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Happy Birthday:

Building Project
You will soon notice that the septic system is fenced off (the area around the orchard) and workers are on-site. Following an inspection of the system as part of our building works, it was discovered the school population had outgrown the system and it was failing to cope with the school’s rising population. Hence, the works are underway to make it suitable for our growing needs. As the waste will be treated on-site, current regulations state that new pits and pipes will be laid under-ground, running to the far end of the oval and that end will be fenced. This is normal for onsite treatment involving a population as the school has. It is being done urgently as this is an item that needs attention immediately and obviously before building works can be commenced.

NAPLAN
Individual NAPLAN reports were distributed to parents/carers over the last week. If you have any questions from these, please contact the school. In terms of whole school results, we are pleased with the strong upward trend demonstrated across NAPLAN in Years Three and Five. The first table below indicates the high results attained in terms of achievement by the school cohort. Please note that 3% to 4% equals one student.

An example of how to read this table:

The table shows that, in Year Three Reading, 54% of students were well above national standards (scoring in bands 5 and 6) and 42% were above national standards (bands 3 and 4). That translates to 96% of the Year Three students achieving above or well above national standards. In Year three Reading, 4% achieved at national standard.

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<th>Year 3 NAPLAN 2016</th>
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This second table indicates expected achievement bands for the various year levels.

In the third table below, you can see the growth of the current Year Five students, compared to ‘like school’ * and State, as tracked against their Year Three 2014 NAPLAN results for Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy. Moriac is the red box, like schools green, the State is yellow and national outcomes are shown as blue. Please note national figures for this year have not yet been released. The line in the middle of the box is the middle score this school achieved. The red box represents the middle 50% of scores and the ‘whiskers’ on each end represent the spread of scores for the next 15%. The results of the top 10% and bottom 10% are not indicated on the data provided. In any event, the growth of Moriac students, whether compared state-wide or to like schools tell a story of positive growth for this school. Congratulations to the students and teachers for these outcomes. Now let’s aim for better. (*like school = same demographic, socio-economic)
Communication Survey - Communicating with parents, carers and the community is very important to Moriac Primary School. There are many reasons for schools to communicate and we are keen to implement a simple and effective system for our community. We are also committed to decreasing our environmental footprint by significantly reducing the amount of paper we consume.

The school recognises that it is easy to be swamped by multiple forms of communication arriving at the home and has resolved to streamline the process. Below are the current reasons for communication. The school hopes that your input can assist in the development of a more manageable process.


To help the school to determine an effective communication strategy going forward, we request that you complete a brief survey. It asks five questions about your preferred communication channels. Your input is extremely important to the school.

The survey will take less than five minutes. The link is: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XF7PG7D

Information Sharing - Related to the survey information above, the school has conducted a couple of information evenings this week. On Wednesday evening, the Year Three/Four team conducted a Camp Information evening attended by school and Quest staff. This was well attended and parents were able to ask questions about the logistics and requirements of the camp. On Thursday and again next Tuesday, the school is conducting the Term three Parent/Teacher Interview evenings. These were split across two weeks instead of the one, following your feedback that it was more difficult for you to attend twice in the one week. We trust this has assisted you to attend.

We also hope you caught a look at the article about the school in general and our Preps 100 days in particular, in the Surf Coast Shire’s Early Years News, August edition.

Your child’s term three Attitude and Behaviour Report was also uploaded to the Parent Portal this week. Again, we trust it provides you a valuable insight into how your child responds, engages and behaves in the school.

Dangerous Tradies? - A couple of weeks ago, the Principal warned the student population to be aware of a family of plovers that chose to build their nest on our oval and were swooping trespassers. “Let’s respect and protect”, “keep clear”….all the usual messages were passed on. So, it was a shock to hear that the word amongst some of our younger students was that we all had to look out for a swooping plumber. Always need to watch out for those territorial Tradies!!

Finally - Seven staff members attended Ben’s service last week. This was a lovely service attended by around 1000 people. What was rather confronting was that there were so many young people present, many of whom were former Moriac Primary School students. Let’s all keep an eye out and help protect our greatest asset.

