



Morisset Public School



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TERM 4 WEEK 1

Welcome back everyone.

Staff and students really appreciated the timing of the last break with such a hectic but marvellous end of Term 3 with the school musical "What a Knight". Again congratulations and thank you to the Morisset students and staff for their input in making a wonderful and entertaining production.

Our Term 4 calendar is already filling up. Parents will receive a copy next week once staff have finalised some dates. Your child's classroom Term 4 letter will also be handed out in the 3 Way Conferences that are being held next week.

3 Way Conference Timetable

If you haven't already made an appointment please do so as this is an important part of your child's learning in being able to identify goals to be achieved and how they will go about achieving them and what support teachers and parents can give them to achieve these goals.

Time	Monday 16th	Tuesday 17th	Wednesday 18th	Thursday 19th	Friday 20th
9.00—10.00	1/2V 5/6M	3/4G 3/4B	K/1B 5/6M 4/5L	5/6F 3/4G	KC 2K
11.50 am	5/6F			3/4B	KC
2.15 pm	5/6F			3/4B	KC

Transitions:

It is an important term for students starting school in Kindergarten and Year 6 moving to their next chapter in their education journey in 2018. Many dates on the calendar will show information sessions or events that will support transitioning to school.

Kindergarten 2018

Tuesday 17th October- Bright Beginnings Numeracy focus 2.15 pm to 3.05 pm.

Year 6

Friday the 20th of October 2017 Morisset High School is hosting the annual Resilient Adolescent Program (RAP) Day. RAP Day is designed to support students in preparing to face the new and exciting challenges and routines that high school presents.

School Counsellor

While Emma is relieving in a position for 3 weeks we would like to welcome Katerina Gavriloska.

2018 School Planning This is an exciting term for our school community to reflect on our achievements for the last 3 years as well as looking at the direction we wish to go in for the next 3 years. Your contributions and thoughts will be important to us as we plan for our strategic directions for 2018 to 2020.

Whole school homework

This week teachers are asking students to interview their family and ask the question- What do you want Morisset Public School to look like, sound like and feel like in 3 years time?

School Readiness Testing

Last term our school participated in the Online School readiness testing. NSW schools tested their technical and administrative readiness to deliver NAPLAN Online, and the feedback staff and students have provided was critical at this stage of the roll out.

Application for Year 7 Selective High School placement in 2019

<u>Year 5 Students</u> - If you are in Year 5 this year and interested in applying for entry into a selective high school in 2019, the information is now available.

Parents MUST submit applications on online by - 10pm on 13th November 2017.

Please see me for further information or you can access the website on -

https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7.

Mrs Bradshaw

Attendance

Just a quick reminder **that all absences need to be explained** either through a letter to the classroom teacher, SMS to the school, email or phone call. Absences of two or more consecutive days require a medical certificate.

As stated in the DEC Compulsory School Attendance information for parents, "when your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and mountain friendships with other children."

Copies of this information are available in the office foyer! Wendy Boyd, our attendance officer is happy to discuss any concerns you have in regards to attendance issues. If you would like to make an appointment to discuss your concerns, please phone the school on 49731533 or email wendy.boyd2@det.nsw.edu.au.

Kathryn Duncan Principal

NAIDOC Week Celebrations Week 3

We have a big week planned for our NAIDOC Celebrations. On Monday, students will participate in a range of activities in their classroom, organised by their teachers. On Tuesday, Itji Marru AECG is having its AGM at 10:30am in the school library. All Aboriginal parents are welcome to come along and find out more about the AECG. In the afternoon, the staff will be participating in traditional Indigenous games professional learning. On Thursday, we have Dion Drummond coming into the school for a performance for students K-6. Finally, on Friday students will have the opportunity to participate in some of the traditional Aboriginal games.



The library will host another Book Fair this term beginning on Monday 20th November through to Thursday 23rd November. As well as the usual titles, there will be a great range of Christmas ideas and books. There will be more information to come.

Library

Please keep a look out for library books. The missing book list is growing longer. I encourage students to keep their books in a bag to make it easier to locate them.





OPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 2

Mon Oct 16 3-Way Conferences commence

Tues Oct 17 Bright Beginnings 2.15-3pm—Numeracy
Fri Oct 20 Swimming Program Stage 2 commences

Yr 6 RAP Day at MHS

WEEK 3

Mon Oct 23-27 NAIDOC Celebrations

Mon Oct 23 Bright Beginnings 2.15-3pm—Literacy
Thurs Oct 26 Dion Drummond Performance (see note)

Fri Oct 27 ODD Day (dress up—see below)

WEEK 4

Mon Oct 31 Blackbutt Reserve Excursion K,Yrs 1 & 2

Wed Nov 1 Bright Beginnings 2.15-3pm CAPA

Fri Nov 3 Oral Health Day K-6

LOST CLOTHING

Please make sure your child's clothing, drink bottles, hats and solutions lunch boxes are labelled clearly



so they can be returned to their owners. It would also be appreciated if any clothing with another child's name in it could be returned to the school as soon as possible so it can be reunited to its correct owner.

Thank you





Odd day

ODD DAY WILL BE HELD ON THE 27TH OF OCTOBER.

ON THIS DAY YOU CAN WEAR ANYTHING YOU WISH AS LONG AS IT EXPRESS-ES YOU. WHAT YOU WEAR MUST HAVE SLEEVES. SOME OF THE THINGS YOU CAN WEAR ARE: ODD SOCKS, ODD SHOES, CRAZY HAIR, NOT MATCHING CLOTHES OR ALL OF THEM TOGETHER

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Kind regards Samantha wright

Shadow minister for education & the arts

A Gold Coin Donation would be appreciated to be put towards a Year 6 Gift to the School!









