Happy Birthday to all of the students and staff who have had birthdays since our last Newsletter: Luis M, Bede C, Coen R, Boah R, Cooper N, Sophie A, Flynn F, Alexander D, Jack and Mitchell M.

School Payments – NO CASH - Please note that the school can only accept EFTPOS, card and Direct Deposit. Cash transactions are no longer available, except where students and Parents & Friends raise funds for special causes through gold coin donation days.

Sports - On Wednesday, 23rd March, Thomas B participated in the Bellarine Division tennis competition. This was following his efforts at SSA level. Thomas was an outstanding ambassador for the Division and his school and we all congratulate him. Well done Thomas.

The school also competed in the SSA Cross Country event this week at Eastern Gardens in Geelong. Some of our proudest stories were of students who didn't think they could do it but did cross the finish line. Well done Chloe A and Matilda B.

Special well done to our top ten finishers in their age groups:
- 8/9 years boys – James B, 10 years boys - Byron R, 10 years girls – Myah C, 11 years boys – James S, 11 years girls, Lily A, Lily F, Meg H, Macy C, 12/13 girls – Mia V.

Speaking of Mia, a little birdie tells us that Mia participated in the State Athletics last weekend in the 60 and 80 metre Hurdles at Cranbourne. What a terrific experience. Well done Mia.

Library Departure - After being part of our volunteer Library staff for a long time, we are sad to say farewell to Lyn Elliott. Lyn is heading to work in a library in Torquay, where she can assist her grandchildren to love reading as much as she has helped Moriac students.

On behalf of all the kids, staff and community, Lyn, thanks for keeping the passion for the written word alive and for making our Library a great place to be. All the best.

Student Absence - Not too many years ago, this school's student absence was pretty poor. Our average student absence rate was about four days worse than the State average. The 2015 data below is good news. Well done everyone. The only concern remaining that the data gives us is the amount of additional days absence for our Preps and year ones. Hmmm!

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It has been a short but extremely busy term. We are genuinely flattered with the positive feedback that our parent community is providing us. Of course, we cannot please everyone all the time but you are overwhelmingly telling us you are pleased with what we are doing. Thank you.

Have a good Easter break and catch up with family and friends.

Steve Durkin
Term 1 has gone really quickly but it has gone very well. Everyone is playing nicely and being safe. We look forward to seeing all the smiling faces back after the Easter break.

During the past few weeks the Grade 5/6 students have visited various high schools to experience what it’s like to be in a secondary school setting. We have seen lots of ex-Moriac students. Some of our students were amazed at the massive size of the schools.

We wish everyone a happy Easter. Enjoy the break and be safe.

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

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**STARS OF MORIAC**

Stars of Moriac for this fortnight are:

**Prep:** Maddy F and Ruby B

**1/2:** Ethan K, Olivia T, Liam H, Charlie L, Hayley T and Rowan V.

**3/4:** Alex D and Brendon H.

**5/6:** Mali W and Toby C.

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**Lost and Found**

There are school windcheaters and other clothing items in the Lost Property Box. Items which are not clearly labelled with students’ names are not easily identified and able to be returned to the rightful owner. If your child/ren has lost anything, please have a look in Lost Property. We have flyers at the office for ‘Stuck on You’ Labels. These are inexpensive and easy to apply. This is also a fundraiser for the school.

2 children’s watches have been handed in to the office. If your child has lost a watch please ask them to come to the office to collect it.
Pictured are the students joining in our Easter Bonnet Parade, organised by the Parents & Friends Group. Our guest judge was Carrie Vanderpol.

Here are our finalists in the Easter Bonnet parade (above).
Here is a snapshot of our year 3/4 student led fitness program called Huff and Puff. Not only do students develop their health, fitness and wellbeing, they also work on developing their leadership and teamwork skills.

**Community News**

The Modewarre Fire Brigade reminds everyone that **Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday 3rd April.** Please use this date as a reminder to change your clocks (back an hour) and also change the batteries in your smoke detectors (even if hardwired).

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

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### SCHOOL LEADERS

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

**House Captains**
- Clodagh N and Luke K (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
- Paula Stiles - Parent
- Aaron Randall -DET
- Suzanne Prendergast – DET
- Mikhala Vawdrey - DET

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Surf Coast Inland Plains Network (SCIPN) Wildlife cards are available. “These are a great publication of which funds go directly back to SCIPN. Over the past 5-10 years the 3 instalments of cards have been released with the last coming out at the end of 2015. These cards feature fauna of our region and each card tells the story of one of our native animals, illustrated by Mark Trinham (who also made the wood sculptures around Moriac), they are a sponsored by local businesses.”
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**Entries:**
- **24th November:** Queen's Birthday
- **30th November:** School Christmas Party
- **14th December:** 5&6 Stage Production-Rehearsal
- **15th December:** 5&6 Stage Production
- **16th December:** Junior Library
- **17th December:** Senior Library
- **18th December:** Junior Library
- **19th December:** Senior Library
- **20th December:** 5&6 5/6 Camp
- **21st December:** Grade 6/5 Camp
- **22nd December:** Junior Library
- **23rd December:** Grade 6/5 Camp
- **24th December:** Holiday
- **31st December:** New Year's Day