

## TERM 4 WEEK 1

Dear Parents and Friends of Morisset Public School,

Welcome back everyone. Students and staff have come back refreshed and ready for a very eventful and fun Term 4.

Thank you students and staff for a very productive Term 3. We ended the term with a wonderful week of NAIDOC celebrations. Mr Groves worked with Aboriginal students, staff and community to put together an amazing week of activities to support Aboriginal Education and learning about Aboriginal culture. You can read more about this in this newsletter.

### Term 4

We have many things happening in Term 4. Please check our school calendar and also school website calendar as it also has what's on. If you are missing any notes there would be a note attached also on the website. The calendar has today's up to date information. Events may change due to unforeseen circumstances. Parents will be notified of changes in newsletters or the school App.

Next week teachers will be sending home a class newsletter that will inform parents of what is happening in their child's class. It is also an opportunity for parents to support the school to discuss with their child about the school's expectations for behaviour and learning in such a busy term.

Students have returned looking amazing in their school uniforms. With the warmer weather students may want to use sunscreen before they come to school as well as their school hats for sun protection. Also mosquitoes have been prevalent at this time of year so insect repellent may need to be applied before coming to school. Please do not let your child bring repellent in aerosol cans to school. Insect repellent wipes may be suitable for the younger students.

We are also happy to receive any school uniforms that students may have out grown to stock up our 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniforms.

### Learning at Morisset

In Term 4, all classes are still engaged with explicit direct instruction. Staff will continue to participate in professional learning, supported by Holli Nichols and Amanda Bartlett. After the success of our Term 3 Learning @MPS, we are having another Learning @ MPS Session on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Parents are invited to come along and see the great work students are doing in their classes. It is also an opportunity for parents to go into other classes to see what it would look like for their child the next year. I would like to invite parents to stay afterwards for morning tea.

### School evaluations

Our school is always looking for ways to improve what we do to ensure our students' success. The Tell Them From Me survey is a great opportunity for parents to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about MPS school life, how engaged their children are with school and different ways that teachers interact with the community. Students and staff have already completed the survey. The survey closes on **Friday the 21st October, 2016**. As a school we value this survey as it gives parents the opportunity to inform us of the effectiveness of what we deliver at MPS.

**Tell Them From Me**  
Parent Survey

Support our school and complete this valuable parent survey.

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/d5pq2>

All information is anonymous and goes towards improving our school

Also included in this newsletter is a form that parents can complete to help the school with their 2017 planning. An Absence slip is also on the form to make it easy for parents to explain their child's absences.

Have an awesome week.

Kathy Duncan  
Principal



Students, Teachers and the Community United in Quality Learning

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**2016**

**Term 4**

**OCTOBER**

**Week 1**

Fri 14 Stage 2 swimming scheme

**Week 2**

Wed 19 Bright Beginnings Kindergarten 2017  
Literacy Session  
ASSEMBLY  
Thurs 20 Stage 2 swimming scheme  
Fri 21 P&C meeting 9.15am  
Yr 6 Cyber Safety Day at MHS

**Week 3**

Mon 24 - Thurs 27 Healthy Harold Life Education  
Wed 26 NEWSLETTER  
Fri 28 Day for Daniel  
Stage 2 swimming scheme

**Week 4**

Mon 31 Bright Beginning Kindergarten 2017  
Performance tickets available for Yr 6 families only  
**NOVEMBER**  
Tues 1 Performance tickets available for whole school  
Thurs 3 Yr 6 Fun Day  
NO ASSEMBLY  
Fri 4 K-2 Excursion - RUMBALARA  
Stage 2 swimming scheme

# Merit Awards

**Term 3**

**Week 10**

**K/1K Merit Award**

- Grace Harrison
- Leon Vizer

**1/2B Merit Award**

- Hemi Kopa
- Ty Visocchi

**1/2GN Merit Award**

- Grace Ostergaard
- Zara Lienau

**3/4B Merit Award**

- Lili Serone
- Lily Casey

**3/4V Merit Award**

- Ashlyn Hunt
- Billy Nicholson

**5/6L Merit Award**

- Mikayla Morgan
- Kaide Meyn

## P&C News

Welcome back! Hope everyone had a restful holiday.

