Greetings all and welcome to Week 9.

What a day it was last Saturday. I must say the Federal Election Day was a triumph for our amazing P&C. I’d like to thank all the P&C for their work throughout a long hot day. I won’t steal their thunder by revealing how much they raised but I will congratulate them on the effort and the amount. Also a big thank you to Mrs Corrigan and Miss Etherington for their work during the day. I must also thank the children, especially Becky, Sarah, Emily, Bella and Tamara for their work in selling the 100 competitions during the day.

Principal For The Day
Today our School Captains Emma and Chris will travel to the High School to experience what it is like to be Principal of Morisset High. The Captains took up an invitation from Mr Mark Sneddon to follow him during the day to get a view of life in the high school. It will be a fabulous experience for our school leaders and we thank Mr Sneddon for extending the invitation. We hope this will be an annual experience for our leaders.

P&C
The next meeting of our P&C will be held next Tuesday 17th September at 6pm in the staff room. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Spellathon Disco
All children who participated in the recent spellathon had a real treat today. DJ Andy ran a disco for K – Year 2 children from 9:30am – 10:30am and Years 3 – 6 from 10:30am – 11:30am. This is a huge thank you to all those children who worked hard to raise any amount of money for the spellathon.

SMASH Tennis
We have come to the end of our SMASH Tennis Program for another year. I would like to thank Bill Griffiths for bringing his skills program to the school. I am sure our record number of participants this year really enjoyed the program. We look forward to offering it again in 2014.

NAB AFL Auskick
All students from Kindergarten to Year 2 have an opportunity to participate in the AFL School Auskick Program in Term 4. This program will be run during the school day at a cost of $15. The children will learn the fundamental movement skills used in the sport of AFL football, while providing the opportunity for children to develop coordination and fitness.

Disabled Parking Zone
We have applied for a small disabled parking zone to be allocated to the very front of the school. This small zone of 2 car parks will allow access to the front ramp for parents of our disabled students. I would like to thank Col Roach for making representations on our behalf. I am informed the council will install the disabled car parks early next term.

New Security Gates
We have finally taken possession of our new security gates for the canteen frontage. These heavy duty gates will help secure the area. We are now exploring the installation of CCTV cameras security located inside the gates that will watch the whole area in front of the hall. These measures will help us keep the school safe and secure from intruders.

Vegetable Gardens
There has been more movement on our school vegetable gardens. Next week we will hopefully complete the fencing and then the irrigation and we will be ready to plant at the beginning of Term 4.

Reminder that Friday is Footy Colours Day
Don’t forget that this Friday, 13th September we are holding a ‘Fight Cancer Footy Colours Day’ to raise money for the Fight Cancer Foundation. Students are encouraged to wear their favourite football or sport team’s colours and bring in a donation to go towards this worthy cause.

Mark Stiller, Principal
Term 3 Week 9
DATES TO REMEMBER

September
11th Parent Information Session Kindergarten
  2014 – 3:45pm
13th Footy Colours Day
20th Last day Term 3

October
8th First day Term 4
15th Kindergarten Orientation – Pyjama Party, 10:00am – 11:20am
23rd Kindergarten Orientation, 10:00am – 11:20am
23rd RAP Day Year 6 at Morisset High School
31st Kindergarten Orientation, 10:00am 11:20am

November
4th Kindergarten Orientation, 10:00am – 11:20am
13th Kindergarten Orientation, 10:00am – 11:20am
13th GATS Challenge Year 6

December
4th Orientation Day Year 6 at Morisset High School

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NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK
Community Partnership Page

YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS

Kindergarten to Year 2
  Brianna W, Andrew M, Brooklyn V
  Jasmine B, Damon B, Isabella V

Year 3 to Year 6
  Nick L, Joshua Y, Lucy S
  Alex B, Kieran H, Chris B, Natalie M,
  Abigail G, Kobi E, Jacob T, Taleah R

STUDENT LEADER ELECTION PROCEDURES

Our election procedures for Student Leaders for 2013 remain the same as for 2012. Year 5 students have met as a group and talked through the procedures and have been given a document outlining them.

A resume of one page is required, along with a short (two minute) speech presented to the Year 5 peer group. Following this, a secret ballot will take place for Year 5 students to determine the most suitable nominees to be presented as Leadership candidates to the whole school.

These successful candidates will prepare speeches to present at a special assembly prior to the voting process.

The announcement of the new School Leaders will be made by the Principal at the Annual Presentation Day Assembly.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) deadline has been extended to the end of this week, BUT only the school coordinator (Mrs Tate) can enter or edit the online records. If you have a PRC sheet completed at home that you would like entered please get the details to Mrs Tate this week. I can be emailed on dayna.tate@det.nsw.edu.au.

Please return any overdue library books this week. The library will be undergoing stocktake next week and will be closed.

Have a lovely holiday break and take extra special care of any library books that go on holidays.