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What is the Go4Fun program?

Go4Fun is a FREE 10 week program which runs over one school term after school hours. During the program children and their families get involved in fun games and activities to get more physically active and they learn about delicious nutritious foods they can eat every day.

Children need to be 7-13 years old and a parent or carer also needs to attend. Younger and/or older siblings are encouraged to attend.

To find out more contact 1800 780 900 or visit www.go4fun.com.au





P&C News

Welcome back to Term 4!

Plate orders have now been sent off, but if you missed out, we are doing calendars later in the term, so look out for



the note and templates for those in the next couple of weeks. Like the plates, calendars make excellent personal gifts for family and friends. \Box

Huge thanks to everyone who helped out at the canteen over the School Musical nights — and all throughout the year as well - your help is much appreciated and we couldn't run the canteen without you!

Donations for the Christmas Raffle are always welcome – please drop these off at the office, or give them to a P&C member. The Raffle this year will be drawn on Friday 8th December. Ticket envelopes will be sent out with the newsletter in Week 5. If you find you need extra envelopes, these will be available from the office on request.

Our next P&C meeting is **Friday 27**th October at 9:15am in the Multipurpose Room. All are welcome to attend – please use this opportunity to come along and both find out, and share your feelings on, how the school runs. It's very informative! Morning tea is provided.

If you have something you wish to be brought up at the P&C meeting but are unable to attend in person, please email me at

<u>ann-beirne@hotmail.co.uk</u> or drop a note into the office for my attention.

Thank you!

Ann Beirne

President of MPS P&C



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HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES



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EVERYDAY FOODS IN THE CANTEEN

Our canteen is working towards aligning with the new NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy! Instead of Green, Amber and Red categories, there are now Everyday and Occasional foods and drinks. We are aiming to provide a large range of delicious and nutritious Everyday foods and drinks for your children.

Everyday foods and drinks can include:

- Fruit and vegetables
- Sandwiches/wraps/rolls, sushi and salads
- Toasties, soup, pasta, jacket potatoes and lean burgers
- Reduced fat dairy, cheese and wholegrain crackers, air popped popcorn and pikelets
- Water, 99% fruit juice and reduced fat milk.





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COMMUNITY

Sailors with disAbilities would like to welcome you back on board for another season in Sydney.

Spring is here and we have a packed sailing schedule Oct- Dec 2017.

Our dates always fill fast for our free 'Winds of Joy' sails and we would love to have you join us. The dates available are marked with a green dot on our booking calendar. Of course, if you have questions or have not sailed with us before don't hesitate to contact us or reading on our website, we always love to see new organisations discover what a great opportunity our volunteers we provide out on our boats.

jump onto our website, sign up, login and book a sail for your organisation on the calendar (under Get involved).

For those of you who are affiliated with carers groups don't forget we run carers sails each month 'Winds of Care', which allows for a few hours of respite and a leisurely sail. Our Winds of Care sails can be booked directly through the office, If you can't jump on board yourself please forward on this email to an organisation who might like to take advantage of our wonderful sailing programs for the disabled and disadvantaged.

Sailors With Disabilities <info@sailorswithdisabilities.com

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The YDA is coming to Morisset

Soccer season about to finish? Carry on with the YDA.

Starting Friday October 13 at the local PCYC centre on Kahibah St between 4pm & 6pm.

Available to ALL players U5 - U11

All drills are age appropriate and are fun but challenging at the same time.

The YDA is run in 5/6 week blocks. (term dependant)

Fees are \$15 per child per session paid in advance.

Classes are limited to 12 players.

Our aim is to develop the player and the child.

Contact us on Facebook at:

YDA Youth Development Academy And message for more details



ENTERTAINMENT BOOK NEWS—SCHOOL FUNDRAISER—ON-LINE PURCHASES STILL AVAILABLE

For a limited time, everyone who purchases an Entertainment Membership from our School through our Online Order Page, will receive bonus 2x EVENT Cinemas eVouchers!

This is a 'While Stocks Last' deal,

The cinema tickets will be emailed to you as you order through our payment page. http://www.entbook.com.au/34r476

In addition, FREE DELIVERY is still available, and since school holidays are coming soon, it's a perfect time to purchase your Entertainment Book











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INVITATION TO PARENTS OF TEENS

Parenting skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems

A three-session program for parents and carers by

South Lakes Youth Service, Woodrising Neighbourhood Centre & Allambi Care.
 Morisset Multipurpose Centre

When: 17th & 24th October 2017

Time: 9.30am - 12.00pm

Cost: Nil, light refreshments included.

Learn:

Some common ground shared by parents & reasonable expectations to have about adolescents New understandings of adolescence

A three-option model & flow chart for decision-making

Self-check-in, first-for parents

Building relationship with your teenager and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them Skills for tough conversations for handling those problems you just can't ignore.

What parents have said... A step dad recalled an incident at the weekend with his 12 year old step daughter. He said that the input he had received the previous week from the course helped him keep his cool and brought a more favourable outcome.

A single Mum who had presented as quite anxious on the first night told the group in week 2 that she had made an appointment with her 15 year old son during the week and had had a far more favourable discussion with him than would previously have been the case.

Who's running it? The trainers for this course are Michael Burke & David Linehan who work as Adolescent & Family Counsellors in the Lake Macquarie Local Government Area.

Registration is required Limited spaces are available, please register for this course by contacting Michael Burke on 0408474602 or Regan Weber on 0249737005.





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