

MORISSET PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 4 Week 3

Dear Parents and Friends of Morisset PS.

We are now in Week 3 of an 11 week term. Every week there has been something exciting happening. This week we are having a celebration of our grandfriends and look forward to welcoming them into our school.

With all that is going on Term 4 can be a challenge for some students to maintain a responsible and respectable manner at school. Thank you to all the students who participated and ran the Year 6 Fun Day. It was a wonderful success and fun was had by all.

It is an expectation that students wear full school uniform. Thank you parents for monitoring and supporting us with this.

This term, staff will continue to participate in professional learning to support the delivery of quality education for your children. Our 2015 - 2017 school plan indicates the strategic directions that were identified through consultation with staff, students and school community at the beginning of the year to best support areas of need for our school. This does mean staff will at times be off class. My executive team and I make arrangements that ensure and support students and their learning through continued implementation of class programs. Morisset Public School relieving teachers follow school expectations and processes. More information about the school plan and what is happening in your child's class can be found on the school website. Feedback about our website is also welcomed as we are currently upgrading it to be more user-friendly and effective.

Included in this Newsletter is updated School Emergency Procedures, please take the time to read and discuss this with your children.

Always remember to make the most of the awesome moments.

Kathryn Duncan - Principal



3-6 Update

Musical rehearsals are now in full swing. All the classes are starting to learn their dances and thinking about costumes. Keep your eyes peeled for information about ticket sales; remember that <u>all</u> students K-6 will be performing on stage over the one day and two nights.

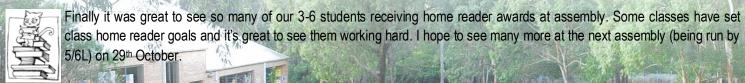
Grandparent's day is this Friday from 1:30pm to 3:05pm. All grandparents, grandfriends and parents are invited. There will be an assembly at 2:05pm with some very special awards handed out by Mr Lewis and some performances by the students.





Make sure you have returned your Life Education Van notes by this Friday. If the note has been misplaced encourage your child to get a new one. Remember Year 6 this is your last chance to see Harold and traditionally one lucky student gets to give Harold a kiss!

Next Friday on the 30th October we will be having another special day, Day for Daniel. The day will be an event to raise awareness for child safety, protection and harm prevention. Throughout the day all classes will be discussing different issues based on child safety and protection initiatives and to promote a safer community for children. To honour the memory of Daniel Morcombe each student will be asked to wear the colour **RED** and make a gold coin donation in support of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. We would also like parents to wear **RED** and join us for recess (1:35pm) and outdoor activities for the rest of the afternoon. The P&C will keep the canteen open and will be selling drinks, ice blocks and snacks.



Students, Teachers and the Community United in Quality Learning

K-2 Update

Bright Beginnings 2015

It was wonderful to see all the excited children coming to show off their creativity with our Kindergarten and Year 5 students.

Everyone loved taking home their artworks!

We thank all the parents who came and shared morning tea and we hope to see you all again next Wednesday.

Naomi Clapham



Dear families and community members,

We would love your ideas and input about future plans for the Learning Circle and surrounding playground area. All are welcome, we will meet at the Learning Circle at 11am on Wednesday 4th November. Light refreshments will be served. To help with the catering please RSVP on 4977 1435.





NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Morisset Public School Safety Briefing

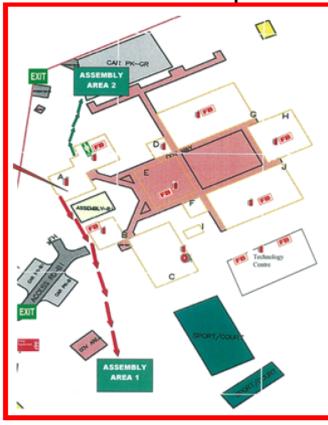
The New South Wales Department of Education and Communities is committed to the work health and safety of employees, students, contractors and visitors.

For your safety and the safety of others, it is a condition of entry to this site that you take a few minutes to read this brochure.

