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Upcoming Events

- Fri 30 Oct Prep-2 Athletics Day
- Tues 3 Nov Melbourne Cup Public Holiday (No school)
- Fri 13th Nippers Carnival
- Tue 10-Fri 13th Book Fair

Reminders

- Broad brimmed sunhats must be worn at all times when playing outdoors during Term 4.

Happy Birthday to the following students and staff members who have celebrated their birthday since our last Newsletter: Ellie McK, Harmony P, Jasmine A, Ruby McE, Ned B, Sarah F, Rose C, Amos V, Amy B, Lily M, Riley B and Miss Mikhala Vawdrey.

Building Update - The Department has provided the school with a list of three Architects to interview in the coming weeks to select one to design our new facilities. The School Council panel consists of three school staff and two parent reps. As a general heads up, the process is a long one and we expect that our new buildings won't be completed until late 2016, early 2017 at the earliest. Our community will be kept informed on every step taken in a long process and we hope to display plans as soon as we have them. More specific information to follow.

Parent Payments

1. I understand that there has been a lack of clarity by the school with some annual payments by some parents in recent times. This will be rectified early next week. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

2. As a separate item from the above, at last week's School Council meeting, it was reported that the school has only received around 65% of parent annual fees and charges as at October. This means some 40 families are yet to pay their annual Parent Supported Services fees out of 135 families. This is well down on expected payment levels. School Council bases its annual budget on receiving at least 80% (108 families) of parent fees. That is, School Council already allocates in the annual budget that around 20% (27 families) of parents will not pay, unfortunately. At present, there is well over $10,000 expected revenue not received. In a small rural school of our size, this does impact on the school's ability to provide the educational opportunities parents rightfully expect for their children.

If you have not paid your annual fees as yet, School Council requests you do so to ensure our school provides appropriate educational opportunities. Parents experiencing financial hardship can make flexible payment plans with the school. See Donna or Lynn to arrange this.

Sentral - The rollout is almost fully complete. I am aware that a few parents are experiencing log on difficulties. Please contact me directly if this is an issue for you. I am becoming quite the technical guru on this!!

SSA Athletics - Today, our Prep, One and Two students have represented their school in an interschool Athletics event. Welcome to the big world, Preppies. Moriac introduced the concept of our year six School and House Captains attending on this day as support personnel – a concept that has been taken up by other SSA schools.

School Review - The school has just completed the four yearly review of our previous 2012 to 2015 Strategic Plan. A group of independent reviewers visited our school and evaluated our last four years and recommended some goals for the period 2016 to 2019. It is pleasing to report that the goals and targets were overwhelmingly achieved, particularly in Writing and Reading. Here are some of their reported formal observations:

"The panel where impressed by the achievements made by the school during the past 4 years since the Extended Diagnostic Review was completed. “The panel confirmed that the school achieved the 2012 -2015 SSP targets outlined on page 5 of the 2014 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP).” "The panel were of the view that the school, through the leadership team, have focused the distribution of available resources in line with the priorities outlined in the 2012 – 2015 SSP. ““Thanks for the day, you’ve got a fantastic school.” Good job students and teachers.

Continued……
However, we didn’t consistently reach our Mathematics targets so more needs to be done. The main targets for the next four years are to:

1. Develop teaching and learning practices around Mathematics. In 2016, the school is employing University and mathematics personnel to observe, recommend and plan a better Mathematics process across the school. Parents, you can help by really pressing times-tables knowledge and addition, subtraction and division skills with your children. Don’t worry about the old “they teach it differently than when I was in school” line. Just push it!

2. Develop the Collaborative Teaching model across the school. While we had some great success in teachers working together, it was not consistently implemented across the school. Staff need to further develop their skills and knowledge in this area. We are on it.

3. Building Student Resilience. As terrific as our students are, it has been identified that, broadly speaking, they ‘give up’ on challenging themselves more easily than they should. Our students ‘play it safe’ when it comes to their own learning. We (parents and school) have probably developed a culture where we value ‘correctness’, rather than promote ‘it’s ok to make mistakes as long as you learn from them’. This is a significant challenge for school and community.

The final 2016 – 2019 School Strategic Plan will be provided to our community once developed. Exciting times ahead.

