



# **Morisset Public School**



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#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### Week 9

Dec 4 - 8 Swimming Program

Dec 8 -Yr6 + PMI 5-6 Assembly 9:10am

**Dec 8 -** Students wear silly socks as we reached our can drive donation target

Dec 8 -Yr6 Fun Day

Dec 8 -6pm Choir singing at Bonnells Bay

#### Week 10

Dec 14 -K-4 Movie excursion

Dec 14 -Yr6 Farewell

Dec 15 -Last day - Students

# **2024 Dates**

Jan 30 - Feb 2 - Uniform Shop open - 10:30-1pm

Feb 1 - Students in Years 1-6 return to school

Feb 1 and Feb 2 - Kindergarten **Best Start Days** 

**Feb 5 -** Kindergarten First Day

Feb 6 - Kindergarten Photo Day

Feb 8 - Swimming carnival for all students turning 8 years or older

Information, Updates and Events Department of Education Parent App,

Facebook and the School Website.

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## **TERM 4 - Week 9 - December 6, 2023**

## Friday December 8

Yr6 Assembly and Stage 3 PMI performances Year 6 parents are invited to come along and help us celebrate our Year 6 Assembly from 9:15am, please arrive and be seated by 9:10am. The assembly will be run by Year 6 and each member will have the chance to share a memory or a highlight of their schooling throughout the assembly. Stage 3 PMI students will be performing and the Year Six mural will be presented to the school.

## can Drive - students wear silly socks Friday December 8

We reached our target - thank you for all your donations - visit the P&C Facebook page for more information and to register if you require assistance from Southlake Inc.

**Year 6 Fun Day** - students have been purchasing tokens this week to use at Friday's fun day. Year 6 have planned stalls and activities to run from 1:45-2:30pm. Should be a great afternoon.

Choir Christmas Carols on Friday December 8 from 6pm. The carols will be held on the grounds of the Bonnells Bay Salvation Army Church (cnr Station Street and Marconi Rd) - all welcome.

## Thursday December 14

#### Movie Excursion K-4

Students from Years K-4 will be travelling by bus to Boolaroo to watch the movie "Trolls Band Together", walk to Speers Point Park for a play and lunch and then back to school. Students need their hat, fruit break, lunch, recess and water bottle in a small backpack.

#### Year 6 Farewell

Year 6 Farewell beginning at 5:30pm. Year 6 parents are encouraged to attend the presentation of the Year 6 video in the school hall from 8pm.

## Friday December 15 - Last day for students

**Last Day Mufti with a Twist – Reminder** 

Purple for Persistence – students may wear their purple shirts or wear their comfortable pyjamas for the day.

Year 6 Clap Out - Year 6 parents are invited to the Year 6 Clap Out. Please wait outside Gate 3 until 2:45pm - gates will be opened in time for all to attend the clap out.

As this is the final newsletter for 2023, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and a very merry Christmas. We look forward to seeing everyone back here in 2024 - Thursday February 1 will be the first day for students in years 1-6 and Monday February 5 will be the first day for our 2024 Kindergarten students.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Boyd all the very best for her retirement and thank her for her many years of service to our wonderful students and school. We will miss her dearly however we know that she has many new adventures planned for her retirement days.

Mrs Warham Principal

# BACK TO SCHOOL... IS YOUR CHILD ASTHMA READY?

Every yearthere is a rise in asthma flare-ups when children return to school after the summer holidays. This results in an increase in Emergency Department visits, hospitalisations and days off school.

## MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS ASTHMA READY BY FOLLOWING THESE STEPS:



# BOOK AN ASTHMA REVIEW (LONG APPOINTMENT)

This is a special check-up for your child 's asthma, recent asthma control, <u>symptoms</u>, summer and back to school triggers, and <u>medicine</u> use. Don't forget to include a check on their <u>device technique</u>.

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#### RELIEVER MEDICATION AND SPACER

Check with the school about their medication policy and work with the staff to find the best way to manage your child's asthma medication, including before physical activity (where applicable).

- Make sure your reliever medication is in date with enough medication remaining. If not, purchase a new one
- Purchase a new spacer (and mask if age appropriate) for use at school
- Ensure the pharmac ist labels medication with yourchild's name and you label the spacer with yourchild's name

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# UPDATE YOUR CHILD'S ASTHMA ACTION PLAN

During the Asthma Review askthe doctor for a signed written Asthma Action Plan. Schools and Outside School Hours Care will require an up-to-date plan for each student with asthma at the start of the new school year. Evidence tells us that using a written Asthma Action Plan to identify and manage a flare-up sooner can help to reduce hospitalisations, improve lung function and reduce the number of days off school.



