

Term 3 Dates

Friday October 19 - Nov 17

2023 Selective High School applications open Fri Oct 19 & close Nov 17

Friday October 22

11am - P&C ZOOM meeting

Monday October 25

All students in Years 2-6 return to school

Friday October 29

Canteen open for lunch only

Kindergarten 2022 Transition

Due to updated COVID guidelines, all Kindergarten orientation events have been placed **on hold**.

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

02 49731435 or email

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

Updates and Events

Please visit the school website and download the School App

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

Newsletters are distributed via the School App and Website. Paper copies can be requested by phoning the school office 49731435 or emailing

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

Updates and Events

School Stream App,
Facebook,
and School Website.

Contact the school via the school email address or by phoning 49 731435 or 49731533

Email:

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Website:

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TERM 4 Week 3 October 20, 2021

Monday October 25 - All students in Years 2-6 return to school

Student Attendance/ Absences

From October 25, All students should be at school unless:

- they have a medical certificate which says they can't return to school due to a condition or illness
- they are currently unwell
- they have been asked by NSW Health to self-isolate

From October 25, regular Department of Education attendance procedures resume. If a student is absent for more than three days without a medical certificate, this will be recorded as an unjustified absence and followed up by the school.

If your child is absent for any reason please notify the school via the School Stream app, responding to the SMS or by phoning the school.

Students must not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home and not return to school unless: they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free or they have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available.

Where a person has previously tested positive for COVID-19, NSW Health will provide them with a medical clearance that allows them to return to school or work.

Current advice from the Department of Education states that students who have a medical certificate to stay at home will be supported to learn from home in line with regular procedures if the student is well enough to engage in learning from home. These regular procedures are different to what is offered during the learning from home period for COVID related public health orders. If parents or carers require work to be provided to children whilst they are at home due to an underlying health condition, they should contact the school for assistance with this as well as planning for their return to school.

Please note advice from the Department of Education is frequently updated and changes will be communicated through the School Stream app and school website.

ICAS Assessments

The ICAS Assessment window has been extended to November 26. Students will complete these assessments (Mathematics, English, Science, Digital Technologies and Spelling Bee) at school over the next few weeks.

Mrs Warham
Principal

Applications - 2023 selective high schools

Entry to Year 7 in 2023

Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, using specialised teaching methods and materials. Selective high schools are unzoned so parents can apply regardless of where they live.

Information is subject to change throughout 2022 because COVID-19 restrictions may affect timing and processes.

Applications for entry in 2023 will open on October 19 2021 and close on November 17 2021. The placement test will be held on March 10 2022.

Hunter Athletics Carnival has been cancelled

MORISSET PUBLIC SCHOOL - SCHOOL VISITOR CHECK-IN

A single School Visitor Check-in system for every school across the State is coming from October 18. The Department of Education has partnered with Service NSW to provide a streamlined, digital school sign-in system for visitors and contractors at every NSW Government School.

Benefits of the new system include:

- Accelerating your check-ins as fast as 20 seconds
- Linked to NSW Health's COVID-19 contact tracing ensuring every school is compliant with the NSW COVID-19 mandate
- Giving every school greater access to streamlined NSW Government services

You can watch our short Parent video on our website to see how it works for parents.

Who can use School Visitor check-in?

Visitors including parents and carers, contractors, service providers and volunteers.

Students under the age of 18 are not required to use School Visitor

School Visitor Check-in will be ready from October 18 at all NSW Government Schools.

For more information, visit School Visitor Check-in on the Department website.

Creative Kids Voucher

The NSW Government is helping kids get creative with the new Creative Kids program. Parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher with a value of up to \$100 per calendar year for each student aged 4.5 to 18 years old enrolled in school. The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and tuition costs for creative arts, speech, drama, dance, digital design, coding, and music lessons and activities. Use this link check your eligibility and learn more about the Creative kids voucher

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher#eligibility>

**Please remember to check the
school website
for regular updates and events.**

Morisset Public School at Level 3 Plus

Cohort groups – student and staff

Students will be placed into three class-based cohorts with their regular classroom teacher.

On arrival, from 8:30am, students make their way to their classroom where their teacher will be waiting. Each class group will complete all lessons and break times with their allocated cohort. Break times, playground access and canteen access will be staggered by cohort.

At the end of the day, students will be in cohort groups for leaving school grounds. We encourage parents to utilise the Kiss and Ride zone, remaining in your car at all times.

