

IMPORTANT DATES 2020

TERM 4

November 9	NAIDOC Week activities
November 16	2022 Selective HS applications close
November 20	2021 Student Leadership applications close
November 23	Presentation Day Live stream
November 27	9:30am P&C AGM via ZOOM
December 4	Last day for Ethics and Scripture
December 8	PBL Incursion - Jollybops Science
December 10	Year 6 Farewell - Yr 6 only
December 16	Last day for students

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.

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

Kindergarten 2021.

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

Phone:

49 731435 or 49731533

Email:

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

Website:

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

Term 4, Week 5 November 11, 2020

Celebrating NAIDOC Week - "Always Was, Always Will Be"

This Thursday, November 12, students will be involved in a variety of activities throughout the day. Activities provided by *Speaking in Colour* facilitators include weaving, dance and bush tucker.

COVID guidelines were updated on November 6

The full DoE response to the guidelines can be found via the following link

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

All schools are asked to be vigilant when implementing infection controls; avoiding shared food and drinks remains a priority in the guidelines along with physical distancing and personal hygiene protocols. As we finalise the end of the school year, as a staff we ask that no shared food or items be brought to school, this includes candy canes, gifts and cards. If you have any questions regarding the guidelines please email the school.

PBL Recognition - Tuesday December 8

This term's PBL recognition activity will be an incursion - 'Jollybops Science' delivering a Chemistry Show. This show will be funded by the school and therefore will be free for all students to attend. The show is full of the most colourful, explosive, shattering, fizzy, bright, oozy and awesome experiments going around, all with the most important part, student interaction, humour and fun.

2022 Selective High School Applications reminder

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates of their own academic standard.

- Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2022 will close 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 March 11 2021.

2021 Student Leadership Applications close November 20.

In 2021 Morisset Public School Leadership Team will consist of two School Captains from Year 6, three Expectations Leaders from Year 6 and six House Captains (two from each house Pulbah, Macquarie and Watagan) from Yr 5 or 6. The application form is available on the school website.

Presentation Day - Monday November 23

- Livestream link will be made available on the website - time to be advised
- Parents unable to attend
- Live stream – independent film company – Hunter Media
- Onsite in the School Hall – students to sit in chairs
- COVID safe plan
- Leaders to be announced at the end of the year

Student Led Conferences

Staff have been planning for student led conferences to occur at home. A collection of work samples will be sent home with your child's Semester Two report. There will be an instruction sheet for students to follow as they celebrate their learning with you. We ask that you either take a photo and send in via the school email address with the teacher's name in the subject line, or, complete the return slip on the instruction page and return it to school.

Mrs Warham

Principal (Proud member of the Western Shores Learning Alliance)

Year 6 Farewell, Presentation Day and the School Musical - Executive and Staff have been planning these events taking into account; timeframes, staff availability, external suppliers, filming and photographer availability, venues and the changing COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines.

Musical

This year's musical will be filmed by Hunter Media and the production will be edited and made available for all parents. Parents will be unable to attend and all evening performances have been cancelled. There will be no costume levy and a note will be sent home about makeup and costumes. The school will develop a COVID safe plan.

Year 6 Farewell – December 10

- In the school hall – Yr 6 only
- COVID safe plan – parents encouraged to not congregate outside the school grounds e.g. taking group photos (similar to Kiss and Ride – parents should remain in cars)
- 5:30pm Drop off
- 6:00pm Dinner
- 7:00pm Speeches
- 7:15pm Silent Disco
- 8:00pm Presentation and DVD
- 8:30pm Pick up

Morisset High School Year 6 Orientation Day

On Tuesday the December 1 2020, Morisset High School is hosting the Annual Orientation Day as set out by the Department of Education. Orientation Day is designed to support students in their final preparation for the routines that high school presents. A note will sent out to Year 6 students closer to the date.

PMI CENTRAL COAST MUSIC **LESSONS**

Felix & Marli Masens have blasted through their Orange PMI CC Star Missions to earn their next wristband! Well done Senior Musicians!



Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au



Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight
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4 weeks



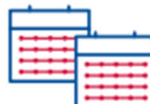
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Over **1** year missed

1 day per week
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8 weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

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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.

OFFICE OF SPORT

CLAIM TWO \$100 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

All NSW school-enrolled children are eligible for two \$100 Active Kids vouchers each year. The vouchers can be used with any approved Active Kids provider, to help cover costs towards registration or membership fees for sport and active recreation. **Voucher one is valid January to December and voucher two is valid July to December.** After 1 July 2020, the second voucher can be claimed immediately after the first voucher.