#### TALK TO SCHOOL STAFF

Make time to talk with the class teacher and the school nurse (where applicable) about your child's asthma, their written Asthma Action Plan and their usual triggers, symptoms and medication.

Also talk to your child's sport coaches and supervisors of other school activities. Don't forget to keep staff up-to-date with any change to your child's asthma management.

Any changes to asthma management throughout the school year, requires an updated written Asthma Action Plan to be completed by your doctor and provided to the school.

#### lfa child -

- has symptoms during the day more than 2 days per week
- has to stop activities such as playing or exercise because they get asthma symptoms.
- wakes up with asthma during the night or early morning
- needs reliever more than 2 days per week (not including prior to exercise)

then take your child to their doctor as this indicates signs of worsening asthma.

For more information call 1800 A STHMA (1800 278 452) to speak with an Asthma Educator or visit asthma.org.au/back-to-school





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#### **ATTENTION: Year 6 Outgoing Parents**

It would be appreciated if, once you have sorted your student's school clothes for the year, you may care to donate any school clothing that we could possibly use for a change of clothes to the School Office.

We are always in need of all sizes, sometimes they are given to new parents in the New Year to help them out when enrolling at the start of the year, and some we keep for accidents that happen, especially in the wet weather periods.

All donations are gratefully received.

Thank You



#### **ASTHMA ALERT**

#### Summer holidays are an important time for kids with asthma.

During all the festivities, please don't forget to keep up your child's asthma management and medicine as prescribed. Good asthma management over the holidays means less time off school when kids return in the new year, and less time off work for you.

To make sure your child stays as healthy as possible over the break and into 2024, you can take the following steps:

- •Check your child's medication to make sure they're still in date.
- •Keep using your child's preventer medicine as directed over the summer holidays, even if they're feeling well.
- •If you're leaving the house or going on holiday, make sure you pack your child's asthma medicine(s) and a spacer.
- •Book an Asthma Review with your doctor to get an updated written Asthma Action Plan during the holidays you'll need this for Term 1 2024. Book in early as doctors can have limited appointments over the Christmas period.
- •Use Asthma Australia's School's Checklist for parents and carers: https://asthma.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/

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On behalf of all the staff at Morisset Public School—we hope everyone has a Healthy, Happy and safe break over the Christmas period. All the best for the New Year!



See you all in 2024





Aunty Selena Archibald has been educating and empowering students at Morisset High for 25 years. Picture by Jonathan Carroll

# 'For my kids': Aunty Selena honoured for work

#### Alanna Tomazin

FOR Aunty Selena Archibald it's never been about the accolades.

But on Tuesday night she was blown away by the outpouring of love from the Morisset High School community when she was honoured for her long commitment to Aboriginal education.

Surprised by family, friends and past students in attendance at the Western Shores Learning Alliance Deadly awards, she was presented with a Lifetime Patron Award by the school's Itji-Marru Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG). "I don't enjoy the accolades, I don't do my job for that reason - I do it for my kids," she said.

For almost 25 years, Aunty Selena has supported the learning and achievement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in her role as the Aboriginal education officer at Morisset High.

"I grew up in a place where education wasn't always offered to me so I always vowed that I wanted to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids to get an education and help them build their own identity so they're proud of who they



Aunty Selena Archibald at the awards. Picture supplied

are," she said.

She has helped 700 of her 'kids' to dream big, step up as leaders, connect to their identity and culture, and work hard to achieve their goals. "Some of my students have gone on to be police officers, teachers and working in the medical field," she said. "They're breaking down barriers and also putting themselves out there being loud and proud of who they are and where they come from."

Aunty Selena's former student, school captain and dux Dana Patterson's now making a difference as a community engagement officer at the NSW Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations. "I know that I would not be where I am today without Aunty Selena. As a learner and a young person, both Itji Marru and Aunty Selena became a source of strength and empowerment for me," she said.

#### **LUNA PARK EXCURSION**

On Friday Nov 24, our Stage 3 Students (Years 5 & 5) travelled to Sydney for an end of year excursion to Luna Park. They left right on time and arrived at their eagerly awaited destination of Luna Park.

