

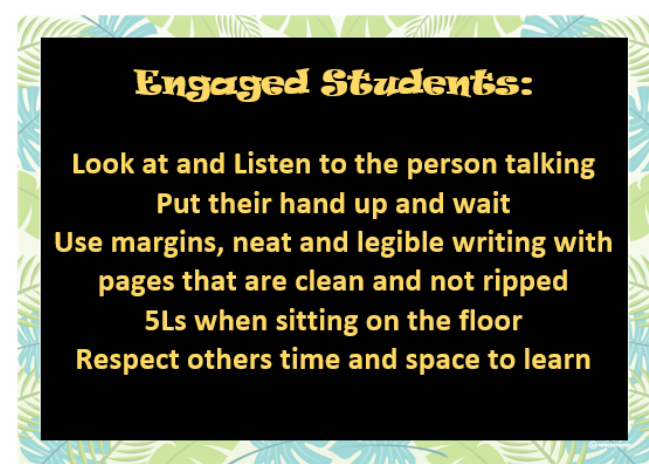
5/6F
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a very exciting 2020! I hope you have had a fabulous break with your family. I am very excited to be working with you and your child to achieve a great year of learning and success. I will be working Tuesday through to Fridays with the class and Mrs Kirsty Johnson will be taking the students on Mondays. We are both looking forward to getting to know you and your child.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Students in 5/6F have collaboratively created class expectations based on Morisset Public School's *Positive Behaviour for Learning* (PBL) expectations of **ENGAGEMENT**, **RESPECT** and **SAFETY**. 5/6F's buddy class is 3/4L



Each class has developed their classroom expectations incorporating the PBL core values of students being safe, respectful and engaged learners. They have developed rewards within the classroom, both at a whole class level and as individuals. There are school wide strategies to support students who make inappropriate choices. This begins with a reminder of our expectations, time out in the classroom, followed by time out in a buddy class. Further misdemeanours involves time spent in the "Time to Talk" room where students reflect on their behaviour and what may have been a better option. As a parent/ carer, you will be notified by either the class teacher or executive if there are concerns with your child.

Key Learning Areas

English

- Writing and Representing - Imaginative, Informative and Persuasive texts
- Reading and Viewing
- Speaking and Listening
- Spelling - Spelling Mastery
- Grammar, Punctuation, Vocabulary

- Daily Reading groups with a focus on the Super Six reading strategies
- Spelling Mastery lessons – Monday – Thursday
- Speaking & Listening activities
- Weekly Handwriting lessons

Mathematics

- Number and Algebra
- Measurement and Geometry
- Statistics and Probability
- Students will be involved in warm-ups and explicit learning tasks both in whole class and group settings.

Science and Technology

2020 Science units

- Living World – Desert Survivors
- Material World – What's the matter?
- Earth and Space – Earth's place in space
- Physical World – Light Show

Geography (Semester 1)

- Factors that Shape Places

History (Semester 2)

- Australia as a Nation

Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA)

- Students use a variety of techniques and media to create both real and imagined artworks in Visual Arts.
- In Music students listen to, sing and move to a variety of musical genre. Students learn to play percussion instruments. Also, please note that PMI is on Thursdays and half day Fridays.
- Students participate in dancing and singing.
- Students are also involved in small group and partner activities to express ideas and feelings on a variety of topics.
- Each class will perform in our annual school musical in Term 4 with children in Stage Three taking on the main roles.

Personal Development/ Health/ Physical Education (PD/H/PE)

2020 Personal Development Units

- Relationships
- Identity
- Health
- Safety and Wellbeing

Personal Education Units

- Athletics Skills
- Get fit
- Get active
- Musical dance and movement

Additional Information please note that our Sports Day is now Thursday and 5/6F participate in PE lessons on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please ensure your child is coming to school in the correct uniform and footwear for physical activity.

Attendance

It is mandatory for all students 6 years and over to attend school every day that instruction is offered.

- Daily and punctual school attendance is extremely important to your child's learning.
- Literacy lessons are at the beginning of each school day, therefore it is imperative that your child is at school on time.