HOW TO CLAIM YOUR VOUCHERS

- 1 Visit service.nsw.gov.au and login to your MyServiceNSW Account
- 2 Click on the Active Kids icon found in your SERVICE tab
- 3 Fill out the requested information (you will need your current Medicare card)
- 4 Print a copy of each voucher or email it to yourself

Visit sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids for terms & conditions and FAQs

HOW TO USE YOUR VOUCHERS

- 1 Find a provider by visiting our website: sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids
- 2 Once you have chosen an activity give the voucher number to your activity provider, or log onto your provider's website and enter the voucher number

*Vouchers can always be found in your MyServiceNSW account by looking in the My Applications tab

ACTIVE KIDS

STARTS NOV 8



JOIN OUR ALL ABILITIES, AGE 6-65

ONE CULTURE MARINERS

WHERE:

THE FOOTBALL GROUNDS, ERINA

WHEN:

SUNDAYS, 9AM-10AM JUNIORS, 10AM-11AM SENIORS
NOVEMBER 8TH TO DECEMBER 20TH 2020

HOW:

REGISTER ONLINE NOW AT
WWW.ONECULTUREFOOTBALL.ORG/DISABILITY
OR CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
DISABILITY@ONECULTUREFOOTBALL.ORG



Good for Kids good for life

EASY SWAPS IN THE LUNCHBOX

Packing healthy snacks in the lunchbox does not have to be time consuming. Swap from some of these common 'sometimes' lunchbox products to easy alternatives that add extra fibre and nutrition to your child's day:

- Chips → Wholegrain rice cracker bites



- Biscuit and cream cheese snack → carrot sticks and hummus



- Muffin or muffin bar → pikelets



- Tiny teddies → Whole grain fruity bites



The Athlete's Foot

GET FITTED BY THE EXPERTS TODAY

\$5 DONATED BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL

Every time you buy a pair of shoes.

The School Rewards Program is a great fundraising opportunity, with \$5 from every pair of shoes purchased being donated back to your school.

This applies to the whole family across our fantastic range of school, sports, work and casual shoes.

Ask one of our friendly team in store for more details!

*Visit www.theathletesfoot.com.au/school-rewards for more details



School Rewards

Charlestown (02) 4942 847 Glendale (02) 4954 4820 Kotara (02) 4956 2477 Maitland (02) 4933 1288 Salamander Bay (02) 4982 7877



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

HNEHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>



P&C News

T4 W5 2020



MEETINGS:

Our AGM is on Friday 27th November – all positions will be vacated and elections held for the next year. Only financial members are able to vote in the election but anyone is welcome to attend, or to attend the general meeting afterwards. Email us at mpspc@yahoo.com if you want the link to the meeting.



SOUTHLAKES INC. (was Marketplace) FOOD DRIVE:

Every year, Morisset PS has collected food for Southlakes Marketplace (as was) Christmas Hampers. Donations are still needed, more than ever; but this year, due to Covid regulations, the school are not allowed to facilitate the collection of foods at the school. Instead, the P&C are able to collect items off-site from the school.

If you would like to contribute, you can

- take foods directly to Southlakes Inc. at the Cooranbong Community Centre (open MON and WED mornings);
- OR bring stuff to the kiss and ride on THURSDAY 12th Nov (morning & afternoon) or MONDAY 16th Nov (morning & afternoon) and a P&C member will collect it from you;
- OR drop foods in the basket provided outside 8a, Oakleigh Way, Morisset (at the bottom of Bridge St).

Long-dated foods required are: biscuits, drinks, baked beans, spaghetti sauces, pasta, lollies, soups, jelly, tinned fruit, beetroot, tinned tomatoes, tinned baby potatoes, gravy, cake mixes and chips.

If you or someone you know is in need of a hamper or toys this year, please contact Southlakes Inc. on 0432 580059 or info@southlakesincorporated.org

THANK YOU!

FUNDRAISERS (Term 4):

- Christmas Raffle: All ticket stubs have been returned to Morisset Lions. The draw takes place at 5:30pm on Monday 16th November.

CANTEEN NEWS:

School 24 online ordering – you can set up your account by following this link [https://morisset-](https://morisset-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/canteen-and-uniform/canteen.html)

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clicking on the information about online ordering link. The canteen menu can also be found here.

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.

UNIFORM SHOP:

ONLINE ORDERING OF UNIFORM IS AVAILABLE NOW USING THE SCHOOL 24 APP!

Order forms are also 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>

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

Ann Beirne, President of Morisset PS P&C

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! 😊