Mandatory site requirements:

- All visitors are required to report to reception on arrival.
- Observe all speed, parking and vehicular restrictions.
- Obey all safety signs and barricades.
- Violent, threatening or other unacceptable behaviour is not tolerated on NSW Department of Education and Communities premises.

Evacuation Map



Emergency Procedures

In a life threatening emergency

DIAL 000

For fire, police and ambulance In ALL CASES, advise the workplace manager. **Exits**

For your safety, make sure you know the location of your nearest exit.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted on DEC premises.

Alcohol and Illegal Drugs

Alcohol and illegal drugs are not permitted.

Weapons

Weapons, including knives, are not permitted.

Dangerous Goods and Hazardous Substances

Visitors and contractors intending to bring dangerous goods on site must declare these at the reception prior to entering the site

Reporting Injuries/Hazards

All hazards and incidents must be reported to the main office. Injuries will be recorded in the *Register of Injuries*.

First Aid treatment is available on site.

Local level induction

Your workplace manager will provide you with a local level induction detailing site safety considerations.

Evacuation Alarm



ONE LONG RING

Evacuation Procedures

When the evacuation alarm sounds:

- Evacuate the building and proceed to the assembly area identified on the map.
- Do not re-enter until advised to do so.

Lockdown Alarm



MANY LONG RINGS

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Lockdown Procedures - Classroom When the lockdown alarm sounds:

- Lock all doors
- Take cover out of view of windows and doors until advised.

Lockdown Procedures - Playground

When the lockdown alarm sounds:

- Proceed to hall from playground
- All other staff/children to remain where they are and lock doors
- <u>Canteen Volunteers:-</u> Proceed to canteen storeroom until advised.

Lockout Alarm







3 RINGS REPEATED

Lockout Procedures

When the lockout alarm sounds:

- Lock all doors.
- Follow teachers direction until advised.

DATES TO REMEMBER 2015 Term 4

OCTOBER

Week 3

Wed 21 Newsletter

Fri 23 Stage 2 swimming

Grandparents Day

Week 4

Wed 28 LIFE EDUCATION

Bright Beginnings 9.30am-10.30am in class activities

Thurs 29 WSLA Debating

Assembly

LIFE EDUCATION

Fri 30 Stage 2 swimming

LIFE EDUCATION DAY for DANIEL

NOVEMBER

Week 5

Mon 2 LIFE EDUCATION

Tues 3-Fri 6 Ticket Sales Open for School Concert

Wed 4 Newsletter Fri 6 Stage 2 swimming

Week 6

Wed 11 REMEMBERANCE DAY

Thurs 12 Assembly

Fri 13 Stage 2 swimming

DYSLEXIA OR LEARNING DIFFICULTIES?

Some children experience reading and learning difficulties as a result of visual perception problems caused by

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P & C NEWS

I would just like to start by saying Thank You to Mr Lewis and Mr Groves for attending the P&C meeting last Friday. It was great to have staff members at the meeting. It allows us as the P&C to gain new prospective and new ideas for our school. We are excited to have the teachers alternating from now on at our meetings.

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting on Friday, it was a very fun and productive morning.

Grandparents Day – This Friday the P&C will be hosting afternoon tea in the Library from 1.30pm. If you need a cuppa and snack during the afternoon, come and join us.

Day for Daniel – Friday 30th October. This year Mr Groves has initiated for our school to get involved with a 'Day for Daniel', obviously the P&C has jumped on board for this very important awareness campaign. Once again we will be hosting afternoon tea in the Library to support this day and encourage all parents to be involved with the activities. We want this to be a yearly event that is developed on each year. Please support the school and our children, thank you.

Family Portraits – We have had to postpone the family portraits day to Saturday 21st November as we didn't have the numbers to go ahead last weekend.

New information sheets will also be sent home with the new date on them. If you are interested in purchasing a family photo shoot for \$15, please send in the booking form by Friday 13th November.

It is a fantastic GIFT for the grandparents or hard to buy for family members, and is great value if you do go ahead with the whole package.

