MORVEN MERCURY  Term 1 - Week 4

Student of the Week

Junior Class
George Green
For: Super sight word work
Comment: I don’t know what to say (giggle)

Senior Class
Archie Jukes
For: Improved effort in handwriting
Comment: I was putting 100% effort into my handwriting

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<td>District Swimming Trials - Charleville Pool</td>
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Student Council
Well done to the senior students who participated in the first Student Council meeting for 2016. Elections for the executive positions were held and it was fantastic to see so many students nominating to be a representative. The following students were elected to the executive positions:

◊ President—Maggie Caskey
◊ Secretary—Riley Tindale-Smith
◊ Treasurer—Ella Smith

These students have the important role of representing their peers and putting forward new ideas to improve our school. I can see from their first report in this newsletter that they have hit the ground running and have some excellent ideas for 2016.

Leaders’ Induction
Please see the invitation below. It would be wonderful to have many family and friends attend the induction ceremony tomorrow.

District Swimming
Morven State School was represented by four students, Belinda, Riley, Maggie and Blake, at the District Swimming Trials last Friday. Despite the circumstances our students can be proud of their efforts.

Attendance
Your child’s attendance at school every day is very important in ensuring the best possible outcomes. Our attendance goal for the year is 96% and we are currently just above that this year. Please keep an eye on our attendance rate.

LEAP
Well done to Mrs Burns on the successful return of LEAP! Thank you to all of those who came along and shared in the fun. LEAP will be held every Thursday starting at 8:30 am. Please bring a gold coin for the snack. We hope to see everyone on Thursday.

RREAP
Please be aware that the next RREAP teleconference will take place at 4:00 pm on Thursday, 17th March 2016. RREAP funding is available to school and community groups to overcome the financial burden associated with distance in rural and remote areas. Applications need to be made by Friday, 11th March 2016. It is a very simple process and I would encourage any one who has a proposal to get in contact with me. The cluster is very financial and it would be great to see some of this money being spent on our community.

Important Advice from Early Childhood Australia
Promoting Independence
We need to provide our children with opportunities to develop the confidence to explore their world, to ask questions, to express ideas, to get things right, but also to understand that you can be wrong and learn from mistakes. It is also important to help children develop a sense of themselves as individuals—with their own skills, strengths, likes and dislikes.

Does your child have the opportunity to learn from their mistakes?

By Luke Touhill—NQS Professional Learning Program.

Mr Hayden Park
3-6 Teacher
A/Principal

Junior Report
Junior Class students have settled brilliantly into the learning environment already. Our 2016 learning journey has begun! Well done Junior Class!

The Preps have been busy learning about numbers and the alphabet. It is so much fun to learn using character counters and play dough. A bit of cutting and pasting is interesting too.

Year one and two students are picking up their learning thread from where they left off last year. They are learning to understand how THRASS can help them to spell and write with ease. The students have consolidated their understanding of counting to 100 and are learning to use addition strategies to add small amounts quickly and easily.

Overall, our favourite subject at the moment seems to be technology where we are comparing technology used in the past to modern technology. Who would have thought that you could listen to stories on a cassette tape rather than an iPod or CD? The class has decided that driving a vehicle with steel wheels and seats would be rather uncomfortable and they are pleased that modern cars and machinery have rubber tyres and wheels.

It has been a great start to Term 1. We have many more exciting things to learn and explore for the remainder of the term.

Mrs Deanne Wilson
Prep—Yr2 Teacher

You’re invited to celebrate with us…

2016 Morven State School Leaders’ Induction Ceremony

To be held at 2:00 pm on Thursday, 18th February
2016, in the outdoor learning area at school.

♫ HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! ♫
☆ Belinda ☆
Who turns 11 today!

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**Quote of the week**

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

**Pool Notice**: Please be aware that the pool is running normally. We had a slight disruption but this has been rectified. All swimming will continue as normal.

**P & C News**: The P & C executives have booked Monday 14th March as a tentative date for our AGM. This date will be confirmed soon. After the AGM, we will follow with a general meeting. Please forward all agenda items to Anja Burns or Melissa Smith before then. Nominations for an executive position on the P & C committee are now open. If you wish to nominate someone or nominate yourself, either attend the meeting, or forward your nominations to one of the current committee members. Also, its time to renew your P & C membership for 2016. Please fill out the attached form if you haven’t filled one out already and return to school.

**Library Day**: Please remember that library day for 2016, for all students, has changed to Friday. Students are to bring their books in to return or re-borrow every Friday after assembly.

**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 on every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons straight after school. Anyone who would like to join is welcomed. Forms need to be filled out before your child swims. See Chrissy Johnson for forms.

**School Forms**: We recently attached a few forms to the newsletter for families to fill out. These need to be returned ASAP. 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’.

**Homework Club**: Homework Club with Mrs Wilson has begun! If you wish for your child to participate, please send them to the library from 2:30pm every Wednesday until 3:30pm. Don’t forget to bring along a snack for afternoon tea. See you all there!!

**Crossword**

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**Term 1– Week 3**

**Blue Card Draw Winner**

**Maggie Caskey**

Morven Values... Outstanding Behaviour

**LEXIA LEGENDS**

↑ Ella Smith ↑

Level 12

Improving Reading at MSS
Last week, the 3—6 students voted for the Student Council and had a meeting to see who will be the 2016 Student Council representatives. The 3—6s all voted by a show of hands. The students who were elected are Maggie Caskey as President, Riley Tindale-Smith as Secretary and Ella Smith as Treasurer. The Student Council are going to order the senior's jerseys and we are doing a fundraiser where you can buy hot cross buns and lamingtons from 'Bakaroma'. The order sheet will be distributed to you on Friday. They need to be back by 4th March. The Student Council is planning on growing some veggies. This will include a worm farm so can students please remember to save your scraps for the worms.

- Riley Tindale-Smith and Belinda Jukes