### Student of the Week

**Junior Class**
Hayden Kerle
For: Practicing his sight words to improve his reading
Comment: I like it

**Senior Class**
Blake Johnson
For: Progressing 2 levels in PM reading testing.
Comment: I did well in my reading

### May 2016 Calendar

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Parent-Teacher Interviews

Next week we are inviting parents to come along and talk with your child’s teacher. We would like to talk about your child’s progress during the year. There is a booking sheet hanging on the downstairs notice board where you can select a suitable time. Alternatively, you can phone us to make an appointment. We look forward to speaking with you soon.

Walk Safely to School Day

A big thank you to all of our families who got behind Walk Safely to School Day last Friday. I hope that students remember the important messages that were shared and demonstrated. Great work Adopt-A-Cop Dave and Constable Dan who were on hand to encourage our children to stay safe. Check out some of the snaps from the morning below.

QSchools app?

We would like to make communicating with you easier—including instant notifications, important calendar events and easy access to newsletters. Download the app and make Morven your favourite school. Ensure you can receive push notifications in the app settings. Come see us if you need assistance. We have 22 people who have made Morven their favourite!

LEAP!

A reminder that LEAP is happening at school every Thursday from 9:00 am. All children aged 0-5 are welcome to attend. The kids have been doing some fantastic crafts with Mrs Burns and learning how to interact with each other. We hope to see you there.

Attendance

We are doing a really great job with our attendance so far and sit just below our goal of 96% for the year. In the midst of a long term your child will need encouragement to keep up their effort. End of semester is an important time for assessment which makes regular attendance even more important. Please remember to let the school know as soon as possible if your child will not be attending.

Teacher Aide Position

Please be aware that applications for the teacher aide position at our school close on Friday, 3rd June 2016. Following the submission of applications we will hold interviews and announce the successful candidate prior to the end of semester.

Mr Hayden Park
3-6 Teacher
A/Principal

Department of Education and Training
TEACHER AIDE (TA002)

Morven State School has a permanent part-time teacher aide position available from 11th July 2016 (start of Semester Two). Hours of duty will be 35.5 hours per fortnight plus ADO time (Accumulated Day Off), working four days per week.

Confirmation of employment is conditional upon the preferred applicant being issued with a Suitability Card from the Commission for Children and Young People. The cost of this check is $81.40 and is to be met by the employee.

Applicants must provide a cover letter, resume and response to selection criteria.

An application package is available by contacting Morven State School on 46 548 151 or emailing principal@mrvens.qs.edu.au.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 5.00 pm on Friday, 3rd June 2016.

Kids handwriting: Mastering the pencil grip

Amy Reiter (Kidspot)

As children begin to write, parents can help establish and reinforce proper pencil grip. Correct pencil grip is essential not only to improve handwriting but also to facilitate comfort and fluidity of writing.

Given the difficulty of retraining children to hold a pencil properly once incorrect habits are entrenched, usually by the age of 6, introducing the correct pencil grip –known as the basic “Tripod” grip or pencil grasp — early is advisable.

What is the Tripod grip?

In the Tripod grip, the thumb, forefinger, and middle finger form a triangle, with the ring finger and pinkie supporting the middle finger. The pencil should be positioned between the three key fingers – the pad of the thumb, the side of the middle finger, and the tip of the index finger — so that there is equal pressure from all three fingers. All three fingers should be bent slightly. This will allow for proper control of the pencil, allowing your child to write more quickly and easily.

When should you introduce the grip?

It’s a good idea to introduce the Tripod grip when your child begins to learn to write his or her own name, usually around age 5. Some kids just naturally use the Tripod grip. Others need a little gentle help from parents and teachers.

The Junior Class took great pleasure in welcoming a new year one student to the class this week. Welcome Brock! I hope you have thoroughly enjoyed your first days with the Junior Class.

We are into week 7 and moving through the final stages of our English, Mathematics and Science units. We have begun to prepare for the final assessment items of this term so I would encourage all Junior Class students to try to be at school every day so that they have every chance of achieving a great result on their assessment items. Here is hoping that the latest round of illness has moved on from our students.

