

TERM 4 WEEK 3

Welcome Parents and friends of Morisset Public School

Already so much has happened in our last term for 2017.

3 Way Conferences

Our 3 way conferences that were held last week reinforced the effectiveness of school and home partnership in strengthening children's learning outcomes. From an observer I saw great pride on the faces of the children as they came out of a conference with their parents and teachers. The opportunity for a child to formally share what they have achieved and what they want to tackle in their learning is a powerful tool in student success. I would really recommend that you contact your child's teacher to make a conference time if you haven't already done so.

School Planning

As a school we have begun the process of analysis in what we have achieved as a school, and areas to strengthen, as part of our last 3 years school plan evaluation. This information influences our future directions for the next 3 years. Thank you to all the families who completed the family homework project last week. There were some very insightful responses. I hope the project started some interesting conversations in your home. In the next newsletter I will be able to give the overall results from surveys we have asked parents, students and staff to complete this term. I look forward to the P&C meeting this week, as we will be talking about the school's vision and future directions for the next 3 years.

NAIDOC

This week our school is participating in a variety of NAIDOC activities. Thank you to Mr Groves who has organised this week's events. On Monday students rotated around classes working together on activities with a focus on Aboriginal Education. At our staff meeting yesterday staff learned about and participated in Aboriginal games that they will be teaching students on Friday. On Thursday afternoon we have our special performance, Dion Drummond, please make sure your children have brought in their permission notes to attend.



Gerald Bradshaw (Office of Sport) teaching staff about Traditional Indigenous Games

Homework

Our Term 4 Homework Task will be sent home this week. Computer Club is at lunchtime if your child needs to do any extra research at school. Mr Groves will also be dedicating two technology lessons this term to assisting the children with their presentations. Please see the classroom teacher if you have any questions about the task.

Computer Club

Computer Club commenced this week and has been a very popular place at lunchtime.

Monday – Kindergarten

Tuesday – Year One and Year Two

Wednesday – Year Three and Year Four

Thursday – Year Five and Year Six

Thank you to the technical wizards from Year 5 and Year 6 who have volunteered to assist others in computer club at lunch time.

Mrs Bradshaw

High School Information

Big Picture at Morisset High School

There is a Big Picture information afternoon this Thursday 26th October 2017 for students and parent interested in attending Morisset HS and being apart of the Big Picture program. The afternoon starts at 3.30pm and finishes at 6.00pm. Parents can drop in and speak to myself or any of the advisers or students to gain a better understanding of the BP program.

Also applications close on the 3rd November 2017 for the 2018 BP classes.

Applications can be found at the link below.

<http://www.morisset-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/years/big-picture-academy>

Selective High School applications for Year 7 in 2019

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 15 March 2018. Applications are open from 10th October 2017 and will close on 13th November. If your child is in Year 5 this year and would like to apply and sit the test, visit <https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7> to complete the applications. Applications close 13th November. For more information please visit <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Kathryn Duncan
Principal

BOOK FAIR

COMING SOON!

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.

School Website

The school website has had many new editions over the last month. All notes that have been sent out are now available to download, class letters and stage projects are also available to download. On the homepage you will see some information about tomorrow's performance from Dion Drummond and a copy of the note. Below that is a video that was created to promote the great things we are doing here at Morisset. All canteen items and prices are listed as well. Students are becoming more familiar with and advantages of the site and have been asked to show you the video. If you have time, take a look and feel free to email me any ideas or suggestions.

Rodney.groves@det.nsw.edu.au



If you are a permanent or part-time carer for your grandchild then come along for a well deserved break at our free morning tea

◆ Relaxing cuppa and yummy treat ◆ CPR lesson ◆ Free child minding
◆ Information on local services and activities

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Oddball: Free Outdoor Screening

This family-friendly film follows the story of a mischievous dog named Oddball, whose owner, an eccentric chicken farmer (Shane Jacobson) and his granddaughter (Sarah Snook) take on the challenging task of training him to protect a colony of penguins from fox attacks. As the foxes take over, the town is under threat of losing its status as a penguin sanctuary and being turned into a whale-watching hotspot. Meanwhile, the farmer fights to reunite his family and develop a closer relationship with his granddaughter.

