News and Views

Great Work
Last week I had the opportunity to visit 2/3W where we worked on Mathematics problem solving and I also spent some time with 2T and 5C where we completed our spelling mastery lessons. I was very impressed with the work habits and behaviour of the students. Well done guys, keep up the great work.

Head lice
Head lice are a very common problem that most parents and teachers are more than familiar with. We have had reported cases of head lice in the school so please check your child’s hair thoroughly. If your child has head lice here are some treatment tips:

• Do not treat your child if their scalp is irritated or inflamed.
• Always read the head lice product label and directions before you apply it to your child’s head.
• Products can be found in local chemists. Apply the head lice product to every strand of your child's hair and work through, leave for 20 minutes, and comb out with a good quality lice comb.
• Check your child’s head and if dead lice are found, the product has worked. However make sure you re-treat your child’s head in seven days to catch nymphs that have emerged from unhatched eggs.
• Reduce the risk of your child catching head lice by tying their hair back or braiding it.
Easter Hat Parade
Our Easter Hat Parade was a great success with some fantastic creations. It was pleasing to see so many parents, grandparents and friends attend. We also had a lot of creative boiled eggs and having so many students win Easter Eggs on the day was great. Thank you to our P&C for their hard work and for helping raise money for our school and for organising the morning tea. Thanks also to Ms Godfrey and Mrs Houston for organising this year’s Easter Hat Parade.

Active After Schools
Active After Schools finished last week. The program will continue in Week 3 of next term.

Disco
There is a school disco planned for Thursday 11th April, 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Students can participate at a cost of $2.00 and students who are on level 1 or 2 are not permitted to attend. Food, drinks and glow products will be available to purchase.

Girls and Boys Softball
Our Girls and Boys Softball teams competed last week against Morisset Public School. Both teams lost, however the girls had a very close match going down 10-12. Mrs Coleman was very impressed with our students. A huge thank you to our parents for providing transport and thanks to Mrs Coleman for umpiring and coordinating our involvement.

Boys Cricket
Our Boys Cricket Team played against Cooranbong Public School at Martinsville Oval last week. Wyee Public won the game 67-61. Thank you to Mr Taylor for coordinating our involvement and umpiring and thank you to the parents who assisted with transport. Good luck boys in Round 2.

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.

Building Writing Skills at Home
With a little creativity you can help make writing lots of fun. Here are some easy things to do at home to help your child with writing.
Write letters and cards to family members and friends and encourage them to write back. Email family or locate a pen friend that they can correspond with.
Encourage your child to write stories about their favourite things.
Keep a journal of day to day activities.
Read comics in the newspaper and get your child to create their own.
Create a newspaper and write articles about weekly activities.
Use fun writing tools such as markers, gel pens, crayons, pencils etc.
Let your child create a shopping list before going shopping.
Gather kids in the neighbourhood to write and perform a play.
Take turns writing back and forth to your child. Leave a note by their bed or in their lunchbox.
Play word games such as wheel of fortune and hangman.
Have a place in your home where you can display your child’s writing.
Encourage your child to plan their writing and revise drafts before publishing.
 Publish your child’s writing. Not only does it make them feel special, but it also makes a wonderful keepsake.

150 Point Reward Day
A reward day for students who achieved 150 Dojo Points for the term is organised for Wednesday 10th April.
The students will have the opportunity to see a movie of their choice and will receive a complementary popcorn.
Some of the moves may be rated PG, if you would prefer your child not to see a PG movie, please notify the school in writing. Due to next term being 9 weeks the students will only have to reach 100 points to participate in the Term 2 reward.

I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter with family and friends, have a great week.

Adam Boulus
Principal

The Morissetian - The Morisset High School Minute”
Hello everyone, last week at Morisset High School we had a professional Italian Chef come in to our school and give cooking lessons to our students. This was a brilliant and engaging day with students across the whole school learning the art form of making pastas from scratch! I must say I also enjoyed tasting samples that arrived at my office. Last Friday Ms Codner and her support class along with Miss Harding and the SRC put on a fundraiser for countries and communities who live without clean running water. The response from students was terrific raising over $380 just at lunch time alone. This week our Aboriginal Education Officer, Mrs Selina Archibald, is taking part in a conference for Aboriginal Education called Stronger Smarter and I am looking forward to what she brings back to our school from this conference. Last week we had the first of our stage Merit Assemblies. Each term we have a Merit Assembly for each stage to celebrate academic success for that particular term. It was fantastic to have parents with us for each stage and I thank Mr Leyshon and the Year Advisors for their work in putting these assemblies together. I hope that everyone had a great Easter!

Mark Snedden
Principal Morisset High School

School Zone Safety
A reminder to parents about the operation of School Speed Zones during the holidays. School zones exist for the safety of children and families. Forty kilometre an hour school speed zones operate across New South Wales at all school sites on gazetted school days which are all days the school is open, even pupil-free days

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