

UPCOMING DATES

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Term 4

23 Nov

Grandparents Day
Final Day of Book Fair

1 Dec

P & C Meeting

5 Dec

Yr 6 - Orientation - MHS
MAAD Night

6 Dec

Yrs - K - 4 Movie Day

7 Dec

Disco Night

8 Dec

PBL Launch
P & C Raffle draw

13 Dec

Presentation Day 11am MHS

14 Dec

Yr 6 - Farewell Evening

15 Dec

Yrs 5 & 6 Mudworld
Last day of term

TERM 4 WEEK 7

Dear family and friends of Morisset Public School

Community Support

It is getting closer to the end of the school year and I would like to congratulate our students for continuing to wear our school uniform with pride.

Learning @ MPS with Grandfriends

I am looking forward to meeting our student's grand friends tomorrow and chatting, over morning tea, about their visit into classrooms. Learning @ MPS was established to invite parents and carers to have a first-hand look at the learning that takes place in their child's classrooms.

Western Shores Learning Alliance Debating Cup

Congratulation to Ky Whitmore, Tayla Ostenfeld, Samantha Wright and Kaitlyn Wall who participated in the Western Shores Learning Alliance Debating Cup. Their participation and achievements were a reflection of the enthusiasm our students demonstrate on a daily basis. Well done!

Book Fair

A big thank you to Mr Groves for organising this years Book Fair. The Book Fair has a great range of books and Christmas ideas on offer and will be opened this Thursday 23rd November from:

8:30-8:55am, 11am for Grandfriends and 3:05-3:30pm.

All proceeds raised from the Book Fair will be used for the school library to support school resources for our students.

It is a very busy time of year for everyone. We have many activities planned and to support the school in their organisations, we are asking all families to have notes in on or before the due dates as we do not want any children to be disappointed if they miss out.

P & C Meeting

I look forward to catching up with parents at our last P&C meeting for the term on Friday 1st December. On the 30th November we have the WSLA P&C meeting at Morisset High School. This is a great way to see what is happening in all schools in your local area.



PBL Launch Day

Friday 8th December, 12-2pm. The day will start with a Special Assembly where we will unveil our PBL Mascot and its Name! Followed by our PBL Carnival that is an opportunity for our Year 6 students to raise money for their gift to the school. All families are welcome to join us for a wonderful celebratory day. All students and their families are encouraged to come dressed in their Sport House Colour as these colours represent our PBL Values; Respect = Red, Safety = Yellow and Engagement = Green.



Congratulations to our Winners of PBL Awards!

Kathryn Duncan
Principal



Dear Parents and Community members of the WSLA,

You are invited to the Western Shores Learning Alliance combined P&C meeting to be held at Morisset High school at 6.30 pm on 30th November.

Please refer any issues you think may be relevant for discussion through your respective Principal.

Please RSVP cheri.mcdonald@det.nsw.edu.au or your school principal if you feel you would like to attend to help with catering.

Looking forward to seeing everyone and any please bring along any new WSLA parents or community members who are interested in continuing to be a valued voice for the WSLA schools.

Kind regards

Cheri McDonald

**Special People
Deserve A
Special Day...**



Save the date!

Grandfriends are invited to Learning@MPS on 23rd November.

9-10.30 am Classroom activities

10.30-11 am delicious morning tea with staff.

11 am visit to our Book Fair in the Library.

MOGO EXCURSION 2018

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.

Your deposit should have been paid by now

- The next **\$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.

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 ASAP if you haven't already done so.

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**.



UPDATE

**\$100
Active
Kids
Rebate**

Like & Share

- 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 Dollars 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.

HIGH TECH PRIZES

50x Nintendo Switch Console Prizes

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HOW TO ENTER

Make 3 or more School Banking deposits - play the Future Savers app - complete the online entry form for a chance to win a Game Master Prize.

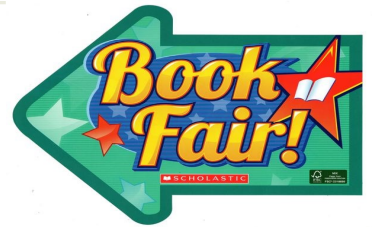
Download and play the Future Savers app from Monday 16 October 2017. Simply search Future Savers in the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android). For more information about the app and the Future Games competition, visit commbank.com.au/futuregames






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The Book Fair commenced on Monday 20th November. The Book Fair will be opened during grandparent day visit this Thursday. As well as the usual titles, there will be a great range of Christmas ideas and books.



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. 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

MUDWORLD EXCURSION 2017

Students in Year 5 and Year 6 will be participating in an excursion to the Morisset Outdoor Education Centre for our end of year picnic day on Friday 15th December 2017.

Students will spend the day taking part in activities such as Mud World, Flying Fox and the Giant Swing.

We will be transported to the centre by bus, leaving school at 9:00am sharp (do NOT be late) and returning to school by 2:45pm. This will give our students enough time to participate in our annual Year 6 Clap Out at 2:55pm.

The cost for the excursion will be \$25

Children will need to wear full school sports uniform including closed shoes, a hat and sunscreen. However for Mud World, they will need and EXTRA set of clothes to change into, including shirt, pants, shoes, socks and underwear and a plastic bag to put them in. These clothes will get **EXTREMELY** wet and dirty. Afterwards, the students will be hosed down and showers will then be provided. Students will also need to pack a towel and soap.

Students are required to bring their own packed lunch and a cup (for snow cones).

Sincerely,

Mrs Fuller and Mrs Murdoch.

