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MORVEN STATE SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Hayley Rolfe

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Term 1 Week 1

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Sharp & Narrow Focus for 2023
Improving reading and writing.

JANUARY 2023

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A MESSAGE FROM MRS ROLFE

Yowalla families (Hello in Gunggarri)

Welcome back to many families, and a brand new welcome to families beginning their journey at Morven State School for the first time. This year promises to be a wonderful year with hands on learning experiences, fun and light bulb moments.

In my principal address at awards night, the theme was Equity at Excellence. This continues to be what will drive our school vision in 2023. Committed to equity and excellence in education - that all children and young people are confident, creative lifelong learners active in their community. Achieving our vision requires a collective understanding of what we all stand for and how we will make it a reality.

We will set a clear vision for a progressive, high performing education system. To achieve our vision of equity and excellence, we will focus on:

- educational achievement
- wellbeing and engagement
- culture and inclusion.

This of course starts with a strong start in our early years. This year, Morven welcomes 8 new kindy students, a number that has not been seen at Morven for many years. These students will have the opportunity to explore a new space and to learn based on their interests in a safe and welcoming environment. Over the holidays the old Kindy room was renovated to be extended and updated. I welcome all to have a look and see this wonderful new space.

Consolidating strong foundations for lifelong learning and nurturing confidence of students to thrive in their future schooling years. Early learning experiences shape young minds and inspire them to become lifelong learners.

Building, through upper primary, on the foundational literacy and numeracy skills established in early primary is critical for learning success. Our school priorities in primary Years 3 to 6 are: knowing each student's needs through upper primary as they prepare to transition to junior secondary, achievement in English and mathematics and maximising learning days. As proven in research, the more days that students engage in school, the higher achievement and success that they will achieve.

Equity and Excellence is about reducing barriers for all learners to realise every student's potential. It provides school's with clear priorities across each student's learning journey and recognises how these points are underpinned by curriculum, teaching and learning. Improving outcomes for First Nations students is a key focus across all priorities and measures that follows on from 2022, setting the imperative for Morven State School to ensure every First Nations student can reach their potential.

We look forward to working with you all in 2023 and achieving wonderful results.

Regards,

Mrs Hayley Rolfe

Principal

Swimming

Swimming will be commencing this term. Seniors will be on Tuesday and Juniors will be on Friday afternoons.

Students will need to bring their togs, a towel, swim shirts, swim cap and goggles (if needed).

Reminder

With the warmer months well and truly upon us, can parents please ensure their children have a water bottle.

Parade

Parade will be held on even weeks on the Monday at 2.15pm.

All welcome!

P & C

The P&C team would like to welcome you to 2023. Please be advised that an AGM will be announced for sometime later in the term, as we await the return of our audited financials. Thankyou to our Treasurer Bec, who has been working hard on this over the school holidays! Feel free to send any enquiries through to morvenstateschoolpandc@gmail.com in the meantime or let us know if you would be interested in taking on an executive role in the P&C for 2023.



Forms:

Today, the following forms were sent home:

1. Internet Access Agreement
2. Online services consent form
3. Swimming Permission
4. Religious Permission

Please ensure these are filled and returned as soon as possible.

Happy Birthday Belated





"Work hard, be kind, and amazing things will happen" Conan O'Brien

Notices

Uniforms:

Please let the P&C know via the P&C email above, or the Uniform Order book, located outside of the staff room at school, if there are any uniform items you need for the 2023 school year.

K-2 Report

Dear Families

A big welcome to our students and their families for 2023! I am so excited to start my teaching journey here at Morven State School. We welcome our new Kindy's to school and it has been wonderful to see the returning students help them all settle into school.

This year's Kindy's are a fun, energetic group who have loved exploring both their new indoor and outdoor environment. With the help of the P-2's they are settling in nicely to classroom activities, they loved working with the other students in STEM to make Earthquake proof buildings with playdough and sticks.

In our classroom this term, our focus in English is looking at stories from different perspectives. We will explore the text "The Lorax," for our English Assessments, as well as other fun texts like "Pig the Pug," and "I want an Iguana". We will also look at using nouns, adjectives, and verbs appropriately in our writing when exploring other characters different perspectives.

For Mathematics we will be focusing on numbers and place values. Through using concrete materials, students will work on their counting in 1's, 2's, 5's, 10s, and their number recognition.

I am looking forward to a great year,
Miss Edson

Kindy Report

This week Morven State School Kindergarten welcomed 7 new students for 2023. A warm welcome to Dougie, Isla, Henry, Wyatt, Maybel, Clyde, Matilda and their families, to our school community. We will also welcome Luke and his family in week 2, bringing our Kindy team to 8.

As this is a new environment for them all, it was important for our Kindy team to become familiar and confident with the teaching staff and their new surroundings, whilst building their knowledge on important routines at school. For example, using the bathroom, how to use the stairs safely, how to move around the school safely on concreted areas and where their belongings are kept.

We began the week by joining our P-2 class on the carpet where our new K-2 teacher Miss Edson, lead all the students through a 'get to know you' game, where when the ball was rolled to each student they were able to share their favourite activity that they enjoy doing at home.

With the lure of the Activity room calling, we went into our newly renovated space and explored what is in there.

We also began our journey of building other important skills such as sharing, turn taking, taking care of our belongings and showing kindness to each other in that space. We have seen some beautiful examples already.

On Tuesday, we were able to begin our day with a story, a routine that we will do each day. We have dabbled in some other routines that will also become part of usual day at Kindy. This includes, joining our P-2 classmates for certain activities. On Tuesday afternoon, we joined them for a 'STEM' activity (STEM = Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). The P-2 class explored earthquakes, and were tasked with creating a building from playdough and sticks that could withstand a little shake of the table as a simulated earthquake. The P-2 class all chose a Kindy team mate to work with them and help to build their playdough and stick house, which they all enjoyed. The buildings were great and it was positive to see our P-2 class embrace their new Kindy mates throughout the activity. Well done to the students for taking their first days in their stride and giving it their best!



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Attendance Matters!

Please ensure that your child is ready to start the day on time and that they attend every possible day! Attendance matters when it comes to your child's progress in their education!



FEBRUARY 2023

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