

## TERM 3 WEEK 9

Dear Parents and Friends of Morisset Public School

Congratulations Morisset on the wonderful 125<sup>th</sup> Celebrations. Over the 3 events we saw many visitors to our school. We had students and staff come dressed in olden day costumes. We had students and families having a great time playing the old fashioned games in the afternoon. During the official assembly Chase, Jon and Taylah were confident and proud in their Acknowledgement of Country. Our drummers and choir highlighted the talented students and staff we have at Morisset PS. Doug Saxon was acknowledged for the great work in researching and writing the Morisset 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 their name in the book. The staff at Morisset PS, P&C and Ian Hodge worked as a great team in organising and putting together the 3 events. Special thank you to Anne Beirne who did a lot



of work with promoting the celebration and Mr Agar, Mr Miller for the school grounds looking so wonderful. 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 2 days and they will be on our website soon. We did make the local and Newcastle paper so well done Morisset.

Students were excited yesterday as they were presented with their special 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration key rings supplied by the P&C.

### Learning at Morisset

Yesterday we had many parents visit our school to see and hear about student learning at MPS. Feedback from parents was that they were impressed by the teaching they observed in the classrooms and the engagement of the students. Parents were able to ask questions during the delicious morning tea. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend. We will be having another Learning session at Morisset in Term 4.

Have an awesome week.

Kathy Duncan  
Principal



Students, Teachers and the Community United in Quality Learning

# K- 2 Update: Reading

This year's Book Week celebration has brought much inspiration to the wonder of reading. It is fabulous to see our children borrowing books each night from our Home Reading Scheme, from our class libraries, our school library and also Morisset Community Library. Listening to children read and enthusiastically talk about what they have just read is a treasure that we are lucky to share. Watching their eyes light up, their laughter and their emotions as they connect with what they are reading is when we as teachers and parents know that we have made a significant difference to a child's life.

Assisting our children to explore the wonders of a book is not always so straight forward, nor at times, an easy journey. Reading at school and at home on a routine basis is important to a child's reading development. Children need our assistance to develop strong processing systems when reading and to become self motivated to read. Together we as teachers and parents can do this and enable our children to foster a love for reading.

*Praise, Prompt, Pause* is a great technique to support children when reading.

## Pause, Prompt... Praise 😊

### Introduction

Two important things to remember from the outset when using the 3Ps:

- The goal of reading is to understand (make sense) of what is read, so always keep this in mind when you are *prompting* and *praising* your child.
- Try to ensure that you are relaxed, interested and supportive, which in turn, will help your child feel OK when they make mistakes or just can't work out a word and need to be told what it is.

At home this technique will work best when your child is reading a text that is well-matched to their reading level, that is, where your child can easily read most of the words in the text and only falters on occasional words.

Before reading, make sure that you are both comfortable and can clearly see the text your child is reading.

### At a glance

You may have already heard of *Pause, Prompt Praise* or the 3Ps as it is sometimes called.

These three catchy words, *Pause, Prompt Praise* describe a simple technique that, used well, will support your child to practise his/her reading and to develop more reading confidence.

The principle of *Pausing* – then *Prompting* – and then *Praising* is very useful to remember and apply anytime your child is reading aloud to you.

Teachers and trained tutors often use a more structured version of this principle but the following tips can help you to try out it when reading with your child at home.

The 3Ps technique is best used when your child is reading and 'gets stuck' on words that they can't read or are new to them.

When your child encounters words that are difficult for them to read, the 3Ps technique will allow him/her the opportunity to have another go, self-correct, or if needed, find out (be told) what the problem word is.

### Pause,

Once your child starts reading aloud carefully follow the text as they read.

If (or when) your child comes to a word they don't know try not to jump in straight away and supply the correct word. Wait and give your child time to work out the word.

In the first instance 'pausing' creates an opportunity for your child to try and self-correct or work out the word for him/herself.

### Prompt...

If your child successfully supplies the word they have stumbled over it's a good idea to suggest that he/she goes back to the beginning of the sentence and re-reads the whole sentence again (to recap meaning) before reading on.