School Canteen

Wed. 8:30 am - 12 noon

Friday 8.30 am - 2.15 pm

READING AWARDS TERM 4 WEEK 6

Bronze Reading Awards

Shaylee Symonds,

Jaimie Freeman

Silver Reading Award

Lily Casey-Ireland

Double Gold Awards

Lily Sonter

Royal Amythest Awards

Megan Waters,

Chloe Barnes

Double Amythest Awards

Jye Ostergaard, Felix Masens,

Hayley Ostergaard

Opal Awards

Maddi Serone



Term 4 Week 6 Merit Awards

KC	Bethany Horn	Ethan McDonald
K/1B	Elizabeth Swan	Ella-Rose Dixon- Pieck
1/2V	Chloe Barnes	Grace Harrison
2K	Mariah Shearim	Felix Walker
3/4B	Rory Carter	Tkai Griffiths
3/4G	Liam Hewitt	Mitchell Perriam
4/5U	Otis Brace	
5/6M	Kaitlyn Wall	Tayla Ostenfeld
5/6F	Jada Gibson	Johnny Fatu



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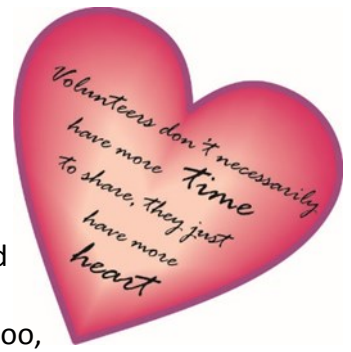
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P&C News



Christmas Raffle prizes are starting to come in – we’ve had a very generous gift of a circular saw from one parent, thank you to them! Other prizes that we’ve had so far include passes to Awezone Trampoline Park, Hunter Ice Skating Stadium, Hunter Valley Gardens, Lake Cinema, Oakvale Farm, Powerhouse museum, Taronga Zoo, Coles Myers gift vouchers and a Christmas hamper. And, of course, our top prize of 3 nights at Valla Beach! However, more raffle prizes are always welcome – the more we have, the more chances everyone has to win something!

Please make sure any donations to the Raffle prizes are handed in to the office by **Friday 1st December** so we have time to put the prizes together.

Our next P&C meeting has been changed to **Friday 1st December at 9:30am in the Multipurpose Room** after the AGM, which will take place at 9:15. The AGM will include the election of the Officers of the P&C for next year, but only paid-up members of the P&C, of at least one month’s standing, are able to vote or stand for office. Any new parents who would like to come along are welcome to do so but you will only be able to observe at this point, and won’t have any jobs thrust upon you! Please take the opportunity to come and find out more about the school, and the direction in which everything is going.

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.

The next **WSLA P&C meeting** will be held at **Morisset High School** on **Thursday 30th November, 6pm for 6:30pm**. If you wish to attend this meeting, and all are welcome, please let the office know so that they can let MHS know how many to expect. WSLA (Western Shores Learning Alliance) is comprised of the local primary schools that feed into Morisset High School – Bonnells Bay PS, Dora Creek PS, Cooranbong PS, Wangi Wangi PS, Morisset PS and Wyee PS - and MHS itself. This P&C meeting is also very useful to share ideas between the schools and find out more about how the schools are being run.

The P&C are running a school disco on **Thursday 7th December** after school hours. The cost will be \$5 per child, and this will include entry to the disco, a hot dog or chicken + gravy roll and a drink, plus a glowstick. Timings will be:

- K-2 students disco from 5pm-6pm

- Food served between 6pm and 6:30pm

- 3-6 students to arrive at 6:15pm, disco until 8pm, when the disco will end.

Tickets will be available to purchase from Wednesday 29th November until Wednesday 6th December to allow us to provide the correct number of hotdogs and a drink. Siblings who do not attend the school will not be permitted entry. There is no set theme however children are welcome to dress up if they want to.

Ann Beirne, President of MPS P&C

NEXT P & C MEETING

FRIDAY, 1st Dec. 2017



Our school is participating in Hunter New England Health's *Good for Kids. Good for Life* program which has been working with schools in our region for more than a decade to implement healthy eating and physical activity programs. As part of the program *Good for Kids* are currently measuring the activity levels of students. For parents of children in years 2 and 3 you will have received an information statement asking your permission for your child to participate, which will involve them wearing an accelerometer each day while at school for one school week. An accelerometer is worn on the wrist and looks like a watch but captures activity levels.

Once data is collected schools will be randomly selected to receive support, either now or in 12 months' time, to assist schools with the scheduling of physical activity. This will include the provision of professional development for our staff as well as the provision of resources and on-going support from the *Good for Kids* team. We thank you for your participation and encourage you to contact them if you have any further questions.

If you could return the form by Friday 24th November that would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

	Please tick ONE only
I DO consent for my child to participate in this study, and understand that this will involve them wearing an accelerometer during school hours for one school week and that these measures may be taken up to three times over the next 18 months	<input type="checkbox"/>
I DO NOT consent for my child to participate in the measures listed above.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Parent/Carer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Mobile phone number: _____ (by providing this mobile number you are giving consent for a member of the research team to call you for a 10-15minute survey)

CHILD DETAILS

Child's Name: _____ **Child's DOB:** _____

Child's Gender: Male / Female **Child's Postcode of main residence:** _____

School: _____

Year: 2 / 3 **Class Teacher:** _____

The next few questions are about your child's physical activity at home:

How many days during the school week does your child usually do physical activity outside of school hours? (Includes before and after school sports) Please Circle: **0 / 1 / 2 / 3 / 4 / 5**

On those days, how many hours does your child usually do physical activity? _____ **hours**
 _____ **minutes**

On how many weekend days does your child usually do physical activity? Please Circle: **0 / 1 / 2**

On those days, how many hours does your child usually do physical activity? _____ **hours**
 _____ **minutes**

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