Principal’s News

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Happy Birthday:
To all the students and staff who have had recent birthdays: Charli S, Hayden E, Jai L, Tanner M, Amali B, Kaleb S, Noah C, Tobias W, Cleo R, Eamon R, Phoebe R, Morgan C, Taylor C, Mali W, Mr Aaron Randall and Mr Jared Smith.

Information Sharing - Following the recent survey which asked parents what sort of information they wanted and in what format, the school is updating its lines of communication with the community. It is acknowledged that there have been too many methods of providing information and that it can be confusing. Of particular angst to school and parents is the loss or misplaced permission form for excursions and the like. On the website and in Sentral are links to a document that outlines how we will provide information to you from November and what these will continue to do, or replace.

Basically, there will be four media for interaction between home and school.

The WEBSITE will provide the broader community with information about the school. There will be items such as celebrations, school information, the school calendar, access to forms and contact details. It is a window into the school for people outside our school community, as well as providing information to those within it.

FACEBOOK is being revamped as a means of notifying you about school events. It will let school ‘friends’ know that an event or item has come up.

SENTRAL will continue to be used to provide specific, private information about your child, as it currently does. Information includes academic, attitudinal and behavioural, as well as communication between home and school.

CAREMONKEY is new and will replace paper notes and permission forms, medical information forms and medical incident reports to families. It is described in more detail below.

CareMonkey automatically keeps medical and emergency details up to date for any organisation with a duty of care. It makes these important details instantly available to teachers (in school or on camps, excursions) in an emergency so they know who to call, what to do, or what to tell an ambulance paramedic. CareMonkey automates the permission and consent form process so parents and carers can complete permission forms via their smartphones or on their home computer. It’s used by schools, universities, in sport, in HR, scouts, church and youth groups, the disability sector and camps.

Moriac parents and carers will receive an email invitation to sign up to CareMonkey. You then complete the information about your children and share with the school (as you currently do annually via paper copy). You will be asked to provide up to date medical and emergency contact information on your children. This is secured using the same privacy protocols that the school currently utilises with paper medical documents.

At a later time, you may choose to share this information with the football or netball club or scout groups. That’s your decision alone. The school shares with no-one except relevant medical personnel in the event of an injury on excursions or at school, as is the case in all schools.

CareMonkey will also provide parents/carers with the ability to give permission for children to attend excursions etc via their smartphone or computer. You will receive a notification that a permission form is waiting your attention. You can go on to CareMonkey and read the details of the event and give secure permission straight away. It will also send you reminders if you haven’t responded after a few days. This will eliminate the unhappy scenario where students miss excursions due to lack of permission from parents.

I urge you to go to the CareMonkey website http://www.caremonkey.com/ and scroll down and watch the short video that explains the program. I also urge you to accept the email invitation. The school believes this updated information sharing process will take the hassle out of communication for school and home and strengthen that partnership.

Please note paper forms will continue to be available on request.
**Principal’s News continued**

**Bring Your Own Device** - Last night, the school held an information session on the move to allow, from 2017, students in years 4, 5 & 6 to bring their own computer tablets to school. This is a growing option in schools and allows students to take their work home with them to share with parents/carers, whereas school-owned equipment cannot go home with students. In 2017, Moriac Primary School Primary will continue to utilise ICT as part of our strategy in establishing a learning culture where digital learning is embraced and valued as a powerful learning tool, while increasing the number of contemporary devices for our students. From 2017, families with students in Years 4, 5 & 6 will have the option of bringing their own devices to school. They may be refurbished or new with a minimum operating system in place so that devices can operate on the school’s network. Students will be asked to bring their own device to school each day, where it will be connected to the schools Wi-Fi for school internet and network access. A range of Apps that are essential for school use will be distributed before the end of the year for you to add to the device before the start of the 2017 year. Only the owner will be able to use that device. The School will continue to provide school-owned devices to all students Prep to Year 3 and any student in years 4, 5 and 6 who do not bring their own devices to school. The school will retain ownership and responsibility for these devices. **All students will continue to have shared access to the school's ICT tools within the school's curriculum program.** Tablets, iPads and laptops at Moriac have proven to be a dynamic platform for innovative and creative learning that involves ICT in the classroom. We will continue to supply a number of devices in each classroom. The difference would be that the shared school-owned devices could not be taken home. This is currently the case in 2016.

**Building Project** - We have all been frustrated by the process of replacing our septic system. This will take place shortly but the DET’s procurement process is a tad drawn out! Some broken and leaking water pipes under the school that placed the septic system under extreme pressure are being repaired next week. This will then allow the septic to be replaced, followed by the removal of the old caretaker’s residence (our Library) then the rebuild……

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Steve Durkin

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**School News**

**STARS OF MORIAC**

No awards during this first week of term.

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**REMINDER - MORIAC 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

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**NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS**

Welcome back . Great to see everyone. We hope you all had a great break filled with fun. We are now in Term 4 which means there is a lot of hard work ahead. Everyone will be very busy.

Please remember that in Term 4 all students and staff must wear a broad-brimmed hat whenever we are outdoors. Remember the rule : No Hat – No Play. If you forget your hat you will be required to sit under the tree outside the staff room. The office is unable to provide hats to students who forget theirs.

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

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**2017 PREP UNIFORM FITTING DAY**

One of our Uniform Shop volunteers will be available during the Prep Transition mornings on Friday 4th and Friday 18th November to address any uniform queries. Children will be able to try on clothing following their transition session. (11:00 on the 4th and 11:30 on the 18th).
**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**Term 4**

**Oct**
- Fri 14th: Parents & Friends Art Show 6-8:30pm
- Mon 17th: Neighbourhood Watch Concert (Year 3-6)
- Mon 31st: Grade 1/2 Swimming Programme commences
- Fri 28th: P-2 Athletics

**Nov**
- Tues 1st: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday (no school)
- Wed 2nd: Grade 1/2 Swimming Programme
- To
- Fri 11th: 2017 Prep Transition 9:00-11:00am
- Fri 18th: 2017 Prep Transition 9:00-11:30am
- Tues 29th: Whole School Concert

**Dec**
- Fri 9th: Yr 2-6 Swimming Sports
- Mon 19th: Grade 6 Graduation Night
- Tues 20th: Last Day Term 4 – 2:30 dismissal

**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
- Mikhaila Vawdrey - DET

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**Sentral Messaging**

**Art Show**

October 14th 2016

6pm – 8:30pm

Use the September school holidays to create your work of art but follow these rules:

**2016 Theme:** Flight

Example - birds, planes, dragons, rockets – let your imagination fly...

**Materials:** Use something you already have at home

Example – return craft, recycling, decorated plates, constructions, craft supplies

Size: No bigger than A3

Return Date: Tuesday 4th or Wednesday 5th October

In the multipurpose room, before school & at recess.

Complete & bring the following slip with your artwork.