Congratulations to all those students (and their parents for the support) who have received reading and mathematics certificates on parade recently. It has been wonderful to see you all accepting your achievement awards so proudly. You have worked hard for it. I enjoy seeing the parents there to celebrate with their children. Parents play a huge role in enabling the children to receive these awards. I hope you celebrate too. See you all there this week.

Deanne Wilson
Prep–Yr2 Teacher
“The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge, but imagination...”
- Albert Einstein

Charleville Show
School work winners

Our students submitted works in the school work section at the Charleville Show recently. Congratulations to all our prize winners. All our students did a great job on their submissions.

P & C Date Claimer! Just to let everyone know that the P & C will be hosting another trivia night again this year and it will be on Friday 8th July! This year will be a music themed night and it will be fancy dress!!! There will be prizes on the night for best dressed. More info will follow later.

P & C Plate Fundraiser:– The P & C have sent off the templates! Thank you very much to everyone who took part. We look forward to seeing all your marvellous creations when the items return!

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!

Glass Jars:– Got any glass jars stored away that you no longer need? Please consider donating them to the Charleville Lions Club. They require over 100 glass jars to use at this year’s annual Deb. Ball. If you wish to donate your jars, please drop them to Anja Burns.

Attendance Rate
Year to Date...
95.8%
Our goal is 96%
Every day counts!

Welcome to our new students
Taylor and Brock!!

What is the best thing you like about your new school?
I like that it is fun.

What is the best thing you like about your new school?
Going on the laptops!

Mathletics Mathletes
Silver Awards
Blake Johnson

Bronze Awards
Hayden Kerle
Riley Burns
Fergus Kendall
Hayleigh Pearce

Congratulations

Considerate

...behaviour

Definition – showing concern for the rights and feelings of others

Example – The year 6 student was very considerate when she helped the teacher pick up all the papers off the floor, after the wind blew them all off her desk.

ATRL News:– Game is in Charleville this Saturday @ the Show Grounds. This is going to be a slightly bigger day than usual as Blackall are bringing teams over also. As a result the games have been shortened a little to fit them all in.

At this stage, in the Under 12’s Blackall, Augathella & Quilpie will combine. Game times are as follows:

6’s & 8’s – 8.30 for 9 Start
Under 10’s – 11 for 11.30 Start
Under 12’s – 2.30 for 3 Start

Coaches ask that players be there 30mins before their games start!!

Just a reminder - End of year Prize – this is our big prize at the end of the season, and is given to all players who attend at least one home game in every town (Charleville, Quilpie, Cunnamulla and Augathella) throughout the season. This was introduced to try and encourage players to travel and support the other clubs, as well as supporting their own team at ‘away’ games.

NO TRAINING for Morven players this week!!

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Congratulations
LEXIA LEGENDS
↑ George Green ↑
  Level 3
↑ Max Jukes ↑
  Level 9
↑ Hayleigh Pearce ↑
  Level 7
↑ Liam Burns ↑
  Level 11

Improving Reading at MSS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!
Pop Singer
☆ Kylie Minogue ☆
Who turns 48
on 28th May!

Student Council Report
Student council purchased and received 5 new soccer balls for the playground. The cost was $77.50. We have started making toasties. Thank you to all parents and students for preparing and bringing your toasties to school. The student council has obtained a new vegetable garden bed. We are growing snow peas and other winter vegetables. For rewards day, the student council are hosting a Morven's Got Talent quest in the last session. We ask that students start planning and practising their entry for this day. You can enter as a team or as a single person act. Entries can be singing, dancing, poetry, comedy or magic acts. If you would like to enter in the talent quest, an entry form will be on the whiteboard under the school. We would like to invite parents to watch the performances at the talent quest. Rewards day will be a shared lunch arrangement again thank you.

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.

JUNE 2016

Parent—Teacher Interviews

LEAP!

Readers Cup!

LEAP!

REWARDS DAY - Last Day of Term 2

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS