



IMPORTANT DATES 2020

TERM 4

October 20	Book Week Parade (students only)
October 30	MHS Big Picture applications close
October 30	P&C ZOOM Meeting 9:30am
November 9	NAIDOC Week activities

End of Year Activities

The school website has been updated with some activities scheduled for the end of the year including:

- Presentation day,
- School Musical, and ;
- Year Six Farewell.

You will be advised if these dates change.

Currently postponed or on hold

- Fortnightly Assemblies
- Onsite P&C meetings
- Shared Birthday Cakes

2021 Enrolments - currently accepting local enrolments for 2021 and beyond. Please contact the school office.

Kindergarten 2021

Due to COVID guidelines, all Kindergarten transition events are being redesigned.

We will keep you updated.

If you have a child coming to school or want to make an enrolment enquiry please contact our school office.

Newsletters -

are distributed via the School App and Website. Paper copies are no longer distributed unless requested by phoning or emailing the school office

Updates and Events

School Stream App, Facebook, and School Website.

Phone:

49 731435 or 49731533

Email:

morisset-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Website:

www.morisset-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Term 4, Week 1

October 15, 2020

Welcome back to Term 4 - A special welcome back to Mrs Bartlett who will be here on Tuesdays and Fridays. Her role will be a combination of EAfS Intervention and RFF(5/6S).

Book Week Character Parade - Tuesday October 20 - Next Tuesday, students can dress up as a character from a book for the day. Students need to bring the book that their character appears in, to school, to carry in their parade. Parades will be conducted in class/ stage settings. Unfortunately, parents are unable to attend.

Aboriginal Education 'Resurgence Program Aboriginal students'

Commencing today, selected groups will work with 'Speaking in Colour' facilitator to create woven forms. These forms are then attached as coverings to a welded frame (an animal, they decide) which, depending on location, is then fitted with a pendant light. The completed project will be hung and lit from within resulting in a regional public artwork. This activity will involve Years 3-6 Aboriginal students and a friend throughout Term 4.

Tell Them from Me Survey

The survey window closes next Friday. If you haven't completed the parent survey yet, please follow the link - <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/k9rdt> Students in years 4-6 will be completing the student survey next week. An opt out note has been sent home. If you do not want your child to participate in the student survey, please return the note to school tomorrow.

Book Fair - The library will host another Book Fair this term beginning on Monday October 26 through to Thursday October 29. As well as the usual titles, there will be a great range of Christmas ideas and books. There will be more information to come.

Application for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2022

- Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2022 will be accepted from Tuesday 13 October 2020 to Monday 16 November 2020.
- Parents must apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

PMI Rock Band - Visit our Facebook page to see the 'Rock Band' playing.

Year 6 Farewell, Presentation Day and the School Musical - Planning is underway for all of these events taking into account the changing COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines. Each event will look significantly different and we will keep you updated as arrangements are finalised.

Mrs M Warham

Principal (Proud member of the Western Shores Learning Alliance)

Holiday Works - during the holidays, we had a number of contractors on site working on different projects. All the gates have new signs along with an updated information board. The fixed equipment has undergone a safety renovation and there have been a number of trees removed due to our Bushfire response plan and their proximity to buildings. Visit the website and Facebook to see photos of the Outdoor Learning Area - flags, signpost, maps and artificial grass with an inlay hopscotch game. We are now hoping to purchase large outdoor games, potted colour and outdoor cushions. The area is looking terrific.

Crossing Supervisor update

The recruitment process for our Crossing Supervisor is up to final compliance checks. Hopefully we will have an outcome soon. If you are interested in casual work as a Crossing Supervisor there is more information later in this newsletter. Use the web address for more information and the application process. jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au

Student Banking - The student banking facility is no longer available through the school.

Staff PL (Trade off) Thursday November 5 2020 3:30-6:30pm

How to Implement Aboriginal Perspectives

This course designed for educators using the Australian curriculum and has three main areas of focus, Understanding the: - Why: Who are Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people? Why do we need to embed cultural content into our classrooms? How does closing the Gap relate to my classroom? - How: What does this look like? How to be culturally appropriate in your region. Addressing and understanding the barriers for the children, educators, families and management - Implementing strategies: What is a reliable and valid resource? Explore the cultural revivals sweeping the nation.

All staff will participate in this training outside school hours to 'trade-off' the last staff development day of the year, December 18.

Attendance - Parents are required to explain all absences by:

- phoning the school office - 49731435, 49731533
- replying to the SMS,
- sending an email to the school - morisset-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au,
- completing an absent notification on the School Stream app,
- writing a note and sending it to school with your child when they return.

