



## NEWSLETTER

Thank you to students and staff on a great start to the year, even though we had a closure last Friday. The Kinders commence their Best Start program this week and are full-time Thursday!

A special welcome to new students and their families including; Kobi, Oliv, Matilda, Addison, Madelyn, Nate, Amanda, Lila & Ashleigh.

**The swimming carnival for 8 years and up is on tomorrow.** The forecast is positive. The note is attached. All students are expected to compete in the 25m races unless identified as able to participate in shallow pool events. There will be fun shallow pool events as usual.

On Friday 7 February our annual **“Meet ‘n Greet”** with new parents (kinder and others) will be held in the Kitchen Garden area to talk about their children’s start as well as meet Jess and Linda from the P&C and other parents and staff. So please come if you are new or “old”?

**See attached Coronavirus information in newsletter**

**Classes – At this Stage Remain**  
We have 41 kinders, sufficient to maintain current draft plan and have also enrolled many students in years 1-6 but will wait till the end of the week to finalise the classes.

It was remiss of me last week to not advise that **Mrs Judy Whiting is the relieving Librarian** while Mrs Hawke is on leave. Mrs Hawke is not returning she will retire on a date to be determined.

**AEC Meeting – Postponed to Thursday to 5 March**

**Student Banking**  
On 18 February, Mrs Eagles/ will be available to talk to parents or students on the **blacktop** around 8:45am about the school banking program. The rewards and incentives will be displayed for students and parents to consider starting an “early saving” routine.

**Music Tuition**  
An information pamphlet will be sent home later this week or next week detailing the tuition options for parents at Moruya PS. Please read and respond if you would like to take up the program.

**Parent/Teacher Afternoon – Tuesday 25 February**  
3pm Kinders  
3.35pm - yrs 1 & 2  
4.05pm - yrs 3 & 4  
4.35pm - yrs 5 & 6

This is not an interview time but a teacher presentation on class needs, organization and information session, with a general question and answer opportunity. Parents are encouraged to move from classroom to classroom if you have more than one child at the school.

**P&C Meeting – Tuesday 18 February**  
Please come along to the first meeting of the year at 7pm, in the staff room. All welcome, especially new parents!

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| WEEK 1 | 3 February  | 4 February<br>Swimming Carnival | 5 February  | 6 February  | 7 February<br>9-11am Meet n Greet new families cuppa<br>5.30pm P & C drinks at Waterfront parents/staff |
| WEEK 2 | 10 February | 11 February                     | 12 February | 13 February | 14 February   |

## Principals report continued

### **Disciplinary Procedures**

I have included in the newsletter a copy of the school's disciplinary procedures out of the Well-Being Policy for parent information. The school community's high expectations of learning and behaviour are reflected in the School's Well-Being Policy, a full copy of which is available from the office. A copy of the school's Bullying Policy will be included in next week's newsletter.

### **Student Pick-up**

Parents are not allowed to park in the staff car parks in the school grounds or on the special transport entry or driveway as it affects taxi pickup and student safety. Rangers are checking for parking in bus/taxi zones and for speeding in school zones.

Parents can collect students from their class at 3pm however teachers will bring their class to the blacktop if a parent is not at the class to collect their child. Students **will not** be allowed to wait at the classroom for their parent, only on the blacktop.

This is to ensure student safety. We had some parents enquire about their child's whereabouts after 3 pm when there has been confusion about a change of routine in the afternoon and as a result some heart-ache for parents. Keeping this routine reduces the likelihood of this occurring.

### **Class Needs/Note**

By the end of this week, information about class equipment needs and other aspects will be sent home.

### **School/Class Helpers or Volunteers**

Parents and community members are invited to be involved in the school within the classrooms as well as in the Canteen, Kitchen Garden, Breakfast Club and many other areas. Class teachers usually invite parents/carers to assist in the classroom and at next week's Parent/Teacher afternoon meeting there may be an opportunity for you to do so. One of the other areas help is needed includes the "Up & Running" reading program. This is where adults read one to one with students on a structured oral reading program. If you are interested, please contact Ms Herring.

