



# **Morisset Public School**



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#### **UPCOMING DATES**

Term 4

7 Dec

Disco Night

8 Dec

PBL Launch
P & C Raffle draw

13 Dec

Presentation Day 11am

Morisset High School

14 Dec

Yr 6 - Farewell Evening at Morisset Public School

15 Dec

Yrs 5 & 6 Mudworld Last day of term 4 2017

2018 - <u>Term 1</u>

30 Jan

Yrs 1 - 6 return to school

2 Feb

Kindergarten 1st day

#### **UNIFORM SHOP OPEN ING HOURS**

Monday 29th Jan 9:00am - 11:00am Tuesday 30th Jan 8:30am - 9:30am Wednesday 31st Jan 8:30am - 9:30am

Then normal hours resume which are: Friday 8:45-am-9:45am



# TERM 4 WEEK 9

Dear family and friends of Morisset Public School

I can't believe this is the last newsletter for 2017. Where has the year gone? it doesn't stop at Morisset Public School - and we have so many more activities and events still happening until the end of the year.

The school is very quiet today with student in K-4 going to the movies and then to Speers Point Park for a play and picnic. Tomorrow night we have our P&C sponsored disco so put on your dancing shoes ready for some fun.

Friday is exciting, as we have our Positive Behaviour for Learning launch combined with our Year 6 Fun Fund-raising day. Student reports and our Celebration Ceremony is on next Wednesday.

I would like to thank every student, every staff member, P&C and every parent / carer for making Morisset Public School the amazing place it is. Our student results are showing that our students are learning and if they are learning they are engaged. Thank you to the PBL leadership team who have worked tirelessly with students, staff and community in establishing our new system for wellbeing - Positive Behaviour For Learning. We unveil our new school mascot on Friday as well.

I look forward to hopefully catching up with you before the end of school year.

If I don't, I would like to wish you all a wonderful break and enjoy your time with friends and family.

Take care and be safe.

Kathy Duncan Principal

#### 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.

#### **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.





An Invitation from **Allison** at SAMARITANS and **Kath** at CALM

Parenting can be tricky for everyone at one point or another. The Circle of Security provides a roadmap for parents to look beyond their child's behaviours and understand how to meet the underlying needs being expressed. The Circle of Security focuses on the relationship we have with our children, to give them the emotional security they need.

When: Every Wednesday for 6 weeks.

From 7th February — 14th March 2018
at: 10am to 12.00 pm

Where: Nar-un-bah Schools As Community Centre
Fennell Bay Public School, Bay Road, Fennell Bay
Cost: FREE

A free morning tea and child minding will be provided.

Child minding is limited and must be pre-booked.







To find out more information or to register please contact Allison on 4950 7215 or 0428 166 119

Venue kindly provided by Nar-un-bah SACC

#### 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 = Green, Safety = Blue and Engagement = Yellow





The Book Fair was another amazing success for Morisset Public School staff, parents, students and grandparents. The sales mark almost reached \$4000! This means we are now able to spend \$1200 on books. A huge thank you to everyone that supported the Book Fair and and an even bigger thank you to all the grandparents and friends that came along on Thursday. We are hoping to hold another Book Fair in May 2018 to coincide with National Family Reading Month

#### **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 and some instalments will already have been paid by now

- *\$100* Friday 24th November 2014 (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.** 







### **READING AWARDS TERM 4 WEEK 8**

# **Bronze Reading Awards Bethany Horn**

# **Silver Reading Awards**

Jaimie Freeman, Bethany Horn,

**Braiden Parker-Hall** 

## **Gold Awards**

Logan Fitzgerald, Charlotte Cooper

Kingston Butler, Kyahn White-Lowe

## **Double Bronze Reading Awards**

Charlotte Cooper, Kyahn White-Lowe

**Royal Amythest Awards** 

Samiha Hossain, Lili Serone

**Double Amythest Awards** 

Lili Serone

**Opal Awards** 

Lizzy Swan, Lili Serone



# Term 4 Week 8 Merit Awards

KC	Summer Tildesley	Holly Anthes
K/1B	Olivia Etuk	Te Anu Renata-Peene
1/2V	Alec Connell	Charlotte Munday
2K	Aria Butler	Alex Mc Andrew
3/4B	Samiha Hossain Payton Ru	Mohammad Ayas Issell
3/4G	Jonty Walters Braiden Parker Hall	Tahlia Wilson April Davis
4/5⊔	Megan Waters	Jaehyuk Lee
5/6M	Kira Dicandilo	
5/6F	Jeremy Cahill	Sabrina Melman



# **OPENING** BONNELLS BAY 2018

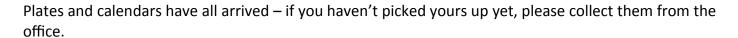
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## **P&C** News

Last newsletter of the year, the holidays are nearly here!



