PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Greetings all and welcome to Week 3.

This is a really busy week with our school Swimming Carnival on Thursday. I would like to thank all families who stuck to the timetable of notes and payments by last Monday. I must stress that all events will now have a strict cut-off date for notes and payments. This allows us to accurately book transport and venues. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact the school office before the due date.

TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE FOR OUR SCHOOL

Stage 3 in our Technology Revolution for Bonnells Bay Public School is upon us. To facilitate the upgrade of our Technology Centre I would like to hear from any electricians who could give us some advice regarding our lab. We need to know the capability of our power circuits and the possibility of extending the system to beef up our capability. If there are any sparkies out there who could help steer us in the right direction with advice I would love to speak with them.

P&C

The next meeting of our great P&C will be held next Tuesday 19th February beginning at 6pm in the staff room. Everyone is most welcome to attend. See you there.

SHAVE FOR A CURE

One of our students, Ethan Geeve, is participating again in the “Shave For A Cure” Fundraiser for 2013. Our school has decided to get right behind Ethan. Mr Pratt has decided to shave his head in support as well as Mrs Geeve who will also shave her hair in support. We plan to have an “Out of Uniform Day” to show our support at school. We will charge a gold coin donation for children to be out of uniform and all monies raised will go to the “Shave For A Cure” Fundraiser. If you wish to sponsor Ethan, Mr Pratt or Mrs Geeve there is a link for you to access online: http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/ethangeeve

PARKING AND TRAFFIC

Thank you to all the parents and friends who have made the effort to park and negotiate the front of the school in a safer way last week. We had far fewer cars doing illegal U-turns and a greatly reduced number of illegal parking issues. Hopefully the front of the school area will be redeveloped in the 2013-14 financial year by council and these issues will be resolved for good. Please assist us in keeping our children safe by parking and driving safely around the school.

SCHOOL SHOES

Just another reminder that the slip on canvas shoes are not part of our school uniform and children who wear them will be restricted from the oval and physical activities. These shoes have no support for feet and actually do harm to growing feet. Solid properly fitted shoes or good quality runners are infinitely better for children.

SCHOOL HATS

A huge thank you to all our parents for supporting our Sun Safe and School Hat Policy. Remember Australia is the Melanoma capital of the world and we need to keep our children safe. Remember ‘no hat no play’ in the sun.

Have a great week.

Mark Stiller, Principal
Term 1, Week 3
DATES TO REMEMBER

February
14th Swimming Carnival Yrs 3 – 6 (& Yr2’s turning 8)
19th P&C Meeting
20th Last day for Book Club Orders

March
13th School Disco
22nd Year 7 Expressions of Interest for 2014 due

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NOTES SENT HOME
2014 Expression of Interest for Year 7 application forms

2014 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR YEAR 7
Application forms have been given to Year 6 students. These forms are to be returned to Mrs Isberg by 22nd March 2013.

OFFICE NEWS
Thank you to those who hand in the correct money as change is not always readily available.
Thank you

LIBRARY NEWS TERM 1 WEEK 3
2013 marks another productive year in the library.

Last week all students had their first library lesson for the year and expectations were set high.

Kindergarten enjoyed their first library lesson and will be able to borrow for home within the next week or two. Kindergarten will be given a library bag when they first borrow, but if they have one at home already they are welcome to use it instead.

All Infants students are expected to bring a library bag to be able to borrow. To assist parents and students with returning books, below is a copy of when the Infants students have library.

- Monday: KL
- Tuesday: 1S
- Wednesday: 2E
- Thursday: 2S and KD
- Friday: 1C

The Primary students have library during their literacy group time in the mornings. It should be the student's responsibility to know the day they have library and return their books on that day.

We will be participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge again this year. I will list the books read to the Infants students each week so that they can be recorded on their personal reading log. The Primary students are being given time in library to read a PRC book and record it on their log. Each student should have a paper copy of their reading log, if not please see Mrs Vitnell or myself.