### **MORUYA PS MAKES THE HEALTHY CHOICE THE EASY CHOICE**

Students will be heading back to school this year with more healthy choices in our school canteen. Moruya PS was awarded last year a Healthy Schools Canteen badge by the NSW Canteen Menu check service, demonstrating that our school meet the NSW Healthy Schools canteen strategy introduced in 2017.

Nicole and the team worked hard to get the menu assessed against strict criteria to increase healthy snack and meal options which contain more wholegrains, fruit and vegetables, lean meats and dairy, the basic foods of life.

"We congratulate Moruya Public School who has achieved success in having their menu assessed". Says Marcella Levey from Health promotion of Southern NSW Local Health District.

"Kids love eating the snacks on the counter such as the home made pizza slices with vegies from the school garden. Frozen milkshakes are also a hit, made fresh at the school," said Nicole King manager Moruya Primary school canteen.

Peter Johnson  
Principal

## Update advice for Parents – 2 February 2020

Current advice from the Australian Government Department of Health for parents in regards to the Novel Coronavirus is:

- Any student and staff arriving in Australia *from 1 February 2020* who has been in mainland China or transited through mainland China (not just Hubei province) is excluded from school and child care services for a period of 14 days from the date they left mainland China as the Novel Coronavirus' incubation period can be as long as two weeks.
- Any confirmed case of Novel Coronavirus will be excluded until they are medically cleared to return
- Close contact of a confirmed case of Novel Coronavirus will be excluded for 14 days since last contact with the confirmed case.
- Any student and staff arriving *before 1 February* our previous advice remains that students and staff who were in Hubei province are excluded from school or child care services for 14 days, and those who were in the rest of China are requested not to not attend school or child care services for a period of 14 days after leaving China.

More information can be found at [NSW Health](#).

Students who returned to Australia from mainland China more than 14 days ago and have shown no symptoms are able to return to school.

The Ministry of Health has processes in place to identify any close contacts of cases confirmed in Australia. Advice about not attending school would be provided to these close contacts by the Ministry of Health. There has been a small number of confirmed cases of novel coronavirus in NSW.

Consistent with current guidelines, staff and students who are unwell with respiratory illness should remain at home until symptoms resolve. In accordance with our current practice if any child becomes unwell we will implement our infection control guidelines and follow the advice provided by the Ministry of Health as appropriate.

The Department of Education will continue to work with the Ministry of Health to monitor and respond to the unfolding international novel coronavirus situation.

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL PROGRAM

Please note, times are subject to change on the day, however this will give you some idea of the schedule.

09.15 am Open 100m F/s

Age 50m F/s - 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 yrs

10.40 am 25m F/s 8 - 13yrs

Non swimmers- wading races/ during stroke events. Small pool-if staff available

10.55 am Br/s - 50m - Jun, 11 yrs, 12/13 yrs

11.40 am Fly - 50m - Jun, 11 yrs, 12/13 yrs

Back/s - 50m - Jun, 11 yrs, 12/13 yrs

Back/s - 25m - Jun, 11 yrs, 12/13 yrs

Medley (4 x 50m - Fly, Backstroke, Breastroke, Freestyle)

– Jun, 11yrs, 12/13yrs. Only those that can swim the four strokes

Non swimmers- wading races/ during stroke events. Small pool

1.15 pm Lunch

1.50 pm Relays - 4 x 25m House teams – Jnr (8, 9, 10 yrs); Snr (12/13 yrs)

2.20 pm Parents v teachers v children relay

02.40 pm Announcements

# MORUYA PUBLIC SCHOOL - Swimming Carnival

Dear Parents & Carers,

The Moruya Public School Annual Swimming Carnival will take place at the Moruya Pool on **Tuesday 4 February 2020** for children in Stage 2 and 3. Some Year 2 students may nominate to participate, but **ONLY IF THEY ARE COMPETITIVE and COMPETENT 50m SWIMMERS and TURNING AT LEAST EIGHT YEARS OLD THIS YEAR. All students in years 3-6 are expected to attend and non swimmers will participate in the wading/novelty events.**

## CARNIVAL DETAILS

The carnival will begin at 9.00am and all children should arrive at Moruya Pool by that time.