Where students are absent for 3 days or more, it is preferable for parents to provide a medical certificate. Without a medical certificate, these absences will be recorded as explained and unjustified.

COVID Guidelines - Please read extracts below.

The complete document is at - <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

"Students should be at school unless:

- *they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe*
- *they are currently unwell.*

In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Schools will make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu like symptoms to be sent home.

NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics. Students and staff with flu like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school.

Schools are not required to conduct widespread temperature screening or mandate the wearing of a mask, however, it is acceptable if you would like your child to wear a mask to school."



PMI CENTRAL COAST MUSIC LESSONS

Lachlan Barnett & Cassandra Page have smashed through their first Star Missions to earn their **YELLOW** Wristband in their PMI CC music lessons! Meanwhile **Reggie Barnes** has earned his **PURPLE** band in emphatic style, and **Lachlan Finucane** completes his **Brown** band.

- ♦ Lachlan B, Cassandra - JUNIOR MUSICIAN
- ♦ Reggie - JUNIOR SOUNDSMITH
- ♦ Lachlan F. - JUNIOR MAESTRO



Well done musicians!!



Summer Weather is now upon us!

Don't forget to pack your **DRINK BOTTLES!**





Completed templates and drawings due back to school tomorrow October 16, 2020



PICTURE PLATE (25CM)
\$25



PICTURE CLOCK (25CM)
\$30



2021 CALENDAR
\$15



400mL DRINK BOTTLE
\$16

Stewart House Donation Drive

Stewart House has been caring for children from all parts of NSW and the ACT that are in need since 1931—to enable all children who visit Stewart House to have a wide range of rich and rewarding experiences; be inspired to see beyond their present circumstances; and have real hope and positive aspirations for their future.

Each year a donation envelope is sent home with students to help raise money to keep this valuable institution going, and at the same time enabling families the chance to win a \$4,000 voucher (normally for travel, but this year it is a general voucher).

Please return your envelopes distributed today back to school as soon as possible to get your entry in on time.

Thank You !



HAVE A BLAST. BE PART OF THE CREW!

Get into Woolworths Cricket Blast. It's a fun and active program for kids of all abilities – whether it's your first time with a bat or you're a backyard cricket star!

- ✓ It's easy to join a crew and make awesome new friends.
- ✓ Wear the colours of your Big Bash heroes.
- ✓ Parents warm up, you can join in too!
- ✓ Outdoors, non-contact.



JUNIOR BLASTERS

AGES 5-7 | 60 mins | 6+ weeks

Learn new skills, including catching, throwing and teamwork, through fun game based activities.

Sign up now for your Starter Pack. Returning Junior Blasters score a Returner Pack with a Backpack, Ball and choice of bonus item!



STARTER Kit



RETURNER Kit



MASTER BLASTERS

AGES 7-10 | 90 mins | 6+ weeks

Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field in short, modified games of cricket. For kids with basic cricket skills.

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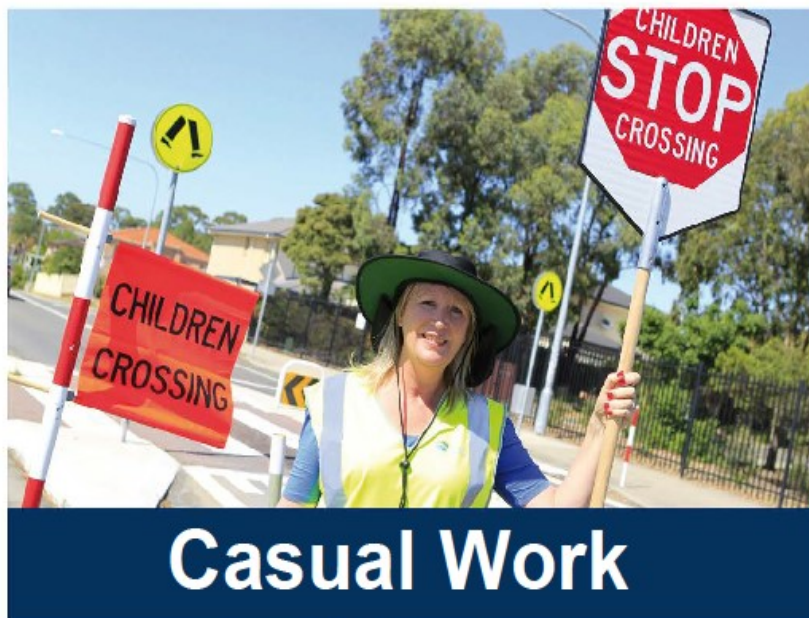


You could **PLAY** Woolworths Cricket Blast **for Free!**

Thanks to the NSW Government, every student (K-12) is entitled to 2x\$100 Active Kids vouchers each calendar year. **Remember to use your voucher when you sign up at playcricket.com.au**



Register now @ playcricket.com.au



Casual Work

Casual positions - Multiple locations across Hunter Region (6556)

Help protect our vibrant school communities

Become a Casual School Crossing Supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
- Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

Shifts fall between the school zones hours 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm, with a minimum of one, one hour shift as and when required Monday to Friday during the school term.

