**MORVEN MERCURY**  Term 4 - Week 8

**Students of the Week**

**Junior Class**
George Green
For: Independently writing a short narrative
Comment: I did really good at writing a short narrative

**Senior Class**
Blake Johnson
For: Completing a literary recount set in early Australia.
Comment: I finished my story

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**NOVEMBER 2016**

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New Principal for 2017

A letter was sent home on Monday informing families that Mrs Cass A’Hearn has been appointed Morven State School Principal beginning in 2017. Mrs A’Hearn comes to us from Charleville State School and is very excited about the opportunity to join us here in Morven. Mrs A’Hearn has spent the last 12 months as Cluster Head of Curriculum and as such is already familiar with aspects of our school. Mrs A’Hearn will spend some time working with school staff to ensure a smooth transition and start to the new school year. I congratulate Mrs A’Hearn on her appointment and wish her all the very best in her future here at our school.

Prep Transition Days—Term 4

Last week we held our first Prep transition day. It was a wonderful introduction to life at Morven State School for our 2017 Prep children and we were very excited to have them. Our next transition day will follow LEAP this Thursday, 24th November 2016. Our pre-preps are invited to stay on in the Junior Class for the day and experience what it is like being a student at Morven State School. Our final transition day will be on Thursday, 8th December 2016.

Every Day Counts!

As the year draws to a close I would like to emphasise the importance of the next couple of weeks. We have been busy preparing for Awards Night and look forward to celebrating our achievements with the community. It’s also a time when final assessments are completed for end of semester reporting. Attendance is very important in the last weeks of the school year. If a child was to miss just the last day of Term 4 they would miss more than a whole term of their education.

This year we set an ambitious attendance goal of 96%. Our 2016 attendance rate for the year sits at 92.4%, approximately 150 absences short of our goal for the year. I would like to thank all of our families for ensuring that your child attends school on every possible day. Just 12 days to go...

CWA Sponsorship

This year the CWA Charleville Branch is generously sponsoring two awards to be presented on Awards Night. In 2016 we will be awarding the CWA Citizenship Award to a student who displays great leadership and enthusiasm in school and community life and also the CWA Attendance Prize to the student with highest attendance in 2016. We thank the CWA Charleville Branch for their generous support of the students at Morven State School.

Awards Night

The Morven State School Awards Night is fast approaching!! It will be on Thursday, 1st December 2016 at the Morven Hall from 6pm. We will kick off with the children’s performances and then after the tea break we will head into the formal part of the evening, announcing and presenting our award recipients.

As in past years we ask families to bring along a plate of finger food to share for dinner. It is also BYO drinks. We look forward to seeing you all there for a great night!

Swimming Carnival

Last Friday we held our annual Morven State School swimming carnival. We would like to thank Mungallala State School for coming along and joining us in a great day of competitive swimming! Well done to all the students on a great day of competition and a big congratulations to our age champions on the day:

- 2004 Girls: Ella Smith
- 2004 Boys: Riley Tindale-Smith
- 2005 Girls: Belinda Jukes
- 2005 Boys: Liam Burns
- 2006 Girls: Trish Kerslake
- 2006 Boys: Blake Johnson
- 2007 Girls: Pheebe Usher
- 2007 Boys: Fergus Kendall

The overall points were totalled and the winner for the day was the Warrego Wallabies with a points tally of 222 (Maranoa Magpies - 153 and Mungallala - 17). Congratulations Wallabies!

We would also like to thank all the parents who helped out and also to the P & C for providing us with food and refreshments at the canteen.

Please have a look at some of the action in the photos on the back page of this newsletter.

Town Hall Visits

With the Awards Night next Thursday, the students will make a number of visits to the Town Hall for practise and set up prior to the night. Please be aware that your child may be attending one of these visits during the course of the week.

2017 Booklists

Within the next week 2017 Booklists will be sent home with students. As always we encourage you to take your list to Morven News early in December to ensure you receive the equipment you need on time. Prior to purchasing new equipment we suggest you take stock of what equipment your child may have left over from this year.