Please note that all children attending the carnival should make their own way to the pool. Those who travel by bus will be taken directly to the pool and also picked up at 3.05pm.

Entry to the pool will be \$4.20.

No school canteen lunches will be available on the day of the carnival and children must bring their food and drink requirements for the day. Some drinks and snacks will be available from the canteen at the pool.

## EVENTS

Throughout the day children will compete in a variety of events, including Freestyle, Breast-stroke, Backstroke, Butterfly and Relays. These events will cater for children of varying abilities, in that they range from 25m to 100m in the various stroke events.

***Non swimmers are expected to attend and participate in the wading/novelty events.***

## HOUSE SUPPORT

All children are encouraged to support their House Team by dressing in the appropriate colours, but NO streamers, they will be confiscated at entry.

**NB** – House colours: Flinders (Blue), Kennedy (Red), Oxley (Green), Sturt (Yellow).

## SUN WARNING

The school advises all children to come to the carnival with a hat, sunscreen and protective clothing. A pair of UV sunglasses would also be advisable. Being an outdoor event it is important that children are protected from the dangers of the sun. This means applying sunscreen at regular intervals. Staff will regularly remind children to look after themselves BUT each child must come properly prepared for a day in the sun. Staff will erect adequate shelter for all students and students will be directed to stay under shelters when not swimming.

## PARENTS WELCOME

To add to the fun of the day, parents are most welcome to join us and cheer on their children. We always need helpers on days like this, particularly with timekeeping. If you can assist for part of the day, your help would be greatly appreciated, please see Mrs Allison at the pool on the day. The program for the day is attached—please note, times are subject to change on the day, however, this will give you some idea of the schedule.

Regards,

Lyn Allison for MPS staff

**MORUYA PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**SWIMMING CARNIVAL - PERMISSION NOTE**

PLEASE RETURN THIS PERMISSION NOTE AND STUDENT INFORMATION  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ASSIST WITH ORGANISATION.

I hereby give permission for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the School Swimming Carnival which takes place on Tuesday 4 February 2020 and which has the approval of the Principal. I am aware of the organisation of transport, care and supervision of students as per the accompanying information note.

Signed Parent / Carer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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***Detach & return to school***  
**STUDENT INFORMATION**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Any illness or allergy which may affect the child on the day of the Swimming Carnival

\_\_\_\_\_

Medication (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Any other information that you consider school staff should be aware of in providing adequate supervision of your child

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**WATER ACTIVITIES**

This excursion includes water activities which will be supervised by staff with appropriate qualifications for water safe activities.

Please assist with our preparations by indicating the swimming ability of your child.

- STRONG SWIMMER (can swim 50m or more unaided)
- AVERAGE SWIMMER (can swim 25m unaided)
- POOR SWIMMER (can swim 10m unaided)
- NON-SWIMMER (cannot swim unaided)