The Christmas Raffle will be drawn on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 10am – please ensure all your raffle ticket envelopes are returned to the office by **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** to ensure that you are in with a chance to win something! We have lots of wonderful prizes – special thanks to Tara Harridge for organising Mad Hair Day last Friday, with raffle donations as payment.

Disco night tomorrow night - Thursday 7th December! Just a reminder that timings will be:

YK-2 students disco from 5pm-6pm

Food served between 5:45pm and 6:30pm

Y3-6 students to arrive at 6:15pm, disco until 7:45pm, when the disco will end.

The canteen will be open only between 5:45 and 6:30pm, but there will be water available in the Hall at all times. It's going to be great fun, so I hope everyone has their ticket! Tickets will be collected at the door, and placed into a box for a Door prize draw – one for each session – so remember to send the students in with their tickets!

At our AGM last week, our P&C Officers were elected for the next year:

President: Ann Beirne remains in office

Vice-President: Rebecca Harridge remains in office Treasurer: Merryn Casey remains in office

Secretary: Cordelia Jones-Mashman was elected after Averil McAndrew stood down,

owing to family reasons - Averil does, however, remain on the P&C.

Uniforms remain with Amelia Gardiner, and Sasha Nicholls-Hughes remains our canteen manager. Our thanks go to Averil for all her work as Secretary, and thanks to Cordelia for agreeing to take on the role.

Our next P&C Meeting will most likely be the Friday morning of week 3, Term 1, next year but this will be confirmed at the start of the year.

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 <a href="mailto:ann-beirne@hotmail.co.uk">ann-beirne@hotmail.co.uk</a> or drop a note into the office for my attention.

The WSLA P&C meeting was held last Thursday at Morisset High School. We are hoping that next year we will have a more collaborative P&C approach to school events, allowing us to avoid schedule clashes and also maybe have joint events where that is appropriate – it's going to be very exciting! Next WSLA P&C meeting has been set for Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at Cooranbong PS, 6 for 6:30pm.

That's it from us – we hope you have a wonderful summer holiday and see you all next year!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to you all.

Ann Beirne, President of MPS P&C









Water battle: Join in it you want to as weather by Kingdom Markets: It's important that everyone prepares a shop for Market Day. Make cup cakes, sell old toys, books, etc... the children buy & sell using Kingdom money they have earnt. We will also give the children \$1000 Kingdom dollars to spend.



# holiday activities

#### Tuesday 2 January

Learn to Swim Charlestown, West Wallsend or Swansea Swim Centres 4-day program | 3+ years | \$44

#### Wednesday 3 January

Wildlife Wednesday Swansea Swim Centre under 5s \$4 | 5-17 years \$7.50

#### Thursday 4 January

Little Bang Discovery Club Cardiff Library | 4 sessions (each Thursday) | 3-5 years \$20 member, \$25 non-member

#### Friday 5 January

**Ozobots** Toronto Libraru I 8-12 uears I free

Dinosaur roar storytime Swansea Library | 2-6 years | free

**Aquatic Challenger** Speers Point Swim Centre 6+ years\* | \$2.50 each, \$5 family

#### Monday 8 January

Learn to Swim Charlestown, West Wallsend or Swansea Swim Centres 5-day program | 3+ years | \$55

**Newsprint Animal Art** Speers Point Library 4-9 years I free

**Pokemon Trading Card** Belmont Library | 6-14 years | free

#### Tuesday 9 January

**Pirate School** The Rover, Memorial Hall Park, Cowlishaw Street, Redhead 4-8 years I free

Kauak on the lake Wangi Wangi 10+ years^| \$15 each

**Brilliant Beach Bags** Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery 7+ years | \$20



Kauak on the lake urrays Beach 10+ years ^| \$15 each

Hit the Road Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery 12-18 years | \$25

**Shark Facts** Charlestown Library 10+ years I free

#### Wednesday 10 January

Sea Caves Exploration Caves Beach | 5+ years^| free

Whimsical Watercraft Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery 7+ years | free

Wildlife Wednesdays Charlestown Swim Centre under 5s \$4 | 5-17 years \$7.50

Creatures of the night Glenrock State Conservation Area 5+ years^| free

High seas adventure storytime Morisset Library | 2-6 years | free

#### Thursday 11 January

Be safe at the beach Caves Beach | 7+ years^ | free

Rainbow art Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery 3-6 years^|\$10