**Kids Artwork Fundraiser** – Orders are due in this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. Template sheets for the children's artwork are available from the office, photos can be downloaded online.

**Christmas Raffle** – This term we will be starting to collect donations for our Annual Christmas Raffle. If you have anything you would like to donate or know of a business who would like to support the raffle with a donation, please start sending them in next week. The Raffle will be run differently this term. More information will be sent out later in the term.

### P&C Meetings

There are only 2 more P&C meetings locked in for this year.  
Week 2 - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, General Meeting  
Week 7 – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, AGM

At the **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**, it is declared all positions are vacant and the Committee positions are then nominated and elected for the next year.  
If you wish to get more involved with the P&C and take up a Committee position or to have voting rights at the AGM, you do need to be a member of the P&C Association. To become a Member you need to join by paying a \$2 annual membership fee by or at the general meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> October.

**WSLA P&C Meeting** between the High School and the partner public schools will be held at our school this term. It will be held in the staff room on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November**, starting at 6.30pm. If you are interested about finding out more about Morisset High and our local community, it is a great forum to do so. Light refreshments will also be served during the meeting. See you all there!

Have a great week.

Rebecca Harridge  
President

## Volunteers Needed



The Newcastle Basket Brigade has a goal to deliver 1000 baskets or more this Christmas. They help those in financial struggle, those who are ill, have had a loss, foster kids, carers, families living with abuse, etc, any situation where it is felt that a basket of goodies at Christmas will lift spirits.

The Newcastle Basket Brigade is **keen for help** with both fundraising and volunteer hours. If you can volunteer or help this wonderful group organise assistance, it would be very much appreciated. Please contact Michelle Lee 0404 481 091 Newcastle Basket Brigade.

# Reading Awards



**Silver**

Shawn Hill

**Gold**

Braiden Parker-Hall, Ashlyn Hunt, Emika Whitmore

**Double Gold**

Ryan Nicholls-Hughes, Felix Walker





# Meet some of our new students



## Getting to Know Amber Finucane in 3/4/5L

Last school: Warnervale Public School

School activities/subjects do you enjoy? Maths, Sport, Reading Groups

Favourite hobbies/sport? Netball, Dancing, Singing and Maths

What have you noticed about Morisset Public School? The oval is bigger and you don't have chickens.

By Rebecca

## Getting to Know Jon O'Farrell in 5/6F

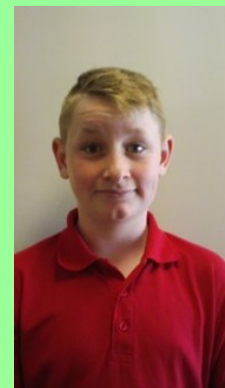
Last school: Niagra Park Public School

School activities/ subjects do you enjoy? Maths because it's exciting

Favourite hobbies/ sport? Footy and soccer

What have you noticed about Morisset Public School? The teachers and students are fun to know. I have felt comfortable from the moment I arrived.

By Ashlyn & Amelia



## Getting to Know Charlie Gambrill in K/1K

Last school: Samuel Terry Public School

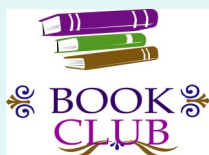
School activities/ subjects do you enjoy? Basketball, maths

Favourite hobbies/ sport? Drawing and making roses

What have you noticed about Morisset Public School? It's better than all the other schools because in one day I learnt so much

## Book Club

The Book Club Catalogue has been sent home this week. This will be the last one for the year. There are some great Christmas books and maybe a chance for you to do some Christmas shopping. Orders are due back to school by Friday 21st October.



Thank you for your support throughout the year. We have been able to purchase books for the library with the points we have collected from your purchases.

Book Club Committee



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## Opal Bus Passes 2017

A new application for students will be required if starting Kindergarten, progressing from Year 2 to Year



Transport for NSW

3 or Year 6 to Year 7. Applications are now available.

