### Student of the Week

**Junior Class**
Elly Jackson
For: Improving her reading comprehension skills
Comment: ??

**Senior Class**
Maggie Caskey
For: Consistently achieving high spelling scores.
Comment: ??

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### May 2016

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**Principal’s Report**

**NAPLAN**
This week students in years 3 and 5 are participating in the National Assessment Program: Literacy and Numeracy. Students complete a Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy assessment. This assessment provides schools with valuable information for supporting our students to improve their academic achievement. It also forms part of our school improvement process to have half of all students in the Upper Two Bands. Student reports are provided to families in September.

**After School Activities**
Josh and Katie from Anglicare made their first visit for After School Activities this year. It was a great turn out from our students and lots of fun. I would encourage students to keep up the participation for the remainder of the term. Students will finish on Monday at 4:15 pm.

**P&C Meeting**
Thank you to everyone who joined us for the P&C meeting on Monday afternoon. I would like to acknowledge the generosity of our P&C who have again agreed to support our Canberra Camp and helped to make the cost affordable to our students. I would also like to thank the P&C who have greatly assisted us in the purchase of a new pool vacuum that will ensure this asset is well maintained for the community. We are very fortunate to have your support.

**Student Hats**
I have noticed that quite a few students are coming to school without their hat. A school hat is a compulsory part of the school uniform and as we are a Sun Smart school students are required to wear a hat to play. No hat = no play. Please check that your child has their school hat. Spare hats are not hygienic and will only be provided for curriculum related activities (e.g. HPE). Uniforms can be purchased through the P&C.

**Charleville Show**
This Friday is the show holiday for the Murweh Shire. If you do make it to the show over the long weekend keep an eye out for the work that our students have entered. There are some interesting stories and fabulous artwork. A terrific effort from all students!

**Walk Safely to School**
Next Friday, 20th May 2016 is Walk Safely to School Day. We will be promoting road safety at our school and invite students to join us at the Cenotaph in Albert Street at 8:45 am to Walk Safely to School. We will then have a healthy snack to start the day.

**PRC**
Students at Morven State School will be participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) this year. Students in years P-4 have to read 20 books and students in years 5-6 have to read 15 books to complete the challenge. Students will have to complete reading record to receive their award. More to come...

**10 ways to encourage your child’s independence**
It’s a fine line between wanting your child to head off into the big wide world before they’re ready, and molly-coddling them. Here are 10 small things you can do to allow them to grow.

1. Help your children make decisions by offering a small choice of which story to read or what T-shirt to wear.
2. Give them little responsibilities, such as putting away toys or helping you to get the lunch ready.
3. Get them involved in the weekly shop by following simple instructions, such as ‘we need three red apples’, or ‘get the bread on the bottom shelf’.
4. Show enthusiasm when your children try to help, even if it’ll take longer. Recognise any tasks accomplished.
5. Praise their ability. This is necessary for children to believe they’re capable of doing things, and that it was their own skill that led to success, rather than luck. For instance, tell them how ‘clever’ they are for throwing the ball into the hoop, rather than ‘that was lucky’.
6. Tempting as it is to say, ‘I’ll do it,’ say ‘let me show you how instead’. That way, your children are learning new skills and not just relying on you to do everything for them.
7. Encourage them to self-feed. Yes, it’s messy, but it’s also an achievement that will encourage independence.
8. Point out why things are dangerous or unacceptable without belittling the motivation to do things on their own. For example, using a sharp knife to help with dinner may seem like a good idea when your children have seen you do the same, but a butter knife is more appropriate.
9. Avoid using the word ‘no’ unless something is dangerous or clearly wrong.
10. Respect a child’s feelings and fears. Even if it seems silly to you, ask why they are afraid and then take time to talk about it.

Karen Sullivan, childcare expert
www.goodtoknow.co.uk/family

**Junior Report**

**The Junior Class** have put their best effort into their Charleville Show school entries again this year. I would encourage all parents to go along to the show to see their child’s handwriting, collage or crayon drawing. It was a super effort from all the students. Good luck with your entries.