All the students were on their best behaviour as they didn't want to miss out on a moments fun at the park.

The return journey was a bit longer due to Friday afternoon traffic, but all returned, tired but safe from the big day out.

Hopefully the Year 6 students will remember this day fondly as their journey through High School commences in 2024.

# MORISSET OOSH 18TH DECEMBER - 31ST JANUARY

# OPEN 7AM-6PM

# SUMMER VACATION CARE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS MONDAY 25TH DEC- FRIDAY 5TH JAN



MONDAY 18TH

#### SCOOTER AND WHEELS DAY

Bring your bikes and scooters for a day of fun, games and obstacles. Don't forget your hats and helmets!

IN CENTRE DAY

#### MONDAY 8TH

#### GAMES DAY

Celebrating the New Year by making goals of what we want to achieve and enjoying the fun of carnival themed games.

IN CENTRE DAY

#### TUESDAY 19TH

#### WATER DAY

Morning of getting wet. sliding down on our own slip and slide, followed by a dry afternoon of movies and a chillout PM. Don't forget swimmer's, towel, hat and a change of clothes IN CENTRE DAY

TUESDAY 9TH

KARAOKE DAY

Be ready for a jam packed

day of singing along to

your favourite songs.

Don't forget to bring your

song suggestions!

IN CENTRE DAY

#### WEDNESDAY 20TH

## CHRISTMAS CRAFT

Lets show our creativity and ideas and decorate our MOOSH hall for the

IN CENTRE DAY

#### WEDNESDAY 10TH

#### TRIVIA AND TREATS

Enjoy a day of trivia with a side of treats, who will win? Come along to find out! A day filled with fun all while learning something new!

IN CENTRE DAY

#### THURSDAY 21ST

#### CHRISTMAS COOKING

Today we will work together and prepare some of our favourite Christmas foods and decorate the table for our own Christmas lunch.

INCURSION

#### FRIDAY 22ND

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dress up in our Christmas outfits for a Christmas party to celebrate the festive season.

**INCURSION** 

#### THURSDAY 11TH

#### REPTILE SHOW

An informative session of fun while learning about reptiles, with a chance to get up close and personal with some animals.

INCURSION

#### FRIDAY 12TH

#### MAGIC SHOW

Explore a magical world of creativity as you get to sit, relax and watch a classic magic show full of fun.

INCURSION

PLEASE NOTE: Bookings close on

Children must bring with them: Hat, water bottle, lunch, morning tea, afternoon tea and wear enclosed shoes Tech devices are permitted for use during allocated timeslots. Cost: Before CCS \$70/day per child and \$90 for Excursion/Incursion.

# DRISSFT NOS

# 18TH DECEMBER - 31ST JANUARY

## OPEN 7AM-6PM

#### MONDAY 15TH

#### BOP TILL YOU DROP

Make gooey slime in you favourite colour then get your best disco outfit on and be ready for a fun, energetic day of disco moves.

#### **INCURSION**

#### MONDAY 22ND

#### 9D CINEMA!

Enjoy our new release children's blockbuster that a cinema comes to us, with some vummy popcorn and treats at our MOOSH hall

#### INCURSION

#### MONDAY 29TH

#### GET READY FOR 2024

Decorate a pencil case for all your new stationary as well as a library bag and water bottle.

IN CENTRE DAY

#### TUESDAY 16TH

## TACO TUESDAY

Come make some yummy tacos to enjoy as well as play some games and create crafty activities

#### IN CENTRE DAY

#### TUESDAY 23RD

#### ART ATTACK

Enjoy a splash of colour, share your creativity and bring along some spare clothes to paint in.

#### IN CENTRE DAY

#### TUESDAY 30TH

#### TIE DYE DAY

Have fun creating a colourful shirt using tie dve. Make sure to bring your smile for a happy day.

#### IN CENTRE DAY

## WEDNESDAY 17TH

#### DANCE, DANCE, DANCE!

Learn about different genres of dance and try out your newly learned moves

#### INCURSION

#### WEDNESDAY 24TH

#### LIBRARY AND PARK

Come read a book as we walk in nature to the library and enjoy some lunch at the park.

#### **EXCURSION**

#### WEDNESDAY 31ST

#### PJS. PIZZA AND PAPER

Make your own pizza while having some fun with origami and all things paper.

