MORVEN MERCURY  Term 2 - Week 9

Student of the Week

Junior Class
Emily Kerle
For: beginning to write letters and words
Comment: I want to write letters

Senior Class
Archie Jukes
For: Crafting an insightful film review.
Comment: I did good on my review because I saw Mr Fox a billion times.

Student Absences
Please call 4654 8151 after 8am.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Principal’s Report

Canberra Camp
The Year 4-6 Canberra Camp leaves in week three next term! Permission forms, medical details, equipment lists and itineraries will be sent home on Friday. Please complete this paperwork as soon as possible and return to school. I will hold a pre-camp meeting for parents and carers at 8:30 am on Friday, 17th June 2016. I would like to go over a few details and answer any questions that parents may have at this time. It would be great if we could have a representative from each of our families in attendance. If there are any questions in the meantime please contact me.

Parent-Teacher Interviews
Last week we formally offered parent-teacher interviews for Semester One. It was great to meet with many of our parents at this time and share the progress of our students. We are always willing to meet with parents at another day or time if you were not able to talk to us last week please feel free to make an appointment at a convenient time.

Teacher Aide Position
I would like to publicly acknowledge everyone who submitted an application for our advertised Teacher Aide position. We had a big response with excellent applicants. The recruitment process will be completed in the coming week and we will announce the successful applicant shortly.

Readers’ Cup
The Readers’ Cup competition happens next Thursday in Augathella. I would like to congratulate our readers on the commitment they have demonstrated in preparing for competition. The reading that has been done over the past couple of months not only helps the team on the day but makes each individual a better learner in the long run. While it isn’t over yet I must thank Marie for the time and dedication she has shown to helping our students. Marie you are a STaR! Good luck to the team on Thursday.

Police Visit
Senior Constable Sarah from Charleville will be visiting students in the Senior Class this Friday. The purpose of the visit is to discuss the law and how it relates to young people. They will talk about some of the dangers that may confront our young people today including drugs, cyber safety and violence.

MSS Sports Carnival
Our school Athletics Carnival will be held this term on Wednesday, 22nd June 2016. Spectators are welcome. The Upper Warrego Athletics Carnival will be held in Augathella on Wednesday, 20th July 2016. Unfortunately the Charleville and District Athletics Carnival will take place while our students are away in Canberra. Our students will be able to qualify for the SW Regional Athletics Carnival based on their performances at Upper Warrego.

School Holiday Program
Please see the notice on page 3.

Attendance Matters
Attendance everyday is important and we are just below our goal for the year. With some of us starting to feel the long term, let’s have a strong finish to the semester!
Mr Hayden Park
3-6 Teacher & A/Principal

Junior Report
The Junior Class invites parents and caregivers to see our room prior to our tests, showing our Term 2 work, being removed to make room for Term 3 work to begin. We would love to show and talk to our parents and caregivers about the work that we have completed during this term.

Please feel free to drop into the classroom at any stage to see what we are learning about.

We are currently learning about word families and rhyme using nursery rhymes and Dr Seuss books. So far, we have learned that rhyme can be fun and interesting. It can help us to read books because there is a rhythm to the text. So if you hear some rhymes being recited at home, please share the ones that you learned at school.

The students are enjoying this language exploration immensely.

In Maths, learning about big and small numbers is our main focus for the remainder of the week. Number patterns and place value will be our next learning goal.

Mrs Deanne Wilson
Prep—Yr2 Teacher

7 ways to teach children good manners

It may appear that manners have taken a downward slide in priority over recent years. The fact remains however, that instilling the principles of good manners in young children is exceedingly important. Understanding and using good manners has so many positives: it shows courtesy and empathy towards others; indicates thoughtfulness, and reflects on the child’s upbringing and education.

Introduce polite words from a young age
Children as young as two can learn to say “please” and “thank you”. Despite not fully understanding the implications of using these words, children can learn from a very young age that “please” must be attached to asking for things, and “thank you” always comes at the end of a transaction or interaction. As the child develops further, they will understand that these words make other people feel good about helping you.

Respect and sensitivity
In summary, good manners stem from respect for another individual, and the route to respect is essentially sensitivity. If you can teach a child the value of sensitivity, you are giving them a wonderful gift. A sensitive infant who develops awareness of others and their feelings, will grow into a respectful child. And as the child develops further, they will understand that these words make other people feel good about helping you.

Master important phrases
Along with “please” and “thank you”, ensure that children understand that “excuse me”, “May I…?” and “no, thank you” are also required in everyday life & must be mastered.

Model good manners
Make sure you always include a lot of “please” and “thank you” and the other important phrases as you interact with people in daily life. From the ages 2 to 4, children will mirror what the adults around them are saying. Remember also to address your child and other children with the same good mannered phrases so that they catch on to this polite behaviour.