Visit [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students)

All other students need to keep their current School Opal cards for travel in 2017. These cards will be automatically deactivated for school holidays and then reactivated for school travel in Term 1, 2017.

School Opal passes need to be updated if there is a change in address or school.

For more information visit [www.transportnsw.info](http://www.transportnsw.info)

## NAIDOC Week 2016

During the last week of school Morisset Public School celebrated NAIDOC week. The theme for this year's NAIDOC week was Songlines: The living narrative of our nation

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, the Dreamtime describes a time when the earth, people and animals were created by our ancestral spiritual beings. Dreaming tracks crisscross Australia and trace the journeys of our ancestral spirits as they created the land, animals and lores. These dreaming tracks are sometimes called 'Songlines' as they record the travels of these ancestral spirits who 'sung' the land into life. These Songlines are recorded in traditional songs, stories, dance and art. They carry significant spiritual and cultural connection to knowledge, customs, ceremony and Lore of many Aboriginal nations and Torres Strait Islander language groups.

The week began on Monday with a whole school rotation of activities that included story writing, art and dance. On Tuesday staff from the WSLA schools attended professional learning at Morisset Public School. This included a trip to a local midden site with Aunty Daniela Chedzey. Wednesday was a significant day as the Learning Circle was officially opened. Again the school was lucky to have Aunty Daniela come along and open the circle with a smoking ceremony. Congratulations again to Jayden Butler whose design was chosen for the rainbow serpent that is now proudly on display, outside of the learning circle. This term staff and students will be learning more about the learning circle and how to best utilise it. Also on Wednesday some students were able to show their parents the Mgoals website. This is a site where students, parents and staff can record and monitor student goals. After an initial trial we are hoping to include all students in 2017. On Thursday the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students ran the school assembly that included a didj performance from some of the high school boys. Friday concluded the week with students participating in traditional Aboriginal games.

There were too many people to thank for a fantastic week. However special mention must go to Aunty Daniela, Jess Wegener, Selena Archibald, Berlinda Patterson, Cecilia Enoch, Mrs Duncan, Mrs Nichols and the Morisset High School boy's didj group. The students got so much out of it and we hope to make the week bigger and better next year.



Chase



Jayden and his rainbow serpent design



Rhiley



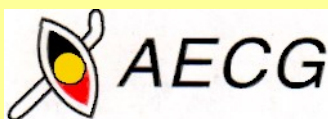
MHS boys didj group



Smoking ceremony



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## **AGM MEETING 2015**

**ON: TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016**

Arrival: 10:20am start (full members )  
(this will be followed by a short general meeting 11.20am )

**AT: ITJI-MARRU ABORIGINAL RESOURCE 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, BroSpeak  
Mentoring and Transition to High School  
Representation on Merit Selection Panels  
Presentations and Assemblies  
Assisting in the development of Aboriginal units of work  
Morisset High School Aboriginal Education Committee  
WSLA Aboriginal Education Team  
Personalised Learning Support & Individual Sponsorship Programs**

**Please consider a position on the executive committee for 2016.**

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,**  
Selena Archibald  
49705407  
(Itji-Marru Aboriginal Resource Centre Morisset High)  
Selena.archibald1@det.nsw.edu.au

## **SRE at Morisset**

Children in Scripture classes or SRE (Special Religious Education) learn that they are valued and valuable to God, unique and capable and regardless of their age they can make a difference in the world in which they live. They learn that God loves them and wants the very best for them and they are encouraged to strive to be a good example to others. Children in SRE classes may play games, sing songs and always hear a story from the Bible. SRE teachers use a variety of visuals including puppets, cartoons, and PowerPoint presentations to engage the children.

In Term Four, the children will hear the Christmas Story together with other stories and themes from the Bible, and the term will conclude with a puppet show presented by Quiz Works.  
School Scripture is a good thing!