Mask wearing for students and staff

- Masks are required to be worn on school site by staff indoors and outdoors
- Staff masks may be removed for short periods of time during delivery of instructions in the classroom
- It is strongly recommended for students to wear masks indoors and outdoors unless exercising or eating
- Students should bring their own mask where possible
- We do have mask supplies as a back-up supply
- Physical distancing of 1.5m should be maintained where possible

Ventilation

- Having open or well-ventilated spaces reduces the risk of transmission of COVID-19 because infectious particles are more quickly diffused in the open air. The Department will continue to work with NSW Health to provide us with advice and guidance on maintaining good ventilation in our school and we will make use of outdoor spaces where practical.

Canteen – Friday lunch only – October 29

- Canteen volunteers follow normal COVID-safe protocols around vaccinations, testing, physical distancing and appropriate hygiene measures.

Visitors

- Only essential adults are allowed on site at this time
- All essential visitors are required to sign in using the school's Service NSW QR code

Drop-off and Pick Up

- Parents remain outside the school grounds and adhere to mask wearing requirements
- Avoid mingling around entry and exit gates
- For Kiss and Ride, parents remain in their cars

Vaccinations

- All staff required on site supporting the return to school need to be fully vaccinated from October 18. Then from November 8 all staff, contractors, volunteers and students on student placement on a school site will need to be fully vaccinated, including Outside of School Hours Care staff.

COVID Communication

- Parents and students will be notified if a decision is made to close the school due to a confirmed case of COVID-19. During this time, we would continue to provide learning from home activities and let you know when we can return to face-to-face learning.
- Communication will be sent out on the School Stream APP, Facebook page and the website.

Out of School Hours Care (OOSHC)

- OOSHC and vacation care follow COVID-safe guidelines including the requirement to be fully vaccinated from November 8.

Orientation and transition to school

- These programs are not currently allowed in person on school sites until advised differently by NSW Health. We'll provide information regarding these programs in the coming weeks.

Reporting and Assessment

- You will receive your child's Semester 2 report by the end of the year. This will be a simplified version of the report you normally receive.



P&C News

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Welcome back to school to the K and Y1 classes! And next week, to the whole school.

MEETINGS:

Our meeting **THIS FRIDAY 22nd October at 11:00am** will be via ZOOM ONLY. All are welcome to attend via Zoom, so please email us at mpspc@yahoo.com for the link by Thursday 21st October. This is our last meeting prior to the AGM – anyone who wishes to be able to vote on, or stand for, an executive position on the P&C at the AGM **must** attend this coming meeting *and* become a paid member prior to the AGM, which will be at the end of November. Membership is \$2 for the year.

FUNDRAISERS:

All fundraisers have been cancelled for the rest of this year, due to the COVID situation and its impact on the school community and the overall economy.

CANTEEN NEWS:

Canteen opens next **Friday 29th October** for breakfast and lunch **ONLY (NO recess)** while school is still on Level 3+. This is because lunchtimes will be staggered according to the separate cohorts, meaning that lunch will overall take much longer than usual.

Please fill in the form overleaf if you would like to join our canteen volunteer team and see your children at school!

We may be able to open on Wednesdays later in the term, depending on volunteer numbers and vaccination status, and demand. We will keep you posted as things change.

BIRTHDAY MUFFIN SERVICE

We are still able to offer this service! See our P&C FB page or the school website under Canteen for more details and the order form ☺

UNIFORM SHOP:

The uniform shop is currently unavailable to attend in person: under COVID 19 guidelines, students are **not** allowed to try anything on. We'll let you know when this changes.

Order forms (including a sizing guide) are available in the office, or online here <https://morisset-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/canteen-and-uniform/uniform.html>; **OR** you can use School 24, especially if you need to pay by credit card.

Orders can be collected from the Office on showing proof of purchase – please phone the office before pick up to arrange a suitable time after 10am on October 22nd.

School 24 online ordering – you can set up your account by following this link <https://morisset-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/canteen-and-uniform/canteen.html> and clicking on the information about online ordering link. The canteen menu can also be found here.

Ann Beirne, President of Morisset PS P&C

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 also be found there.

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 2021:

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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You are required to be double vaccinated against COVID 19, and to have a Working With Children Check (volunteer), which is free to obtain from Service NSW.

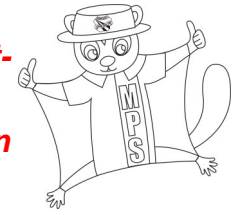
*Please return this form to the Office, who will pass it on to the P&C Canteen team,
or call Amanda Finucane on **0414 270 885***

THANK YOU! ☺

Uniform Shop - P&C

Under current COVID 19 guidelines, the uniform shop is unavailable to attend in person and students may NOT try on any uniform prior to buying.