**Maitland Riverlights** lantern workshop Charlestown Library | all ages | free

# Discovering Dinosaurs to Dodos

Swansea Library | 6-10 years \$5 members, \$7 non-members

**Board Stories** Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery 11-14 years | \$20

Comic chat Toronto Library | 13-16 years | free

Disc golf at Rathmines **Rathmines Disc Gold Course** 

#### Friday 12 January

10+ uears^l free

Be safe at the beach Caves Beach | 7+ years ^| free

\* must be competent swimmer

**Aquatic Challenger** Speers Point Swim Centre 6+ years\* | \$2,50 each, \$5 family

^ children must be accompanied by an adult

#### Saturday 13 January

Sand sculpting workshop and competition Redhead Beach | all ages^| free

Aquatic Challenger Swansea Swim Centre 6+ years\* | \$2.50 each, \$5 family

#### Sunday 14 January

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#### Mondau 15 Januaru

Learn to Swim Charlestown, West Wallsend or Swansea Swim Centres 5-day program | 3+ years | \$55

Junior fishing clinic Speers Point Public Jetty 8-14 years | \$40

Maitland Riverlights lantern workshop Morisset Library | all ages | free

Superhero storutime Edgeworth Library 2-6 years | free

Crafty Kids: paddle pop stick art Windale Library | 5+ years | free

(Aboriginal weaving) overlooking the Lake **Green Point Foreshore Reserve** 3-6 years^and 7+ years^| free

#### Tuesdau 16 Januaru

Show and tell on the geology of the lake Green Point Foreshore Reserv 7+ uears^l free

Marble mazes Belmont Library | 5+ years | free

African drumming Speers Point Park | 6+ years | free

**Pirate School** The Rover, Community Hall Reserve, Wyee | 4-8 years | free

Skateboard stencils Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery 7+ uears I free

#### Wednesday 17 January

Wildlife Wednesday Speers Point Swim Centre under 5s \$4 | 5-17 years \$7.50

Insight into snakessss kids workshop Morisset Library | 6+ years | free

African drumming Speers Point Park | 6+ years | free et the author ors Point Ubrary are free

Gondwana fossil forest ramble Dudley Beach | 5+ years^| free

**Brilliant beach bags** Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery 7+ years | \$20

#### Thursday 18 January

**Aquatic Challenger** peers Point Swim Centre 6+ years\* | \$2.50 each, \$5 family

JD's World of Magic Charlestown Library | all ages \$8 members, \$10 non-members

Dawn chorus walk Belmont Lagoon 10+ years^| free

Rainhow art Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery 3-6 years^|\$10

Rock pool ramble Swansea Heads | 5+ years^| free

#### Friday 19 January

Dinosaur roar storytime Swansea Library | 2-6 years | free

Over and out - two-wau radio workshop Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie Pelican Base | 14+ years | free

Try sailing on the Lake Royal Motor Yacht Club Toronto 10+ uears^l free

Rockpool ramble Swansea Heads | 5+ years^ | free

#### Saturday 20 January

Pirate School

The Rover, Reserve in the Circlet, Rathmines | 4-8 years | free

Learn to SUP Warners Bay | 8+ years | \$5

Lake Mac Festival of Surfing Redhead Beach | all ages | free continues on Sunday 21 January

Monday 22 January

Learn to Swim Charlestown, West Wallsend or Swansea Świm Centres 4-day program | 3+ years | \$44

Seagrass saunter Wangi Wangi | 5+ years^| free

Interwoven (Aboriginal weaving) overlooking the Lake Green Point Foreshore Reserve 3-6 years^and 7+ years^| free

RIF Library | 3-8 years | free

paddle pop stick art Wangi Wangi Library 5+ years | free

#### Tuesday 23 January

Creatures of the night Awabakal Nature Reserv 5+ uears^l free

Planetarium Belmont Library | 6+ years

\$10 members, \$12 non-members Beach fun storytime

Windale Library | 2-6 years | free

#### Wednesday 24 January

Wildlife Wednesdays West Wallsend Swim Centre under 5s \$4 | 5-17 years \$7.50

Discovering Dinosaurs to Dodos Swansea Library | 6-10 years \$5 members, \$7 non-members

# vry Potter trivia

Surf sculpture Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery 7+ years | free

Insight into snakessss Cameron Park Community Centre 12+ years | free

#### Thursday 25 January

Speers Point Library 8-12 years | free

Friday 26 January

Lake Mac Festival Speers Point Park | all ages | free







Go to lakemac.com.au/recreation/whats-on/school-holidays for full details and to book



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