MORVEN MERCURY  Term 4 - Week 2

**Student of the Week**

**Junior Class**  
Emily Kerle  
For: super sight word work  
Comment: I’m very good!

**Senior Class**  
Riley Tindale-Smith  
For: Outstanding number fact results in term 3  
Comment: I got outstanding number facts results for term 3

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**OCTOBER 2016**

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**Student Absences**

Please call 4654 8151 after 8am.

**Newsletter Subscription**

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Principal: Mr Hayden Park

Be Respectful       Be Responsible       Be Safe       Be a Learner
Swimming

Swimming lessons will take place in Term 4 every Wednesday and Friday afternoon starting today. Students need to remember to bring the appropriate swimming gear including a swim shirt which is compulsory.

Community members who would like to use the pool need to follow the Morven State School Swimming Pool Guidelines. New paperwork, including A and B Supervisor permission will need to be completed for the new swimming season. This paperwork is available from the school office.

Overnight Camp to Eromanga

Information and permission forms have been attached for our upcoming overnight camp to Eromanga. Following a great response to our expressions of interest we are able to include all students from Prep to Year 6 on our trip.

We will require parents to assist us on this trip with transport and accommodation. Any parents who can participate should indicate this on the forms. Please complete all forms and return to school by Friday, 21st October 2016.

Cogmed: Improving Working Memory

This week the students in the Senior Class began their Cogmed training. The training will take place 4 times per week and will take around 7-8 weeks to complete.

Cogmed is designed to enhance the working memory which students use everyday to learn new things. It is our belief that improving the working memory of our students through brain training, may also improve their reading comprehension and mathematical ability.

Go Senior Class!

Special Mathletics Academic Awards

Each newsletter we include our Mathletes—those students who have achieved 1000 points for the week. Last week we made mention of three boys for who received a special academic award for being one of our top three Mathletics students for the year so far. Congratulations to Max Jukes, Harry Usher and Riley Burns on your achievement.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Next week we are encouraging parents and carers to meet with your child’s teacher. We would like to share with you the progress your child has made over the year to date and address any concerns that you may have. A booking timetable will be on the noticeboard. We look forward to speaking with all our parents.

MSS Readers’ Cup Competition

Reading is a core part of our school improvement agenda and to encourage our students to keep up their reading following the Premier’s Reading Challenge the Senior Class is holding a Readers’ Cup Competition. There are four books on the list for the students to read:

1. The War that Saved My Life
2. 88 Lime Street
3. The Barrumbi Kids
4. Fantastic Mr Fox

The teams will compete in week 6. It is not compulsory but a great way to have some fun with their reading. Please be encouraging your child to read!

Year 6 Transition Day—Term 4

Term 4 transition day for Year 6 students will take place on Friday, 4th November 2016 at Charleville State High School. All Year 6 students are welcome to attend this day which is a great opportunity to meet new friends and learn about life in high school. Please be aware that this transition day follows on from our overnight excursion to Eromanga.

Same Day Attendance Notification

Thank you to parents and carers for ensuring the school is notified when your child is going to be absent from school. This is helping us avoid additional administration time spent on unexplained student absences and same day notifications and allowing us to focus on our students.

Grounds Position

Over the holiday break we advertised the school grounds position. Last week Mr Robert Weaver was appointed to this position. We welcome him back to the role and look forward to having him on our team.

2017

I have been informed by our Assistant Regional Director that the position of Acting Principal and Teacher at Morven State School will soon be advertised as a permanent position for 2017. I am confident that we will have a great person here next year and we will inform you of the appointment in due course.

Mr Hayden Park
3-6 Teacher & A/Principal

Junior Report

It’s great to see everyone back and ready to learn for Term 4. The Junior Class have started the term brilliantly showing that they are committed learners. The year is progressing very quickly. Term 4 is seeming like it will be full of fun learning activities and will be finished before we know it.

In the first week of term, the Junior Class welcomed student teacher, Jessica Gunnlaughsson (Miss G.), to the classroom. All junior students have demonstrated their commitment to learning and the Morven State School behaviour values. Well done Junior students. I am sure that Miss G. will take some fun memories home with her.

Throughout this term, the students will be participating in a language program called ‘Alien Talk’. ‘Alien Talk’ is designed to explicitly teach students a fun framework to use to build simple sentences when they speak or write. It promotes verbal comprehension, written expression and reading comprehension. To date, the students have met the orange alien (who?), the yellow alien (what doing?) and the green alien (what or who the yellow word is acting on). Students are enjoying this program and are using these prompts to create comprehensive sentences that tell the listener or reader exactly what they mean. If you would like further information about this program, please let me know.

Mrs Deanne Wilson
Prep—Yr2 Teacher
Quote of the week

"We can not solve our problems with the same level of thinking that created them."
- Albert Einstein

Notices

Library Day:- Library day is Friday. Please remember to bring in your borrowed books so that they can be swapped over.

Homework Club:- Homework club resumes today. If you are coming to homework club you will need your homework folder! Don’t forget to bring along a snack for afternoon tea. See you there!

School times for Term 4:- In term 4 we will go back to summer times. This means that school will begin at 8:30am and finish at 2:30pm. Lunch times will also change.

1st break - 10:30am - 11:10am
2nd break - 1:00pm - 1:25pm

Children may be dropped off at school from 8am onwards.

Cricket news:- Junior cricket has begun! It is on Wednesday afternoons at the Rec Grounds from 3pm - 4pm. It is for school age children only. Contact Carl Green for any more info 0432745856

Halloween Disco:- The P & Cs Halloween disco is on Friday 21st October! So, kids, get your costumes organised! There will be a prize for the best dressed boy and girl. We will do the usual “Trick or Treating” followed by a sausage sizzle and disco. Gather at the Rec Grounds at 5pm for a 5:15 start. Kids will be given a map with all the participating houses marked. They will branch off into groups of 5 or 6 along with parent helpers to supervise. Anyone wanting to use their house or business for the children to visit for trick or treating please contact Anja Burns to register.

Student Council news:- Our vege garden is still producing lots of yummy vegetables!! If anyone has any clean fruit and veggie plastic bags that they can spare, please bring them in for us to use. We have beetroot, shallots and cherry tomatoes still growing and the snow peas will be finishing soon. Also lettuce, capsicum, carrots and tomatoes will be ready soon. We have just planted seeds to grow radish, basil and zucchini. So there is plenty more to come from our student council vege garden!!

P & C News:- Please remember to choose your books for awards night!!! If choosing from the book club catalogue they need to be back by 21st! We will be having a P & C meeting on Wednesday 19th October after school at approx. 2:40pm. Please forward apologies or agenda items to Tanya or Anja. See you there.

Attachments:- Eromanga excursion forms

Term 4– Week 1

Blue Card Draw Winner

Harry Usher

Morven Values... Outstanding Behaviour

♫ HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! ♫

☆ Maggie Caskey ☆
Who turns 11 tomorrow!

☆ Miss Weier ☆
Who has a birthday on Saturday!

☆ Mrs Cadzow ☆
Who has a birthday on Sunday!

LEXIA LEGENDS

Belinda Jukes
Level 17

Emily Kerle
Level 4

Improving Reading at MSS

Mathletics

Mathletes

Bronze Awards
Riley Burns
Archie Jukes
Fergus Kendall
Blake Johnson

Congratulations

MORVEN MERCURY
**Morven State School**

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Be Safe

**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.

**November 2016**

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