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TERM 4 WEEK 3

Dear Parents and Friends of Morisset Public School,

I was a very proud Principal last week, when our school sang the national anthem for the opening of the Morisset Police Station. Mrs Nicholls and the students presented a high quality performance. Please see more information further in the newsletter.

Last week our new 2017 Kindergarten students and parents came along to our Bright Beginnings Literacy session. They had fun learning with Miss Clapham and her class. It was exciting to see the how our current Kindergarten students have grown in their learning and socially. Please let any parents in our area that have children ready for school know that we are taking enrolments for 2017.

Our P&C meeting was held on Friday. Mr Lewis filled in for me as I was at a meeting with the WSLA Principals planning for 2017 programs that will be delivered in every primary school as well as the high school. There were great discussions about uniforms, learning and coming events in Term 4. I am concerned about the unsafe footwear that students are wearing. The uniform is black leather shoes and white socks. On Friday, students are able to wear joggers suitable for sporting activities. For this term I understand students may have grown out of their shoes and to replace them is impractical but I expect students to wear enclosed shoes that are well fitted and appropriate for school. The P&C discussed excursions and the cost to parents. They supported the continuation of the gymnastics program for our students. In 2017, book packs will be introduced and parents will be able to purchase all books and resources required for programs being implemented in our school in 2017.

Our next combined WSLA P&C meeting will be held at Morisset Public school on Thursday 17th November. Parents will be presented with information about Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL). This week all staff from primary and high school will participate in a professional learning session about PBL.

We will be having a grandparent's day this term. Please add it to the school calendar for Friday 18th November. More information will be available shortly.

The Cupcakes for Kids with Cancer Charity has been nominated for the Lake Macquarie Australian of the Year Award under the event category. It is wonderful to see a local community gather and be recognised for their hard work. Well done MPS for supporting this cause.

Don't forget the Parliament Food Drive where Chase and his committee will see which class can bring in the most cans of food. There will be a secret surprise for the winning class announced after the 28th October when all food cans have been collected.

Have an awesome week.

Kathy Duncan **Principal**

Students, Teachers and the Community United in Quality-Learning

DATES TO REMEMBER 2016

<u>Term 4</u>

OCTOBER

Week 3	
Wed 26 - Thurs 27	Healthy Harold Life Education
Wed 26	NEWSLETTER
Fri 28	Day for Daniel
	Stage 2 swimming scheme
Week 4	
Mon 31	Bright Beginnings Kindergarten 2017
	Performance tickets available for Yr 6
	families only
	NOVEMBER
Tues 1	
Tues 1	Performance tickets available for whole
Thurs 0	school
Thurs 3	ASSEMBLY
Fri 4	K-2 Excursion - RUMBALARA
	Stage 2 swimming scheme
	Netball Gala Day Stage 3
Week 5	
Tues 8	Rookies Workshop Yr 5
Wed 9	NEWSLETTER
Fri 11	REMEMBERANCE DAY
	Stage 2 swimming scheme
<u>Week 6</u>	
Tues 15	Learning at Morisset 9am - 10am
	(followed by morning tea for parents)
Thurs 17	ASSEMBLY
	Bright Beginnings Kindergarten 2017
	2.15pm - 3pm
	WSLA P&C 6.30pm at MPS
Fri 18	Stage 2 swimming scheme

Merit Awards

Term 4

K/1C Merit Award

Lachlan Hunt

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Troy Osborne

K/1K Merit Award

- Felix Masens
- Demi Bolakis

1/2B Merit Award

- Eleni Bolakis
- Sienna McCulloch
 1/2GN Merit Award

Amica Velu

Week 2

3/4B Merit Award

- Rory Carter
- Maddi Serone

3/4/5L Merit Award

- Kira Dicandillo
- Nina Dean

5/6L Merit Award

- Tahnee Coulter
- Riley McManus



Bronze Aliesha Wilcock



Silver Eleni Bolakis, Evelyn Anderson, Te Anu Renata-Peene

Gold Sunny Van Bezouwen, Claire Dederer

> Double Bronze Connor Lowry

Double Gold Nameera Hossain

Royal Amythest Samiha Hossain, Isabella Gardiner, Lily Sonter, Leon Vizer

> Double Amythest Felix Masens

P&C News

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

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 17th November, starting at 6.15pm.

If you are interested about finding out what's been happening or what new things are going to happen at Morisset High, partner primary school and our local community, it is a great forum to do so. All parents and community are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will also be served during the meeting. More information and agenda will be sent out soon.

Next P&C Meeting - Week 7 – Wednesday 22nd November, Annual General Meeting followed by the General Meeting.

Thank you and have a great week!