Set on Middle Island, off the coast of southern Victoria, Oddball is based on true events that occurred in the early 2000s, when the island's thriving penguin colony became endangered by foxes who had learnt to swim across from the mainland. The Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Group took charge and began training a group of Maremma Sheepdogs to protect the penguins.

We'd love you to make a gold coin donation to our charity partner Westpac Rescue Helicopter who will be there on the night.

Director: Stuart McDonald
Writer: Peter Ivan
Lead Talent: Shane Jacobson, Sarah Snook, Alan Tudyk, Deborah Mailman

Classification: Unclassified
Runtime: 95 minutes
Year: 2015
Disabled Access: Yes

Book tickets online at www.realoffilmfestival.com.au

Saturday 28 October, 5:30pm
Speers Point Park, Speers Point

Runtime: 95 minutes

Grab your family, friends and a picnic blanket and head to Speers Point Park for a great night of family fun. We will entertain you with kids' games, jumping castle, face painting, lots of giveaways, popcorn, Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service BBQ and live music.



MOGO EXCURSION 2018

Notes have now been sent home for the Old Mogo Town excursion on **Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd February 2018** for students from Grades 5 & 6. This excursion will supplement the learning planned for the class about early settlement in Australia and Environments. Going to Mogo will include a visit to Minnamurra Rainforest, Old Mogo Town, Mogo Zoo, Jamberoo and much more.

The cost of the excursion is **\$330** per child.

We understand that some families may find the amount difficult to find so we are offering everyone the opportunity to pay for the excursion in instalments.

The deposit of **\$50 MUST** be paid by Friday 3rd November 2017 (Week 4, Term 4)

Another **\$100** will need to be paid by Friday 24th November 2017 (Week 7, Term 4)

The next **\$100** will need to be paid by Friday 15th December 2017 (Week 10, Term 4)

The final **\$80** will need to be paid by Friday 10th February 2018 (Week 2, Term 1, 2018 making **\$330** paid in full

As there are only a limited number of positions available, **the \$50 deposit will book your child's seat** on the bus. When the bus is full, a waiting list will be created. To secure your child's seat on the bus, please fill in the permission note sent home and return it with a deposit of \$50 to the office by 3/11/17.

As the school has financial commitments regarding the excursion, it is important that the above amounts are paid by the due dates. You are welcome to make payments (minimum \$10) as long as the above amounts are **paid by the due date**.

Good for Kids good for life

CRUNCH&SIP®

Our school is part of the Crunch&Sip® program, also known as 'Fruit break'. Crunch&Sip® is a set time during the day to eat salad vegetables and fruit and drink water.

Below are some examples of what students are allowed to bring for Crunch&Sip®:

- All fresh fruit and vegetables
- Dried fruit or tinned fruit in juice but only sometimes
- Plain water

Items that are not considered fruit and vegetables for Crunch&Sip® include:

- Fruit products (e.g. fruit leathers, fruit roll-ups)
- Fruit jams or jellies, fruit pies or cakes
- Tinned fruit in syrup
- Vegetable or potato chips, hot potato chips, popcorn
- Vegetable pastries (pies, pasties)
- Vegetable cakes, fritter, quiches or similar
- Fruit or vegetable juices or any drink other than plain water

Good for Kids good for life

THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTHY EATING

Healthy eating is not just important for healthy body weight but also for brain development, behaviour and concentration which can help kids in the classroom.

What does healthy eating mean?