Hunter Valley Winery Bus Trip – Saturday October 31st. The bus is nearly full!!! There are 4 seats left on the bus. If you want to come with us for a fantastic day out, leave your name, phone number and full payment at the office ASAP. Spare flyers about the day at the office.

Annual Christmas Raffle – The raffle will be drawn on Friday 4th December. This is M.P.S biggest fundraiser for the year, all your support is greatly appreciated. Raffle tickets will be sent home with week 7's newsletter.

Donations for the Raffle are being accepted now. If you wish to donate to the Christmas raffle, please leave your donations at the office for collection. Thank you.

P&C Meeting AGM and General meeting – Friday 27th November, 9.15am, Multi- Purpose Room. Come and join us for a cuppa and discussion about our school. You just never know what you might learn!

Rebecca Harridge P&C President

SCHOOLS WEBSITE CALENDAR

The calendar on the schools website has been updated and you are now able to access notes from the website if required, also available on the school app.



You Can Do It Awards

TERM 4 WEEK 2



PERSISTENCE

K/1C	Ava Wenning - Participating in drumming for the first time.
KG -	Torah Griffiths - Being more persistent with name reading.

1K - Eleni Bolakis - Always giving 100% in reading.

1/2B - Aiden Evans - Persistence in writing.

2V - Hayley Ostergaard - Always showing persistence in all areas.

3N - Callum Churchill - Displaying persistence with reading.
 3/4B - Ben Melman - Displaying persistence in the classroom.

4/5G - Connor Greatrex - Helping younger students with their reading.

5/6L - Toby Imison - Demonstrating excellent persistence when completing difficult

maths questions.

5/6W - Ben Smith - Displaying persistence in all areas.

Reading Awards

Merit Awards

Bronze Reading Awards

Cherokea Melbourne, Kye Brinkworth, Eliza Hungerford

Silver Reading Awards

Alanna Collin, Hayden Roberts, Riley McManus

Gold Reading Awards

Archer Sonter, Alex McAndrew, William Dalgleish

Double Bronze Reading Awards

Sunny Van Bezouwen

Double Silver Reading Awards

Anya McAndrew

Double Gold Reading Awards

Adiba Ahmed, Jawad Ahmed, Koby Kent, Samiha Hossain

Royal Amythest

Felix Masens, Mikayla Shreeve, Isabella Gardiner

Term 4

K/1C Merit Award

- Jasper Thompson
- Carlin Dicandilo-Knight

KG Merit Award

- Demi Bolakis
- Logan Williams

1K Merit Award

- Tahlia Porch
- Hemi Kopa

1/2B Merit Award

- Ally Jones
- Milo Ashman

2V Merit Awards

- Otis Brace
- Claire Dederer

Week 2

3N Merit Awards

- Harry Bailey
- Krystal Lienau

3/4B Merit Awards

- Eliza Hungerford
- Olivia Eves

4/5G Merit Awards

- Ayden Hill
- Tayla Todhunter

5/6L Merit Awards

- Tahnee Coulter
- Bailey Ridley

5/6W Merit Awards

- Cameron Murray
- Mikayla Morgan

OUR APOLOGY - Please note that in the last newsletter Alexander Beirne was awarded a reading award and unfortunately his name was incorrectly spelt.









NAIDOC WEEK

Last term Morisset Public school celebrated Naidoc Week because it would have been in the holidays otherwise. We had a good time celebrating Indigenous games, celebrations and art works. We even made some astonishing Memorials and Charlee Evans and Riley Mcmanus who made the best design and colours. Those memorials will be modified by



some High School artists and will be placed on the back of our school hall for everyone to see. We had an assembly with Aunty Daniela who told us her own Aboriginal story with Beau Sales, who is one of our most known Aboriginal students helped us do our assembly.

A big thanks to Beau Sales, Mrs Nichols and to Aunty Daniela who helped us present this assembly.



This issue of book club will be the last one for the year. This would be a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping and help the school get more books for the classrooms and the library. Please have your Book Club orders in at the office on Thursday 22nd October or no later then Monday morning 26th October. Thank you from the Book Club Organisers.