**MORUYA PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFFING 2020**  
**PERMANENT/TEMPORARY POSITIONS**

|   |                  |   |
|---|------------------|---|
| PRINCIPAL                                   | Peter Johnson    |   |
| KINDERGARTEN                                | K                | Christine Greig   |
|   | K                | Sandra Brennan (AP)   |
|   | K/1              | Helene Stokes   |
| STAGE 1                                     | 1                | Di Mercer   |
|   | 1/2              | Lea Newman  |
|   | 2                | Tahnee Whiffen  |
|   | 2/3              | Sarah Davis (AP S2) / Leanne Wassell  |
| STAGE 2                                     | 3                | Leonie Duncan   |
|   | 4                | Narelle Pollock   |
|   | 4/5              | Hamish Taylor   |
| STAGE 3                                     | 5                | Annette Millidonis (AP S3)  |
|   | 6                | Lyn Allison   |
|   | 5/6              | Kyson Henry   |
| Special Ed.                                 | Sea Turtles (MC) | Rosie Spoelder-Hanlon (APS) and Richard Johnson (Wed)   |
| Special Ed.                                 | 2/3ME (ED)       | Janine Malec/Robert Eager   |
| Special Ed.                                 | 2/3DJ (MC)       | Debbie McCulloch (3 days)/Richard Johnson (2 days)  |
| Special Ed                                  | Giraffes (MC)    | Jessica Schumacher  |
| LIBRARY                                     |                  | Judy Whiting T-Th   |
| Release Staff                               |                  | Jennifer O'Brien  |
|   |                  | Jane Perry (Tues-Th) Japanese/Computers   |
| Computer Coordinator                        |                  | Hamish Taylor (Wednesdays)  |
| Learning and Support Teachers               |                  | Amanda Herring (M-Fr), Jane Coppin (T-Th)   |
| Extension Program                           |                  | Sarah Aedy (Tues-Thurs)   |
| Support Teacher Vision/Hearing              |                  | Bridget Mullany and Tania Dorney  |
| Counsellor                                  |                  | Kathy Godwin (Mon, Fri)   |
| Aboriginal Education Officer                |                  | Darryl Cruse  |
| Student Learning Support Officers (Support) |                  | Carmel Dwyer & Beth Blay (IO/MC), Robbie Cruse (ED), Janelle Locke (MC)   |
| Student Learning Support Officers (casual)  |                  | Michelle Somers, Katrina Hopkins, Natalie Norman, Michelle Hankins, Cheri Chalk, Cris Barton, Kellie Brown, Wendy Fitzgerald, Linda Bennett, Ali Beer, Sarah King, Damon Lane, Teleah Blay, Deb Ellis, Jess Dwyer & Phil Timms (Kitchen Garden) |
| Senior Admin Manager (SAM)                  |                  | Christine Ingram  |
| School Admin Officer (SAO)                  |                  | Di Littlewood, Gabi Johnston & Sharon Medway  |
| General Assistant                           |                  | Nigel Dallas (M, W, TH)   |

# Moruya Public School

## General Permission Form - 2020



Please complete this form by circling the appropriate; yes or no, next to each activity and then signing and dating the bottom of the form and return to school as soon as possible.

I give permission for ..... of class ..... to participate in each marked activity below.

YES / NO

### **Child Protection Lessons**

The NSW Education Department has a Child Protection Curriculum which aims at giving students the skills to assist them remain safe at all times.

YES / NO

### **Local area walking excursions**

Individual classes will arrange excursions to the museum, town library etc

YES / NO

### **Use of the Internet & Personal e-mail address**

The school has extensive Computer resources and access to the Internet. Your permission is needed for children to access this learning tool as recommended by the Department of Education and Training.

YES / NO

### **Publication of Photographs in newsletter (and therefore school website and Skoolbag App) and local press**

The school has the technology to publish quality photographs of students in it's newsletter and the local press. The school newsletter is published weekly on our school website and ***if you do not wish your child to have their photo on the website / App, then they won't be able to have photos in the newsletter.***

YES / NO

### **Travel by Car / Bus to local area activities eg Radio**

Many students are involved in the production of our weekly radio program. Teachers transport these children to the station by car or mini bus.

YES / NO

### **Sunscreen**

To use sunscreen at school as required. The sunscreen is SPF 30+.

YES / NO

**View PG MOVIES** - occasionally students will view PG movies to support teaching and learning activities. These will have been viewed by staff to determine their suitability.

Signed .....

Date .....

Parent/Carer

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HOUSE CAPTAINS FOR 2020

|          | Captain                               | Vice Captain                       |
|----------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| FLINDERS | Imogen Ingram<br>Izack Palmer-McGrath | Heidi Billingham<br>Dominic Cooper |
| KENNEDY  | Traie Homan<br>Alanna Pecovnik        | Aidan Williams<br>Allison Muller   |
| OXLEY    | Takahi Newberry<br>Maddi O'Connell    | Cohen Burke<br>Tamika Bercini      |
| STURT    | Kain McLeod<br>Violet Taylor          | Jeremy Noordhuis<br>Krystal Ward   |

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