Life Education—Happy Healthy Harold

Last Tuesday the Life Education van came to our school. Both classes participated in programs aimed at promoting happy and healthy lives. The Junior program was Growing Good Friends while the Senior class did Mind Your Medicine and On the Case. It was a great way to reinforce the Health curriculum.

Mr Hayden Park
3-6 Teacher & A/Principal

Junior Report

We were excited to meet our new prep students last week. Nate and Justin will be very welcome in the Junior class in 2017. Current students enjoyed telling the boys about their school experiences. The incoming preps will be back in class for most of the day this Thursday. We are looking forward to it.

A note about homework: The students did not have homework to do in week 5 while they were on the Eromanga Camp. This means that the students will be doing week 7 homework this week.

It was pleasing to see how well the Junior class have written a short narrative for their English task in the last two weeks. Alien Talk has helped with their spoken and written expression. Once students have completed their typed version, a copy will be sent home.

We are telling the time in Maths. You can help your child with time telling by talking about the seasons, months in a year and your daily routine. Time is a very tricky concept for children to understand so every little bit of exposure helps a great deal.

The end of the year is approaching fast. If you have anything that you would like to discuss about your child’s learning please let me know. We can arrange an appointment time.

Mrs Deanne Wilson
Prep—Yr2 Teacher
“No one should be ashamed to admit they are wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that they are wiser today than they were yesterday.”
- Alexander Pope

**Quote of the week**

**Notices**

Library News: Library day is Tuesday. Please remember to bring your library books to school with you on Tuesdays. Students who have been forgetting to bring their books back will need to remember them, as we are fast approaching the end of another school year and all books need to be returned before the last week of school.

Homework Club: Homework club is on every Wednesday in the school library. 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!

Student Council News: Our mangoes will arrive on Monday 28th November 2016. They will be available for collection after 2.30 p.m.

CPR and First Aid: The school has organised a First Aid and CPR course. It will be on Monday 5th December at the school at 2:30 p.m. Please contact the school if you are interested in putting your name on the list. Costs will depend on numbers attending.

Yearbooks: Order forms for the Morven State School yearbook have been distributed. If you would like to order a copy please return your form along with payment by Monday 28th November. Yes, that is next Monday! The cost is $15 per copy. They will be ready for pick up from the school as of Tuesday 5th December.

**Term 4 – Week 7**

Blue Card Draw Winner
**Not Drawn**
(due to swimming carnival)

Morven Values...
Outstanding Behaviour

P & C Christmas Tree: The P & C’s annual Christmas get together is on this Saturday 26th November. It will commence at 6 pm. Santa will arrive at 6:30 pm so if you have children, don’t be late!! We will be having other raffles too, at $1 per ticket and we will also be raffling a brand new children’s bicycle at $2 per ticket. The usual $50 and $100 note boards will be there too.

A canteen will be operating and drinks will be available at the bar. Hope to see you all there!!

Morven Progress Assoc News: Don’t forget the Progress AGM is tomorrow! (Thursday 24th November) It will be in the Hall at 5 pm sharp. Please keep in mind that the current secretary and treasurer will not be accepting nominations to continue in their current roles. For any more information or to put in your apologies, contact John Kendall or Anja Burns.

After School Activities: After school activities on Monday will continue for the final two weeks of the school. Next week Katie will lead the session in Josh’s absence. For the final afternoon of the year on Monday, 5th December 2016, Josh is planning a mini celebration. He would like the children to come in clothes suitable for water play. All are welcome!

**Attendance Rate**

Year to Date...
92.4%
Our goal is 96%
Every day counts!

**Mathletics Mathletes**

No Mathletes this week

**LEXIA LEGENDS**

No Legends this week

**LEXIA LEGENDS**

Improving Reading at MSS

**GoNoodle Kids iOS app is here!**

The brand new GoNoodle Kids iOS app is here to get kids and families moving, practicing mindfulness, and enjoying all the GoNoodle fun you love at school.

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## MORVEN STATE SCHOOL

Be Respectful  
Be Responsible  
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.

### DECEMBER 2016

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**