MORVEN MERCURY Term 1 - Week 2

Student of the Week

Junior Class
Hayleigh Pearce
For: Being an excited learner
Comment: Because I was excited and ready to learn

Senior Class
Maggie Kendall
For: Being responsible in the playground
Comment: Absent for comment

Student Absences
Please call 4654 8151 after 8am.

FEBRUARY 2016

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Welcome
Hello and welcome to a new school year. 2016 promises to be an exciting year ahead for all at Morven State School and I strongly encourage you all to help make it another great success for our students.

A very special welcome to our three new Prep students, Emily, George and Indi, and their families. I hope that their time at Morven State School is full of fun and learning and that many wonderful memories are made along the way.

Thank you to parents and carers who have spent time and money organising school materials and equipment. You have helped to give our students the best possible start to 2016.

Staffing
Our permanent 2016 staffing allocations are yet to be finalised. The Day 8 census will determine the final teacher and teacher aide allocations for our school. Having said that, it is fantastic to have the same staff back on board to provide consistency and commitment to improving the learning outcomes of our students. We are hopeful of maintaining our current arrangements however, we will inform the community when this has been confirmed.

Student Leaders
I would invite all school and community members to attend our special school leaders parade this Friday. The Year 6 candidates will be presenting their election speeches and would benefit from all the support out there. We will be electing two School Captains and two Sports Captains by a vote. These are very important positions in our school and a small step towards being a future leader in our society. I wish our Year 6 students all the best and hope to see many faces there.

District Swimming
The 10-12 years District Swimming Trials will be held in Charleville on Friday, 12th February 2016. Those students who express an interest in nominating for the trials will bring home a permission form today. Please complete and return the form to school by this Friday to confirm your child’s nomination and participation.

School Uniform
It’s great to see lots of fresh new uniforms around our school. Please ensure your child’s belongings are clearly marked and they haven’t accidently picked up items belonging to another student.

Attendance
Attending school, on time, every day is an important factor in your child’s success at school. Please ensure your child attends school as regularly as is possible.

Last year we set ourselves the ambitious goal of having an overall attendance rate of 96%. After an excellent first semester we finished 2015 with our attendance rate at 93.3%.

I would like to renew our efforts again this year in striving to achieve an attendance rate of 96%. I will keep you informed of our progress via the attendance box in each newsletter which will track our attendance for the year to date. Remember—everyday counts!

LEAP
LEAP is starting back next week! Last year was a wonderful success with Mrs Burns coordinating our playgroup. We invite all children in the community aged 0–5 years to join us each Thursday morning at 8:30 am.

LEAP stands for Learning and Encouraging Active Playmates and we hope this program will provide our young children with valuable early years learning. Children will gain the most enjoyment and success out of this program if parents and carers join in the activities, stories and games.

We eagerly anticipate your continued support of this important initiative and look forward to seeing you there.

LOTW (Languages Other Than English)
In 2016 our Year 5/6 students will participate in Japanese lessons delivered through Brisbane School of Distance Education. Mrs Ruth Davies will be their new teacher and will provide a 45 minute on air lesson every Thursday while Mrs Jukes will remain as our LOTE supervisor. I fully encourage the students to make the most of this unique learning opportunity.

Morven Values
At Morven State School we set very high standards for our behaviour. We actively teach children the positive behaviours that we want them to model through our Morven Values program. Everyone can keep up with our Morven Values through the newsletter where they are used as our Word of the Week.

Teaching and rewarding positive behaviour at school is the core foundation of our Responsible Behaviour Support Plan, a copy of which can be accessed at school or on our website.

Mrs Roberts
This term Mrs Roberts will remain with us at Morven State School and teach Geography to all students in Prep–Year 6. Thank you for the support and commitment you provide to our students.

Important Advice from Early Childhood Australia
Why does independence matter?
Independence contributes to the development of self-esteem, identity and well-being. Doing something for yourself produces a powerful sense of achievement and success. When children have opportunities to make choices, to attempt tasks for themselves, and to take on increasing responsibilities, their sense of themselves as competent members of society grows.

Are you allowing your child to develop their independence?
By Luke Touhill—NQS Professional Learning Program.
Mr Hayden Park
3-6 Teacher
A/Principal

Junior Report
We would like to welcome George, Emily and Indi to the Junior Class. Congratulations to the new year ones and twos for coming back to the Junior Class with a positive learning attitude. It is great to see so many eager students who are ready to learn. I am looking forward to a wonderful term 1 that will be full of learning and fun.

Homework books have been sent home so if you have any questions, please pop in to see me.

