



# MORISSET PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## Term 4 Week 11

Dear Parents and Friends of Morisset PS,

On Friday we held our Presentation Celebration at Morisset High School. It was very well attended by students, staff, parents and community. During the presentation, students were acknowledged for their achievements over the year in numerous areas. The main theme throughout the presentation was how ALL Morisset PS students were deserving of recognition. I was proud of the teachers' speeches in that they all demonstrated their care and belief in their students and they acknowledged additional staff and parents who work daily alongside the teachers in supporting student learning.

It is a time where all the people who help Morisset Public School were thanked. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank our parents who give so much of their time in supporting staff and students. Many of these parents belong to our P&C. We have our volunteer canteen workers, parents who help wrap presents for fundraisers and then help with distributing, parents who work in classrooms and with students on special projects. Our parents also cater for school events. Last night was a perfect example where mums did such a great job catering for the Year 6 Farewell. They could even start their own catering business the food was that delicious. There are many ways our school community support our school, but we are always looking for more help throughout the year. Please know that you are valued and an important part of our school.

The teaching staff at Morisset are amazing and go above and beyond to provide quality education for the students they teach and other students who are part of extra-curricular programs they organise. The committed executive staff who work with me to lead the school. The Student Learning Support Officers who just know what every child and staff member needs and is always there to support. The magnificent office staff who not only run the administration side of the school but are always willingly and with a smile to help solve problems for student, staff and parents. The school grounds and classroom environments reflect the hard work our cleaner and general assistant put into the school.

My last thank you is to the students who come to school willing to have a go and to work tirelessly to achieve their goals.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday everyone and I look forward to working with you all in 2016.

Kathryn Duncan - Principal



**Students, Teachers and the Community United in Quality Learning**



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**2015**

**Term 4**

### DECEMBER

**Week 11**

Wed 16

Mudworld Yr 5/6

Newsletter

Last Day of School

**2016**

**Term 1**

### JANUARY

**Week 1**

Thurs 28

First Day of School

### FEBUARY

**Week 2**

Mon 1

Swimming Carnival



*Grace, Madeline,  
Ally and Lili had  
loads of fun making  
our new scarecrow.*

Last week we were very fortunate to have the opportunity to purchase a native bee hive to add to our diverse garden life. This was made possible by a donation from the Eco-Social Justice Project co-ordinated by Mr Tom Toogood. Steve Maginnity brought the bees down from the north coast and spoke to the whole school and then our gardening groups.



The children helped Steve install the hive in our top playground. Native bees do not sting but do produce honey. Our future plantings in our gardens will be plants that are particularly favoured by native bees for their pollen and nectar.

Margaret Reynolds.



## P & C NEWS

The last newsletter for the year!!! I hope everyone had a great year.

I want to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to the P&C Committee for all their time and hard work, to the Uniform ladies for being there every Friday morning to keep the Uniform Shop running smoothly, the mum's and grandma's who have given their time in the Canteen, especially to Sascha for taking over ordering and organisation, and for everyone who got involved in the many fundraising events this year.

I would also like to thank the Staff of our beautiful little school for their ongoing support.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy holiday.

The uniform shop will be open in 2016 on the following dates:

Wednesday 27th Jan 8.30am - 10.00am

Thursday 28th Jan 8.30am - 10.00am

Friday 29th Jan 8.30am - 10.00am

Rest up over the Christmas break so we can do it all again next year!!!



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 10



## RESILIENCE

K/1C	Alexander McAndrew - Putting 100% effort in our school play.
KG -	Lilly McGill - Solving problems independently.
1K -	Alex Banning - Still smiling & being kind to all.
1/2B -	Sarah-Lee Osborne - Resilient all the time.
2V -	Otis Brace - Showing resilience after performing for musical even though he was injured.
3N -	Grace Penman - For showing resilience when dealing with others.
3/4B -	Tamika Nicholson - Being resilient after falling over.
4/5G -	Connor Greatrex - Showing resilience after hurting himself in the playground.
5/6L -	Mackenzie Vider - Showing excellent resilience during difficult situations.
5/6W -	Kyle Wilkes - Showing resilience in every aspect of his schooling.

# Reading Awards Merit Awards

	<b>Bronze</b>	
<b>Reading Awards</b>		
Aiden Evans, Isla Davis		
<b>Silver Reading Awards</b>		
Aiden Evans		
<b>Gold Reading Awards</b>		
Torah Griffiths		
<b>Double Silver Reading Awards</b>		
Lily Sonter		
<b>Double Gold Reading Awards</b>		
Hayley Ostergaard		
<b>Double Amythest Reading Awards</b>		
Isabella Gardiner		
<b>Opal Reading Awards</b>		
Mikayla Shreeve		

