Newsletter 13th November 2015

Principal’s News

**Happy Birthday** to the following students and staff who have celebrated their birthday since our last Newsletter: Tahlia M, Hayden S, Flynn M, Mrs Suz Prendergast.

**Thanks** - Last newsletter, I mentioned that we were in a temporary ‘squeeze’ financially, in part because we were not receiving the parent payments for Parent Supported Services that are required. Thank you to those parents who answered the call and promptly made payments. The school appreciates your support. Remember, if payments are an issue, please contact Donna, Lynn or me to arrange a payment scheme.

**Sentral** - Anyone having problems logging on, please come directly to me. We are going fully online in 2016.

**School Strategic Plan** - Staff are currently working to develop the 2016 to 2019 School Strategic Plan. As mentioned previously, the three main areas in that period will be:

- *The teaching and learning of mathematics* – What is the most effective way for children to learn number concepts? ;

- *Building teacher capacity to work in collaborative settings* – The research tells us a single teacher in a single classroom is not always effective. How do teachers successfully work in a team environment? ;

- *Building student resilience in education* – What can the school and parents do to strengthen a child’s ability to acknowledge and learn from mistakes?

There are always plenty of other issues to tackle and so there will be over the next four years. However, these a three significant items that we believe will have the greatest impact on student achievement, academically, socially and creatively.

**New School Curriculum** - No sooner have schools across Victoria come to terms with the introduction of the national curriculum (AusVELS) than we will now need to ‘tweak’ our own curriculum program to ensure the new **Victorian Curriculum** is delivered. Victoria has reviewed AusVELS and put Victorian priorities into the curriculum. Below is a summary of the content of the Victorian Curriculum. If you would like to know more, go to [http://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/](http://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/)

For your school, it means we will need to audit our teaching and learning planners (see our website for these) to ensure coverage.

It is worth noting here that Moriac Primary School’s curriculum planners are acknowledged as being amongst the most detailed school curriculum documents to be developed, certainly in Geelong and surrounds, but also across the State. This school has had many, many visits from other schools to learn from our journey.

*Learning Areas and Capabilities*

The Victorian Curriculum Foundation (Preps) – Year 10 includes both knowledge and skills. These are defined by learning areas and capabilities. This curriculum design assumes that knowledge and skills are transferrable across the curriculum and therefore are not duplicated. For example, where skills and knowledge such as asking questions, evaluating evidence and drawing conclusions are defined in Critical and Creative Thinking, these are not duplicated in other learning areas such as History or Health and Physical Education. It is expected that the skills and knowledge defined in the capabilities will be developed, practised, deployed and demonstrated by students in and through their learning across the curriculum.

The design of the Victorian Curriculum Foundation – Year 10 is set out below:
Learning Areas

English - Reading & Viewing, Writing, Speaking & Listening,
Mathematics - Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry, Statistics & Probability,
The Arts – Dance, Drama, Media Arts, Music, Visual Arts, Visual Communication Design,
Health and Physical Education,
The Humanities - Civics and Citizenship, Economics and Business, Geography, History,
Languages Other Than English,
Science,
Technologies - Design and Technologies, Digital Technologies,

Capabilities

Critical and Creative Thinking
Ethical
Intercultural
Personal and Social
Learning areas

The Victorian Curriculum F–10 learning areas are a clear and deliberate reaffirmation of the importance of a discipline-based approach to learning, where learning areas are regarded as both enduring and dynamic.

Their enduring nature rests in their different epistemologies, or ways of understanding, and the associated skills they provide for students. Each of the learning areas provides and is defined by a unique way of seeing, understanding and engaging with the world. For the Arts, the Humanities and the Technologies, students engage in and through disciplines, which provide discrete content descriptions and achievement standards.

Capabilities

The Victorian Curriculum F–10 includes capabilities, which are a set of discrete knowledge and skills that can and should be taught explicitly in and through the learning areas, but are not fully defined by any of the learning areas or disciplines. A key distinction between the Australian Curriculum F–10 and the Victorian Curriculum F–10 is the provision of content descriptions and achievement standards in the four capabilities.

Languages Other Than English - During the week, the school trialled online Mandarin education. We had a company come and deliver two ‘demo’ Mandarin lessons to a group of year 3/4 students and a year 5 class. This setup is online and our students interacted with a Beijing-based tutor on the big screen and our students had a lesson delivered by a tutor in Beijing, real time. I observed both lessons and they were fantastic. Our kids interacted with the tutor, who also pointed her camera at a Beijing street (cold!!) and they learned some Mandarin.

We have grappled with ‘what language to teach’ and ‘what language teacher can we actually deliver’ for some time. This opportunity also delivers online assessment of students’ learning, on which we can report.

We are likely to trial this program delivery method in 2016 for Prep to year six and are excited by the experiences it can provide to our students.

Our students loved it!

