in a Teddy Bear's Picnic. Don't forget to get in quick to buy your bandannas, pens and stick pins for National Bandanna Day. All money goes directly to Canteen which supports young people affected by cancer.



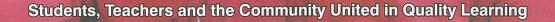
Make the most of the awesome moments Kathryn Duncan Principal

## DEBATING

On the 29 October Macenzie, Cooper, Abbey, Ben and Miss Darby went to the Western Shores Learning Alliances' first annual debate. It was a lot of fun and we did two debates, the first debate was against

Wyee, it was close but we won. The topic for this was 'learning a second language should be compulsory'. Then we had lunch and we had sausage sandwiches with a can of drink and an ice-block. The second debate was against Wangi Wangi, it was very close but we lost by two points. In the grand final it was Bonnells Bay and Wangi Wangi, they had an hour to prepare for it. The topic was 'team sports should be compulsory in school'. Wangi Wangi won and got presented with the Western Shores Learning Alliance trophy and we were presented with an award.

By Ben and Macenzie



## DATES TO REMEMBER

2014

## Term 4 NOVEMBER

Week 5 Thurs 6 Fri 7	Crunch'N'Sip Week School Musical Tickets On Sale School Musical Tickets On Sale Swim Scheme Stage 2 Sport/Nutrition/Parliament Day (Parents Welcome) 1.30pm - Meet at Hall for Safety/Evacuation talk Mufti Day
Week 6 Wed 12 Thurs 13	CALM–Triple P Parenting Program 9.30-12pm Assembly – 5/6W @ 2.30pm
Fri 14	Swim Scheme Stage 2 2015 Kinder Orientation-Bright Beginnings – Teddy Bears' Picnic – 2pm-3pm
Week 7	
Wed 19	Newsletter
Thurs 20	WSLA Meeting @ MHS 6pm in Library
Fri 21	Swim Scheme Stage 2
	GATS Challenge at MHS
Week 8	
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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	DECEMBER
Week 9	Only and Maria al Martine a
Tues 2	School Musical Matinee
Wed 3	School Musical Evening Performance Newsletter
	Year 6 Orientation Day @ MHS
Thurs 4	School Musical Evening Performance
Fri 5	PJ Day
	P&C AGM & General Meeting 9.15am
	P&C Christmas Raffle drawn
Week 10	
Mon 8	2015 Kinder Orientation-Bright Beginnings -
	Partnership Meetings
Tues 9	Class Funday
	Year 6 Fun Day
	Scripture for Whole School – 12 noon
Wed 10	2015 Kinder Orientation-Bright Beginnings –
Thurs 11	Partnership Meetings Presentation Practice 9.15am
	Assembly—Shadow Cabinet @ 2.30pm
Fri 12	Presentation Day 11.30am @ MHS Hall
Week 11	
Tues 16	Year 6 Farewell
Wed 17	Students Last Day
Thurs 18	Staff Development Day
Fri 19	Staff Development Day
2015	Term 1 JANUARY
Week 1	
Wed 28	Students return

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

**P&C Meeting** – The next meeting is the **AGM on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December**. The monthly General meeting will follow.

The next WSLA meeting (previously known as LMG) will be held at Morisset High School on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm in the Library, all are welcome. Let me know if you would like to go so I can let the High School know our numbers.

<u>Christmas Raffle</u> - Donations for the Christmas Raffle have already started coming in. It is our major fundraising event for year. It is 4 weeks till the raffle will be drawn, if you have anything you would like to donate please send in A.S.A.P. Examples are toys, Christmas decorations, items to put into hampers, baskets, gift cards or gift vouchers.

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. Raffle tickets will be sent home with the Newsletter in week 7.

<u>**Calendar Fundraiser**</u> – Art work and order forms were due back to school today Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November. If you haven't sent yours in yet, please send in tomorrow.