All parents are welcome in the classroom before and after school to see what your child has been doing. It will be brilliant to catch up with you all throughout the next term.

Mrs Deanne Wilson
Prep–Yr2 Teacher

Homework Club:- Homework Club will resume next week on Wednesday 10th Feb, at 2.30pm and will finish at 3:30pm. Don’t forget to bring along a snack for afternoon tea. See you all there!!!

School forms:- We have attached a few forms to this newsletter for families to fill out. Please contact Lyn Cadzow at the school if you require any more information or help with the forms. They are the ‘Voluntary Financial Contribution’ and ‘Internet Use Agreement’.
**Quote of the week**

“Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change.”
- Stephen Hawking

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**Notices**

**Junior Cricket in Morven!!!** - For any children interested in playing cricket, come along to the Morven Rec. Grounds this Sat. 6th Feb from 9-30 am til approx. 11am. Open to all ages. Contact Carl Green on 0427458566 for more info. See you there!!

**Morven Community Gym news** - It's not too late to start your New Year's Resolution!! To join the gym is easy! Just pick up a membership form pack from the Morven Post Office and follow the instructions on the payment slip. To have a look at the gym before you decide to join, make an appointment by emailing us on the email address below or contact Anja Burns (Morven Progress Assoc. secretary). If interested please email us on - morven_community_gym@hotmail.com

**P & C news** - Our first meeting for this year is on next Tuesday 9th February, straight after school in the school library. We need to decide on a date for our annual cricket day and one or two other things. The meeting should be a short one. Hope to see you all there. Apologies to Melissa or Anja.

**Absences** - If your child is absent for any reason please inform admin ASAP. Phone calls, emails and letters are all acceptable forms of communication.

**Pool Facilities** - A reminder to all community members who use the pool please ensure that the toilets are left clean and the lights are switched off. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

**Library Day** - Please be aware that library day for all students has changed to Friday. Students are to bring their books in to return or re-borrow every Friday.

**School Swimming** - Our Swimming days in Term One remain Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure that your child brings their togs (inc. sun shirt), towel and goggles (if required). We are always happy to have volunteers come along to help supervise. Please talk to the Principal if you are interested.

**Swimming Club** - Calling for donations for the Mother’s Day monster raffle. All donations can be dropped into the office at the school. Swim club is starting again every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons straight after school. Anyone who would like to join is welcome. Forms need to be filled out before your child swims see Chrissy Johnson for forms.

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**LEXIA LEGEND**

Each week we recognise our Lexia Legends.

These students have improved their reading skills and moved onto the next level in our Lexia Reading Core 5 program.

There are 18 levels in total.

We look forward to sharing the many reading successes with you each week.

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**Mathletics Mathletes**☆☆☆

Each week we will recognize our Mathletics Mathletes.

These students have answered enough questions and completed required tasks to receive a certificate.

Students start with Bronze awards and work their way towards the coveted Gold award.

Congratulations to our 2015 Gold award winners:

Liam Burns
Riley Burns
Archie Jukes
Blake Johnson

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**Morven State School Values….**

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**Aspiring**

**Definition** - desiring or striving for recognition or advancement.

**Example** - I am always aspiring to achieve top marks in my spelling test each week.

**For Motorbike fans** - Roma and District Motorcycle Club will be holding their 2016 “Come and Try” Day on Saturday 6th February. Starts at 2pm.

It is a FREE riding day for anyone who has not held a race licence. It is a great opportunity to come and try motor x racing to see if you like it. If you attend the day and decide to join you will be entitled to a Motorcycling Queensland -Free One Year Mini Licence or Half Price National Licence. On Sunday 7th Feb we are holding our club membership sign on day and practice. Starting at 830am Please contact 0466 111 602 if you have any questions.

**Morven Library Notice** - The Morven Reading Competition for junior borrowers (Age 0 – 13) is still running during the month of January & February at the Morven Library. Congratulations to our Christmas draw winners - Harrison, Will and Emily, who are now proud book voucher owners! Visit the Morven Library (Tues. 1pm – 5 pm or Fri. 8am – 12md) to borrow books to go into the draw or become a member.....be in it to win it!!! The Library has available for borrowing - quite a selection of picture books, non-fiction books, DVDs and junior fiction books as well as puzzles which can be used in the Library. Library staff are also very happy to order in particular titles or subject requests.

**Attachments:** - School forms to sign

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**Morven Mercury**

**Attendance Rate**

**Year to Date**

96.8% 😊

Our goal is 96% 😊

Every day counts!

Great start!!!

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Be Responsible
Be Safe
Be a Learner