

MORISSET PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 4 Week 9

Dear Parents and Friends of Morisset PS,

School Vision

At Morisset Public School we believe that all students have the potential to achieve success through quality education, in a fun, safe and inclusive learning environment supported by strong partnerships between students, staff, parents and community.

We appreciate Australia's social, cultural, linguistic and religious diversity. Students develop confidence in managing personal wellbeing and values such as resilience and respect to become active and informed citizens, responsible for their own actions.

Yesterday, at our matinee performance we saw the result of a lot of hard work by students, staff and parents. The cast of Rob in and the Sherwood Hoodies amazed the audience with their professionalism under the bright stage lights. With 2 more performances to go tonight and Thursday night our pyjama, techno day on Friday will be well welcomed.

I would like to thank the 2015 P&C for their contributions and tireless support for our students, staff and parents. Their contributions to our school have had great impact on supporting our students. The ongoing organisation of fundraising and financial support has allowed our school to purchase resources and given students' positive opportunities.

I would like to congratulate our newly elected 2016 P&C: President - Rebecca Harridge, Vice President - Avril McAndrews, Secretary -Anne Beirne, Treasurer - Tina Morgan and Assistant Treasurer - Merryn Casey. I look forward to continuing a close partnership. The first P&C meeting for 2016 will be on Friday 5th February at 9.15am.

Part of our school vision is to encourage a strong partnership between the school and parents. Thank you to the parents who were able to make the P&C meeting last Friday to hear about our exciting direction for next year. The feedback I received from the P&C was valued and will be taken into account when making decisions about students learning.

On Wednesday 9th December there will be a launch and information session about MGoals. It would be great to see our school community come and learn with us. More information included in this newsletter.

Thank you to the parents who have come and in paid for their child's Spelling Mastery text book and 2015 voluntary contributions. Parents making voluntary contributions have been significantly lower this year and we have an outstanding balance of \$1654 for Spelling Mastery books.

Parents will be pleased to know that our office has EFTpos. Hopefully that will make it easier for parents to finalise any financial commitments owing.

I am reading school reports at present and am really proud of the student's growth and efforts to achieve their personal goals. School reports will be given out in the last week of term.

We would greatly appreciate your patience in the main office as will be having major renovations from the 10th December onwards. This is due to setting up for the new change management systems that will be put in place next year. This will not impact on classrooms only administration block.

Students, Teachers and the Community United in Quality Learning

Our final and brief newsletter will be given to students on the 16th December, last day for students. Always remember to make the most of the awesome moment.

Kathryn Duncan - Principal



DATES TO REMEMBER 2015 <u>Term 4</u>

	DECEMBER
Week 9	
Wed 2	Musical Evening Performance - 6.00pm Newsletter
Thurs 3	Yr 6 Orientation Day MHS
	Musical Evening Performance - 6.00pm
Fri 4	PJ Day
	Scripture Puppet Show - 2.00pm-3.00pm
<u>Week 10</u>	
Mon 7	Bright Beginnings Partnership meetings
Wed 9	Bright Beginnings Partnership meetings
	Movie Day Stage 1 & 2
Thurs 10	Assembly
Fri 11	Presentation Day 11.30am at MHS
M/1-44	
Week 11	X 0 5 "
Tues 15	Yr 6 Farewell
Wed 16	Mudworld Yr 5/6
	Newsletter
	Last Day of School

DYSLEXIA OR LEARNING DIFFICULTIES?

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

Irlen Syndrome/Scotopic Sensitivity

Irlen Syndrome can cause Dyslexia and difficulties with:

•	Reading	Spelling	Writing
•	Comprehension	Concentration	Ball Sports
•	Fatigue	Eye Strain	Headaches

IRLEN DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC NEWCASTLE

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Coffs Harbour: 0437698559		irlen	
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Singleton: 49556904	Suite 3/136 Nelson Street		
Regional Clinics			

The ukulele group will be performing at the community Christmas party on the 4th Dec at 4.30pm at the Morisset Multi Purpose Centre, 143 Dora St, Morisset. We hope to see you there.



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.

P&C Meeting AGM was held last Friday and the following people have been elected for 2016:

President -Vice President -Secretary -Treasurer -Assistant Treasurer -

appreciated.

Christmas raffle.

Rebecca Harridge Avril McAndrews Anne Beirne Tina Morgan Merryn Casey

Congratulations to our new committee. We look forward to an exciting 2016.

P&CNEWS

Annual Christmas Raffle – Please return any

December. The raffle will be drawn on **Friday 4th December**. This is M.P.S P&C biggest fundraiser

raffle tickets to the office by Thursday 3rd

for the year, all your support is greatly

Thank you to everyone who donated to the

Canteen – The canteen will be open before and during the interval at the School Musical times. Tea, coffee, cold drinks, sandwiches and other light snacks will be available for purchase.

Rebecca Harridge P&C President



Morisset High School

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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

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.

