Happy Birthday: To all of the students and staff who have had birthdays since our last Newsletter: Lily J, Emily S, Jacob T, Tarliah P, Madison M, Lily F, Heath W, Khodi W, Olivia C, Mrs Rixon and Mrs Galluccio.

The best tennis player EVER - At Moriac Primary School, we place great emphasis on ‘righting wrongs’. Owning up to mistakes we make, fixing them up and moving on. It is the backbone of our Student Behaviour Management process. Time to fix a mistake I made. In the last newsletter, I mentioned the great efforts of our SSA tennis squad. Some background… For years, I have called two brothers the wrong names. I kept calling Will, James and James, Will. They continuously corrected me and I told the brothers it seemed to be hard-wired into my brain. Well in the last newsletter, I named Will S as one of our tennis squad. It was, of course, James S who represented Moriac Primary School. My deepest apologies James. You did a fantastic job representing your school. I reckon you are going to be an Australian ACE tennis player and I can’t wait to watch you at Rod Laver Arena. Tell your brother I think you are the tennis champ of your family.

Facebook - A reminder that, even though our old Facebook site appears to be accessible, this school no longer accepts, adds or alters content from Facebook. Our communication channels are the school’s website www.moriacps.vic.edu.au and through Sentral. I am repeating this as the school is still receiving notifications that parents are logging on to the old Facebook page. Another reminder that the hard copy Newsletter will be decommissioned during term two, as part of the school’s commitment to reflect its environmental and online communication goals.

Curriculum Day - On Friday 11th March, all staff will be attending a professional learning day based on how young people learn mathematics concepts. This developed from a sense of unease amongst staff that our Mathematics program was not hitting the mark for enough students. Too many students are just achieving State benchmarks when we want most of them to achieve well above benchmarks. The school has the teaching and learning of Mathematics in our four year School Strategic Plan so it makes sense that we examine the research to audit our own teaching and learning program. Initially, we have engaged Di Siemon, Associate Professor of Mathematics Education, RMIT University. Di agreed to come and run a day with our staff and, after opening the event to other local schools, Moriac is now coordinating the day for 90 teachers this Friday with another 90 teachers to sit a second day in April. Clearly, the teaching and learning of Mathematics is an issue identified by educators across the system. This day, as well as the Mathematics project Moriac’s teachers are involved in (see last newsletter) is a part of the school’s objective of reviewing and renewing the Maths teaching and learning process at this school to enhance student achievement. For more information, go to https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/public/teachlearn/student/devbigideas.pdf to get an idea of the concepts the school is investigating.

Clean Up Australia School Activity - The students, staff and some parents worked hard to clean up the grounds last Thursday. The results are definitely noticeable. A special thanks to the Bird family for coming in last Saturday, with Simon (dad) removing a mountain of branches and dead trees from the school. Simon also tackled a broken gate. Thanks Bird family for the great work you did. It is appreciated.

School Council - Last week, calls for nominations for four parent representatives and one teacher representative for School Council were posted online and at the school. I am pleased to announce that four parents nominated. Rebecca Bartlett, Andrea Delves, Jodie Frisch and Lance Houlihan re-nominated and, as such, are re-appointed to School Council. An election is not required. Mikhala Vawdrey, Prep teacher, was the only nomination for the teacher representative and is appointed. Congratulations to you all. It is an exciting time to be on School Council with the school re-build project dominating the agenda while also continuing to review school operations and policies. The 2016 School Council is:

- Parent members – Rebecca Bartlett, Stuart Christie, Andrea Delves, Brett Drayton, Jodie Frisch, Lance Houlihan, Paula Stiles, Ruth Rundell and DET members, Steve Durkin (Executive Officer), Suzanne Prendergast, Aaron Randall and Mikhala Vawdrey.

House Athletics - Congratulations to Farrer House on winning last week’s Athletics competition. A big thank you to those parents who assisted with events during the day and thank you to those family members who came along to cheer the teams. Well done to all staff for your work and a special mention to Dan Tabuakoto, Ben Raidme and Suz Prendergast for the organisation.

Steve Durkin
NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Congratulations to our recently elected School House Captains for 2016.


Well done to everyone who helped out on Clean Up Australia Day. Special thanks to all of the families who came on the weekend to help clean up our trees.

Belated thank you also to Mr Ben Worpel and Mr Ken Reid for the work they have done ensuring we have safe playing areas around our school. Our sandpit and the playground areas in particular are all looking great thanks to your wonderful work.

We all enjoyed our House Athletics event last Monday. Well done to all participants. Farrer House came out on top at the end of the day. Great effort everyone.

