

UPCOMING DATES

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Term 4

9 Nov

Yr 6 - WSLA Debating

14 Nov

Mobile Dentist

15 Nov

Yr - 6 Challenge Day

16 Nov

Assembly

17 Nov

Tasmanian Devil Ark Day

20 Nov

Book Fair

23 Nov

Grandparents Day

29 Nov

P & C Meeting

5 Dec

Yr 6 - Orientation - MHS

MAAD Night

6 Dec

Yrs - K - 4 Movie Day

7 Dec

Disco Night

13 Dec

Presentation Day 11am MHS

14 Dec

Yr 6 - Farewell Evening

15 Dec

Last day of term

TERM 4 WEEK 5

Dear family and friends of Morisset Public School

Community Support

I would like to congratulate our students and school community for the tremendous effort last week in donating food products for Southlake Market place.

Feedback

A family homework sheet was given in Week 2 to put together "our school in 3 years". We had 30 families respond. The information we gained from your responses will be supporting staff in our school directions for our 2018-2020 school plan. Mrs Metse has compiled the information to share with you. See page 3 of the newsletter.

End of Year Student Reports

Staff are very busy finalising end of year assessments and reports. These will be distributed to students in the last week of school. Each year we have requests for printed duplicate copies. We are currently updating our records. If you require a second printed copy, could you please contact the office on 4973 1435.

Website

Improving our school website to better communicate to community about our great school is an area we have been focusing on this year. Mr Groves has done an amazing job, working with staff and community, in ensuring it is easier to access important information about our school. Students have been learning how to access and navigate through the school website. The school website is receiving more views than ever. We have gone from 53 visits to 199 visits in just three weeks. All school notes are now available including class projects. All students have seen the site, ask them for a tour. This week's story is about the hatchlings in KC and K1/B. See page 4 of the newsletter.

Learning @MPS with Grandfriends

We have a great theme this term for Learning @MPS on 23rd November. Our valued Grandfriends are invited along with parents, to be apart of the learning in our classrooms. The children love having our school community sharing in their learning. Looking forward to hopefully seeing you there.

Bushfire Preparation

Today I have walked around the school with Inspector Shane Gerrin from Central Coast Fire Control. Our school has been identified in a Catastrophic Fire Area and we have a specific fire plan to support the safety of all attending MPS. Families will receive information explaining Bush Fire seasons arrangements. Shane was very positive about our school's preparation for bush fire season. We have good access around the school, our building are in good condition, we have wifi throughout the school for effective communication, our gardens and trees around the area have minimal leaf litter and school gutters have just been cleared.



Being prepared

It is mossier time at MPS and we are encouraging students to protect themselves by applying an suitable insect repellent before they come to school. Staff will be carrying in the playground kits a non allergic repellent pump spray for students who may require it. I would also encourage students to use a sunscreen. Our school hats are looking fantastic. All students are following the school dress code. Well done MPS!

Jarjums Soar

Last week the WSLA schools combined to have an amazing cultural day at Myuna Bay. Mr Groves and Cecilia Enoch accompanied students in a day of activities that explored and deepened their understanding of Aboriginal Culture.

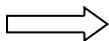


Administering Medication at school



If your child needs to have short term medication at school, such as antibiotics, cough medicines etc., a form is available ("**Medication Advice**") that must be completed to enable staff to administer medication to your child, at the appropriate times and dosage.

A reduced copy is shown here.



These forms are available at the front office, or on the School Website where they can be downloaded for your use.

Please note that medications must be supplied to the school in their original boxes/bottle so the medication can be verified before administration.

