MORVEN MERCURY Term 2 - Week 3

Student of the Week

Junior Class
Max Jukes
For: 2 dimensional shape identification
Comment: I did a good job on my cubes

Senior Class
Riley Tindale-Smith
For: Achieving his SMART reading goal.
Comment: I finished 2 ‘Reader’s Cup’ books

Student Absences
Please call 4654 8151 after 8am.

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Junior Report

The Junior class are definitely into their next units of English, Mathematics and Science. In English, we are learning about the language features that an author uses to create a narrative or story. We are currently learning to find the describing words in our texts.

Mathematics is concentrating on number and counting for the next week or so. Year Ones and Twos are learning about place value and two-digit numbers. Prep are learning to count to 20 and beyond and understand the value that each number has.

In Science, we are exploring the properties of different materials and how we use different materials for different purposes in our lives.

A huge thank you to all the parents who spend time doing homework with the children. Every moment spent reading with your child, whether it be sight words or their home reader, is invaluable. It helps with their reading and writing development. Thank you for this support.

Mrs Deanne Wilson
Prep—Yr2 Teacher

School Maintenance

Last week we had builders in to replace older style louvre windows in the downstairs area of the main block. This style of window should be completely replaced in our school in the coming weeks. We are continually looking for support from within our organisation to improve our school facilities.

Upgrading Our Library Resources

Our library resources have been enhanced with new laptop computers replacing older machines. These will be used for Japanese, Project 600, specialist online programs, research and homework activities. The new setup is a beauty!

School Improvement Agenda

Our school improvement focus has been added to the back of every newsletter. Do you know what our 2 goals are?

Mr Hayden Park
3-6 Teacher
A/Principal

Prep—Yr2 Teacher

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After School Activities
We are excited to announce that we have teamed up with Anglicare in Charleville and will be offering after school activities every Monday starting on 9th May 2016 and running for 8 weeks. If this program is supported by our students and families then it will continue until the end of the year.

Our school is an iAIM (Increasing Activity and Intelligent Minds) school and this initiative supports our goal to improve students health, wellbeing and academic success through activity.

Joshua Maris from Anglicare will be visiting every Monday to coordinate the program and I would strongly encourage our students to be a part of it. Get ready to have some fun!
Quote of the week

“If someone offers you an amazing opportunity and you are not sure you can do it, say yes, then learn how to do it later…”

- Richard Branson

Morven State School Values...

Motivated

Definition – provided with a motive or given incentive for action.

Example – Being told that they could win a prize, the students became motivated to finish their projects.

Attachments: - New tuckshop menu for term 2 & 3, NDIS Flyer

Term 2– Week 2

Blue Card Draw Winner

Maggie Caskey
Morven Values... Outstanding Behaviour

Lexia Legends

Who will be our next Lexia Legend???
Keep practising your reading everyday!
Is your child reading every night???

Improving Reading at MSS

Mathletics Mathletes

Silver Awards
Riley Burns

Bronze Awards
Hayden Kerle
Fergus Kendall
Blake Johnson

Congratulations

WHAT IS COOPERATIVE PLAY?

Cooperative play is concerned with solving a problem by working together to achieve a common goal. In cooperative play, everyone wins!

As children grow and develop, they move through six stages of play, though they may not progress in a linear fashion. Instead, their progression may involve engaging in different stages at different times depending on the physical environment and their individual temperament.

Fostering Cooperative Play

Cooperative play can be encouraged by engaging children in the following activities:

1. Outdoor physical play
2. Manipulative play e.g. blocks
3. Dramatic or pretend play
4. Games

Cooperative play allows children to interact with others, express their thoughts, and try out new ideas. It also promotes social growth and sharing. It is a way to help children recognize that they have personal worth independent of whether or not they win a game or contest.

Taken from “Early Childhood News—Encouraging Cooperative Play”

Happy Birthday to you:

☆ Hayden Kerle ☆
Who turns 8 Today!
Guitarist from KISS

☆ Ace Frehley ☆
Who turns 65 today!

Notices

P & C news:– The P & C would like to thank everybody who came out to the Rec. Grounds on Saturday to support our annual cricket day. Special thanks to our captains, Sweeney Burey and Carl Green for the fantastic job they did, and also to John Kendall for sitting in the commentary box! Congratulations to the Northern Team who took out victory honours by a mere 3 runs! Thanks to all the ladies who helped out in the bar and the canteen and also to the men who took care of the BBQ for us. Congratulations to Tim Williams for winning the $100 note. See you all at the next one!!

Swimming Club Raffle:– The Morven Magic Swimming Club would like to thank everybody who supported them by purchasing tickets in the Mother's Day raffle. It was drawn at the North vs South cricket day and the lucky winner was Lyn Smith. Congratulations!!

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!

Tuckshop:– A new tuckshop menu for term 2/3 has gone home today.

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Student Council Report

TOASTIES ARE BACK!
If you would like a freshly cooked toasty, please bring along your assembled and buttered sandwich or wrap and we will toast it for you. Please wrap your toastie in alfoil, put your name on it and store it in the lunch refrigerator.

How much will a toastie cost? 10 cents per toastie with proceeds going to the student council to purchase new equipment.

When will toasties be made? Monday—Thursday, first break at 11:00 a.m.

VEGETABLE GARDEN UPDATE
Students are excited that some of their vegetables are becoming ready to harvest. The produce will be available for parents to take after school when available. Student council would like to request a small donation in exchange for their produce to help pay for the cost of the seeds and plants. Please bring along your loose change when you collect your children.

A SAD DAY FOR MORVEN
The Morven State School community are very saddened to hear the news of our much-loved local pub, the Morven Hotel Motel, burning to the ground in the early hours of Tuesday Morning. We all will cherish the memories made from time spent there. We thank the Moore family for all the support that we have received over the years. It is much appreciated and will not be forgotten.

Commiserations to the Moore family

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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.

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