News and Views

Welcome Back!
I hope everyone had a great holiday relaxing with family and friends.

Great Work
At the end of last term I had some students visit to show me what they have been working on in class. Emily, Cameron and Cooper 2/3W read me their expositions on why they should have a class pet, Jayson 5C showed me his great art work and Oliver, Zane, Darcy, Sam and William showed me their writing. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the reward day at the end of last term. Well done guys, keep up the great work.

ANZAC Day March
Wyee P.S. held its ANZAC Day ceremony on Friday 12th April. Our leaders did an excellent job presenting the service on the day which was attended by parents, teachers and students and Mr Bird from the Wyee/Doyalson RSL. On ANZAC Day, students from Wyee P.S. joined me at the ANZAC Day ceremony at the Wyee/Doyalson RSL. The students looked great in their school uniforms and they were positive role models for our school, participating with enthusiasm. Thank you to both the students who attended and to their parents for getting them to the service.

Mother’s Day Stall
Our Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday 9th May and gifts will be priced between 50c and $10.
**Disco**

Congratulations to all of the students who attended the disco on Thursday 11th April. Your behaviour was excellent. It was great to see all of the students having a fantastic night. Thanks to Mrs Weekes for running the disco. Thank you to the parents who helped out in the kitchen and to the teachers for helping supervise. A huge thank you to Coupar Wheeler and family for the loan of their jukebox. Together we do great things for kids.

**Zone Cross Country**

The School Cross Country Carnival was held in the last week of Term 1. We had a great morning with many children participating enthusiastically. The winning sports house will be announced at the assembly on Friday 10 May and the students will be presented with their ribbons.

The first 6 students have received permission notes for the Zone Cross Country Carnival which is scheduled for this Friday 3 May 2013 at Rathmines. The first 4 students will be attending and the 5th and 6th place students will be reserves. All reserves have now been notified if they are attending. Please ensure your child has returned their note. $2 is payable to Mrs Coleman on arrival at the carnival.

**Opportunity Class Placement**

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of students. One strategy is Opportunity Class placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students in Years 5 and 6. Offers of Opportunity Class placement will be made on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test result and school assessment. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 24th July, 2013.

If you would like to apply for opportunity class placement for your Year 4 child for Year 5 in 2014, more information can be found at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

**Woolworths Earn and Learn**

From Monday 8th April, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points from the checkout operator. There’ll be 1 Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent*. Once the Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet is completed, it can be placed in the Collection Box in our school office or at your local Woolworths. *excludes liquor, cigarettes and gift cards.

Woolworths has once again partnered with Modern Teaching Aids – Australia’s biggest supplier of resources for schools. Which means we can choose resources based on our school needs, across every category possible including mathematics and English resources, science equipment, music, arts and crafts materials and sports gear.
Change to Lunch and Recess Times
From today we will be changing recess and lunch times to enable an uninterrupted two hour block of learning time in the middle session of the day. Lunch will now be from 11:20am-12:05pm and recess will be from 2:05pm to 2:25pm. The starting and finishing times will remain unchanged.

You Can Do It
You Can Do It! (YCDI) will continue this term. It is a program to support communities, schools, and homes in a collective effort to optimise the social, emotional and academic outcomes of all young people. Its unique contribution is in identifying the social and emotional capabilities that all young people need to acquire in order to be successful in school, experience wellbeing, and have positive relationships, including making contributions to others and the community. The core purpose of implementing the program is to develop students’ social and emotional capabilities, including: confidence, persistence, organisation, getting along and resilience. This term our K-4 classes will be focusing on ‘Getting Along’ and Years 5-6 will be working on ‘Emotional Resilience’.

Have a great week
Adam Boulus
Principal

The Morissetian - "The Morisset High School Minute"
Hello everyone, I sincerely hope that all of our year seven students have settled in and parents are happy with the education that we are providing at Morisset High School. Last term we saw the final visits that Mr Bennett (Deputy Principal) and Mrs Kerr (Year Advisor Yr 7 2014) needed to make to our primary schools. Both staff members came back to school with very positive images of the students and the enthusiasm that students displayed for next year and our school. The last week of Term 1 marked the end of our Aboriginal Student Project at Wyong TAFE – Learning Circle. Aboriginal Students in Year Ten have been completing landscaping work at TAFE, creating a learning circle from scratch under TAFE Mentors. Each student at the conclusion of the program will obtain a Certificate 2 in Landscaping, a brilliant opportunity for our students. My next phase to this plan is to hopefully construct a learning circle here at Morisset High School. This week also saw the completion of our Drumbeats program a very successful initiative involving students within our junior school. The program culminated in a performance in front of a student audience. Our ESSA results arrived at Morisset High School this week. ESSA stands for – Essential Secondary Science Assessment and our data shows that Morisset High School has performed above all other high schools within the Lake Macquarie area, this is an amazing results. Finally I would just like to mention that every teacher from all of our partner primary schools will be coming to Morisset High School on our first Staff Development Day next term. All of the teachers across every school will be listening to a speaker from the Board of Studies who will be starting our planning for the National Curriculum that is being implemented in 2014. I am looking forward to having a positive morning with every education professional within our immediate area.
Mark Snedden
Principal Morisset High School

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