Kathryn Duncan
Principal



MORISSET PUBLIC SCHOOL MEDICATION ADVICE



Student Name: _____ Class: _____

What is the ILLNESS/AILMENT being treated?: _____

Type of Medication?: _____

Give Careful DETAILS as to DOSAGE, TIME and FREQUENCY of medication required:

Note: (Please bring medications in original containers/boxes)

Dosage? (How Much)	Time? (When)	Frequency (How Often)

Signature of PARENT or GUARDIAN: _____

Date: _____

PRESCRIBED MEDICATION OFFICER: _____

Date: _____

Family Homework – Parent Interview – Y-chart results

“Our school in 3 years”

Looks Like	Sounds Like	Feels Like
<p>Large tee-pees big enough for a whole class to read in Rest time at lunch Lots of nice gardens and play areas with plenty of shade Sport between different schools Well behaved children getting rewarded not just the naughty kids when they behave well Star Struck and School Musical More books Proper “book week” More flowers and trees A more colourful playground (re-do the painted art, paint posts etc) Gala Days, Camps More Spelling Mastery time Old fruit break back Bully-free zone Sport everyday More technology time and new technology More art time Bubblers that work Canteen everyday Lots of Handball courts More classroom pets More wildlife Organised Book week parade and dress up Rewards for those following school rules Early information about up-coming events Less letters home for incidences that happen at school that could be just dealt with in class and the teacher could just speak with the parent instead of sending a letter for everything. More technology Kids looking out for each other Nice school grounds An accumulative reward system where students are working towards the next level on the reward system Highlighting students achievements at assemblies A canteen that is open everyday Fundraising events (eg. Raffles, out of uniform etc) Everyone being nice to each other Extra technology eg. Robotics, ipads, making animations, movie making Extra areas to play in Lots more parents attending the P&C meetings Lots more parents volunteering in the canteen Refreshed teachers Clean and green Engaged learners Smiling and happy students, teachers and community</p>	<p>More laughing, singing, dancing, cheering Lots of laughing and playing sounds Caring words People speaking nice to each other Hearing the nice stories not just the negative ones Fun, learning and happiness No yelling Good grammar, lovely manners Laughter Exciting learning Fun and laughter Children working together No bell or alarm in the school holidays Students talking excitedly about their learning Learning talk Polite words Honest conversation</p>	<p>Forgiving each other Smiling and dreaming Be in the moment Warm and friendly where all kids look forward to coming to school Welcoming Like a big family x2 Safe and entertaining No bullies Relaxed, cohesive, diverse, adaptable Safe, fun, happy, relaxing, peaceful and calm Safe Inclusive Creative learning Like a Family Kindness Acceptance A safe place Comfortable and safe A respectful place where all staff are approachable More creative learning Inclusive Funny, friendly, happy, enjoyable</p>



How to access the school website

1. Go to home page
www.morisset-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
2. Click on Notes 2017-2018
3. Click on the Notes 2017-2018
4. Notes are available and can now be downloaded and completed via the website



Good for Kids good for life

THE BENEFITS OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Being active is very important for children. Not only for their physical health but also for their mental wellbeing.

Some benefits of being active include:

- Promoting healthy growth and development
- Building strong bones and muscles
- Improving cardiovascular fitness
- Improves balance, coordination and strength
- Improves concentration and thinking skills
- Improves confidence and self-esteem
- Improving sleep

Children aged 5-12 years should participate in at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity (makes you huff and puff) physical activity every day.



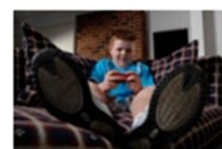
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LIMITING SCREEN TIME

Do you need some ideas for distracting your child from 'technology' or watching television?

Try some of these ideas:

- Go screen free on weekdays (except for educational purposes)
- Tech free Saturdays
- Simple restrictions on when your child has access, such as 'no screen time before dinner or bed'
- Try 'Imagination Wednesdays' where you and your child do things together that don't involve a screen
- Provide seven 30 minutes vouchers on a Friday afternoon to last for the following week. When your child watches the TV or plays on the computer they hand the vouchers back for every 30 minutes they're looking at a small screen. This limits your child to 3.5 hours of screen time over a week.



Adapted from: Murrumbidgee Local Health District

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.