TERM 4 WEEK 8

You Can Do It Awards

GETTING ALONG

- K/1C Leon Vizer For always getting along with his friends.
- KG Isabella Gardiner Always being positive and helpful.
- 1K Mikayla Shreeve Fabulous friend to everyone.
- 1/2B Ella Perriam For always getting along with everyone.
- 2V Noah Charles For always being a caring friend.
- 3N Zoe Cuskelly For always leading with a smile and being a great friend to everyone.
- 3/4B Travis Ridley Always getting along with others.
- 4/5G Emily Scott Working well with others in class.
- 5/6L Beau Sales Getting along with students from Kindergarten through to Year 6.
- 5/6W Kayla Renata—Getting along with everyone and always being ready to help others.

Reading Awards



Bronze Reading Awards Ashlyn Hunt, Adrian Cook, Quinn Harrison Gold Reading Awards Grace Penman Double Royal Amythest



Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening (StEPS) are providing free vision screenings from 9am-12pm at a number of drop in clinics throughout 2016.

The dates for Morisset Multipurpose Centre - 143 Dora St, Morisset are the first Friday of every month: 5th February, 4th March, 1st April, 6th May, 3rd June, 1st July, 5th August, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November, 2nd December. These screenings are an initiative of NSW Health and are for all children 4-5 years of age.

If you have any question regarding StEPS please call 4985 3401.

Merit Awards

K/1C Merit Award

Grace Harrison

Rhiley Wilkinson

Hamish O'Connell

Nicholas Redman

Leon Vizer

KG Merit Award

1K Merit Award

Amica Velu

1/2B Merit Award

Ryder Jack Jacob Watts

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- Mohammad Ayas
- Breanna Swain

3N Merit Awards

- Mitchell Patterson
- Karlee Hunter

3/4B Merit Awards

- Kira Dicandilo
- Ky Whitmore

4/5G Merit Awards

- Vanessa Gallagher
- Emma Clarke

5/6L Merit Awards

Lane McGrath

Vanessa Gallagher, Libby Wilkes, Beau Sales, Ben Smith and Aiden Williams made ration bags from clay at the Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery recently, as part of the Lore and Order Indigenous Art Exhibition.

All students enjoyed the experience and they had lots of fun, even though they had a long walk from Booragul Station to the Gallery.



The Southlake Business Chamber and Community Alliance Invites you to our 8th December, AGM, networking meeting and special Christmas Function at The Lake Macquarie Hotel, Dora Street, Morisset. **On Tuesday 8th December 2015 at 6pm.** AGM commences 6 p.m. 6.20 Networking and short General meeting, followed by Christmas finger food 7.30 p.m. **DRAWING of LUCKY DOOR PRIZE** A Christmas supper will be served at a no cost and drinks are available to be purchased at the bar. Come along, enjoy Christmas celebration and keep in touch with your business and community issues, upcoming events and take the opportunity to get to know others in our local area, including businesses and community organisations.

Please RSVP to email; coordinator@southlakemac.com

Robert Kemmis; President For and on behalf of; Southlake Business Chamber and Community Alliance



Western Shores Learning Alliance

Morisset Community MGoals Launch 9[™] of December 2015

Itji-Marru AECG & Western Shores Leaning Alliance Community of Schools would like to invite you to the launch of the Western Shores Learning Community MGoals site on Wednesday, 9th of December.

Dear Friends,

We would love for you to attend our 'Mgoals' information session. MGoals is a place to share community stories and culture to help enhance the knowledge and understanding of all Australians about Aboriginal Australia. MGoals is a safe and secure environment for students to map and evolve their educational goals and easily find information about their heritage and culture that they identify with most. You will have the chance to hear how the materials will be utilised by schools and community in our area and across the state. You will also learn how to further add to the site, connect with local culture & Elders and the future directions of the MGoals platform.

The Information Session will take place at:

Morisset Multi-Purpose Centre at 143 Dora St, Morisset @ 5pm for refreshments and a 5.30pm start for the presentation.

The presentation will be followed by a sausage sizzle.

MGoals is a safe and secure environment for students to map and evolve their educational goals and easily find information about their heritage and culture that they identify with most. MGoals is a place to share community stories and culture to help enhance the knowledge and understanding of all Australians about Aboriginal Australia.

The MGoals site has been developed by Momentum Cloud. The platform supports the highlighting of Aboriginal culture and practices; is authored by Aboriginal people and is governed in partnership with Aboriginal communities. The platform provides a keeping place for all people to learn about and engage with Aboriginal culture and knowledge digitally. This programme is a philanthropic endeavour and is provided on a not-for-profit basis.

Please visit: <u>www.mgoals.com.au</u> for more information



Robin & the Sherwood Hoodies

DVD's are available for purchase of the MPS Performance. The cost of the DVD is



\$5.50 and can be ordered at the school office.