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
- ✓ Community spirit
- ✓ Positive energy

✓ If it does, visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au to apply today!

✓ Applications close Wednesday, 28 October 2020



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P&C News

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Welcome back to Term 4! Hope you all had good holidays and are all set for the last term of the year!

MEETINGS:

Our meetings continue to be by Zoom until the end of the year. The next meeting will be Friday 30th October at 9:30am. Our AGM is set for Friday 27th November – if anyone wants to be eligible to stand for a P&C Executive position, or to vote for people into these positions, membership (\$2) must be paid at or before the 30th October meeting in order to be ratified at the end of that meeting.

CANTEEN NEWS:

A note is being sent out that tells you how to access the online lunch ordering service – it's also available on the MPS website and the P&C FB page. Register and get started straight away! There is no ordering system for recess.

If you prefer to pay cash and send in an order with your child, you can still do this. The canteen menu can be found on the school website here <https://morisset-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/canteen-and-uniform/canteen.html>

NEWS FLASH!
ONLINE LUNCH
ORDERING IS
HERE! 😊

This term, we will be changing over from mini juicy cups (20c) to juicy pops on sticks (10c), due to a need to move away from plastic disposables. Students will be allowed to buy a maximum of 3 at a time, due to dripping as they melt. There will be a crossover period where both are available until we run out of plastic mini cups.

We're still in need of more canteen volunteers, especially on Fridays (morning or afternoon) – please fill in the attached volunteer form if you are able to offer ANY time.

FUNDRAISERS (Term 3):



- **Plates, calendars, clocks etc:** Templates are available at the office and must be returned to the office with payment by **THIS FRIDAY (16th October)** at the latest in order for us to ensure the products are returned before the end of term.
- **Christmas Raffle:** Morisset Lions Christmas Raffle tickets cost \$1 each. Please send money in with your child in the envelope provided and tickets will be allocated to you. All proceeds from tickets sold by the Morisset Public School community will come back to Morisset Public School.

UNIFORM SHOP:

The uniform shop is open every Friday from 8:45 til 9:45am. Please visit the office *before* coming to the shop.

Order forms are available in the office or online from the Morisset Public School website, here <https://morisset-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/canteen-and-uniform/uniform.html>

Ann Beirne, President of Morisset PS P&C

Find Morisset PS P&C on
Facebook  and  Like
our page to keep up to date
with events and fundraisers
at the school. Links to
fundraiser forms will be
found there as well.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER TIMES:

WEDNESDAYS – Canteen is open only for morning and lunch, no recess.

At least one volunteer should be at school at 8am to get the ovens going and open up; but all volunteers should be there by 8:30am preferably, to take orders, serve breakfasts and start lunch preparation, which will continue until the lunch baskets are all completed by 10:50am. Lunch bell is at 11am and counter service will start shortly after that.

Lunch finishes at 11:50am; service should stop 5 minutes prior to that (with no large ice creams being sold for the last 10 minutes), and the shutters brought down – then there will be some preparation of frozen stock, such as yoghurt bites and mini juicy cups, followed by clean up, including the floor. Money also needs to be counted and bagged. Mostly, everything should be done by 12:30pm.

TL:DR – maximum volunteer time required: 8am – 12:30pm

FRIDAY morning and lunch is much the same as on Wednesday, except that the clean-up is much less and the money doesn't get counted at this stage, so people should be able to get away by 12:20pm.

TL:DR – maximum volunteer time required: 8am – 12:20pm

FRIDAY RECESS – the recess bell goes at 1:50pm, and ends at 2:15pm – so someone needs to come in at 1:30pm to open up and start getting everything ready to go. Again, service should stop 5 minutes prior to the bell and the shutters brought down. Clean up, frozen stock preparation and money counting will take place at this point and should all be done by 2:45pm, but by then it's nearly end of school anyway.

TL:DR – maximum volunteer time required: 1:30pm – 2:45pm

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER FORM for 2020:

Name..... Contact phone

Availability: Wednesday Friday morning Friday afternoon
(Please circle all
that apply)

How often would you be able to help out?

Every fortnight Once a month Once a term

Other (please state)

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*Please return this form to the Office, who will pass it on to the P&C Canteen team,
or call Ann Beirne on 0488 136464*

THANK YOU! ☺