The deposit of **\$50** should have been paid by now (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 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**.



Henny Penny Hatchling Program - Adoption

KC and K/1 BC have been participating in the Henny Penny Hatchling Program and are looking after some baby chicks. This program finishes on Friday 17th November and we would like to offer the opportunity for families to adopt our baby chicks.

The chicks will be ready to be taken to their new home on either Thursday 16th or Friday 17th, whichever suits the adopting family best.



Notes regarding baby chick adoption were sent home on Tuesday 7th and are to be returned to the front office by next Tuesday 14th November. If you missed out on a note please visit our school website for more information and a copy of the note.

**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.

Blackbutt Reserve Excursion K to 2

Last week, K – 2 students went on an excursion to Blackbutt Reserve. Students enjoyed learning more about Australian animals and reptiles. We all had a wonderful time exploring the reserve and locating the animals indicated on the exhibit signs. Students and staff enjoyed a picnic lunch on the lovely green grass, where we could observe many different birds including a beautiful peacock. All the students think that this venue would be a great place to visit again in the future with their family and friends.



READING AWARDS TERM 4 WEEK 4

Gold Awards

Zara Lienau, Logan Fitzgerald

Double Bronze Awards

Zoe Cuskelly

Double Silver Awards

Te Anu Renata-Peene

Royal Amythest Awards

Nameera Hossain, Connor Lowry,

Catherine Swan

Opal Awards

Mohammad Ayas

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



Term 4 Week 4 Merit Awards

KC	Lydia Thurbon	Scarlet Martinez
K/1B	Kaylee Devenish-Plew	Tyson Stothard
1/2V	Sarah Barker	
2K	Mikeala Keys	Jackson Anthes
3/4B	Lily Sonter	Breanna Swain
3/4G	Zara Lienau	Samuel Anton
4/5LJ	Amber Finucane	Erica White
5/6M	Joss Hendry	Ashlea Porch
5/6F	Isaac Bailey	Shawn Hill



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>

NEXT P & C MEETING

Wed. 29th Nov. 2017

School Canteen

Wed. 8:30 am - 12 noon

Friday 8.30 am - 2.15 pm



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.

P&C News

The Christmas Raffle ticket envelopes are going out this week! One envelope per family will be sent out, but if you need more, please see the office staff and they will be able to give you extra.



*The Raffle will be drawn on Friday 8th December – please have all your ticket money and envelopes back to us by **Wednesday 6th December** so we can enter your details into our spreadsheet for the electronic draw.*

*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.*

The plate fundraiser brought in \$100 for our P&C funds - thank you to everyone who took part! The plates should be back with us by week 10, just in time for Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Avon Breast Cancer fundraiser; we raised \$73.00 for this good cause. The items purchased are being delivered this week to the school so you will have these by the weekend.

Artwork for the calendars etc. is being sent off today and we should have those back before the end of term as well.

*Our next P&C meeting is **Wednesday 29th November 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.

Thank you!

Ann Beirne, President of MPS P&C

NEXT P & C MEETING

Wed. 29th Nov. 2017

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. 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



\$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 prizes to win. 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 Collabrumbie to life, teaching ten 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

Make 3 or more School Banking deposits for a chance to win one of these High Tech Prizes:

- 1x Nintendo Switch
- 1x Apple Watch
- 1x Samsung Galaxy S7

GAME MASTER PRIZES

Make 5 or more School Banking deposits – play the Future Savers app, complete the online entry form and a chance to win a Game Master Prize:

- 50x Nintendo Switch
- 50x Apple Watch
- 50x Samsung Galaxy S7

Download and play the Future Savers app from Monday 14 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

Westlakes Domestic Violence Committee

White Ribbon Morning Tea



Monday 20 November
10am-12pm
Toronto Workers Club,
James street, Toronto

Listen to guest speakers talk about their experiences of domestic violence.

Local dance performance.

Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.trybooking.com/SFRO>
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