ADVANCE ACADEMY OF GYMNASTICS TORONTO SUMMER GYM CAMPS

January school holidays. 8am to 4pm Plus 2hr hour and 4 hour Clinics Enquiries 4959- 9333





Southern Lakes United F C helps each individual player regardless of ability, to develop and improve soccer skills and to learn the importance of team work.

Join our Discovery Rangers to experience a different side to Port Stephens and Tomaree National Park this summer holiday. There's something for everyone.

Bookings and information

For all tours: Please remember to wear closed shoes, and bring water, sunscreen, and weather protective clothing, such as a hat or raincoat. Children under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult.

Bookings for all NPWS Discovery Tours are essential.

Book online following the links below, or phone 13000 PARKS (13000 72757).

For more information on tours. such as meeting points, please follow the web links or ask on booking. For general enquiries, phone Sue Olsson on (02) 4984 8210, or email suzanne.olsson@environment. nsw.gov.au

Tomaree's WilderQuest treasure trail

Thursday 7 January 2016, 9am-11.30am

Discover the sights, sounds and heritage of Tomaree as you step back to the time of World War II.

www.nationalparks.nsw.gov. au/things-to-do/Guided-tours/ wilderguest-tomaree-treasure-trail

WilderQuest wild world of rockpools

Friday 8 January 2016, 1.30pm-3.30pm

Explore amazing rockpool creatures on Boat Harbour's headland.

www.nationalparks.nsw.gov. au/things-to-do/Guided-tours/ wilderguest-wild-world-of-rockpools

Spooky night walk

Wednesday 13 January 2016, 6.30pm-8.30pm

Experience stories by dusk, the haunting ambience 'behind the scenes' of Tomaree's World War II gun emplacements, and then return by dark.

www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/ things-to-do/Guided-tours/spookynight-walk

WilderQuest bush to beach family discovery

Thursday 14 January 2016, 3pm–5pm

Enjoy nature with fantastic family activities. For the young and young at heart.

www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/ things-to-do/Guided-tours/ wilderquest-bush-to-beach-familydiscovery

See over page for more tour information

Summer holiday

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Saturday 2 January

Learn to Swim grading day Starts 9am | 3+ years | free vansea Swim Centre nd outwhere your child fits in e Learn to Swim program with r free grading day. No need to ok

Week 1: 4-8 January Week 2: 11-15 January Week 3: 18-22 January

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nto summer intensive n to Swim program Varied times available | 3+ years \$65 a week (beginner, pre-school and school-aged swimmers), \$80 a week (stroke correction for squad swimmers) onto Swim Centre Boost your confidence with 'First Splashes' intensive summer program. Beginner through to squad dasses are available.

Saturda y 9, 16, 23 Janua ry

Parent and baby Saturday sessions Varied times available | 6 months to 3 years | \$36 for hree sessions Charlestown Swim Centre Experience the water with yo little one and commence their learning of valuable, life-long fety and sw skills. Three-week proc

wansea Swim Centre ry our new aquatic challenger No need to book. Sunday 20 December. Sunday 3, Sunday 17 and Sunday 31 January. Saturday 6' and Sunday 21 February

Saturday 2, Sunday 3, Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 January

Super splash sessions

Croc-o-dive sessions 11am-2pm (*11.30am-2.30pm on Saturday 6 February) | 6+ years | \$2.50 a person or \$5 a mily (in addition to pool entr

Speers Point Swim Centre Try our new aquatic challenger No need to book.

Monday 4, Thursday 7, Tuesday 12, Frida y 15, Wednesday 20 January Aqua racer sessions 11am-2pm | 6+ years | \$2.50 a person or \$5 a family (in addition to pool entry fees)

11am-2pm | 6+ years | \$2.50 a person or \$5 a family (in addition to pool entry fees) Charlestown Swim Centre Try our new aquatic challenger No need to book.

We've got your holidays covered!



Lake Mac

www.lakemac.com.au/schoolholidays council@lakemac.nsw.gov.au

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4:30pm - 7.30pm

Morisset Multi Purpose Centre | 143 Dora St, Morisset

Sausage Sizzle - Jumping Castle Magician - Reptile Park visit Face Painting - Music & Entertainment SANTA VISIT at 6pm

Santa Claus is coming to town!

With just over 5 weeks until Christmas, Santa and his elves are gearing up for a big festive season. To help him get around, Peninsula Rural Fire brigade will be taking Santa around the Morisset Peninsula on his sleigh escorted by some fire trucks! Santa's tour of the Morisset Peninsula coincides with the Morisset Christmas Spectacular on the weekend of December 19th and 20th. Stay tuned for more details in the weeks prior to Christmas; however we generally cover Yarrawonga Park to Mirrabooka via Balcolyn on Saturday, with Brightwaters to Bonnells bay via Morisset Park on the Sunday. You can also find out updates on brigade activities, fire messages and Santa's location at https://www.facebook.com/ PeninsulaRFS/

Please join us with your children to celebrate Santa's travels around the Peninsula.

Regards

Santa and his elves at Peninsula Rural Fire Brigade



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. These advertisers support us, please support them:



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