If your child has not independently worked out the problem word, at this point you may intervene and prompt them with some quick, low-key suggestions about what they could do. Say things like:

- *Try reading on for a sentence or two, miss out the difficult word and see if that helps you to work it out what it is.*
- *Look at the sound the word begins with, use that clue and think about what might make sense here. Look at the pictures and see if they give you a clue to what the word might be.*
- *Go back to the beginning of the sentence, re-read it and have another go at working it out.*

If prompts like these are not working, this is the point at which you simply tell your child the correct word. After a short time 'prompting' say:

- *Would you like me to help you? or How about I tell you the word?*

You may even briefly explain the meaning of the word but then quickly prompt your child to continue reading.

Try not to spend too much time prompting as your child will find it difficult to maintain the overall meaning of what they are reading.

### Praise 😊

This is the easiest part of the process for any parent because it's something that comes naturally. Praise your child's reading efforts and successes whenever you think it is appropriate during the reading process.

As well as praising their effort it is often good to tell them why. For example you might say:

- *Well done, I thought it was brilliant the way that you went back, re-read the sentence from the beginning and worked out that word you were having trouble with.*
- *That was great reading tonight, I know I had to tell you a few words but you also worked out some pretty tricky ones for yourself. Well done.*

Other ideas for helping children with Literacy can be found at:

<http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/literacy/parents/>

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**2016**  
**Term 3**

### **SEPTEMBER**

#### **Week 9**

Wed 14

Rumbalara - Yrs 1 & 2 postponed  
NEWSLETTER

#### **Week 10**

Mon 20 - Fri 23

NAIDOC Week - Parent  
Information session week at MPS  
BRIGHT BEGINNINGS 2017 Kindy  
Transition 2.30-3.00pm  
ASSEMBLY 2.30pm  
Girls Regional Cricket  
Last Day Term 3

Wed 21

Thurs 22

Fri 23

### **Term 4**

### **OCTOBER**

#### **Week 1**

Mon 10

First Day Term 4

## **P&C News**

**125 Year Celebrations** - What a fantastic celebration of our wonderful little school. It was great to see all the past students and staff members join in the celebrations and catch up on old times. I loved hearing the stories and seeing their reactions when they found themselves in the old school photos. Congratulations to all involved in the organisation, a fun time was had by all!!!

**Kids Artwork Fundraiser** – Orders are due in next Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Template sheets for the children's artwork are available from the office, photos can be downloaded online.

#### **Term 4**

**Christmas Raffle** – Next term we will be starting to collect donations for our Annual Christmas Raffle. More information will be sent out next term.

#### **P&C Meetings**

There are only 2 more P&C Meeting locked in for this year.  
Week 2 - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, General Meeting  
Week 7 – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Annual General Meeting

At the **Annual General Meeting**, 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 right 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.

The wonderful Tina Morgan, who has been our P&C Treasurer for the past 4 years, is moving on from her position, so the P&C will definitely be needing a new Treasurer! Have a think about it and come and see me if you have any questions.

# Reading Awards



#### **Silver**

Liam Edwards, Anya  
McAndrew



#### **Gold**

Connor Lowry, Mitchell Patterson

#### **Double Bronze**

Mitchell Patterson

#### **Double Gold**

Grace Ostergaard, Samiha Hossain

#### **Double Royal Amythest**

Sabrina Melman, Koby Kent

# Merit Awards

#### **Term 3**

##### **K/1K Merit Award**

- Fyedka Martinez
- Lawson Davis

##### **1/2B Merit Award**

- Catherine Swan
- Chole Wilkes

##### **1/2GN Merit Award**

- Madeleine Barnett
- Riley Carter

##### **3/4B Merit Award**

- Jacob Flaherty
- Tara Harridge

#### **Week 8**

##### **3/4/5L Merit Award**

- Ky Whitmore
- Sharntelle Small

##### **3/4V Merit Award**

- Zoe Dalgleish
- Emika Whitmore

##### **5/6F Merit Award**

- Jaimie Freeman
- Shayla Ridley

##### **5/6L Merit Award**

- Chase Hovenden
- Riley McManus

**Western Shores**  
**Learning Alliance**

Dear Parents and Morisset  
Public School Community.



