Girls Cricket Gala Day

News and Views

Great Work
Last week I had the opportunity to visit 2T and 6S to teach Spelling Mastery lessons and I spent some time with the students working with Mrs Sharpe. I also had students visit to show me what they have been working on in class. Jazmine, Zoe, Aiden, Hannah and Kiara 1K dropped in to share their changing colour carnation procedures, Chloe T, Seth and Marlee K/1H visited to show me how well they are reading and Saxon 2/3W dropped in to collect his Principal’s Prize.

Kimberley, Katie, Brandon, Matthew, Dannielle and Brooke 5C showed me their rainforest flower art, Tahnee, Jade, Jack, Bryce, Shontel and Georgie-Lee read me their School Uniform Expositions, Ethan visited to let me know how well he has been working in class and Leiro, Jordan and Riley shared their great expositions on “Why Wyee is the Best School in the World”. I did not need too much convincing.

Congratulations to Abbey P 3/4G who came 3rd in butterfly, 4th in backstroke and 6th in freestyle at the Regional Swimming Carnival, she’s now off to State to swim 50m butterfly, great news Abbey, a fantastic achievement. Well done guys, keep up the great work.

Important Dates
21/3 Harmony Day
28/3 Easter Hat Parade
29/3 Good Friday
1/4 Easter Monday
9/4 Cross Country
4/4 AASC concludes
11/4 Disco
12/4 Last Day Term 1
Girls Cricket
Last Thursday our senior girls participated in a Girls Cricket Gala Day at Toukley. One of our teams won two of their games and the other team won one. The girls played very well and showed great sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr Taylor for organising our school’s involvement and thanks to the parents for providing transport.

Easter Hat Parade
Our K-2 Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 28 March at 11:00am and parents are welcome to attend and have lunch with their children afterwards. Our Easter raffles will be drawn at the conclusion of the Easter hat parade. We are in the process of organising the Easter hampers for our raffle and on Friday 22nd March we will have a mutli day with a donation of a chocolate Easter Egg. The Easter Eggs can be left at the school office. Easter hats for the parade are to be made at home and brought to school on the day. We have another exciting activity this year. All students from K-6 have the opportunity to decorate a **boiled** egg and have it displayed at our Easter hat parade. This is an optional activity. Prizes will be awarded. Boiled eggs could be dyed, coloured, decorated to look like a chicken, bunny, bird, person etc. Your imagination is your only limit and we are really excited about the creations from Wyee PS students.

We will be joined by the children from Wyee Preschool and the Easter Bunny has also promised to hop in for a visit.

Harmony Day
Wyee P.S. will be celebrating Harmony Day on Thursday 21 March. The continuing message of Harmony Day is ‘Everyone Belongs’. It’s about community participation, inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Harmony Day is a community-based educational initiative for all Australians and aims to address issues of cultural, racial and religious intolerance by promoting respect, fairness, inclusion and a sense of belonging for everyone.

**The key objectives of Harmony Day:**
• the importance of all Australians respecting one another regardless of cultural, racial or religious differences,
• the fair treatment of all Australians, encouraging people to recognise that our interactions should be accepting of, and responsive to, each other’s backgrounds, circumstances, needs and preferences,
• opportunities for people to participate equitably in Australian society and to understand the rights and responsibilities that we share as part of that society,
• a sense of belonging for everyone by helping communities work towards a spirit of inclusiveness and a shared identity as Australians, and
• the benefits of living in a culturally diverse society.

Between recess and lunch on Thursday 21st March our students will participate in Harmony Day activities. They will rotate around activities that promote racial tolerance, cooperation and respect. The students are permitted to wear the colour orange on this day as it is the colour of Harmony Day.

High School Expression of Interest
Today the Year 6 students will be issued with their High School Expression of Interest applications. Please return your high school enrolment application before Friday 22 March 2013. If you are still undecided on your child’s enrolment for 2014, please return enrolment form with your local High school as your designated local school and please remember to sign and date the form.

Pie Drive
Don’t forget to return your Thompsons Pie Drive order form by this Friday 15 March. Orders will be available for pick up at the school on Tuesday 26 March 2013 between 1pm and 3.15pm.
Hello everyone, I am sure that you have all settled in to the school year for 2013! I am sorry that I haven’t made an entry for a few weeks but things have been very busy at Morisset High School. Two weeks ago our school came second at the Zone Swimming Carnival with a number of students qualifying for the regional carnival. We had a morning tea to celebrate our high achievers for 2012, celebrating excellent HSC results from last year. Ten of our Aboriginal students have begun a TAFE Course where they are gaining a qualification in Landscape and Design as well as cultural learning and leadership from an elder. The students are really enjoying this course that is being delivered through Wyong TAFE every Monday and Wednesday this term. Our Peer Tutoring Program has started up again for 2013. This program utilises older students within our school mentoring younger students who are having difficulties with reading and it takes place during roll call. This has been a very successful program at Morisset High School run by Mrs Balancoire. Our Starstruck team have started to work on their pieces this year and we are again looking forward to seeing our students involved in this amazing event. Finally, our Lifeskills Students begin their Work Experience program this week moving out into industry as of Wednesday this week and then each Wednesday for the next ten weeks.

Take care and have a great week!
Mark Snedden
Principal Morisset High School

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Calling for Volunteers-School Banking-We Need Your Help
Wyee Public School participates in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program; unfortunately our current parent helper will not be able to run the program in 2014. We are looking for a new coordinator. The program includes an exciting rewards program designed to encourage the children to get into the habit of making regular savings. Every time students make a deposit at school they receive a dollarmites token which can be redeemed for a range of exciting reward items in recognition of their regular savings. Such as a handball, USB stick, book light or watch. Duties can be shared between two or more mums, time needed each week is approximately 2 hours. Full training and support will be provided. Your role will include counting the children’s pocket money and stamping the deposit books. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital financial literacy skills and also help with fundraising. Please indicate your interest in volunteering for this great program by completing the slip provided and returning it to the office.