Online uniform orders will be available to collect from school after 10am on October 22nd. Please phone the office to arrange a time to collect them.



The uniform shop is normally open every Friday during term time from 8:45 til 9:45am. Order forms (including a sizing guide) are available in the office or online from the Morisset Public School website; and uniforms that have been paid for can also be collected from the office – please phone the office to arrange a time to pick uniform up.

Uniforms can also be ordered online via School 24 – see the information page [here](#) to register for this option. This allows you to pay by credit card; otherwise payment is by cash, cheque or direct bank transfer as there is no EFTPOS availability.

Payment in cash or cheque (made out to Morisset Public School P & C) should be included with your order form; or payment can be made by direct transfer to the Uniform Shop account (details on the order form). Uniforms ordered via School 24 are paid for when the order is submitted.

No EFTPOS is available for uniform payments.

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Applications for placement in **Year 7** in 2023:

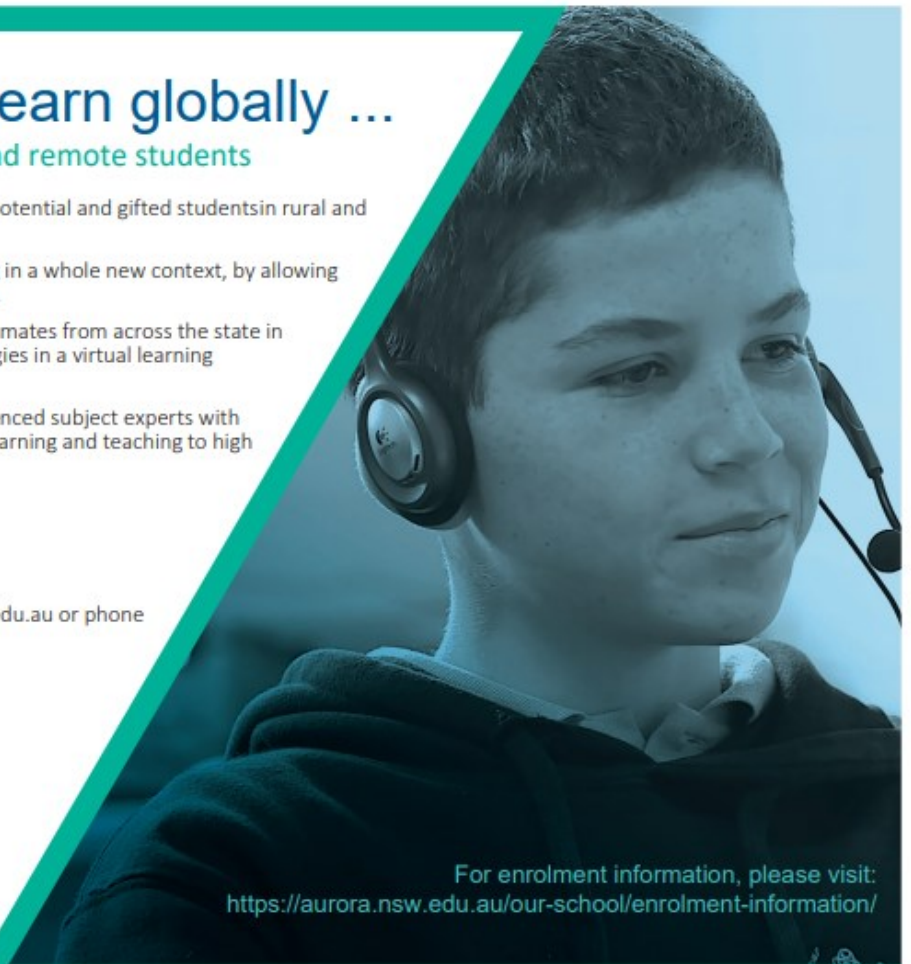
- open Tuesday 19 October 2021
- close Wednesday 17 November 2021

For further information, visit www.aurora.nsw.edu.au or phone 1300 287 629.



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For enrolment information, please visit:
<https://aurora.nsw.edu.au/our-school/enrolment-information/>



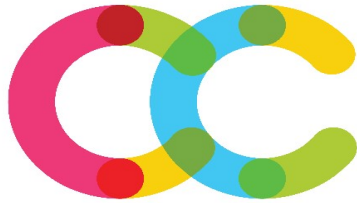
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Parcels

Southlakes Community Centre are providing food parcels on Mondays and Tuesdays by booking an appointment only - phone *Regan* on 02 49737000 for more information.



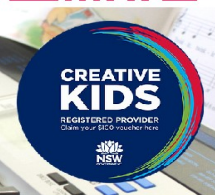
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