<u>Canteen</u> – Please have ALL LUNCH ORDERS IN BY 9.15am.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Rebecca Harridge P&C President

> Morisset Public School has just signed on to be part of the Quickbeds Grassroots Fundraising Program. This is a great opportunity for our School to raise funds. ITS VERY SIMPLE: Next time you are booking accommodation go to Quickbeds

> > Use our unique Grassroots Code: **1257** And you'll be helping our School







## ORGANISATION

- K/1CA Liam Hewitt For being more organised this term
- K/1G Zac Small Being organised with reading
- 1K -Ally Jones - Being very organised and helpful to the new teacher
- 1/20 Tyler Stace Always organised and helpful in class
- 2B -Ashlyn Hunt - Improving her organisation skills throughout this year
- 3N -Sabrina Melman - For always being ready to learn
- Jarrett Whitmore For a huge improvement in his organisation skills. Well Done! 3/4B -
- 4/5D Emma Clarke For always being ready to learn
- 5/6G Kacie Hunter For being a self-motivated and organised learner
- 5/6W Sammy Jay Fatu Always organised and helpful to others



## Term 4 Week 4

## K/1CA Merit Award

- Rehanul MD Islam
- Sarah-Lee Osborne

## K/1G Merit Award

- Sunny Van Bezouwen
- Conner Herbert
- 1K Merit Award
- Ashton Wenning
- Megan Waters
- 1/20 Merit Award
- Isabelle Hallett
- Sarandon Hornby

## **2B Merit Award**

- Isaac Bailey
- Christopher Breeden

## **3N Merit Award**

- Nathan Herring
- Ashlea Porch
- 3/4B Merit Award
- Shataya Whitmore
- Kyan Townsend

### 4/5D Merit Award

- Kye Brinkworth
- Riley McManus

## 5/6G Merit Award

- Aidan McManus
- Courtney North

## 5/6W Merit Award

- Skye McNeil
- Brock Turnbull

Silver Reading Awards Shannon Bushby, Tahlia Porch

**Gold Reading Awards** Mikayla Morgan, Krystal Lienau

**Double Bronze Reading Awards** Zara Lienau, Ryder Jack

**Double Silver Reading Awards** Alex Banning, Mitchell Patterson

**Double Gold Reading Awards** Ben Melman

**Royal Amethyst Reading Awards** Tyler Stace

## **INTERNATIONAL CHILDRENS'** GAMES TORCH RELAY

Morisset Primary School was represented by two of our students-Cervs Hardy and Xander Pattersonwho carried the torch on a leg of the relay and were asked to accept a Certificate on behalf of the school marking 50 days out to the commencement of the GAMES which are being held at Lake Macquarie from 6th to the 11th of December this year.

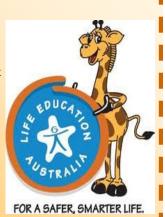
An ex-pupil of Morisset Primary School (Emma-Sue Greentree) will be representing Lake Macquarie and Australia for the 3rd time when she competes in the High Jump and the Girls 4 x 100m relay in December.

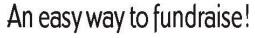
Thank you Cerys and Xander for your efforts.



## **HEALTHY HAROLD VISIT**

Thank you to the Lions Club of Morisset and Rotary Club of Morisset for supporting our recent visit with Healthy Harold and the Hunter Life Education team. Life Education supports us in teaching children what they need to know to make smart choices and develop healthy habits that last a lifetime.





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.



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Try our winning breakfast ideas at home:

- Serve your toast with a sliced a∨ocado and/or tomato
- Create a breakfast pizza with a wholegrain muffin, mashed pumpkin, chopped vegies and melted cheese
- Blend bananas and frozen raspberries with a handful of baby spinach, add a cup of reduced fat milk, honey and unprocessed bran for a fruit smoothie
- Simply slice some banana or strawberries onto your regular breakfast cereal

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit



Eat It To Beat It

am boxes are light d easy for you and ur kids to manage. Step One: Cut six drainage holes in the bottom of the foam Step Two: Elevate foam box by placing it on some old bricks and fill with potting Step Three: Plant seedlings or seeds, making sure not to over plant (aim to plant around 4-6 seedlings per box). Step Four: Water and care for your seedlings daily

Cancer

...to create a vegie garden at This spring all you need to start garden is a foam box!