Zàijiàn
Steve Durkin

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS

This week we celebrated Book Week with a dress-up parade on Wednesday. We could tell that many parents put so much effort into the costumes. There were many interesting costumes with the winners of prizes in each category being:
Our friends from Moriac Kinder also came along and joined in the parade. Prizes were awarded to Addison and Liam. This annual event is one of the favourite activities for all students. Thank you to our Library ladies for organising the prizes and for the work they put into Book Week.

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

SAVE THE DATE - ART SHOW

Moriac PS Parents & Friends Group will be hosting an Art Show on Friday October 14th 6pm-8.30pm
Keep the night free and come along to celebrate.
Student Art display & awards.
Silent Art Auction
Raffle prizes
2016 MORIAC PRIMARY SCHOOL
FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST

ENJOY A HEARTY BREAKFAST WITH YOUR CHILD TO CELEBRATE FATHERS’ DAY 2016!!

FRIDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER FROM 7:00AM-8:30AM
IN THE PREP ROOM

$5 PER PERSON OR $15 PER FAMILY (MAX. COST $15)

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CUTLERY AND CROCKERY

HELPERS WANTED TO ASSIST WITH COOKING AND SERVING.
ANY MUMS, AUNTIES, GRANDMOTHERS, CARERS WHO COULD HELP
WOULD BE MOST WELCOME!!
Please advise the office of your contact details if you are able to help.

Stars of Moriac for this fortnight are:

Prep: Cleo R and Sonny McA.
1/2: Xavier B, Georgie C, Amali B and Rowan V.
5/6: Rose C and Mikaela J.

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Our Stars of Moriac from last fortnight.
Congratulations.

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**Term 3**

**Aug**
- **Tues 30th**: Parent/Teacher Interviews – Students dismissed at 2:00pm

**Sept**
- **Fri 2nd**: Fathers’ Day Breakfast and Stall 7-8:30am
- **Mon 5th**: Year 4 Bike Ed
- **Wed 7th**: Grade 3/4 Camp Melbourne
- **To**: 
- **Fri 9th**: SSA Basketball – Year 5/6
- **Thurs 15th**: Year 2 Sleepover
- **Fri 16th**: Last day of Term 3 – Students dismissed at 2:30pm

**Term 4**
- **Oct**
- **Fri 14th**: Parents & Friends Art Show 6-8:30pm

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

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**School News**

Over the past few years, the Moriac school community has supported the Geelong Food Relief Centre’s charity drive to collect cans and any other non-perishable foods, groceries and personal care items for distribution to families in need throughout the community.

Please place donations in the carton at the front office at school.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

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**Give a can, if you can**

(or any other non-perishable foods, groceries and personal care items)

...and help support the Geelong Food Relief Centre
Come and try Teeball or Baseball!!

**Come and try Teeball**
2 September 2016 at the Geelong Baseball Complex, Waurn Ponds
5 pm to 6 pm
For age group 5 to 10 years

**Come and try Baseball**
18 September 2016 at the Geelong Baseball Complex, Waurn Ponds
10 am – 12 noon
For age group 9 to 14 years

For more information please contact
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Grovedale LAC is one of 9 clubs in Geelong, that gives kids from the ages of 5-15 the opportunity to compete in a range of athletic events each week for fun, fitness and enjoyment.

There is a ‘Come and Try’ day on Saturday 24th September with coaching, events, registrations and a sausage sizzle.

Competition begins on 8th October 2016 and runs until March 2017 with a break over Christmas.
New athletes can have a 2 week trial before signing up.

Registration is online on the Little Athletics Victoria website  www.lavic.com.au/ and will open on August 12th. Returning athletes will receive an invitation to re-register.

For more info call Michelle on 0434 193 267 or Brad on 0402 889 481 or check out Grovedale’s website on

www.grovedalelittleaths.com

Come and join us under the palm on the river side of Landy Field