**PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS**

Greetings all and welcome to Week 4

**Uniform Shop Sale**
The uniform shop will be having a major sale next week. Surplus stock will be heavily discounted so please feel free to come and grab a bargain for next year.

**National Bandanna Day**
Our school is once again supporting National Bandanna Day this Friday. This worthy charity raises money for supporting young people living with cancer. The bandannas are $4 each and can be purchased this week from the office.

**Swim Scheme**
Last week saw the culmination of our Swim Scheme for 2015. All reports were really positive and every child made significant progress towards being a safe and competent swimmer. Our hope is to have more children able to participate and compete in the school swimming carnival in 2016. It is a great opportunity for all parents to enrol non and beginning swimmers in learn to swim classes before the summer months. The numbers of injuries and fatalities of children by drowning is largely preventable, if parents have children taught to swim and be safe in the water. I would like to thank all staff involved for their work in organising and teaching the classes in the pool.

**Kinder Orientation**
Today we had the third Kinder Orientation session for children starting school in 2016. We have another big number of new pupils starting next year and they look ready and able to have a great time. Please encourage any new families to contact us immediately as we are now forming class groups for 2016.

**Spell-a-thon Finals**
The finals of our Spell-a-thon will be held on Thursday 29th October between 1pm-2pm, parents are invited to attend if they wish. This marks the end of the Spell-a-thon for 2016. A huge thank you to all the community for getting behind the event. I will have results next week’s newsletter.

**Year 6 Cup Cake Sale**
Year 6 will be selling Cup Cakes to raise money for their gift to the school tomorrow, Thursday 29th October. Cakes will sell at lunch time and recess and will be between 50c and $2. This is always a yummy event and one not to be missed.

**Student Details**
Please provide the office with any change of details of contacts for children. We have had instances recently where we have tried to contact parents and carers of sick children only to fail because addresses and numbers have changed. For everyone's safety please notify us quickly of changes.

**‘Day for Daniel’ and Bandanna Day**
The school will be supporting the ‘Day for Daniel Morcombe’ this Friday 30th October. Students can come out of school uniform and wear red to show support for this cause. There is no money involved in this day. Students can also purchase a bandanna for $4 to support Canteen on Friday as well.

**Gonski Week**
This week the school staff are supporting the call to fully fund the Gonski Schools Funding Initiative. Staff will be distributing information after school today and tomorrow at the front and back gates. Please take the information and act on it if you wish.

Adequate and equitable funding for all public schools will mean an end to things like Spell-a-thons to raise money for basic school needs. This is a wonderful initiative and one that needs our support. Aren’t all our children worth the same?

Have a great week.

Mark Stiller
Principal
2015 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

October
29th   Year 6 Cupcake Stall
       Spell-a-thon Finals
30th   Day for Daniel—Wear Red Day
       Bandanna Day

November
2nd    Year 5 Rooky Day
       Primary Assembly
5th    Kinder Orientation
9th    Infants Assembly
10th   Kinder Orientation
11th   Book Fair Preview
12th   Book Fair and Parade
16th   Primary Assembly
17th   P&C AGM
23rd   Infants Assembly
30th   Primary Assembly

December
14th   Presentation Day
       Year 6 Farewell
16th   Last Day of Term 4 for students

Notes Home this Week
Community Partnership Page
Information sheets on chicken pox, school sores, whooping cough and head lice.

Canteen Roster
Term 4 Week 5
Monday 2nd  Michele M, Gabriala V, Monica S
Tuesday 3rd  Vicki M, Gabriala V
Wednesday 4th  Jodie M, Natalie P
Thursday 5th  Gabrielle H, Lisa D
Friday 6th  Michele M, Melissa M, Gabriala V

Library News
Only two weeks left till our Scholastic Book Fair and Parade. It will be held on Thursday 12th November 2015. Students will preview the fair on Wednesday 11th November 2015. They will bring home their ‘wish lists’ that they have filled out during their preview. The fair will open for sales at 9am and the parade will commence at 10.15am on the hard court. The theme for our dress up is ‘Under the Sea’.

The whole family is welcome to join us to celebrate, Grandparents in particular to help celebrate ‘Grandparents Day’. Students will be able to have a picnic lunch with the family at the end of the parade. The fair will close for sales at 12.30pm.