Try planting tomato, pumpkin and zucchini seedlings this spring...and watch your kids enjoy eating the results!

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit



Eat It To Beat It

weumber, sliced cherry tomato wooden skew alsing : raisins/sultanas

Method

- Layer bread, cheese and cucumber Slide onto skewer to create body, with a tomato head Cut slits in tomato to add raisin eyes, cucumber mouth 1. 2. 3.

For more information visit





## The simplyest way

to improve the health of your kid

### Come to our Healthy Lunch Box Session

Date: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November Time: 1:35pm until 2:00p Venue: Morisset Public School

Eating enough fruit and veg every day will give your kids the energy and nutrients they need to learn and play, and can help protect them against diseases including some forms of cancer. This popular session run by Cancer Council NSW as part of the *Eat It To Beat It* program will give you: New and exciting ideas for healthy lunch boxes your kids will love A Show Bag including a great healthy lunch box kit and planner Simple ways to get the whole family eating fruit & veg – if you eat healthily your kids are more likely to too!

Don't miss out – register now at the school!

### pp positive partnerships

Free one day workshop for parents and carers of school age children on the autism spectrum



**TENNIS** 

Special Olympics Hunter Region are thinking of starting

up Tennis in our area. If interested, visit the website Special Olympics Hunter Region www.specialolympics.com.au/huntervalley

### Need Child Care?

In Home Child Care is a flexible form of child care where the care is provided in the child's own home by an approved educator.

The care is monitored and supported by approved service provider, the Samaritans, to ensure quality outcomes for children.

- In Home Child Care is designed for families who are
- unable to access existing child care services. The family must meet one or more of the following criteria:
- The parent(s)/guardians work shift work or non standard hours.
- The family lives in a rural or remote area.
- The family has a child or parent/guardian with an illness or disability that reduces the family's capacity to care for the child (ren).
- The parent(s)/guardians have three or more children not yet attending school.

#### In Home Child Care provides

- The comfort and security of the child's own home.
- The benefit of government subsidised fees.
  Personalised child care.
- Support for parents/guardians where the family's child care needs cannot be met by existing child care services.

### Earn an Income!

In Home Child Care Educators needed! Opportunities exist for In Home Child Care Educators; professional, dedicated child care workers who can earn an income caring for children in the child's own home.

- · Do you want to be self employed?
- Are you warm, energetic and enjoy working with children?
- Are you willing to participate in ongoing Professional Development?
- Do you want to be part of a team of Child Care Educators providing a valuable community service?

If you meet the criteria and are interested in registering your family or are interested in becoming an educator, please contact: Samaritans In Home Child Care

P 02 6572 3810 (Singleton)

E: heidi.upward@samaritans.org.au



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The Australian Government provides financial support for in Home Child Care/ Family Day Care under the Community Support Program.

QUALITY CARE FOR YOUR CHILD

Code: 2014NSWA6 Location: Newcastle You are invited to a Positive Partnerships Get Togethe Come and gather around in a safe, supportive environment where conversations and learning materials respect and acknowledge the Aboriginal way of life. Families, carers and service providers working with or supporting children with Autism or behavioural or learning needs are all very welcome. Where: Nikinpa Aboriginal Child and Family Centre Beckley Street, Toronto NSW 2283 When: Tuesday 18 November 2014 Time: Arrival from 9.15 am - finish at 2.30 pm Morning Tea and Lunch is provided You can expect: Yarning Storytelling Sharing Laughter Planning To learn more about your child at home, school and in the community RSVP Suzanne Donnelly Ph: 0401 983 222 or Jane Mann (02) 8977 8367 Email: sdonnelly@autismspectrum.org.au

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## TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER ! Lets get organised early!

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Call your local coordinator today on: 0429406126 to request some student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!



## 2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight 16 June 2015

#### 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 hou 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
- b trate engloring, 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.

**\$150** TOWARDS BILLS

2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM https://applications.fer.trade.nsw.gov.au/

### 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?

APPLY

ONLINE

NOW!

Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

### HOW TO APPLY

- ONLINE it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- PAPER download a form from the website

## 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

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