IN CENTRE DAY

#### THURSDAY 18TH

#### CUBE SPORTS

Have some fun in the sun. while learning some new occer skills. Be sure to bring a hat, sunscreen and water for a fun day outside.

#### INCURSION

#### THURSDAY 25TH

#### PJ AND PIE DAY

Rock your coolest pis and come along to have a relaxing Thursday with a side of hot nie!

#### IN CENTRE DAY

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#### PAINT AND SIP

Come paint some canvas's using straws, paddle pop sticks and quirky items. Enjoy a side of snacks and a sip or two of water

#### INCURSION

## FRIDAY 26TH

PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

CENTRECLOSED

# Community Announcements





#### 2023 Coast Shelter Christmas Appeal!

We are asking Schools and the Central Coast Community to dig deep this holiday season and donate what they can afford to help our Clients accessing Coast Shelter's services.

#### There are multiple ways you can get involved this year:

- 1. Monetary Donation via our Christmas Appeal Website
- 2. Food Hampers or age-appropriate gifts
  Give the gift of dignity with a Gift Card for our clients to have choice

For a comprehensive list of items our Clients have suggested, please visit our website >>> <a href="https://www.coastshelterchristmasappeal.com.au">www.coastshelterchristmasappeal.com.au</a>

We kindly ask that <u>all gifts / food hampers be delivered to Coast Shelter, 346 Mann Street North Gosford</u>, by **14**<sup>th</sup> **December** – this will allow enough time for our Staff & Volunteers to distribute the gifts to our Clients throughout the Community Centre, Refuge and Transitional Housing before Christmas Day.

Thank you for your support this holiday season, no matter how big or small, it will bring some cheer to our clients who are doing it tough.

Kind regards,

Coast Shelter Events Team 02 4325 3540



# **Summer School Holiday Activities**

COST: \$50 per day AGES: 5-12 years TIME: 8:00am - 4:00pm WHAT TO BRING: Water bottle, lunch, snacks, enclosed shoes.

Bring white item on tie-dye days. \$5 extra for Laser Tag. AK & CK vouchers accepted.

Extended hours available from 4pm-6pm for only \$15





Mon 18th Dec	AM: Melty Bead Xmas Decorations, Xmas Cookies PM: Basketball Skills, Pickleball	Sat 13th & Sun 14th Jan	CLUB CLOSED
Tues 19th Dec	AM: Letters to Santa, Xmas Cards, Paper Xmas Craft PM: Dodgeball, Futsal Skills	Mon 15th Jan	AM: Gymnastics PM: Ninja Warrior
Wed 20th Dec	AM: DIY Baubles, Xmas Pom Poms PM: Christmas Disco	Tues 16th Jan	AM: Canvas Art Workshop PM: Olympics & Obstacles
Thur 21st Dec	CLUB CLOSED	Wed 17th Jan	AM: Marbling Craft PM: Futsal Fun & Games
Fri 22nd Dec	CLUB CLOSED	Thurs 18th Jan	AM: Slime Making & Craft PM: All Sports Fun
Mon 1st Jan	CLUB CLOSED	Fri 19th Jan	AM: Spray Painting Workshop PM: Nerf Wars
Tues 2nd Jan	AM: Scratch Art, Grass Heads PM: Boxing, Fun Fitness, Yoga	Sat 20th & Sun 21st Jan	CLUB CLOSED
Wed 3rd Jan	AM: Canvas Artworks & Craft PM: Futsal Skills & Drills	Mon 22nd Jan	AM: Cupcake Decorating & Craft PM: Gymnastics
Thurs 4th Jan	AM: Jewellery Making & Craft PM: Olympics & Obstacles	Tues 23rd Jan	AM: Thumbprint Family Tree & Craft PM: Handball & Laser Tag
Fri 5th Jan	AM: Spray Painting & Inspirational Posters PM: Basketball Skills & Drills	Wed 24th Jan	AM: Slime Making & Science Experiments PM: Dodgeball & Laser Tag
Sat 6th & Sun 7th Jan	CLUB CLOSED	Thurs 25th Jan	AM: Tie-Dye & Messy Craft PM: Pickleball & Laser Tag
Mon 8th Jan	AM: Cupcake Decorating & Craft PM: Gymnastics	Fri 26th Jan	CLUB CLOSED
Tues 9th Jan	AM: Messy Craft Craze PM: Nerf Wars	Sat 27th & Sun 28th	CLUB CLOSED
Wed 10th Jan	AM: Tie-Dye Workshop PM: Disco	Mon 29th Jan	AM: Movie Making Workshop PM: Movie & Popcorn, Laser Tag
Thurs 11th Jan	AM: Cookie Decorating & Craft PM: Spikeball, Dodgeball & Pickleball	Tues 30th Jan	AM: DIY Coasters & Bag Tags PM: Laser Tag & Colour Run
Fri 12th Jan	AM: Slime Making Workshop PM: Basketball Skills & Drills	Wed 31st Jan	AM: Back to school craft PM: Back to school disco