Thank you to all those students who have been returning those popular titles so that others can enjoy them too. It is much appreciated. The junior school needs help to remember to return their books each week and bring their library bags to be able to borrow. The returns trolley is at the library door from 9am each morning.

Happy Reading
Mrs Wood

P&C News
AGM
The P&C AGM will be held at the next meeting on Tuesday 17th November. Anyone wishing to vote at the AGM needs to be a financial member. To become a financial member you need to pay a $2.50 membership fee which needs to be paid before the day of the meeting. You cannot pay it on the night of the AGM. The AGM will commence at 6pm with the monthly meeting to follow at the conclusion of the AGM. If you are interested in becoming involved in the P&C this is a great meeting to attend. Anyone who is interested in nominating for a committee position will also need to be financial. For further information or if you wish to become a financial member please contact Therese 0422 596 647.

Disco
The last disco for the year is on Wednesday 18th November. K-2 disco is from 5.00-6.15pm and Years 3-6 disco is from 6.30–8.00pm. The P&C will run a BBQ from 4.30pm. We are in desperate need for helpers to set up the BBQ from 3.30pm. If you can help in anyway please contact Therese on 0422 596 647.

Theresa Blair
President

UNIFORM SHOP SALE
Monday 2nd — Friday 6th October
Next week the Uniform Shop will be having a sale of all clothing on their sale rack.

Items that are available are:

- Track Pants Sizes 14 and 16
- Kinder Culottes Sizes 4 and 6
- Culottes mixed sizes available
- Boys Gabardine Pants mixed sizes
- Girls slacks mixed sizes

All items on this rack will be $5.

Lions Club of Morisset Christmas Raffle
Tickets are on sale at the school office for the Lions Club Christmas Raffle at $1 each. All money raised will be given to the school. There are great prizes to be won.

Ethics News
Stage 3 begin a new topic this week titled, ‘Homelessness in Australia’. This topic is designed to encourage students
to think about how much and what kinds of supports we, as individuals and society as a whole, should extend to people who are homeless. The topic aims to develop students ability to empathise with people who are different from them. Teachers are looking forward to this class discussion on Friday morning. We still have some volunteer teaching positions available. Please contact Erin on 0447771946 for more information.

Scripture
This week, in the Bible story of Moses leading his people out of Egypt, God rescues them by demonstrating his power over nature in a series of events. Finally to escape from slavery in Egypt they have to trust God enough to follow Moses through the Red Sea. For Godspace curriculum see www.godspace.org.au curriculum.html. Wendy Cox 49734662.

Lions Club of Morisset Christmas Raffle
Tickets are on sale at the school office for the Lions Club Christmas Raffle at $1 each. All money raised from tickets sold at our school will be given back to the school. This is an easy way to help raise money for the school whilst having a chance to win some great prizes. Unfortunately so far we have only sold five tickets. So please come in and support this small fundraising venture.

NEWCASTLE HOCKEY CENTRE
Centre of development for Under 9’s and Under 11’s. Great coaching for players of any ability with coaches that know the game. Each participant receives a Hockey NSW bucket hat, drink bottle and the chance to win 1 of 20 Kookaburra prize packs valued at $100. Register NOW!

YEAR 7 CAMP 2016 MORISSET HIGH SCHOOL
Payments for the Morisset High School 2016 Year 7 camp can be paid online, instead of going into the High School. Payments are to go to Morisset High Schools account.
Details are: Westpac Bank
BSB: 032-001
Account Number: 117258
Please include student’s full name and item being paid for i.e. Year 7 Camp 2016.
The final payment is due Friday 11th December 2015.

SANTA IS ON HIS WAY
Where: Westfield Tuggerah
When: Saturday 14th November
Time: 10am to 1pm
Santa will arrive in his sleigh accompanied by all his favourite friends including Elmo. There will also be lots of other FREE activities as well as Christmas carols!
For more information go to: Westfield.com.au/tuggerah

Key dates
Tuesday 13 October 2015
Application website opens
Monday 16 November 2015
Application website closes
Late applications will not be accepted
Thursday 25 February 2016
Test authority letter sent by mail and email
Thursday 10 March 2016
Selective High School Placement Test
Early July 2016
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