<u>Term 4</u>	<u>Week 10</u>
<b>K/1C Merit Award</b>	<b>3N Merit Awards</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mitchell Perriam</li> <li>Ty Visocchi</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ryan Nicholls-Hughes</li> <li>Lily Casey</li> </ul>
<b>KG Merit Award</b>	<b>3/4B Merit Awards</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nameera Hossain</li> <li>Oran Harrison</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isaac Bailey</li> <li>Ezaria McMahon</li> </ul>
<b>1K Merit Award</b>	<b>4/5G Merit Awards</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Samiha Hossain</li> <li>Hanna Zensky</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jemima Brace</li> <li>Claire Camilleri</li> </ul>
<b>1/2B Merit Award</b>	<b>5/6L Merit Awards</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lily Sonter</li> <li>Conner Lowry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lori Whitfield</li> <li>Ethan Mundy</li> </ul>
<b>2V Merit Awards</b>	<b>5/6W Merit Awards</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lily Sain</li> <li>Isabella Harrison</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jack Nicholls-Hughes</li> <li>Lincoln Edwards</li> </ul>



## January School Holiday Program at the Hunter Wetlands Centre

**Tuesday 19 January** 10am -12.30pm for 7-10 years

Cost: \$20 Booking essential phone 4951 6466

**Making It!** Use glue, wood, string, paper and other materials to make

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January** 9.30am – 12.30pm for 8 – 12 years

Cost: \$20 Booking essential phone 4951 6466

**Bush Skills.** Make a damper, build a bush shelter, learn basic first aid and other survival skills.

**Wednesday 20 January** 10am -12.30pm for 4 – 7 years

Cost: \$20 Booking essential phone 4951 6466

**Digby Fixit Live!** Adapted from her book Digby's Moon Mission, author and performer Renee Price will use storytelling, songs and puppets to bring her character Digby to life. This 30 minute performance will be followed by book signing, craft and a chance to meet some of our wetland reptiles at an interactive talk.

**Thursday 21 January** 10am – 2.00pm All ages

Cost :Entry by gold coin donation. No bookings

**Wonders at the Wetlands-** a family fun day activities for all ages and parents as well. Live music dip-netting, bird-spotting, reptile talks crafts, face painting and so much more to see. Visit the Hunter Wetland facebook page or website for more information.

## Win great prizes these school holidays!



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### When

Saturday 12th December, 2015  
From 11:30am - 1:30pm

### Where

Yara Balba Stables

102 Midway Road, Mandalong NSW

### Register Now

Contact Margrete Erling on 0412 324 228 or [artevent@tpg.com.au](mailto:artevent@tpg.com.au) for more information or show up on the day

### Come along for

Spend a day at Yara Balba Stables new renovated facilities and get engaged in fun games and activities, a meet and greet with the horses and their Art Gallery launch of works from local artists. All are welcome to attend!

## ADVANCE ACADEMY OF GYMNASTICS TORONTO SUMMER GYM CAMPS

January school holidays.

8am to 4pm

Plus 2hr hour and 4 hour

Clinics

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### Learn to Swim

We are partnered with Royal Life Saving, and all our instructors are AUSTSWIM or equivalent accredited. School holiday activities and term programs are available at varying times.

### Pool parties

Party packages are available and include exclusive use of our new aquatic challenger, free entry for 10 children and more, including catering!

### Squad coaching

Our squad programs run year-round and are varied from beginner level through to performance squads. We have expert coaching staff here to help.

### Fitness programs

Try our range of fitness programs, including Aqua Fit, Swim Fit, Swim Fit Pro and Swim Fit Junior. Timetables are available for West Wallsend, Charlestown and Swansea swim centres on our website.

For more information visit [www.lakemac.com.au/recreation/swim-centres](http://www.lakemac.com.au/recreation/swim-centres) or contact your local Lake Mac Swim Centre on

Charlestown 4943 7041 | Speers Point 4958 1508 | West Wallsend 4953 2299 | Swansea 4971 1518

### 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](mailto:dshr@dsansw.org.au). Sign in at the club desk and purchase own food/drinks.



## SANTA IS ON HIS WAY TO THE MORISSET PENINSULA!

Peninsula Rural Brigade will be escorting Santa around the area on the weekend of December 19 and 20. We have a long standing tradition of helping Santa get around and are excited to travel with him once again! He has committed to spending the whole weekend with us prior to Christmas and has a bag full of lollies for kids who want to see him and the fire trucks. The poster below shows Santa's planned movements, however for live updates follow us on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PeninsulaRFS/>

Santa and Peninsula Rural Fire Brigade can't wait to see you again this year.



### PENINSULA RURAL FIRE BRIGADE 2015 SANTA RUN

*touring the Morisset Peninsula December 19 & 20*

**SAT 19**

**SUN 20**

Santa will start his tour of the Morisset Peninsula at 9am in Yarrawonga Park. He will then visit Balcolyn, Silverwater and Sunshine before breaking for lunch and to check on his Reindeer.

Next Santa will visit Mirrabooka and Brightwaters. Santa must stop the Tour at 3pm to get ready for the Morisset Christmas Spectacular.

On Sunday, Santa will be back with us again from 9am starting in Windermere Park. Next will be The Wineries of Bonnells Bay. Here Santa will break for lunch to see how his Reindeer are holding up in our Summer Heat.

Finally Santa will visit Morisset Park and Bonnells Bay. Santa starts Bonnells Bay at Marconi Rd and works towards Waikiki Rd.

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