ATTENTION YR 5 PARENTS

(Year 6 students 2016)

Applications for entry in Year 7 selective High School placement in 2017 can be made online between 13 October and 16 November 2015.

Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

For more information please contact the MPS office.

DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR TICKETS FOR OUR SCHOOL'S FABULOUS MUSICAL PRESENTATION

Starring - The Whole School

GENERAL SALE - TUESDAY WEEK5

3RD NOVEMBER - 6 NOVEMBER



HOCKEY ENTHUSIASTS

U9S & U11s - Newcastle Hockey Centre 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Wednesday 4,11, 18, 25 November 2015

Thursday 21, 28 January 2016

U13S—Newcastle Hockey Centre

Girls:

Saturday 28 November 2015

Wednesday 2, 9, 16 December 2015, 27 January, 3,

10, 17, 24 February 2016

Boys:

Saturday 28 November 2015

Thursday 3, 10, 17 December 2015, Wednesday 27 January 2016, Thursday 4, 11, 18, 25 February 2016 Times vary.



Morisset High School

PO Box 114 Ph: 02 4973 1999 Morisset NSW 2264 Fax: 02 4970 5386

MHS YR 7 CAMP 2016

Parents wishing to make payment for the Yr 7 camp for 2016 can either do so via online payment or at the High School office. Details for online payments are below. Final payment is due on December 11, 2015.

Online Payments

Westpac Bank

BSB: 032-001

Account number: 117258

Please include full student name and Item being paid for e.g. Fees, English excursion, swimming. Please add as much information as possible in the box so we can work out what the payment is for and who it is for.

S1000 in cash prizes open to the public. For race terms and conditions and to register your raft Visit: www.star1045.com.au STAR104.5 SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER, 2015 MACKENZIERESERVE BUDGEWOI

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COORANBONG VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL – Cooranbong Valley Community Preschool currently offers educational care at a reduced rate for children who turn four by the 31/7/15. The prior to school program runs for six hours a day from Tuesday to Thursday. In an effort to accommodate those families who have three year old children and who would like their child to begin the first stage of their educational journey we are offering some limited places for younger children which can be taken as either a four or six hour day. There are reduced rates for both age groups if a Health Care Card is held by the family (this card must be sighted and copied by the preschool). Families must provide a copy of an up to date immunisation certificate and birth certificate as well as pay an enrolment fee of \$85.00 before their child can commence at our educational preschool. If you would like your child to start their education with us please call the preschool (Fiona Kerr - Director) on 49771055.

DOWNS SYNDROME NSW HUNTER REGION — Monthly coffee mornings. 2nd Wednesday of each month. 10am-12pm at Café and Playground Area Wallsend Diggers 5 Tyrell St Wallsend. For parents/caregivers, relatives & friends of someone with Downs Syndrome (of all ages) to learn about what's going on in our Region and exchange ideas and have a coffee. Dates: Sep 9, Oct 14, Nov11, Dec 9. Enquiries: Lisa Nelson Ph: 0408 665 145 or email: dshr@dsansw.org.au. Sign in at the club desk and purchase own food/drinks.

Life Education Visit 2015

Healthy Harold and the Life Education Program will once again be visiting our school to share some valuable information with our students.

The van will be onsite from Wednesday 28^{th} October until Monday 2^{nd} November. Cost for each child will be \$10.00. Permission note will be sent home with students this week.

You may also be interested in the Bupa Family Challenge. See information below.





BRINGING THE LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAM MESSAGE TO LIFE

The Bupa Family Challenge supporting Healthy Harold is a fun way to get the whole family involved in developing healthier habits.

Participants simply select one of the themed challenges and work through the fun and simple tasks to make improvements to their family's health. Families also have access to dietician and Life Education endorsed recipes, family health guides and lots more.



INSPIRE YOUR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO MAKE SOME HEALTHY CHANGES

Each challenge will help them make healthy changes to their everyday life that can last a lifetime. Whether eating balanced meals, simply moving more, or enjoying the outdoors together, they will be able to spend more time as a family completing challenges that suit all of their needs.