Steve Durkin

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Prep-2 Athletics Meeting – On Friday 30th of October the Preps to Grade 2 students took part in their Athletics day. The School Captains and House Captains helped out also. The signs weren’t good when the day started off with Flynn getting a blood nose from rubbing sunscreen onto his face. We thought we had lost one of our Preps at the end of the day, but luckily, we found out she had gone home with her Mother. Five of us helped out on the Hurdles and the rest helped out on the Triple Jump. Fred had a laughing fit watching one child who stopped just before the finish line and started a celebratory dance only to be pipped at the post by all the other participants. Everyone really enjoyed the hop, skip, jump and run. We demonstrated how to do the event. Overall the day was a lot of fun and the Captains really enjoyed watching the Preps at their first inter-school event.

Ella T, Ruby C, Flynn F and Fred R.
REMEMBRANCE DAY AT MORIAC PS

On Remembrance Day, 11\textsuperscript{th} of the 11\textsuperscript{th}, some of the Senior Citizens from around Moriac came to visit the Year 5s and 6s to talk about life when they were growing up. They explained how they learnt at school and what resources they used. There were some disadvantages growing up back then, such as harsh punishments, no electricity and not enough money. The Senior Citizens also joined us for the Remembrance Day Ceremony. We think the Senior Citizens are very grateful for what they have today. We are also grateful for what we have today. We all enjoyed our time listening and learning from the Moriac Senior Citizens and really appreciated their visit to our school.

- By the Grade 5 girls

MORIAC SCHOOL CONCERT 2015 - TICKETS

Please see the flyer on the back of this Newsletter for details regarding purchase of tickets for this year’s blockbuster ‘Moriac Does Disney’ concert. Tickets are not available from the school office.
Stars of Moriac for this fortnight are: Arlen C and Sarah R – Prep; Maggie M and Alex D – 1/2; Jacob T and Madison M – 3/4 and Grace F – 5/6.

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**Cybersmart Outreach - Internet Safety Awareness Presentation for the Moriac Community**

As part of its Cybersmart Outreach program, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA), delivers free internet safety awareness presentations for parents, teachers and students. Presentations provide valuable information about the risks confronting children online and offer tools and tips to help make their internet experience safe and positive.

This organisation is difficult to book and the presentation gives a fantastic insight into the following:

- The ways children use the internet and emerging technologies.
- Potential risks for children online, such as cyber bullying, illegal content, identity theft, grooming and predatory activity.
- Tips to help children to stay safe online.

The presentation is thorough, non-technical and is conducted by an accredited cybersmart trainer.

**FREE OF CHARGE** – Please feel free to invite your friends and extended family and anyone else you feel may be interested.

**When:** 9th of December at 6:30pm

**Where:** Multipurpose room

**Presenters:** Greg Gerhart, Kerry Jarvis, Lesley Harrison

**RSVP:** 2nd of December

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Written by Camryn H & Sasha I - Grade 6 students

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**Cybersmart Outreach - Internet Safety Awareness Presentation**

**Family name:** _____________________________________

**Number attending:** _______________

Please fill in and give to your classroom teacher.
### SCHOOL CALENDAR

#### November
- **Mon 16th**: Dan the Magic Man Incursion (All grades)
- **Fri 20th**: 2016 Prep Orientation 9-11:30
- **Thur 26th**: Life Education Van (26/11-1/12)
- **Tues 24th**: Building resilience in your children session 7:30-9pm
- **Fri 27th**: 2016 Prep Orientation 9-11:30

#### December
- **Tues 1st**: Whole School Concert @ The Arena (Doors open 6pm for 6.30pm Start)
- **Wed 9th**: Parent Helper Morning Tea Cybersmart Outreach – Internet Safety Awareness Presentation 6:30pm
- **Thur 10th**: Geelong Motoring Museum Excursion - Preps
- **Fri 11th**: House Swimming Sports – Yrs 2-6 Kardinia Pool
- **Mon 14th**: Year 6 Graduation Evening
- **Thur 17th**: Whole School Transition
- **Fri 18th**: LAST DAY FOR 2015 – 2:30 DISMISSAL

### SCHOOL LEADERS

#### School Captains
- Ella T
- Ruby C
- Flynn F
- Fred R

#### House Captains
- Farrer (yellow): Grace F and Will K
- MacArthur (green): Clancy C and Henry C
- Kidman (red): William S and Georgia V

#### 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

### CmUNiK8
- **Mail**: 785 Hendy Main Road, Moriac VIC 3240
- **Phone**: 03 52661298
- **Email**: moriac.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

### SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Our School Uniform Co-ordinators (Rebecca and Jodie) will be available for fitting of 2016 Prep uniforms during the 2016 Prep Orientation/Transition days.

To New and Current Parents/Carers - Please ensure you label all items of clothing worn to school. We have in excess of 200 students all wearing the Moriac PS school uniform, which means it is impossible to locate the owners of property if items are not clearly labelled with the student’s name. The Lost Property box is located in the Resource Room next to the school office. Please check the Lost Property box if you have misplaced any uniform items.