Cathie Smythe  
Primary Coordinator for SRE



## **Tin Food Drive**

Parliament have put forward a proposal to collect tins of food for the Southlakes Market Place Foodcare. The Leader of the Opposition, Chase has organised his committee to make this fundraiser a fun competition to see which class can bring in the most tins of food. There will be a secret surprise for the winning class announced after the 28<sup>th</sup> October when all donations will be collected.



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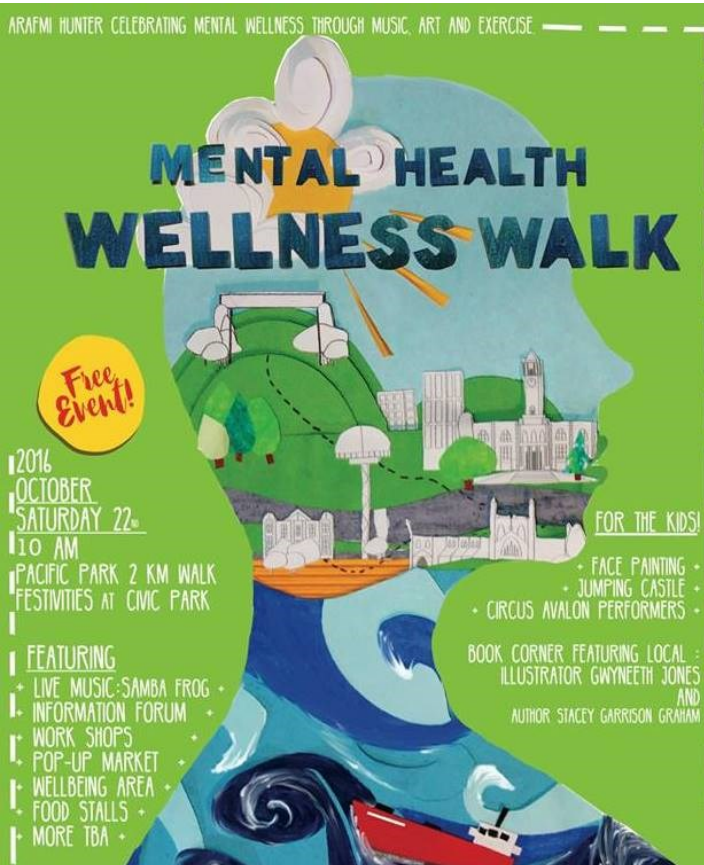
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**Free Event!**

2016 OCTOBER SATURDAY 22nd 10 AM

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**FEATURING**

- LIVE MUSIC: SAMBA FROG
- INFORMATION FORUM
- WORK SHOPS
- POP-UP MARKET
- WELLBEING AREA
- FOOD STALLS
- MORE TBA

# Dora Creek Public School P&C

# Trash & Treasure

**Saturday October 22, 2016**

**8am – 12noon**

**Coorumbung Road**

Coffee - Barbecue - Cakes - Drinks  
Snow Cones - Jumping Castle - Fairy Floss  
Bric-a-Brac - Clothes - Books - Plants  
Guessing Competition - Raffle

# All Welcome

# Reclaim the Night

**March to support safer streets for women and children**

**Friday 28 October**

**Free BBQ and live music**  
by Sailors Grave  
from 6pm

**March at 6.45pm**  
Meet at Warners Bay Rotunda



**Reclaim the Night**  
Lake Macquarie

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### **Notification of child(ren) not returning to MPS in 2017**

Please complete and return to the school office as soon as possible if your child(ren) will not be attending MPS in 2017

Name:..... Class: .....

Name:..... Class: .....

Name:..... Class: .....

### **Expression of interest to enrol for Kindergarten 2017**

Please fill in the expression of interest below if are seeking enrolment for 2017 for your child or siblings of students. If you have any neighbours or friends that live in the Morisset area that have children starting school in 2017 please let them know that enrolments are now being accepted. Return completed form to the school office.

#### **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – KINDERGARTEN 2017**

Name:..... DOB:.....

Parents Name:.....

Address:.....

Phone:..... Siblings at MPS YES / NO

### **MORISSET PUBLIC SCHOOL**

#### **ABSENCE NOTE**

Student Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Absence \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for absence: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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