- Eating plenty of vegetables, legumes and fruits
- Eating plenty of cereals (preferably wholegrain), including bread, rice, pasta, and noodles
- Including lean meat, fish, poultry and/or alternatives
- Including reduced fat milk, yoghurt and cheese
- Drinking plenty of water

Save occasional foods such as cakes, pastries, chocolate, lollies, chips, fast food and soft drinks for sometimes and in small amounts.



UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 3

Thurs Oct 26 Dion Drummond Performance (see note)

Fri Oct 27 ODD Day

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

WEEK 5

Thur Nov 9 Year 6 WSLA Debating


WEEK 6

Fri Nov 17 Devil Ark Day

WEEK 7

Mon Nov 20-23 Book Fair

LOST CLOTHING

Please make sure your child's clothing, drink bottles, hats and 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

School Attendance Information

Did you know?????

Missing an average of 10 days of school a term adds up to missing two full years of school by the end of Year 10!

All Australian governments have agreed to a school attendance target for 2019 where all schools will achieve a minimum of 90 per cent attendance.

This information comes from:

<https://www.education.gov.au/it-important-be-school-every-day-0>

READING AWARDS TERM 4 WEEK 2

Bronze Awards

Tahlia Porch, Troy Osborne,

Tyson Stothard, Matilda Scott

Double Bronze Awards

Isabella Harrison

Double Silver Awards

Alex Connell, Isabella Harrison, Isabella Gardiner, Felix Walker

Double Gold Awards

Connor Lowry, Nameera Hossain,

Leon Vizer, Felix Walker, Chloe Barnes

Double Amythest Awards

Felix Masens, Marli Masens

Elizabeth Swan, Hayley Ostergaard



Term 4 Week 2 Merit Awards

KC	Faith Cook	Issabella Birkett
K/1B	Troy Osborne	Logan Fitzgerald
1/2V	Trinity Kearns	Torah Griffiths
2K	Hamish O'Connell	Jasper Thompson
3/4B	Amica Velu	Sarah-Lee Osborne
3/4G	Eleni Bolakis	Emika Whitmore
4/5LJ	Emily Thomas	Phoenix Hovenden
5/6M	Jemima Brace	Kirra Todhunter
5/6F	Jade Gibson	Sophie Reay





Devil Ark Donation Day

We will be holding a Devil Ark Donation Day on the 17th of November.



Students will have the opportunity to dress up as an Australian animal for the day. Some examples are koalas, dingos, quolls, emus and much more. It will be a gold coin donation and the money will go to the devil ark centre in the Barrington Tops.

Devil ark is a home to care for Tasmanian devils and make sure that a loved Australian animal will not become extinct. Please help and give our Tasmanian Devils a chance to survive.

Odd day

ODD DAY IS A DAY WHEN YOU CAN EXPRESS YOUR ODDITIES!!

ODD DAY WILL BE HELD

THIS FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER.

ON THIS DAY YOU CAN WEAR ANYTHING YOU WISH AS LONG AS IT EXPRESSES 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

GET READY TO BE ODD

Kind regards Samantha Wright

Shadow Minister for Education & the Arts

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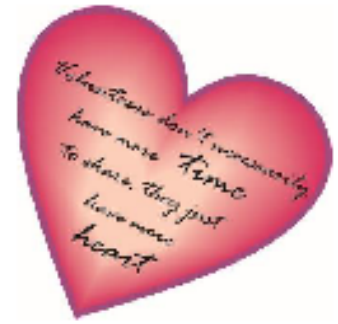
EVERY ORDER EARNS YOU BACK IN REWARDS FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

CLOSING 26/10/2017

**ISSUE 7 BOOK CLUB
CLOSING 26/10/2017**

P&C News

Already week 3 – this term seems to be flying! I hope that you have all received your Avon fundraiser forms this week – all the money from these special purchases goes to Breast Cancer charities, so we look forward to receiving your orders by this Friday! ☐



We also now have the forms and paperwork for the Calendars available. The form will be included with this newsletter, and the paperwork for the kids to draw their calendar pictures on will be available in the office for collection as required. Please ask the office staff for as many art sheets as you need.