Neighbourhood Watch and Good Citizen Award
Our year three to six students attended the annual Neighbourhood Watch Concert last week in Winchelsea, along with many other schools. I am extremely proud to announce that Kaitlyn B year five, was awarded Moriac’s Good Citizen Award for her services to her school and community. Kaitlyn is a wonderful ambassador for this community and a gorgeous person. This was her citation:

“Kaitlyn is always happy to volunteer her services to help out. She does cubs and scouts and often helps out with the local environment. She is always friendly and helpful with new students and will go out of her way to make them feel comfortable. She is highly respected and a great community person.”

Well done Kaitlyn.

Steve Durkin

Earn and Learn Stickers
Thank you to all those families who collected Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers. We collected 17,400 in total and have chosen a range of measurement equipment that we can use in maths classes such as scales, weights, trundle wheels and containers for measuring volume, along with 3D shapes and teacher resource books. A big thankyou to Alison Vickers who counted the stickers for us!

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS
On Monday 19th October the Years 3-6 students all went to Winchelsea to be part of the Neighbourhood Watch Day. Kaitlyn B received the Good Citizen Award for Moriac PS. Congratulations Kaitlyn. Everyone enjoyed the day.

Today the House Captains and School Captains are helping out at the P-2 Athletics Day.

Everyone is having fun rehearsing for the School Concert which is on Tuesday 1st December.

Ella T, Ruby C, Flynn F and Fred R.
SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Our School Uniform Co-ordinators (Rebecca and Jodie) will be available for fitting of 2016 Prep uniforms during the 2016 Prep Orientation/Transition days.

Please ensure you label ALL items of school uniform. It is impossible to locate the owners of property if it is not clearly labelled with the student’s name. The Lost Property box is located in the Resource Room next to the school office. The box still contains a large number of unlabelled school windcheaters. Please check the Lost Property box if you have misplaced any uniform items.

RUN GEELONG – SIGN UP NOW!!

Remember to sign up and register under Moriac Primary School - OFFICIAL! We could be in the running to receive $$$ towards new sporting equipment! 6km Walk or Run or the 12km run. There is also a 1km kids run. When you sign up, come and see Miss Vawdrey and you can get your official Run Geelong 2015 hat! More info at assembly next Monday- any hassles see your Official Moriac Primary School Run Champion, Miss Vawdrey! J
See advertisement on back page of this Newsletter.

To Parents/Carers/Friends - OFFICE ART FEATURE

As part of an art installation that will be 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.

Cheers
Janine Stern
**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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**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
  - Suzanne Prendergast – DET

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Moriac Primary School has registered for Sporting Schools, a new $100 million Australian Government programme designed to give our students the opportunity to access sport-based activities before, during or after school hours.

The Sporting Schools programme allows our students to participate in quality programmes developed by more than 30 national sporting organisations.

The good news is, Sporting Schools is funded by the Australian Government so there will be no additional cost to parents.

In term 4 our school will be delivering

**Basketball**

When: Monday 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th Nov & 7th Dec (5 sessions)

Time: 3:30-4:30pm. **AFTER SCHOOL**

Where: Moriac Primary School

Who: Geelong Supercats basketball club will be delivering the program.

Cost: Free!

*Any student can participate in the program but there are limited places so it will be first in, first served.*

If you have any question please contact Bronwyn Jennings via SENTRAL.

Please follow this link to complete the google form to register your child’s interest in either soccer or basketball for term 4. If there is a place available for your child, a confirmation form will be sent home with your child.

[http://goo.gl/forms/JofzCZvGss](http://goo.gl/forms/JofzCZvGss)

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**Community News**

You are invited...

**Be part of a human white ribbon and say NO! to men’s violence against women and children.**

**Come on down to Banyul-Warri Fields, Torquay North** (Merrijig Drive/Wadawurrung Way)

**Wednesday 25 November at 2:30pm.**

Bring a picnic or grab a sausage courtesy of the Torquay Community Men’s Shed Inc.

**Please RSVP by Wednesday 11 November** to Gilly Hughes

email: communityea@surfcost.vic.gov.au or phone 5261 0586.

**Surf Coast Shire Council says NO! to men’s violence against women and children.**

For more information about White Ribbon Day on the coast, visit www.surfcost.vic.gov.au
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