MORVEN MERCURY  Term 3 - Week 8

Student of the Week

Junior Class
Max Jukes
For: Being enthusiastic about learning about 3-digit numbers
Comment: I like 3-digit numbers because I like learning about them

Senior Class
Riley Burns
For: Correctly telling the time and solving problems in Maths
Comment: I’m good at maths and time is easy

Student Absences
Please call 4654 8151 after 8am.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
**Principal’s Report**

**School Photos**

SCHOOL PHOTOS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT THURSDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER 2016.

**Under 8s Day**

It’s almost that time of year again when we celebrate ‘Under 8s Day’. Our P-2 class will be making the trip to Charleville to participate in the day’s activities. It will be held at the Charleville Town Hall on Tuesday, 13th September. Go Under 8s!

**Fathers Day Challenge**

This Friday we invite all our fathers, grandfathers and father figures in our students lives to come to school to participate in our Father’s Day Challenge! It will begin at 2pm and will be lots of fun and games! We look forward to a great afternoon and hope to see you all there!

**School Support Staff Week and Teacher Aide Day**

This week is “School Support Staff Week” culminating in Teacher Aid Day on Friday. We are very thankful for the work that the wonderful staff do at our school.

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**Thank you**

To our Support Staff

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**Same Day Absence Notification**

I would like to draw your attention to the importance of communicating student absences. As of last month schools are required to have a process in place where parents and carers of students who are absent without explanation are contacted in the morning to seek an explanation. The primary reason for this procedure is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students. A draft overview of the procedure is attached.

**Beach to Bush**

Surf Lifesaving Queensland presented a water safety program to our students in P-6 on Monday last week. Our students were presented with a talk on water safety and awareness including an insight on some of our other dangers in the water including marine stingers, crocodiles and sharks. They were also reminded of what all the lifesaving flags look like and what they mean. It was a very interesting and fun presentation and the students really enjoyed meeting ‘Sandy the Lifesaving Dog’ and giving him a big cuddle. Thank you to the Bush to Beach lifesavers for visiting our school.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

The PRC has drawn to a close for this year. A big congratulations to all the students who completed the challenge—15 students! They can look forward to some rewards in the coming weeks. Thank you to everyone who participated and achieved their goals. PRACTICE = IMPROVEMENT!

Mr Hayden Park  
3-6 Teacher & A/Principal

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**Junior Report**

Firstly, congratulations to Emily, Indigo and George for successfully completing their Cogmed program. Their results indicate that this program has helped to improve their working memory quite significantly. This was not the easiest learning program for the students to do and I am proud of their persistence and perseverance to complete their learning. The year 1 and 2 students are on track to complete their program in Week 10. We are looking forward to the Junior Class celebration of this amazing achievement. As parents/carers, you might expect to see your child remembering and following instructions better. I would be interested to hear if you notice any improvements in your child’s working memory.

Students in the Junior Class are powering through the last few weeks of this term. I must say that I have some very enthusiastic and committed learners in my class. All students are working well to complete the necessary lessons and the related assessment for Maths, English, Science and Technology. It is wonderful to see such hard work, even when the students are beginning to become tired. Well done Junior Class! Your school holiday break will be well earned.

Mrs Deanne Wilson  
Prep—Yr2 Teacher
‘Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.’
- Nelson Mandela

Notices

Library Day:- Library day is Friday.

Homework Club:- Homework Club is on every Wednesday in the school library from 3pm - 4pm. Homework Club is provided to help students who might need some assistance to complete their homework. Don’t forget a snack! Please remember your homework folder too.

AJRL News:- The re-scheduled Quilpie Challenge Day that was to go ahead this Saturday 3rd September has been CANCELLED. This now marks the end of the junior football season. We will have our presentation day coming up soon. Stay tuned for the confirmation of the date.

Many thanks,
Kate Swanson- AJRL Secretary

Morven Race Club News:- The annual Morven Races are fast approaching!!! The race weekend will kick off on Friday night (9th Sept) with the Calcutta at the Morven Rec Grounds from 6pm. The Morven Cricket Club will be operating a bar and have dinner available. The Calcutta will kick off around 7:30pm. Then the big event, the Morven Races is on Saturday 10th September. Gates open at 12 noon and will be followed by a 6 race program throughout the afternoon. There will be Fashions on the Field, jumping castle for the kids and food available. A bar will be operating all afternoon and into the night, along with music til late. Bookies will be on course to place your bets and there is also a bus available to do pick-ups and drop-offs between town and the race course. Entry to the Morven Races is $15 for adults. A flyer is attached to this newsletter.

Netball Clinic:- The school holidays are here very soon! There will be Netball Clinic running during the break. See the flyer attached for dates and venues. It is for children aged between 8 and 16 years. Cost is $30 per player. To register or to find out more information see the flyer.

P & C News:- Don’t forget our Father’s Day stall is on tomorrow and also on Friday. It will be run during second break on both these days. If you would like your child/ren to buy something special for Dad, send a few dollars to school with them on these days. It will be in the Art Room. The P & C thanks you for your support!

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:- Team colours Day was a great success! Thank you to everyone who dressed up and gave a donation. It was great to see so many participating. Everybody did a great job putting their outfits together and it was very difficult in choosing our best dressed. Congratulations to Liam Burns and Fergus Kendall who were chosen by the judges to be our best dressed.

Morven Values….

...behaviour

Definition – having a strong desire for success or achievement.

Example – The children were very ambitious when they decided they could finish building the lego tower by the end of the day.

LEXIA LEGENDS

Harry Usher
Level 11

Archie Jukes
Level 13

George Green
Level 5

Emily Kerle
Level 3

Improving Reading at MSS

Term 3 – Week 7

Blue Card Draw Winner
Pheebe Usher

Morven Values...

Outstanding Behaviour

Attendance Rate

Year to Date...
92.6%

Our goal is 96%

Every day counts!

Mathletics Mathletes

Bronze Awards

Harry Usher

Congratulations
What can families do to prepare their child for school?

There are many things that families can do to help make a child’s transition to school successful including:

- getting to know as much about the school as they can talking with their child about school
- taking their child to the school to meet the teachers and to find out where things are
- making sure their child knows the transport arrangements for getting to and from school
- getting to know other families with children who will be in the same class as their child
- talking with their child about eating, toileting and hygiene at school
- making sure their child has had experiences of public toilets, public libraries and if relevant, public transport
- if appropriate, ensuring their child knows how before and after school hours care will work
- answering their child’s questions about school
- reading some children’s books about starting school with their child
- always being positive and realistic about starting school.

(Taken from “Our family is starting school” - a handbook for parents and carers - Bob Perry, Sue Dockett: 2006)

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