**Principal’s News**

**Happy Birthday:** To all of the students and staff who have had birthdays since our last Newsletter:

**Building Update** - This week, members of the school (Suzanne, Aaron, Stuart Christie, Brett Drayton and I) met with the Architects, James Deans and Ben Hornsey and had a teleconference with DET building officials to discuss the capital works program. Over term one, James and Ben have been in discussions with DET and the school about what is within scope. The delay has been trying to have DET agree with our entitled building space. This week, we successfully argued that the Amphitheatre cannot reasonably be counted as travel space (such as covered walkways) as it is a standalone covered outdoor area. School building entitlement is determined by enrolments. We are being built on the 201 to 225 student category. Following this meeting, the school has moved to the next stage (Schematic Design) in a four stage process which culminates in tender. The timeline is such that building is expected to commence early 2017.

It is too early to show the community any plans as they are too broad at this stage but I can outline the school’s thinking. The idea is for two new buildings (junior and senior) with retention of one of our mod 5 buildings. Mod 5s are the year three/four and five/six buildings. One of these must be retained as it is the Department’s policy to have one of these portables on site to allow for future student enrolment growth or decline. The existing office would be retained and a new staffroom, Principal/Assistant Principal offices and first aid room built on to the end facing the current year one/two building. We would also keep the multi-purpose building which currently houses our Preps, art room and Out of School Care program. The portable staffroom, the large junior building and the old caretaker’s residence, which we use for our Library, are scheduled for removal or demolition. Some of you may recall that, back in 2010, the office building was also going to be demolished. With the 2014 upgrade to the exterior, re-stumping, flooring and wall repair, it makes sense to retain this now and build on it.

The two new classroom buildings would have Libraries within them. Both would house age/ability appropriate books. This means that students will have easier access to book borrowing within their buildings. We will also retain Library times in our program. All new buildings will have toilets in them…an end to students heading off in pairs to the toilets…yay. The existing toilet block will be connected to one of the new buildings.

I am hoping to present some plans as soon as we have some.

**Parent Payments** - The school has moved to a no-cash system, in line with established modern business systems. All school payments are required to be made either through direct debit or plastic card at the office. Internet banking payments are also accepted. The only cash that the school can take is for activities such as the following: gold coin donation days, Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day gifts, payments for external companies such as school photographer and other activities like these.

**SSA Athletics** - Yesterday, our year three to six students competed in the SSA Athletics event at John Landy Field. As usual, our students represented their school in tremendous fashion. Once we know who has made it to Zone level, we will let everyone know. Well done to all of our students and staff, and to all of the families who cheered our athletes on the day.

**ANZAC Day** - Today, the School and House Captains conducted the school’s ANZAC Day ceremony at our flagpole. This was well done by them and the floral tributes by many students was a nice touch. *Lest we forget.*
School is closed next Monday for the ANZAC Day public holiday.

**Chinese** - All of our students are enjoying the Skyped Chinese classes each week. They are linked with Chinese tutors in Beijing and the bank of words students are learning continues to grow. Teachers are part of the learning too. You will start to notice our signs reflect this with English and Mandarin signage. Keep asking your child what words they have learned.

Zàijiàn Good bye

Steve Durkin
Stars of Moriac for this fortnight are:
Prep:  Thomas M and Ella H.
1/2A:  Boah R  1/2B:  Khodi W and Charlie L  1/2C:  Hayley T
5/6:  Tahlia S-W and Kaitlyn B.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS UPDATE

Term one was an exciting start to the year for the new look Moriac Parents and Friends committee. Along with lots of new faces, some wonderful ideas and events were suggested.

Our first special event for 2016 was the Easter Bonnet Parade and Hot Cross Bun shop. There were lots of wonderful bonnets created, and it was wonderful to see the excitement and enthusiasm of the students on the day. Special thank you to Carrie Vanderpol for doing a fantastic job as Judge. Also to Anglesea IGA for donating the prize chocolate Bunnies, and to Oak’s Bakery Anglesea for supplying us with delicious hot cross Buns.

On a personal note, thank you to everyone who has offered to help with events this year. There will be plenty of opportunities to get involved. The P&F and I look forward to more fun events this term, starting with Mothers’ Day events.

Mothers’ Day Breakfast and Stall

This year’s Mothers’ Day Breakfast will continue the tradition of Pancake breakfast for Mums and Students. The breakfast will be held on Friday 6th of May, with breakfast being served between 7:30 and 8:30. Cost is $4 each or $10 per family. Forms will be coming home this week. Fathers/Grandfathers are invited to help with cooking and serving breakfast on the day. Please contact Kezia if you are available on 0409060211.

The Mothers’ Day stall is from 9-11 on Friday 6th May. Students will visit the stall with their class and may bring a maximum of $5 to spend.

Kezia

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Athletics

On Thursday the year 3-6s represented Moriac PS at the SSA Athletics event. It was a great day and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Last Monday five students represented Moriac PS at the SSA Triple Jump event at Torquay College. Everyone participated very well. Mia V-D and Lily A won their event and have qualified for the next level.

ANZA Service

We will be joined by the House Captains to deliver the ANZAC Service at school on Friday commencing at 11:00am.

Mothers’ Day Breakfast

We hope all of the Mums/Grandmothers/Aunties and other special people will be able to attend the Moriac Mothers’ Day Breakfast. This is being held on Friday 6th May commencing at 7:30 until 8:30am. This popular event is becoming a tradition at our school and we look forward to seeing everyone there to say thanks to all the Mums

Kaitlyn B, Rose C, Jai L and Mia V.
**Community News**

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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**SCHOOL LEADERS**

**School Captains**
- Rosie C
- Mia V
- Kaitlyn B
- Jai 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
- Paula Stiles - Parent
- Mikhaila Vawdrey - DET

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**Sushifun**

- Fridays
- Locally made Sushi lunch available every Friday.
- Brochures available at school office.

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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.

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YOUTH WORK

LEARN: TEAM WORK PROBLEM SOLVING INITIATIVE AND ENTERPRISE

Spring Creek Community House
14 Price St. Torquay

Mondays & Tuesdays
9am-3pm
Starts May 9th

Enrolments close: April 25th
Call: 5255 4294

BELLBRAE PRIMARY SCHOOL
MAYFAIR
SUNDAY 1st OF MAY

Lucky Bags / Silent Auction / Spinning Wheel / Ballet Bar / Wine / Beer / 9 D Cinema / Craft / Coffee & Cakes / Cafe Bellbrae / Dim Sims / Ferris Wheel / Fruit Juices / Donuts / Duck Poo Lotto / Entertainment Stage / Face Painting / Fruit & Veg / Narley Rides / Hide & Seek Activities / Horse Rides / Hot Dogs / Fairy Floss / Drama Art / Jumping Castle / Giant Jumping Slide / Lucky Bags / Plants / Buffet / Roast Must Rolls / Too Fee, Dream Catcher Creations / Toys & Games / Trains Rides / Vegi Burgers / Children’s Acti-vities / BBQ / Egg & Bacon Rolls / Soup / Plate Smashing / Lollies / Fried Rice
Second Hand Books

WOODCHOP
CONDUCTED BY WESTERN VICTORIAN KECMACHS ASSOCIATION

10AM-3PM BELLBRAE PRIMARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL ROAD BELLBRAE - 52 612 660

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