The year ones and twos are beginning to develop their confidence to be able to work by themselves on certain tasks this week. I have marked some great sentence writing and marvellous mathematics answers. All students are showing how well they can read a question themselves and work out the answers. Brilliant work!

The prep class are working hard on their phonics and sound words. We are beginning to apply some decoding strategies to our reading so that we can use our sounds that the illustrations in the book help us to read.

I am seeing a very high rate of homework completion in the Junior Class. A huge ‘Thank You’ to parents who read with their children every night.

Deanne Wilson
Prep—Yr2 Teacher

**Story-Telling Competition**

Please find attached information regarding this year’s South West NRM Storytelling Competition at the Charleville Performing Arts Festival, held on the 1st-3rd September 2016 at the Charleville Racecourse Complex.

This year’s theme is “Goin’ Piggin”. There are some fantastic prizes to be won, including five iPad minis, and over $2000 worth of local business vouchers. For further information about the Storytelling Competition, please do not hesitate to email me at swnrm.storytelling@gmail.com.

For further details about the Performing Arts Festival please visit http://www.charlevilleperformingarts.com/ or email charlevilleperformingarts@gmail.com.

Kendall Regan,
Katie McLeod
(on behalf of South West NRM)

**Mothers’ Day Afternoon Tea**

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Friday afternoon to celebrate our mums. The students enjoyed cooking and performing for the audience. I hope mums were well looked after on Sunday. Like Riley said: ‘even when I’m a pest, my mum is the best’

Mr Hayden Park
3-6 Teacher
A/Principal
“It is not because things are difficult, that we do not dare; it is because we do not dare, that things are difficult…”
- Seneca

**Quote of the week**

**Notices**

**P & C News:** The P & C met for a general meeting on Monday. A date for Trivia night has been decided on and it will be on Friday 8th July, which is the last Friday of the school holidays. We decided to have a themed night this time. It will be a music/entertainment night which will include trivia involving all types of entertainment including music, movies, musicals and television. It will be a dress-up night! So come dressed up as your favourite musician/singer or get together with a few friends and come as a whole pop group!! There will be prizes!! More information to follow closer to the night. P & C members please find your copy of the meeting minutes attached.

**P & C Plate Fundraiser:** The P & C have ordered the templates and they are here! Items available include the plates, clock plates, mugs, and more. Please see the attached flyer and order forms for all the information you need. Some items are very limited in numbers so it will be first in first served. To receive the early bird discount, all orders must be returned to school no later than Friday 20th May. They will be sent off in the mail that afternoon so late orders, unfortunately, will miss out!

**Library Day:** Library day is Friday.

**Homework Club:** Homework Club is on every Wednesday in the school library from 3pm - 4pm. Don’t forget a snack!

**Morven Community Gym News:** Becoming a member at the Morven Community Gym is easy! All you need to do is pick up forms from the Post Office. If you would like to see the gym before joining, or find out more information, contact Anja Burns or John Kendall.

**Morven Progress Assoc. News:** The MPA will be holding a general meeting on Saturday 21st May, 10am at the Hall. Please contact John Kendall (President) or Anja Burns (Secretary) to add any items to the agenda.

**Charleville Netball:** A reminder that there is NO JUNIOR NETBALL this Thursday due to the Charleville show.

**AJRL News:** Thanks to everyone on Saturday at our 1st home game, in Augathella. It really is terrific how everyone jumps in and helps out. THANK YOU!! There is no game this coming weekend due to the Charleville Show and also the following weekend due to some players traveling to Roma for the Bruton Shield. Our next game will be in Charleville on the 28th May.

**Mathletics Mathletes**

**Silver Awards**
Hayden Kerle  
Max Jukes

**Bronze Awards**
Riley Burns

**Congratulations**

**Attendance Rate**
- Year to Date...
- 95.6%
- Our goal is 96%
- Every day counts!

**Attachments:** P & C minutes, Story-Telling competition flyer, P & C plate fundraiser information & order forms, MPA meeting notice.
**JUNE 2016**

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**