Happy Reading
Mrs Tate

COUNCIL SCHOOL CYCLING PROGRAM TO SUPPORT CHILDREN’S BIKE RIDING CONFIDENCE IN TERM 4

Cycling at any age can be fun and rewarding but sometimes intimidating. Navigating near moving vehicles, knowing the road rules and having the confidence to manoeuvre a bicycle can all affect whether children want to ride their bike or not.

Lake Macquarie City Council’s ‘Active Transport’ program is coming to Bonnells Bay Public School in Term 4, and will see children in Years 5 & 6 benefit from Cycling Skills and Bike Maintenance workshops, along with an informative talk from a Police Youth Officer about travelling safely to school.

The program includes the identification of local hazards that affect cycling to school, so Council Officers will be chatting to parents at the school gate to find out about any issues.

Opting to cycle rather than drive to school has many benefits, including saving money through reduced fuel costs, environmental benefits through reduced pollution, and the health benefits associated with physical activity and being outdoors. Council looks forward to supporting your school community to gain the confidence to give cycling to school a go.

URGENT STUDENT MEDICAL UPDATES REMINDER

In accordance with the Department of Education and Communities Welfare Policy, we mailed home forms to the parents of students who are currently listed as having a medical condition at our school. This is part of the process to update our database to verify individual students that have medical conditions, eg anaphylaxis, allergies, asthma, etc., and the specific treatment that is required especially in the case of a potentially life threatening emergency.

It is essential that parents return these forms as soon as possible. If your child no longer has the medical condition which may have been recorded earlier in their schooling, please notify the school office that the condition is no longer
relevant. Parents who have not notified the school regarding a medical condition can contact the school office for a copy of the medical conditions form. Your cooperation in the matter is very important.

**MORISSET HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

Hi everyone, I hope that the term is working out well for you, not long to go now! I am sorry that I have missed a few newsletters but we have been very busy at the high school with the end of the Higher School Certificate, amongst many other things.

Last week our school lost our last debate to Gosford High School which has meant that we finished third in the Hunter/Central Coast Region in Stage 5 (Years 9-10). This is an amazing effort as we beat every school including other selective high schools in our region.

Morisset High School sent 14 students to the State Athletics finals last week, after qualifying for Zone and then Region. It is great to see that Morisset High School was the most represented high school in our area.

This week we had a number of students from our partner primary schools come up to the high school and partake in a Hair Dressing Workshop within our Salon. All the students had a great day and I am so happy to be sharing this resource with all of our schools.

Reuben Meerman, the Surfing Scientist, came to talk to our Year 9 and 10 students about Climate Change. He had many wonderful and amazing demonstrations to show how climate is created and the impact nature and humans have. It was great having him present to our students.

Lastly, we had our NAIDOC Week Celebrations at the High School last week. Over three days students and staff were involved in craft workshops, yarning and sporting activities including traditional games and the annual students versus teachers touch football game. It was a brilliant week and a big thank you must go to Selina Archibald our Aboriginal Education Officer along with the Aboriginal Education Team for their organisation, and a special thank you to our guests and community members who came along to support these events. Take care and have a great week.

Mark Snedden
Principal Morisset High School

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**Election Day at Bonnells Bay Public School**

A BIG thanks to all who donated a cake box. With about 100 boxes donated, you helped raise $500.

Well done to those that received Highly Commended awards as well, the decorating standards were very high.

Another huge thank you to our volunteers on the day: Gabbi, Kelly, Anna, Damian, Therese, Julie, David, Grace (& Patrick!), Tobi, Kerriann, Kirsten, David, Nat, Jeff, Kim, Ms Etherington, Ms Corrigan and Mr Stiller.

Special thanks to all the stall holders. You helped raise about $400 from booking fees. Hopefully all site holders had fun and made some money.

Massive success. The BBQ had a steady flow of customers and raised about $1000 as well. Making the day well worthwhile.

**Shopping Trip Sunday 13th October**

$60. Breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, raffle, tour guide and chauffeur. Still 15 seats available


You can save up to 90% off retail prices at all these stalls, and the school receives a commission from all purchases made on the day. Even if you don’t buy anything it’s a fun day out with other mums let free for the day!!

Guests are welcome to meet us in Sydney at our first stop (and be picked up from our last stop)

Participants can have free advertising for their nominated business in our itinerary.

Please return the slip below if you would like to save a seat and have one of our organisers contact you.

**Next meeting:**

Tuesday 17th September, 6pm. Come and help decided how to spend the money you’ve helped raise this term. Give us feedback on the events held this term. New faces always welcome!

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**P & C NEWS**

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**Election Day at Bonnells Bay Public School**

A BIG thanks to all who donated a cake box. With about 100 boxes donated, you helped raise $500.

Congratulations to the Cake Box decorating winners: 

**Early Stage 1:** Jade T  
**Stage 1:** Brodie W  
**Stage 2:** Brandon G  
**Stage 3:** Shannon H.

Return to office by Friday, 20th September 2013

**P&C – Parents and Citizens Supporting Our School**