### To Parents/Carers/Friends - OFFICE ART FEATURE

As part of an art installation being erected in our office foyer, we require your help. We are seeking any pieces of handwritten material or artwork that can be cut up and pasted onto a large collage-style artwork. We would love a range of pieces consisting of different styles of handwriting over many generations. Examples of suitable items include:

- Old letters;
- Old handwritten recipes;
- Old school report cards;
- Children's artwork;
- Postcards;
- Pieces of classroom work.

These items will be used and will therefore not be returned. You could ask any family members to donate pieces for this project depicting members of our community.

Donations can be left at the school office where a box will be available for collection of all items.

If you require further information regarding this community/school project, please contact Janine Stern at the school.

Everyone is welcome to come into the office and have a look at our ‘Moriac Tree’ to see how and where the donated items will be displayed.

Cheers

Janine Stern
RUN GEELONG

HOW TO REGISTER

Earn up to $1000 worth of new sporting equipment vouchers for your School or Sporting Club. Simply register for Run Geelong and join your school or sporting club team!

1. Visit runaustralia.com.au
2. Click Run Geelong
3. Click Register
4. Click Team/School

See you at the start line!

Join the movement at runaustralia.com.au

Remember to sign up and register under Moriac Primary School- OFFICIAL! We could be in the running to receive $$$ towards new sporting equipment! 6km Walk or Run or the 12km run. There is also a 1km kids run. When you sign up, come and see Miss Vawdrey and you can get your official Run Geelong 2015 hat! More info at assembly next Monday- any hassles see your Official Moriac Primary School Run Champion, Miss Vawdrey! ☺
ABOUT HESSE RURAL HEALTH

Hesse Rural Health is committed to supporting local communities to be as healthy and well as they can be through the provision of a broad range of community services. These may include advice on managing risk factors which impact on health and wellbeing or care during periods of illnesses. Hesse has services based in Winchelsea, Beeac, Rokeby, Barcombool and Moriac.

COMMUNITY SERVICES CAN INCLUDE:

- District Nursing
- GP Services
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Podiatry
- Incontinence education
- Dietitian
- Health Promotion Groups
- Advice on service traps

(03) 5267 1200

hesse@swarh.vic.gov.au

www.hesseruralhealth.org.au

MORIAC COMMUNITY HEALTH

Located at 800 Handy Main Road, Moriac Community Health offers a range of consultation based services including General Practitioners and Allied Health.

Hesse is pleased to welcome Ian McGuire, Health Promotion Officer, based at Moriac two days per week.

Health Promotion explores health and wellbeing issues with an individual and also from a broader community, social and environmental perspective using important collaborative partnerships with local groups. Ian can be contacted on 5267 1200 or email at ian.mcguire@hesse.vic.gov.au.

Join Ian on a gentle walk around town (prams and walkers welcome) at 9am on Thursday's followed by a "cuppa" at the centre.

Drop into the centre where you see the "open" flag flying.

Need an interpreter?

If you need an interpreter, please contact Health Interpreters and Translators Agency on 03 9667 3718 and ask them to telephone Hesse Rural Health on 03 5267 1200.

Supported by funding from the Commonwealth and Victorian State Government.

WHO CAN REFER?

With the client’s written or verbal consent anyone may refer to Hesse’s programs:

- Self
- Families
- General Practitioners
- Allied Health Practitioners
- Hospital and other service providers

Referrals can be made by telephoning Hesse Rural Health on 03 5267 1200.

COST

Affordable fees are set in line with government guidelines with consideration to the ability to pay.

For further enquiries ring Hesse Rural Health on 03 5267 1200.

LOCATIONS

- Barcombool Primary Care
  24 Pope Street
  Barcombool, Vic 3321
- Beeac Community Health
  Lang Street
  Beeac, Vic 3351
- Winchelsea Community Health
  6 Gurney Street
  Winchelsea, Vic 3241
- Moriac Community Health
  800 Handy Main Road
  Moriac, Vic 3324
- Leigh Community Health
  57 Farrer Street
  Rokeby, Vic 3339

Tel: (03) 5267 1200

FEEDBACK IS WELCOME

Your feedback and suggestions enable us to continuously improve our services. The may be provided verbally to staff or you may ask for a feedback card suggestion form.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Further information is available from the Primary Care Manager.

Hesse Rural Health

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Visits

Caring For Rural Communities

Mission

Hesse is dedicated to providing and facilitating access to best practice health, aged care and community based services that fove for rural wellbeing.

Values

- Inclusiveness — Welcoming everyone
- Person Centred — Finding what’s important to the individual
- Integrity — Accountable, transparent practice
- Excellence — Committed to being the best we can

Community — Supporting each other

(03) 5267 1200

HESS RURAL HEALTH

Caring for Rural Communities
Moriac Primary School’s
2015 Concert
Moriac Does...

When – Tuesday 1st December
Where – The Geelong Arena
Time – 6.30pm (Doors open at 6.00pm)
Tickets available online at -
www.trybooking.com/JNIH