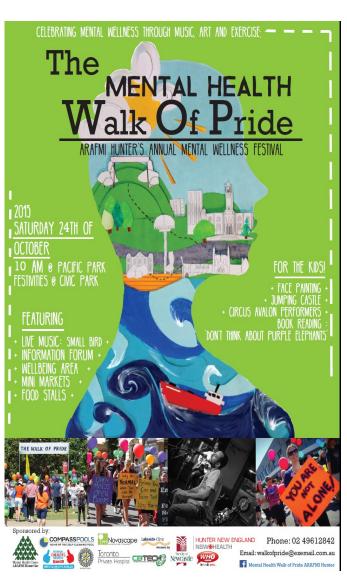
Below is some newsletter copy you can add to your Healthy Harold communication to parents:

Families: The Bupa Family Challenge supporting Healthy Harold is a fun way to get the whole family involved in making improvements to your health, visit www.bupafamilychallenge.com.au for more info.

Your Life Education Educator will also distribute an interactive handout during the visit to help engage children at home.

Life Education and their supporter Bupa are committed to helping Australian families make healther choices.

This is why we have teamed up to create the Bupa Family Challenge Supporting Healthy Harold





Morisset Public School will be utilising the Kids Helpline@School program within school sessions via video-link. Each class will participate in a session with their teacher during Term 4, this year.

What Is It?

Kids Helpline @ School is an early intervention and prevention model for all primary school aged students around Australia. The program allows primary schools to invite Kids Helpline counsellors into their classroom via video link or phone.

How Does It Work?

Each session is facilitated by a tertiary qualified Kids Helpline counsellor who then works with the teacher/school counsellor to tailor each session to the needs of the school and particular class.

What Do Students Get Out Of It?

Kids have the opportunity to talk with a counsellor during a group discussion about things that may be impacting their lives. Sessions aim to improve mental health literacy in primary school aged children, promote resilience and encourage help seeking behaviours.

. For further information about the impact this program is having see <u>Here for snapshot</u>, and Here for full report.

Each session has been developed in line with the General Capabilities of the Australian

Does It Include One-on-one Support?

The classroom based sessions do not offer individual counselling, however, the students are introduced to Kids Helpline which is our 24 hour, 7 day a week, free, telephone and online counselling service for 5 to 25 year olds. Students will be invited to contact us should they express the need for assistance during the classroom session. Kids Helpline is available on 1800 55 1800 orwww.kidshelp.com.au

Parentline is also available

Parentline is a confidential telephone counselling service providing professional counselling and support for parents and care-givers.

Parentline NSW

Phone: 1300 1300 52 (cost of a local call)
9am to 9pm Monday - Friday
4pm to 9pm Saturday and Sunday
www.parentline.org.au

For any further information http://www.kidshelpline.com.au/



An Invitation from **Denise** at CALM and

Allison from Samaritans Child & Parent Support:

Parenting can be tricky for everyone at one point or another. The Circle of Security provides a roadmap for parents to look beyond their child's behaviours and understand how to meet the underlying needs being expressed. The Circle of Security focuses on the relationship we have with our children, to give them the emotional security they need.





When: Every Monday for 6 weeks.

Commencing on the 12th October—16th November.

at: 10am to 12.30 pm

Where: Salvation Army Hall (Westlakes Community Church) 156 Bay Road, Bolton Point

Cost: FREE

Bookings Essential

A free morning tea and limited child minding provided

To find out more information please contact Denise at CALM on 4950 3855 OR Allison at Samaritans Child & Parenting Support on 4950 7215



big brother or big sister!

Give your children a wonderful opportunity to have a warm and amusing 'big brother or sister' live as part your family for a few months. Specially selected international exchange students, including from Europe, are arriving in February next year to live with our local families, learn and share cultures for a limited period of time for 3, 5, or 10 months. Discuss with your family and call Dept. of Education-registered Southern Cross Cultural Exchange on 1800 500 501 (toll free) or email scceaust@scce.com.au www.scce.com.au



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