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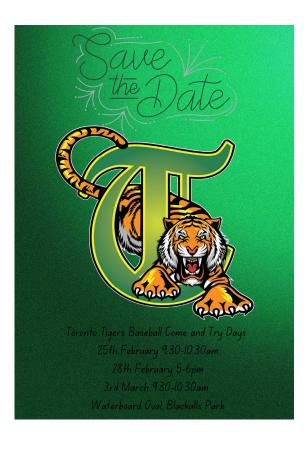


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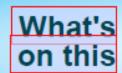
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# What's on this December



MON TUE WED THU FRI	SAT	SUN
Thursday 7th December	9th December	10th December
Christmas Family Night!	Kids DIY	Kids DIY
6-8pm	11am - 12pm	11am - 12pm
Free fun for all the family!  See website for more details.	Teachers Gifts - Christmas Soaps	Teachers Gifts - Christmas Soaps
Thursday 14th December	16th December	17th December
Adult DIY 16+	Kids DIY	Kids DIY
6pm - 7pm	11am - 12pm	11am - 12pm
Make your own Christmas Flower Wreath	Decorate your own Santa	Lucky Dip Christmas
Bookings Essential	stocking.	Craft.
19th and 21st December	23rd December	24th December
School Holiday Workshop	Kids DIY	Kids DIY
11am - 12pm	11am - 12pm	11am - 12pm
Tuesday 19th - Timber Decorations	Paint a Christmas Plant	Paint a Christmas Plant
Thursday 21st - Xmas Craft	Pot	Pot
26th and 27th December	30th December	31st December
School Holiday Workshop	Kids DIY	Kids DIY
11am - 12pm	11am - 12pm	11am - 12pm
Tuesday 26th - New Year Headbands	Design your own 2024	Design your own 2024
Thursday 27th - Firework Scratch Art	calendar	calendar
2nd January and 4th January	6th January	7th January
School Holiday Workshop	Kids DIY	Kids DIY
11am - 12pm	11am - 12pm	11am - 12pm
Tuesday 2nd - Sand Art	Build a fairy or animal	Build a fairy or animal
Thursday 4th - Dog Coasters	garden	garden



Use this QR Code to find and book a workshop or activity in-store.







# **CANTEEN VOLUNTEER FORM**

## WEDNESDAY - BREAKFAST / LUNCH FRIDAY - BREAKFAST / LUNCH / RECESS



#### WEDNESDAYS - BREAKFAST AND LUNCH 8AM TO 8.10AM START - 12.30PM FINISH

#### **VOLUNTEER DUTIES INCLUDE**

- Basic food preparation
- Packing Lunch Orders for collection by students
  - Breakfast Service & Lunch Service
  - General clean up and prep of frozen items
    - Counting Days Takings



#### FRIDAY - BREAKFAST AND LUNCH 8AM TO 8.10AM START - 12.30PM FINISH

#### **VOLUNTEER DUTIES INCLUDE**

- Basic food preparation
- Packing Lunch Orders for collection by students
  - Breakfast Service & Lunch Service
    - General clean up



#### FRIDAY - RECESS 1.40PM START - 2.45PM FINISH

#### **VOLUNTEER DUTIES INCLUDE**

- Recess Service
- General Clean Up and prep of frozen items
  - Counting day's takings

#### **CANTEEN VOLUNTEER FORM FOR 2023:**

NAME		CONTACT PHONE					
AVAILABILITY:	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY MORNING	FRIDAY AFTERNOON				
(PLEASE CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)							
	HOW OFTEN WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO HELP OUT?						
EVERY FORTNI	GHT ONCE A	MONTH ONCE A T	ERM SPECIAL EVENTS				
OTHER (PLEASE S	STATE)						

A WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK IS REQUIRED (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 ANN BEIRNE ON 0488 136464

THANK YOU!