You are invited to the Western Shores Learning Alliance combined P&C meeting to be held at Bonnells Bay Public School at 6.30 pm on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP: [bonnellbay-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:bonnellbay-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

# Meet some of our new students

## Getting to Know Catherine Swan in 1/2B

Last school: American School of Doha

School activities/subjects do you enjoy? Art

Favourite hobbies/sport? Swimming

What have you noticed about Morisset Public School?

Great uniforms and learning.

By Angus



## Getting to Know Elizabeth Swan in KC

Last school: American School of Doha

School activities/ subjects do you enjoy? Recess, Maths, Art

Favourite hobbies/ sport? Colouring in and drawing letters

What have you noticed about Morisset Public School? It is a bigger school.

By Zoe



## Getting to Know Grace Tuiqali in 3/4/5L

Last school: St John's Primary School

School activities/ subjects do you enjoy? Maths, spelling, handwriting and sport.

Favourite hobbies/ sport? Netball, rugby, arts & crafts and travelling.

What team or club are you in? Wanderers Rugby Club

What have you noticed about Morisset Public School? It's really big

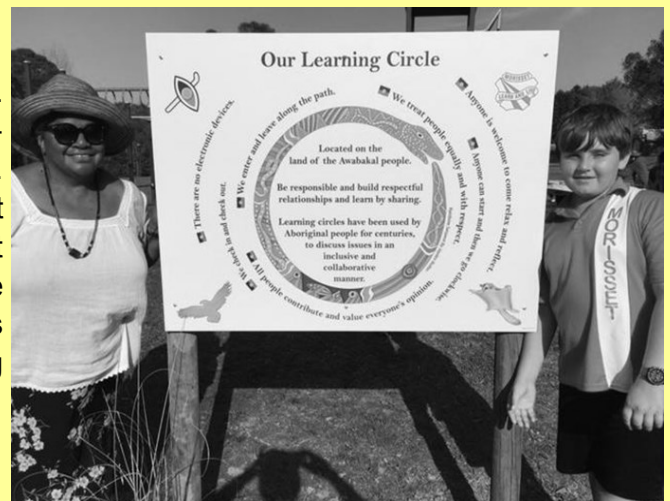
By Amelia



# The Learning Circle

Work continues on the area around our Learning Circle. Last week Mr Agar planted two grass trees at the entrance, as well as constructing a garden with native plants. Congratulations to Jayden Butler, whose Rainbow Serpent design, was chosen to go onto our entrance sign. Next time you are in the school please have a look and read the sign. In class I will be talking the students about the rules as well as sharing the significance and history of learning circles.

Mr Groves



## Cerebral Palsy Alliance is teaming up with ING Direct for a sports day



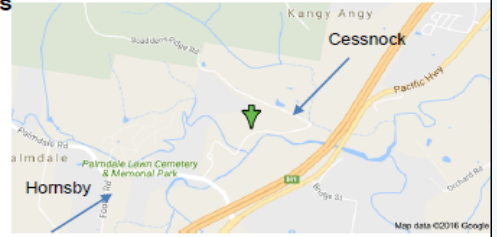
- Foster friendships
- Learn bike, scooter or walker skills
- Improve fitness & wellbeing
- Build confidence & social skills
- Have some fun!!!
- Join in the sports program
- Parents/carers must stay

**WHEN:** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September

**WHERE:** CARES Centres,  
13 Palmdale Road Palmdale

**TIME:** 10am to 1pm

**RSVP:** Jenny or Sue 4356 6300 by 23/9/2016



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## Uniting **Dad's Day Out**

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**TIME:** 10.00am – 12.00pm

**COST:** Free - includes Morning Tea

**WHEN:** Thursday 22 September 2016

**RSVP:** Thursday 15 September 2016



For more information or to Register Contact:  
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