Student of the Week

Junior Class
Taleeka Dingle
For: Working hard to understand and use place value
Comment: It was easy to do

Senior Class
Trish Kerslake
For: Passing level 26 in PM reading
Comment: I was good at reading

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Principal’s Report

Cogmed: Getting our brains switched on for learning

We are always looking for new and innovative ways to help improve achievement and this term our Junior Class completed the Cogmed program. The program delivered some exciting results.

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.

The Senior Class will complete the program next term. An important part of the training is consistency and frequency. Therefore attendance is vital to the success and worth of the program. As such, if students are unable to maintain the required training schedule, alternative curriculum activities will be provided.

Congratulations to the Junior Class and Mrs Wilson on your efforts this term and best of luck to the Senior Class for next term.

Same Day Absence 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 to avoid additional administration time spent on unexplained student absences and same day notifications and allowing us to focus on our students.

Rewards Day

Friday is Rewards Day for those students who have not missed more than two Blue Cards this term. Student Council has planned party games and activities. There will be a sausage sizzle at first break but students should bring a snack for second break. Student Council has also decided to make it a free dress day. Bring on Friday!

Vast Arts Visit

Allison from the Choir of No Commitment conducted a singing lesson with the students last Thursday. It was a great opportunity to give our vocal chords a work out and appreciate the significant health and wellbeing benefits that singing can provide.

School Photos

Thank you to parents and carers for having your children prepared for our school photos last Thursday. We are expecting our photos to be sent out in week four next term.

Attendance

Great to see the many students who have had outstanding attendance this term. Our overall year to date attendance rate has fallen this term however it is important to maintain our high expectations. 96% is our goal for the year—let’s make every day count!

Primary Connections Resources

This term we have been able to purchase the suite of Primary Connections resources which support the implementation of Science in the Australian Curriculum. This is a terrific addition to our school’s teaching resources and will help us to promote the important learning areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) among our students. These resources were made available through our I4S funding.

Mr Hayden Park
3-6 Teacher & A/Principal

Junior Report

Congratulations to all students who have completed Cogmed. Well done, this was an involved and difficult program, requiring students to concentrate for lengthy periods of time. To celebrate, the Junior Class are invited to participate in the pizza and popcorn party being held on Thursday, 15th September at first break. The school will supply these snacks for first break but please pack additional food for second break.

The Junior Class had a brilliant day at Under 8s Day in Charleville. We enjoyed participating in different activities in a larger environment. All students need to be complimented on their excellent behaviour and showing a keen interest in all the activities and displays. Well Done Junior Class! Check out the back page for photos and comments from the kids!

Happy holidays everyone! Enjoy your break. Students, enjoy reading for fun and pleasure over the holidays. Choose your favourite stories. I can’t wait to see how many books you managed to read in the fortnight. Looking forward to seeing you all in Term 4.

Mrs Deanne Wilson
Prep—Yr2 Teacher

Morven State School Casual Grounds Position

Sam Usher has decided to step down from his position as the Grounds Person at our school. We thank Sam for the work he has done at our school over the past couple of years.

Next term there will be a vacant casual Grounds Person position at our school. We are looking for expressions of interest from people in the community who are keen to become a part of our school staff.

The casual hours available are:
• 8 hours per fortnight during Term 1 & 4
• 4 hours per fortnight during Term 2 & 3

Duties associated with this position include mowing, gardening and general maintenance of the school grounds.

Anyone interested in this position should submit an application by Monday, 3rd October 2016. Applications should include:
1. Resume with 2 referees
2. Letter of introduction outlining experience/suitability for this position

Post applications to Morven State School, PO Box 21, Morven, QLD, 4468.

MORVEN MERCURY Term 3 - Week 10
“Education’s purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.”
- Malcolm Forbes

Halloween Disco:
- The P & Cs Halloween disco has had to change dates! Originally it was scheduled for Friday 28th October but we have rescheduled the disco for 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. More info to follow after the school holidays. See you there!

Student Council news:
- Student Council will be hosting Rewards Day again this term. As part of the reward for great behaviour throughout the term, we will provide a sausage sizzle for first break. Parents, please pack a snack for second break. Our games and activities will include a sack race, three legged race and an egg and spoon race. Make sure that you bring along the necessary equipment to be able to participate in the games. Rewards Day will be a free dress day. Hope to see all students there!

Student Supplies:
- With the year wearing on we have found that some students are beginning to exhaust some of their supplies, in particular glue sticks and pencils. Please check with your child over the break to ensure they have enough stationery to see out the year. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Term 4 Overnight Camp to Eromanga
- We are in the process of planning an overnight camp to Eromanga to take place on Wednesday 2nd—Thursday 3rd November 2016. Students would be visiting the dinosaur museum in Eromanga and staying overnight in Quilpie, as a part of their studies in History. We would like to take all students, however we would require parent involvement to help with our youngest children. We are asking parents and carers to complete this survey to register their interest in participating in the trip. Please cut out and return before the end of the term.

Name:
Please tick appropriately:
☐ I am interested in coming along to help on the trip.
☐ I am willing to drive.

Library Day:- Library day is Friday.
Homework Club:- THERE IS NO HOMEWORK CLUB TODAY. Homework club will resume again in Term 4.
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.
Netball Clinic:- Don’t forget that there will be a Netball Clinic running during the school holidays. For more info or to register, visit this website: www.trybooking.com/218605

Cricket news:- Junior cricket is beginning next term! It will be on Wednesdays at the Rec Grounds from 3pm - 4pm. It is for school age children only. First session will be on 5th October. Contact Carl Green for any more info 0432745856

Outstanding Attendance in Term Two (96%+):
Liam Burns
Riley Burns
Taleeka Dingle
George Green
Blake Johnson
Belinda Jukes
Emily Kerle
Trish Kerslake
Harry Usher
Pheebe Usher

Brick Wall Draw Winner
Hayleigh Pearce

Morven Values...
Outstanding Behaviour

♫ HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! ♫
☆ Archie Jukes ☆
Who turns 9 on Sunday!

Morven State School Values...
charitable

Definition – helping, or being kind to those in need.
Example – It was very charitable of the student to give up some of her playtime to help her friend complete her project.

LEAP! News:- Don’t forget play-group parents that this week is an outdoor play day! Some messy play and wet play will be available so please pack a towel and spare clothes! It will be a busy fun morning. If it rains, LEAP! will still be on, except we will do what we can indoors. See you there! - Mrs Burns

LEXIA LEGENDS
Elly Jackson
Level 8
Hayden Kerle
Level 7

Improving Reading at MSS

Mathletics Mathletes
Bronze Awards
Harry Usher
Riley Burns
Fergus Kendall

Congratulations

 Attendance Rate
Year to Date...
92.3%
Our goal is 96%
Every day counts!
Junior Class Excursion - Under 8s Day

We asked the students what they liked best about Under 8s Day.....

Emily - “The best thing was making the necklaces!”

Indigo - “The best thing was making a love heart with play dough.”

George - “My favourite part was when we made the bikkies.”

Harry - “My favourite part was eating the bikkies!”

Elly - “My favourite part was going in the obstacle course.”

Hayleigh - “My favourite part of going to Under 8s Day was doing all the activities!”

Taleeka - “My favourite part was feeling the animals and the food in the feely box.”

Hayden - “My favourite part was playing golf, throwing balls and putting rice in the shaker.”