We have signed up to begin Mandarin classes for Prep to Year six in 2016.

Upcoming Events

- **Tue Dec 1st**
  - Whole School Concert

- **Wed 9th Dec**
  - Internet Cyber Safety Awareness Presentation

- **Mon Dec 14th**
  - Year 6 Graduation Night

Reminders

- Broad brimmed sunhats must be worn at all times when playing outdoors during Term 4.
- Please ensure your child has their hat with them every school day.

Happy Birthday to the following students and staff who have celebrated their birthday since our last Newsletter: James B, Annabelle R, Joshua W, Haylia I, Colin H, Theodore C, Rory K, Ms Bronwyn Jennings. Apologies to Ms Mikhaila Vawdrey who also celebrated her birthday recently but whose name was unfortunately not included in the Newsletter.

Sentrail - It’s great to see parents and teachers have begun to communicate using our Sentral messaging module. This will eventually replace our student diary and provide a long term record of communication between home and school.

School Captains and our Leadership Program - Today, I have advertised for our School Captains for 2016. Year six students have until next Friday 4th December to submit a written application to me. I have emphasised with the students that it must be their own work but they should ask a parent, carer or teacher to proof read for them. This decision is the Principal’s alone and it invariably leads to four happy students and some a little disappointed. However, early in the new year, we also appoint our House Captains, ICT Captains, Bus Captains and the year five/six area conducts our leadership program at points of the year. The recent magic show was one example of this where students had to plan, organise and manage a leadership activity.

Resilience - During the week, we had guest speaker Gary Banks visit the school and discuss issues around student resilience with over 30 parents. The parent feedback has been great. This issue is part of our strategic planning going forward so you will hear much more about this as we strive to build even stronger, more confident young people.

Building Update - Next Tuesday, our School Council panel, consisting of Stuart Christie, Brett Drayton, Suzanne Prendergast and I, will be interviewing three architects to appoint one to design our new school. There will also be a department representative. This is an exciting process, albeit drawn out. As more information is made available, we will be providing our community with this.

Mandarin coming to Moriac - At last week’s School Council meeting, we confirmed that all Prep to year six students will be learning Mandarin with a real time, online tutor from the beginning of 2016. The school has now formally signed up. This ticks the box for all of our students to learn a second language, an area we have had some difficulty with in the past in gaining a teacher to come to our school weekly.

Year Six Orientation - December 8, 9 and 10 are the days when our departing year six students will be visiting their Government secondary schools. This is a significant transitional time for them which is exciting and maybe a little confronting at the same time. Remember that feeling you had when you visited your new secondary school? They are also preparing for their graduation evening which will take place on Monday 14th December from 6pm at Lyndon Grove. Their seven years with us have passed so quickly!

Next Newsletter - In our last newsletter for the year, you will see a summary of what we have achieved (and still need to work on) during 2016.

Steve Durkin

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**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.
NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Last week was a magical week with Dan the Magic Man coming to visit and wowing everyone! We would like to say a big thankyou to Harri I and Max W for organising this.

We have our school concert coming up on Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} December at the Arena in North Geelong. Doors will open at 6pm for a 6.30pm kick-off.

With merely one month remaining of school for 2015, we all need to remember to not drop our game and keep powering through to the end of the year.

We would like to say thank you to Mrs Klug and Mrs DeVries and their band of helpers for a great Book Fair which offered a great range of books for everyone.

\textbf{Ella T, Ruby C, Flynn F and Fred R.}

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Stars of Moriac for this fortnight are: Tarlia P and Annabelle R – Prep.

Pictured below are some of our recent award recipients - Jacob T, Alex DeV, Sarah R, Arlen C, Maddison M and Grace F.

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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;
- Childrens’ 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
Well done to all Moriac students (and teachers!) who participated in Run Geelong 2015! It was a terrific morning and lots of money was raised for the Children’s wing of the Geelong Hospital. The final figures aren’t in yet, so we are not sure if our numbers have qualified for a sporting voucher. As soon as we find this out we will put it in the newsletter! Pictured above are some of our enthusiastic participants - Kobi W and Patrick D from Prep together with the Suz, Toby, Eli and Nathaniel P and Julie and Olivia C. Great effort!
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: 2\textsuperscript{nd} of December

Esmart Committee

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
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
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Winchelsea Girl Guides proudly present...
CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT
AT BARWON PARK MANSION
SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER, 2015
A superb line up of artists and activities including...
Sheridan Guiney & Students
HM Kininmonth Kindergarten
Kimberly Colman
Geelong Pipes & Drums Band

Adamm Ferrier
Chloe Miller
Mainly Music
...and much more

5.00pm  BBQ, Snacks &
        plenty of FREE Activities
6.30pm  Carols

Jumping Castle  Santa  Face Painting

Winchelsea Lions Club  Barwon Park Mansion
National Trust  Winchelsea Star  Bendigo Bank
Surf Coastline  The start of the Great Ocean Road
There is a Christmas Tree located in the School Office foyer for anyone wishing to donate gifts for this year’s Bethany Giving Tree Appeal.
We had a wonderful turnout to the ‘Building Resilience in Your Children’ session which was provided to us by the Surf Coast Shire and facilitated by Gary Banks. Gary spoke through a number of different scenarios involving children and how to deal with different behaviours. We have had a number of parents express interest in finding out more about the night or having a copy of the power point. In some ways this is difficult due to the fact that a lot of the night was discussion and information that is beneficial to be heard first hand. If there is enough interest we may look at holding a similar session at the start of 2016.

There are a number of main points from the night that I have taken from Gary’s power point and put below and Gary also recommended two parenting books and a DVD (pictures provided below).

**INFORMATION FROM GARY BANKS’ SLIDESHOW PRESENTATION**

“Resilience is the happy knack of being able to bungee jump through the pitfalls of life. Even when hardship and adversity arise, it is as if the person has an elasticized rope around their middle that helps them rebound when things get low and to maintain their sense of who they are as a person.” (A Fuller 1998)

**Skills we want to develop in children.**

- How to communicate and get on with others
- How to manage feelings
- How to be independent
- How to solve problems

**Recent Societal Changes** - There has been a dramatic decline in “free play” in young children

**Guiding Principle**

To assist in changing the behaviour of others we first need to change our own behaviour – how we react, how we feel and what we do.

If what you are doing is not working….i.e.changing the behaviour…developing new skills…increasing confidence and independence……and resilience…. STOP DOING IT!! …as you are probably making the problem worse!!

**ACT – DON’T REACT**

*or*

**ACT – DON’T YAK**

The most Important thing you can do to raise emotionally healthy, emotionally literate and RESILIENT children is to...........

PARENT THEM!!!!!!

(You are NOT their friend!!!)

**Choice**

Discipline and consequences should always be presented to the child as something they are in control of and that they choose.

**Carry Through**

Absolutely always carry through

If you ‘bubble wrap’ your children they won’t build an ‘immunity’ or ‘resistance’ to problems and misfortune.
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