Happy Reading
Mrs Tate

SWIMMING CARNIVAL REMINDERS FOR THE DAY
- Only 50 metre races are awarded ribbons.
- There are no finals; places are awarded on timed heats. Although you may get a place in a heat this does not mean you will receive a ribbon or be eligible for Zone. The Zone Swimming Carnival will be held on 19th February at Speers Point Pool. If you are eligible and wish to represent Bonnells Bay Public School make sure that you take a note from Mr Shipley and return it to him ASAP.
- Students who swim in the 25m races will get house points.
- All students who go in any event will earn house points.
- Wearing house colours is encouraged but the clothing must protect the shoulders, school hats and shoes must be worn to and from the pool. Sunscreen must be applied before and during the day.
- Pack something warm in case the weather turns cold, snacks, lunch and drinks to keep hydrated in case the weather is hot. Please pack a plastic bag for all wet clothing.
- Children who ordered lunches from the pool shop will line up when called and be responsible for their own money.
- Buses will pick up at the pool at 2:30pm and teachers must be notified by parent/guardian if they are not returning to school by bus.
- All children must leave the pool area at the end of the day and re-enter with parents if staying after the carnival finishes.

WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE
I’m being brave and doing the World's Greatest Shave! this year. Please sponsor me.

Your donation will fund vital blood cancer research and free support for people with leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma.

To sponsor me online now, just click on this link to my personal fundraising page>
http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/ethangeeve

Thanks for your support!
Ethan
Next week the P&C Committee will hold its first meeting of the year, and you're all invited!

Tuesday 19th, 6pm, in the Staff Room, we will be welcoming a special guest speaker to the meeting. Mark Sneddon, the Principal of Morisset High School, will be attending to talk to us about what he has planned for the High School in 2013 and is giving an opportunity for parents to ask questions. Anyone who wishes to meet him or come along for a listen is more than welcome to. Also on the agenda for the evening is the Canteen Policy and Election Day Fundraising.

Your input at the meetings and throughout the year is valuable to our school. Working together with our school principal, staff, interested parents, citizens and the community, we strive to further the learning and social development in our students. It's your support that will help shape a great 2013. When the committee meet, decisions can only be made by the agreement of a majority so meetings remain an important part of P&C procedure. It is not essential to attend every meeting, but regular attendance is the best way to find out what is happening.

Should you have ideas to share or would like to add to the meeting agenda for upcoming meetings please talk with a committee member, email or leave a note in the mailbox at the office. Remember if you would like to be added to the distribution list please make contact today to: bonnellbay-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Together with the open invitation to attend meetings, regular articles in the newsletter and email updates we are planning to ensure the families at BBPS are fully informed and their opinions heard.

We are looking forward to welcoming our special guest and seeing many new and familiar faces next Tuesday night.

UNIFORM SHOP

Please note that the uniform shop will not be open this Thursday due to the Swimming Carnival. We will reopen Friday morning at 9.00am.

Unfortunately due to the large sales of uniforms in the first week, we have run out of a couple of sizes of the surf hats. These are on order and will be in hopefully next week. I apologise for any inconvenience.

We have also had a shortage of size 6 dresses but these are also now on order.

Some good news, the new bottle green girls culottes will be available for sale from Monday 18th February. The cost of these will be $25. This is a great price considering the previous culottes were $38.

Thanks to all the families who have brought in second-hand items.

MESSAGE FROM MORISSET HIGH SCHOOL

Hello everyone and welcome to the 2013 school year for your respective school. Like last year all of the Primary School Principals have agreed to allow me to put an article into each weekly newsletter and this is my first entry for the year.

Our new Year 7 cohort is settling in well and it has been great to speak with them both in the class room and the playground as I make my way around the school.

Over the holidays we have had a number of maintenance projects running around the school including upgrading the front of the school, repainting the Mathematics corridor and a number of rooms, a data projector mounted within our School Hall linked to the internet and Wi-fi Cabling installed in further learning spaces. We have also made progress on the Salon that we are installing in the school with the tiling being completed this week. As mentioned last year we are now delivering TAFE courses on site and Hairdressing is one of the courses on offer beginning in Year 10.

We have had a number of new staff members join our school this year Mrs Elise Vickers in English, Ms Gretta Hayward and Ms Renae Lewis in Science and Ms Gail Cheetham and Ms Jayne Sylvester as LASTs. It is always refreshing to have new staff at a school and fresh eyes to look over school systems and support our students learning.

This morning I was fortunate enough to attend Morisset Public Schools P&C and I am looking forward to visiting all of the partner primary school P&Cs in the coming weeks.

We had our Swimming Carnival on Tuesday of last week and it was great to see students participating and parents at the pool. It is a huge task to organise a Swimming Carnival for such a big school and so a big thank you must go out to my PE Staff for their organisation.

Finally this week we have conducted Mentoring Interviews for all of our Year 12 students. This is a new initiative where Executive Staff will mentor specific students and support them in developing study plans and balancing school and out of school activities.

Take care and have a great week!
Mark Snedden
Principal Morisset High School