Acknowledging children in public places
When out and about, including the child in activities and conversation helps them to feel acknowledged, and reduces any desire to “act out” for attention. Acknowledging and interacting with the child, particularly if there are few other children present, also opens opportunities to educate them about appropriate social behaviour. Make sure that education about noise levels, meeting new people, respect for privacy and personal space are a big part of fun activities with your children in public.

Correct on the spot
The best way to learn is by making mistakes, and so by correcting children ‘in action’ they can get a deeper appreciation of manners and how to apply them. For example: If you are having a conversation and a child interrupts you, gently point out that this is inappropriate behaviour and how a place in the conversation might be achieved politely.

Correct a child politely
Be careful how you go about correcting children because correcting a child aggressively or in front of others can be a form of rudeness in itself. The idea is certainly not to ‘make an example’ of the child. Consider the situation you are in, and if appropriate, move the child away to a more private area to explain your corrections.

Quote of the week

“I am the greatest, I said that even before I knew I was.”
- Muhammad Ali (1942–2016)

Notices

Library Day:- Library day is Friday.

Homework Club:- Homework Club is on every Wednesday in the school library from 3pm - 4pm. Don’t forget your homework folder too. Next Wednesday 15th June is the last day for Homework Club this term.

P & C News:- It has been decided that due to the current jacket style for our school uniform no longer being available, that the jacket design would change slightly although the colours remain the same. To place an order or to view the new style, please see Anja or Tanya. We will be placing a bulk order in the coming days. Also, the jerseys for the seniors have been ordered and will arrive soon.

Trivia night is not far away! (Friday 8th July) So start organising your teams! A maximum of 8 people per table/team. This trivia night will be a fancy dress night and is a music theme. Come dressed as your favourite music act or movie character/actor. Prizes for the best dressed male and female. There will also be other prizes during the night, including a multi-raffle, lucky door prizes and prizes for the winning table. It will be a great, fun night! Hope to see you all there!!

AJRL News:- Training for Morven players is on Thursday afternoons at the Rec. Grounds at 3:30pm. There is no football this weekend. The next game is the following weekend in Cumnagulla on Sat. 18th June.

Best of luck to all the under 10s traveling to Miles this weekend to play in the carnival.

Happy Birthday to you:
☆ Mrs Burns ☆
For tomorrow!

Attachments:- P & C Trivia Night flyer and nomination forms, Morven Progress Association letter to residents

IMPORTANT NOTICE:-

Save Morven’s Fire Station!

There will be a town meeting hosted by the Morven Progress Association this Friday 10th June at the Morven Town Hall at 3:30pm, to discuss the very real possibility and likelihood that we will lose our fire station! We actively need to recruit more persons to keep the station in Morven. This is a very strong concern and is in the best interests of the whole Morven district for all residents to do their best to attend. See attached letter from the MPA President, John Kendall.

Outdoor Maths Area:- We have completed painting an outdoor maths area under the main building at school. This provides opportunities to do maths differently and supports our iAIM commitment to encourage movement and being active when learning. A huge thank you to Deanne and Rodney Wilson who volunteered many weekend hours to complete the project. Be sure to check it out!

Morven State School

Morven Values….

...behaviour

Definition - showing regard for others in manners, speech, behaviour, etc

Example - The student was being polite in class by putting his hand up when the teacher asked a question instead of shouting out the answer.

Attendance Rate

Year to Date... 95.4%
Our goal is 96%
Every day counts!

Expression of Interest

We are looking for interest from families around holding a school holiday program coordinated by Joshua Maris from Anglicare. Josh is proposing a visit from 9 am - 12 pm on Friday, 1st July 2016. During this time students would participate in traditional party games primarily to provide enjoyment and humour. I understand that this is during the holidays and families may be away so we are trying to determine if we would have the numbers to make it worthwhile. This is targeted at primary aged children however there is the possibility to accommodate older children who have a genuine interest in participating.

Please complete below and return this notice to school by this Friday.

NAME: ______________________________

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: _______________
Student Council Report

Student council would like to invite all parents and caregivers to attend the Rewards Day talent quest on Friday 24th of June. Join us to see how much talent Morven State School has from 1.30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

The student council garden continues to grow well. We are seeing a drop in the amount of produce available for sale because of the change of season. We are hoping the winter vegetables grow quickly. Thank you for your support in the past.

Morven State School Improvement Focus

1. Every student will achieve at least a ‘C’ standard in English and Mathematics.
2. 50% of all students will be in the Upper Two Bands in the NAPLAN.

Mathletics Mathletes

Silver Awards

Archie Jukes
Belinda Jukes

Bronze Awards

Max Jukes
Riley Burns

Congratulations

LEXIA LEGENDS

↑ Blake Johnson ↑
Level 8

Improving Reading at MSS

LEXIA REGULARS

↑ Blake Johnson ↑
Level 8

JULY 2016

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