Yes I would like to help with School Banking

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Premier’s Reading Challenge
Wyee Public School will again be participating in the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge this year. The Reading Challenge encourages students to read and experience a wide variety of books over a period of a few months. This is important in encouraging students to develop a love of books while at the same time improving their literacy skills. K-2 students are required to read or experience 30 books while students in years 3-6 are required to read a total of 20 books. Students are allowed to choose up to 5 personal choice books with the rest to be made up of books on the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge booklists. K-2 students who can read simple chapter books independently are encouraged to attempt the 3-4 challenge. Students have until the end of August to complete their challenge. Books read can be entered online and students will be shown how to do this. Alternatively students can record the books on their personal reading log which can be returned to Mrs Varndell when completed. Students who complete the challenge will be awarded a certificate and their names will be printed in the Sun-Herald as part of the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge Honour Roll. Students who complete the challenge for four years will receive a gold certificate. If your child/children would like to participate in the 2013 NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge please contact Mrs Varndell.

Cross Country
The School Cross Country Carnival will be held on Tuesday 9th April at Wyee Public School. The Cross Country will begin at 9:45am and conclude at 11.30am. The students will run in their age groups – except for the 8 and 9 year olds who will run together. Parents are welcome to stay and have lunch with their children. The first 6 students will receive permission notes for the Zone Cross Country Carnival which is scheduled for Friday 3 May 2013 at Rathmines. The first 4 students will be attending and the 5th and 6th place students will be reserves.

Arriving Late
Unfortunately there are students who are consistently arriving to school late. When students arrive late they miss out on information, disturb classroom routines and their learning is disrupted. The Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) monitors and tracks student attendance, they support parents and implement programs to assist students in arriving at school on time. Those students who are regularly away from school without an acceptable excuse or are regularly late may be referred to the HSLO caseload. With your support hopefully we can reduce our absentee rate this year.

Rugby League Stars
Last Friday, Bay, Cherokee and Jay 6S attended the Zone Rugby League Trials at Toronto. The boys played well and Cherokee was selected to continue on to Regional's. Congratulations to all of the boys and well done Cherokee. Thanks to Mrs Hawkins-Baldock for providing transport.

NAPLAN
Test dates for all students in Years 3 and 5 are 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th May as a catch up date for students who were away. Please avoid making appointments etc for students on these dates as the information gained from the testing program is very important for both parents and the school.

Yr 6 Ice-cream Fundraiser
Year 6 students will be holding an ice-cream fundraiser on Friday 15th March. The students can purchase an ice-cream at a cost of $1. All money raised will go to the Year 6 Farewell and the Year 6 gift to the school.

Have a great week
Adam Boulus
Principal
Food Allergies
There are several students in the school with a variety of food allergies which include allergies to eggs, nuts and dairy products. While some allergies present as a rash or inflammation of the skin, there are more serious reactions such as an anaphylaxis reaction which requires an epipen being administered. We encourage students to only eat the food that is packed by their parents and request that students do not swap food or take food from other students. While we highlight issues about food allergies and about keeping our students safe, if you are sending your child to school with products that contain nuts or eggs, please encourage them to wash their hands thoroughly to avoid complications for other students.

Tennis Champion
Congratulations to Harrison 6S who attended the Regional Tennis Competition last week at Broadmeadow. He played exceptionally well and place 6th out of 30 competitors, just missing out on proceeding to the next level. A great effort, well done Harrison.

School Sores
Several parents have reported that their children are suffering from school sores (impetigo). School sores present as small red spots that change into blisters that become crusted. They are usually on the face, hands or scalp, but can appear anywhere on the body. Due to the infectious nature of school sores, students need to remain at home until treatment starts. When students return to school the sores need to be covered with a water tight dressing.

Expression Of Interest
Norta Norta Program In-Class-Tutor—Morisset Communities of Public Schools
Expressions of interest are being sought from individuals interested in tutoring Aboriginal students for the Norta Norta Program. The successful applicants will be placed on an eligibility list for future possible employment at Bonnells Bay PS or other local Morisset Communities of Public Schools.
The Norta Norta Program provides targeted support for Aboriginal students to accelerate progress in student achievement. The focus of the program is to provide learning assistance in the key areas of literacy and numeracy to improve educational outcomes for Aboriginal students.
Previous applicants will need to re-apply.

Position Criteria
The applicant will need to demonstrate their ability to meet the following criteria:-
Aboriginality is preferred but not essential to fill these positions.
Well developed communication skills both written and verbal
Ability to maintain accurate records and information about each student
Ability to follow structured timetables
Follow teacher set programs and implement in keeping with student Personalised Learning Pathways.
Effectively liaise with parents, carers, students and the school community
Willingness to participate in professional learning as required.
Foster student engagement in learning

Placement on the eligibility list is not does not guarantee employment.
Suitable Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people have priority for employment as part of the Norta Norta program.

Applications to:
Please provide a written Expression of Interest outlining your suitability for the position addressed to:
Mr Mark Stiller NORTA NORTA TUTOR PROGRAM
Bonnells Bay Public School, Morisset Park Road, Bonnells Bay NSW 2264
Or email : bonnellbay-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Closing Date:
Applications close 3.30pm on Monday 18th March 2013. Any enquiries phone Mark Stiller 49731149