Kaitlyn B, Rose C, Jai L and Mia V.

School Photos

MSP Photography will be at school on Monday 21st March to take our annual school photos. Students are requested to wear their school uniforms for this day. Photo order forms/envelopes are being sent home today. Please ensure your child/ren bring their envelope back to school on photo day to hand to the photographer. Teachers will not be collecting the envelopes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

The following information is an extract from the Victorian Government’s website.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- $125 per student (Primary)
- $225 per student (Secondary)

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.
Stars of Moriac for this fortnight are:
Prep: Tiger B and Spencer G
1/2A: Daniel B 1/2B: Georgie C and Jackson K 1/2C: Bridie M
3/4A: Flynn F, Matilda R 3/4B: Bede C
5/6: Mali W and Josh B

Pictured below are our last week’s Stars of Moriac.

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**LEGENDS**

by Maggie B (Year 4)

Legends are stories that haven’t been proven to exist, but they haven’t been proven not to be true.

For years scientists have been trying to find out if legends are real. The most common ones told are about Dragons, Aliens, Goblins and Mermaids. There are some only few people know, like Sirens, Loch Ness Monster, Big Foot and Crybaby Bridge.

Legends are usually found in Greece. Most countries have their own legend. Japan’s is Godzilla, Scotland’s is the Loch Ness Monster and Alaska’s is Big Foot.

Legends are entertaining stories that keep everybody reading them in suspense.
**School Calendar**

2016

**March**
- Fri 11th: Curriculum Day – Students not at school
- Mon 14th: Labour Day Public Holiday
- Wed 16th: Preps at school
- Mon 21st: School Photo Day
- Thur 24th: Last Day of Term 1 – Students dismissed at 2:30pm

**April**
- Mon 11th: 1st DAY TERM 2

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**School Leaders**

**School Captains**
- Rosie C
- Mia V
- Kaitlyn BJai L

**House Captains**
- Clodagh N and Luke F (Kidman)
- Jacob A and Mali W (MacArthur)
- Jaidyn A and Siena M (Farrer)

**School Council**
- Steve Durkin – Executive Officer
- Jodie Frisch – President
- Andrea Delves – Vice President
- Stuart Christie – Treasurer
- Rebecca Bartlett – Parent
- Brett Drayton – Parent
- Lance Houlihan – Parent
- Ruth Rundell – Parent
- Aaron Randall – DET
- Suzanne Prendergast - DET

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Community News

Discover Grovedale College

CAMPUS TOUR DATES 2016
Parents, prospective students and friends are warmly invited to participate in a tour of Grovedale College.

Scheduled tours occur every Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am during the months of March, April and May.

Alternative tour times are available by appointment, please contact the College office on 5245 4545.

19 Wingarra Drive, Grovedale 3216
Telephone 5245 4545
www.grovedale.vic.edu.au

Discover Grovedale College

Information Evening 2016
Wednesday 20th April
Activities commence at 6.00pm
Parents, prospective students and friends are warmly invited to attend our Information Evening 2016.

The night begins with displays of students' work and a sausage sizzle at 6.00pm. Guests are invited to tour the College in small conducted groups during this time.

Formal activities commence at 7.00pm with a musical performance followed by an address from the Principal.

Teaching staff and Team Leaders will provide information on Transition Programs, Curriculum Options, the eLearning Program, Musical Opportunities and our Sports Academy Program.

Enquire about our excellent scholarship opportunities available for

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SENTRAL at Moriac Primary School

Attendance

In the attendance section of your child’s page you can access your child’s attendance records.

Absences at this point in time still need to be reported to the office, recorded in the diary or sent to the teacher via a Sentral message. The reason for the absence is recorded by the teacher. If you ‘hover’ over the absence the reason will appear. If you are unsure if the reason is correct please contact the teacher.

Reporting

In the reporting section you are able to view your child’s previous reports (that have been completed on Sentral).
Free Junior Fishing clinics April 2016

Junior Fishing Clinics are a fun way to learn about responsible fishing.

- All gear is provided including bait.
- If you have your own fishing rod please bring it.
- Please wear runners or shoes (no thongs or bare feet).

CHILDREN 16 years and under MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Bookings are essential as there are limited spots available
Please ring Natashar Wills—Fisheries Victoria
on 0428 350 725

Where & When

Martins Point - Port Fairy: 6th of April 2016

Session 1: 11:00am to 12:00 pm
Session 2: 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Lorne Pier - Lorne: 8th of April 2016

Session 1: 11:00am to 12:00pm
Session 2: 1:00pm to 2:00pm