Personalised Artwork Calendars, cards, diaries, mousemats and sketch pads



This is a lovely opportunity to use your child's artwork to create personalised items as shown.

Your child, or you, will need to collect the correct artwork paper from the office at school to create a wonderful picture, according to the guidelines on the artwork paper.

These will then need to be returned to the school office by

MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER.

ITEM	PRICE
Calendar	\$14
Greeting cards (pack of 8)	\$15
Diary	\$18
Mouse mat	\$16
Sketch pad	\$15

Payment should be made with the returned artwork and order forms – payments only in cash, or cheques made payable to **Morisset Public School P&C.**

If you prefer to send your artwork online to Kidsartworks, please STILL return your form to us with the payment, and include the reference number that they will give you when you do your online submission.

We will then post them off to the Kids Artworks company and we should receive all the items back by the end of Term 4, just in time for Christmas ☐

Donations for the Christmas Raffle are still 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 27th 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 ann-beirne@hotmail.co.uk or drop a note into the office for my attention.

Thank you! Ann Beirne, President of MPS P&C

FREE & fun program for fitter, healthier, happier kids!

Are you worried about your child's weight?

Go to www.go4fun.com.au to see if your child could do Go4Fun.

Go4Fun is a FREE healthy lifestyle program for kids over a healthy weight to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence. During Term 4 we will be running a program at **Valentine Hydrotherapy Pool**.

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



\$100 Active Kids Rebate

UPDATE

- Every school-enrolled child is eligible for a \$100 voucher to be used for sport and fitness activities.
- All children from kindergarten to Year 12 are eligible. The program is not means tested and will be available each year for four years.
- Parents and guardians will be able to download a voucher for each child in January 2018 and take it to a registered sporting or fitness club for a \$100 discount on registration and participation fees. Registrations for approved sporting clubs and fitness groups will begin in late November.
- Contact my office on 4959-3200 or log on to www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids for more info.

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Explore the future and win with School Banking.

Term 4 is here and the Future Games competition is in full swing, with two exciting prize draws to enter. Get started by making three or more School Banking deposits during the competition period – from Monday 14 August 2017 to Friday 10 November 2017.

Play the Future Savers app for a chance to win a Nintendo Switch

The Future Savers app is an amazing adventure in augmented reality that brings the future and the Dollarsize to life, teaching fun money lessons along the journey.

After playing three exciting games, unlocked week by week, students need to complete the online entry form at commbank.com.au/futuregames by Friday 10 November 2017 to go in the draw for a Nintendo Switch.

Download and play the Future Savers app from Monday 16 October 2017. Simply search Future Savers in the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android). For more information about the app and the Future Games competition, visit commbank.com.au/futuregames

HIGH TECH PRIZE
Win a Nintendo Switch console and a 3DS console.

HOW TO ENTER
Make 3 or more School Banking deposits for a chance to win one of these High Tech prizes.

GAME MASTER PRIZE
Win a 50x multiplier on your School Banking deposits.

HOW TO ENTER
Make 3 or more School Banking deposits for a chance to win a Game Master Prize.

Westlakes Domestic Violence Committee

White Ribbon Morning Tea

Monday 20 November
10am-12pm
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Listen to guest speakers talk about their experiences of domestic violence.

Local dance performance.

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Cost \$12.50
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Lake Macquarie Domestic Violence

Westlakes Domestic Violence Committee

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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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

A promotional graphic for Entertainment Book. It features the Entertainment Book logo, Village Cinemas logo, and Event Cinemas logo. Text reads: "Support our fundraising and you'll be rewarded with 2x BONUS EVENT Cinemas Saver eTickets". Below the text is an image of a family (mother, father, and two children) sitting on a couch watching TV. To the right of the family is an image of an Entertainment Book and several Event Cinemas eTickets. At the bottom, it says "Limited time only, whilst stocks last".

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