- Before school supervision is from 8:30-9:00am.
- All absences must be explained within 7 days. This can be done via the school app, phoning the school, responding to the SMS sent to your mobile phone, sending a note or talking to your child's teacher.
- School Attendance is monitored by a Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO). If your child's attendance falls into the area of concern, below 90%, HSLO may request additional follow-up. It is important to establish a routine of attending school unless too sick to do so. Do not give your child days off for birthdays, or because they don't want to go to school. This can create issues with school attendance in the future. Be firm and consistent.
- Where possible it is best to plan family holidays outside school terms. If you are taking a family holiday of 5 days or more you are required to fill in an application for Extended Leave – Travel. This application needs to be submitted to Mrs Warham (Principal) before you go on holiday.

Assembly

Assemblies are fortnightly on Friday afternoons from 2:30 – 3:00pm. Classes presenting at each assembly will be printed in the newsletter or on the website. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Change of Address/ Emergency Contacts/ Court Orders

In the event your circumstances change, please notify the office as soon as possible.

Child wellbeing/ Health

If your child has any wellbeing/ medical concerns, please provide the office with current Asthma/ Anaphylaxis or Allergy plan.

Communication

If you need to convey any information to me throughout the year regarding your child's wellbeing that I need to be made aware of, please contact the office to make an appointment to see me.

Crunch and Sip

Crunch & Sip® is a set time in primary schools for students to 'refuel' on vegetables, salad and fruit and 'rehydrate' with water. Students who are not hungry and are well hydrated perform better in the classroom, show increased concentration, and are less likely to be irritable and disruptive. Many students are not eating enough vegetables and fruit or keeping sufficiently hydrated. Crunch & Sip® means vegetables, fruit and water only. You can visit this website for some ideas about what to pack for Crunch & Sip:

<https://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/campaigns-programs/crunchsip.aspx>

Digital Devices

As per school procedures, all phones and smart watches (or any device with the capacity to connect to the internet) need to be handed in at our school office when students arrive at school and then collected by students at the end of the school day.

Home Reading – Every child in our class has been given a Home Reading record sheet. Please encourage your child to read every night, record the necessary information on the record sheet and return the sheet to school. All students who return completed record sheets will receive a reading award on assembly.

Learning @ Morisset

Our termly Learning @ Morisset sessions are a great way to share in your child's learning journey. Dates will be advertised in the newsletter, website and School app.

Maroyiba (Library)

Maroyiba is open throughout the week for student use. Children in 5/6F will be able to borrow from the school library on a Thursday morning.

Notes and money

- Payments can be made online and recorded on the permission note which needs to be returned the next school day after payment. Alternatively, all cash payments need to be made at the office. Students returning notes and money need to hand these in at the office.

- Due dates for events are necessary to finalise student numbers, costs and arrangements.

Projects/ Homework – MPS procedures for homework. Stage projects based on content being taught in each class are set each term for completion at home. All students are given a project sheet with a marking rubric. Projects are also available on the school website.

Release from Face-to-Face (RFF)

RFF is an entitlement for all teachers. During this time Miss Cassandra Micallef will take 5/6F to borrow from the library and to participate in Rock and Water.

Reporting to Parents

Term 1 – Meet and Greet information sessions and class letter

Term 2 - Semester One Report

Term 3 - Parent/ teacher interviews and three-way conferences later in the year.

Term 4 - Semester Two Report

School Website/ School Stream App/ Newsletter

- Newsletters are sent home fortnightly with the eldest sibling.
- School website: <https://morisset-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>
- For up to date notifications, please download our school stream app.

All newsletters, permission notes, projects, further information and upcoming events are available on the school website.

Scripture/ Ethics

Your child is automatically enrolled into the same activity in which they participated last year. Please indicate in writing if there are any changes to preferences.

Student goals

Each student has developed learning goals to meet their individual needs. In class, each student has negotiated their own personal learning goals with either a Literacy or Numeracy focus. Students discussed the purpose of their goal and the reason behind their choice.

Upcoming Events

- March 10 – Morisset High School 2021 Yr 7 Year Adviser visit
- March 20 – Harmony Day
- March 23 – School Athletics Carnival
- March 31 – School Photos
- April 6 – Cross Country
- April 9 – Easter Hat Parade

For more specific information, please see the school website.

Classroom equipment

We use a lot of materials in the classroom to create engaging, hands on experiences to support your child's learning. If you wish to donate any materials it would be greatly beneficial to creating quality learning experiences in the classroom.

Materials always needed include

- a glue stick
- ruler
- red and blue pens, pencils and textas

Thank you for your support

Anna-Lee Fuller