**Principal’s News**

**Upcoming Events**

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**Reminders**

- Congratulations to Jared Smith and his wife Alesia, who are proud, first time parents to a baby boy.

**Big News**

Congratulations to Jared Smith and his wife Alesia, who are proud, first time parents to a baby boy. Glad to report all is well.

**Happy Birthday**

To Jared’s son and to all of the students and staff who have had recent birthdays: Siena M, Millicent E, Georgie C, Lily A, Maggie B, Charlie A, Madeline K, Imogen C, Ella H, Lucy McB, Noah S, Aria M and Mrs Penny Harry.

**THRASS**

Parents of students in years four, five and six may recall the THRASS approach the school adopted towards the teaching of spelling about five years ago. It was only a trial at the time but it received great feedback from parents, students and teachers. Unfortunately, we lost some key staff that were trained and the trial waned. I am pleased to announce that the school is adopting a whole school THRASS approach. Staff have discussed the mixed results of our students in spelling and we are keen to enhance students spelling skills and knowledge from Prep to Year six. THRASS charts and strategies are being utilised in classrooms and, already, feedback is positive. Once established across the school, we will be providing parents with plenty of information to help you understand the approach and assist your children in this important basic requirement.

**Student Reports**

Yesterday, I re-published the June student’s reports after it was found that the achievement indicator comparisons (the achievement dots from 12 months ago) were not there and some absences were missing from the reports published at the end of last term. This has been rectified.

On a secondary note, we are looking into a way in which your child’s report’s six monthly summary page (the dots) can be married up with term by term comments. I know this is something many of you would like. Bear with me while we remedy this for you.

**Building Process Update**

At a meeting this week involving your school’s building team and the Department, Moriac was successful in having the Schematic Design stage approved, meaning that we can now commence the Development Design stage. Schematic Design is basically the shape of the buildings and exteriors, while Development Design is where the interiors (joinery, fittings, colour schemes etc) are determined. This is wonderful news and means we are now moving more rapidly towards the commencement of a new school.

Now that the basic plan is approved, I am in a position to share some of the sketches with you. Initial plans and elevations for the new school are available on our website, www.moriacps.vic.edu.au. Please note they may be subject to some change, depending on things like cost factors, tender and architectural input.

Walking in through the Bus Shelter gate, a visitor will look left to see a native landscaped garden area where the staffroom used to be and look right to see the multi-purpose hall. They continue walking past the office block which combines old school with a new extension, continuing between the amphitheatre and the administration offices (don’t run here as the Principal’s office is just on your right!!). In the space that used to be the junior building, there is a peaceful central courtyard. On either side of that, there are two buildings - a junior and a senior wing. One wing is where the old Library used to be situated and it has the existing external toilet block joined for internal access and it has been refurbished. The other wing is where the Five/Six and Three/Four classrooms were located. Beyond the buildings, the active areas are still there, including the basketball/netball court, ovals running track, exercise stations and the play equipment.

**Election Day Cake Stall**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Election Day Cake Stall. It was a great fundraising success for Parents and Friends and word is that there are some pretty handy bakers around.

**End of Term Crazy Hair Disco**

Well done Parents and Friends for the successful and massively attended event. We are hoping for some candid photos of the next generation of talent for ‘Dancing with the Stars’.

**Zàijiàn - Goodbye**

Steve Durkin
NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope all students and teachers enjoyed a wonderful holiday break.

Everyone needs to remember to wear their school jumpers, beanies, gloves etc every day as the weather is so cold!

We hope this term will be fun but we also know there is a lot of hard work ahead.

On Monday 25 July we have a Curriculum Day and students are not required at school. Yes!! We get the day off … but the teachers don’t!

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

PARENTS AND FRIENDS GROUP

The Crazy Hair Disco was a great success and a fun way to end the term. There were lots of crazy hair styles and cool moves on the dance floor. Thank you to all the parents who helped organise and supervise the event. A special thanks to the students and families for supporting the event and making it a success.

The P&F cake stall held during the holidays was wonderfully supported by families and voters. Thank you to all the bakers, the selection of baked goods was incredible, and thank you to the parents to helped pack and sell the cakes.

We would like to wrap up our Entertainment Book fundraiser for this year, but we have not received all books. Thank you to everyone who has purchased or returned their book. If you have a book at home please either return or purchase the book. Purchases can be made online at


Thank you. - Kezia
School News

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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You’re invited
Modewarre Reserve Tennis & Play Space Project

Opening Celebration

Please join us for lunch following the official opening

To be opened by Gayle Tierney MP, Member for Western Victoria, Surf Coast Shire Council Mayor Cr Rose Hodge and Winchelsea Ward Councillors, Cr Heather Wellington and Cr Carol McGregor

SUNDAY 24 JULY 2016
11:45am arrival for a 12 noon start for official opening
Modewarre Reserve
910 Cape Otway Road, Modewarre

RSVP Nicky Angus 0409 964 731 nangus@surfcoast.vic.gov.au