Rebecca Harridge P&C President.

National Bandanna Day

is CanTeen's major fundraising and awareness campaign for CanTeen Australia. Held on the last Friday in October, this powerful campaign has generated over \$30 million to support young people affected by cancer. In the last three years alone, the National Bandanna Day message reached 20 million Australians and 1.2 million of them supported the campaign by purchasing merchandise.

This year's National Bandanna Day will be held **on Friday 28th October**, and we aim to raise \$1.25 million to continue to provide programs and services for young people living with cancer.

Bandanas will be sold in front of the canteen from this Friday, 28th October at recess and lunch until they are sold out.

Cost is \$4

Isabella Waters
Deputy Prime Minister







Year 6 RAP Day at Morisset High School

Wednesday 12th October



Year 6 students had oodles of fun at their RAP day at Morisset High School on Wednesday 12th October. They participated in their final Rooky activity to assist with their smooth transition into high school, as well as drama and peer support activities which they

thoroughly enjoyed. They had opportunities to meet and work with students from other schools who will become their new classmates in 2017 as well as some of their new high school teachers. I was extremely impressed by their mature, responsible behaviour and I can tell they are ready and excited about the next stage of their lives!

Well done Year 6!





Morisset Primary School will be involved in Day for Daniel, 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. Through these discussions we hope to empower our students to '**Recognise, React and Report**' if they feel uncomfortable or in danger.

To honour the memory of Daniel Morcombe each student will be asked to wear the colour **RED** and make a gold coin donation on Friday 28th October in support of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Students still need to wear enclosed shoes, shirts with sleeves and sunsafe hat.



Thank you for your support.

Mr Groves

The Opening Ceremony Of The Police Station

On the 19th of October a group of students were chosen to go to the opening ceremony of the new Police Station and sing the National Anthem for all the important guests. We're very lucky that we got to go to this wonderful event and represent our school. This group of students got to have a very special tour of the new police station. We received a certificate which will be put in the office for everyone to come and see. We also got a signed book to be put in our 125th anniversary time capsule to find in 25 years on our 150th anniversary.

On our tour around the Police Station we heard a lot of stories about what the police officers went through over the years. We learnt about all their weapons like the Baton, pepper spray (actually capsicum spray) and a fire gun. We also learnt why some bullets have holes in the top. The reason is so they don't go through them and hit someone else so they open up inside the person they want to shoot. We also got to on a tour to hold a bullet proof vest. As a thank-you to all the students who sang at the opening ceremony of the police station they all received a goody bag with games, stickers, tattoos, a popper and a packet of chips.



Written By Amber Finucane













Summary of Article in Morisset and Peninsula Bulletin

As you would be aware Morisset Public School has just completed its wonderful 125th Anniversary celebration. Students and staff came dressed in olden day costumes and had a great time playing old fashioned games in the afternoon.

Doug Saxon was acknowledged for the great work in researching and writing the Morisset a Memories book. This is for sale at the office for \$25 and it is a very interesting read. Every student who currently attends Morisset PS has his or her name in the book.

The staff did a marvellous job with the hall preparation and students supplied quality work to be displayed. Staff are putting together photos that were taken over the two days and they will be available on the school website soon.

To read the full article pick up a copy of the Morisset and Peninsula Bulletin, available at most local businesses or visit the office where it is on display.

Dear Parents and Morisset Learning Alliance Public School Community.



You are invited to the Western Shores Learning Alliance combined P&C meeting to be held at Morisset Public School at 6.30 pm on 17th November 2016.

Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP: morisset-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or your school principal if you can attend to help with catering.

Looking forward to seeing everyone and any new WSLA parents who are interested in continuing to be a valued voice for the WSLA schools.

Kind regards

Principals of the Western Shores Learning Alliance



Purchase of tickets available for Year 6 families only on Monday 31 October. Whole school tickets available on Tuesday 1 November. Ticket sales will not be available from the office prior to 9am.



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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 28th October when all donations will be collected.





NLIMITED CARNIVAL

Ask us about our sponsorship program



March to support safer streets for women and children

Friday 28 October



March at 6.45pm Meet at Warners Bay Rotunda

> Reclaim the Night Lake Macquarie

Show your support for a safer community for all



Volunteers Needed

The Newcastle Basket Brigade has a goal to deliver 1000 baskets or more this basketbrigade 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.

Opal Bus Passes 2017

A new application for students will be required if starting Kindergarten, progressing from Year 2 to Year 3 or Year 6 to Year 7. Applications are now available. Visit 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





Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for educational costs including:

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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				
Class:				
Class:				
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	

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ABSENCE NOTE			
Student Surname:	First name:		
Class	Date of Absence		
Date:			

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