**Principal’s News**

**Reminders**

- **SSA District Tennis** – Fri 19 Feb at Moriac Tennis Club

**Upcoming Events**

- **SSA Swimming Sports** – Today our school competed in the SSA Swimming Sports at a new venue. Due to the often unsettled weather conditions, the decision was taken to try a different venue with an indoor pool. This is experimental at this stage, but hopefully the change to Waterworld in Norlane has proven to be successful.

**Wedding Bells** – Congratulations to Anna (Challis) and Nathan Sayers who were married last Saturday. We wish Anna and Nathan all the best for their future.

**SSA District Tennis Tournament** – Four students will be representing Moriac PS in the SSA District Tennis Tournament next Friday 19 Feb at the Moriac Tennis Club. Good luck to Lily J, Thomas B, Mali W and James S.

Steve Durkin

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**Happy Birthday**: To all of the students and staff who have had birthdays since December 18, 2015:


**Sentral** - If you haven’t registered for Sentral yet, please do so asap. If you haven’t received a registration letter, please let Steve know.

**Annual Implementation Plan** - Our school goals for 2016 will be available on Sentral and our website shortly. While they are broad, I can tell you our main goals for 2016 are for every student in years five and six to know all of their times tables by June 2016. Our younger students need to demonstrate ongoing knowledge development of number facts to 100 throughout the year.

*Number facts to 100 basically means students can add, subtract, multiply and divide within the 0 to 100 range. Parents often say to me that they don’t know how to teach their children maths homework. My response: Posters on bedroom walls, on toilet doors, wherever. We will be using a variety of methods including games, work activities, songs and rote learning.

Please push this with your children. Our goal is for every student in years four, five and six to know all number facts from 0 to 100 in the areas of +, -, \( \times \) and \( \div \) by end of 2016

**Facebook** - A reminder that, even though our old Facebook site appears to be accessible to people, this school no longer adds content or responds to content from Facebook. Our communication preferences are the school’s website www.moriacps.vic.edu.au and through Sentral. The hard copy Newsletter is being phased out this year.

**Resilience** - One of the 2016 to 2019 strategic priorities we have set is around the issue of parents going into bat for their children when their children have made an inappropriate decision.

To begin, let’s understand that all young people will make wrong decisions from time to time as they learn to operate in a social setting. That’s not a disaster.

Like most modern families, our recent experience is that parents want to ‘fix’ issues that their children are involved in. That’s not what we are about.

If your child is a struggling reader, we will help them to read. If they struggle with addition, we will help them with that. If they struggle with relationships, be assured that we will help them with that, too. We ask that you don’t come out batting for your child in front of the child. The lesson if you do that is that “mum or dad will sort my problems out”. Wrong. Hold your children to account. When they say “I got told off for…” instead of saying “I’ll call Mr D or the teacher”, discuss what decisions your child made and what they could have done instead. We want to work with you to ensure your child learns appropriate social interactions. This is not to say you shouldn’t query what happened with the school. Just that you don’t do that in front of the child.

**School Payments** - Thank you to all of those parents who have paid the annual charges. This is an enormous help to us all. Please be reminded that the school can only accept EFTPOS, card and Direct Deposit. Cash transactions are no longer available, except where students raise funds for special causes through gold coin donation days.

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Broad brimmed sunhats must be worn at all times when playing outdoors during Term 1.

Please ensure your child has their hat with them each and every school day.

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NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Welcome back to school for 2016. A big welcome to all of our Preps, new students and returning teachers. It’s great to see so many smiling faces in the yard.

The Grade 6 students have formed a ‘Friendship Shop’ for students needing a friend. The Shop is located in front of the Grade 6 room.

Good luck to all of our participants in the SSA Swimming sports at Waterworld.

We are all looking forward to a fantastic year!

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

SENTRAL – PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

There have been a number of parents who have asked questions about Sentral – how to log on? Where to find information? How do I use it? To assist in answering these questions we will be holding a parent information session on MONDAY 22rd FEB at 2.30pm in the 3/4 ROOM.

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking will be available every Monday this year. Students need to leave their bank books and money at the office. Well done to all students who have learnt about the value of money through banking. Any students who wish to join this program, please contact the Winchelsea & District Community Bank on 5267 3189 for further details.

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.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher interviews will take place on Tuesday 1st and Thursday 3rd March from 2:00-7:00pm. Online registration for these sessions will be open from 9:00am on Monday 15 February 2016 to 3:00pm on Monday 29 February 2016. When registering please ensure you book using your child’s year level and not their teacher’s name.

Please contact the school office if you require assistance.
## SCHOOL CALENDAR

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## SCHOOL LEADERS

**School Captains**
- Rosie C
- Mia V
- Kaitlyn B
- Jai L

**House Captains**

**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
- Paula Stiles – Parent
- Aaron Randall – DET
- Suzanne Prendergast - DET

## Community News

### HELP CONTROL RABBITS

Our local Landcare group is running a bait program to help reduce the rabbit numbers in Moriac. Please see below for ordering rabbit bait in your area.

**Modewarre**
- Dates: 23<sup>rd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> Feb (pindone carrots to be collected between 12 and 1pm)
- Collection point: Modewarre Hall, 910 Cape Otway Rd
- Orders due by: 16<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Contact: Jacinta Langdon 0429 418 819

**Freshwater Creek**
- Dates: 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> March (pindone carrots to be collected between 12 and 1pm)
- Collection point: Freshwater Creek Hall, Dickens Rd, Freshwater Creek
- Orders due by: 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb
- Contact: Jacinta Langdon 0429 418 819