



MORUYA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

WEEK 1 TERM 2

20 APRIL 2021

Welcome Back!

We are looking forward to another term of learning. Some of the activities coming up this term include AFL Skills, Peer Support, Rugby League, League Tag, District Cross Country, Hula Hoop incursion and Bells Shakespeare incursion. We are also hoping our new playground equipment will be installed. Ensuring that our students have many wonderful learning opportunities is a priority. Every day of learning is important and valuable so we continue to ask that you support us in ensuring all children regularly attend school. Last term we had a significant number of students absent for a total of one week or more. If this pattern continues, students miss a month or more of school by the end of this year alone. Our staff are working on promoting positive attendance and unless your child is unwell, they should be at school. If you have concerns about your child's attendance or would like to discuss possible supports please don't hesitate to contact me on 44742363.

NAPLAN

In Week 4, May 11-13, the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3 and 5. The students will complete the following NAPLAN assessments: language conventions, reading, writing and numeracy. These will be paper based assessments with online testing likely in 2022. A catch up day is scheduled for Friday the 14th of May for any students who are absent during the testing period.

The results of the tests will provide important information to our school about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard. Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

Students may be considered for an exemption from the tests if they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests. All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided.

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Principal - Sarah Davis (Relieving)

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with me and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the school principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Please call me or make an appointment with me if you would like to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information as well as a demonstration site about NAPLAN can be found at :

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

Annual School Report and Strategic Improvement Plan

Both our Annual School Report and Strategic Improvement Plan are now published on our school website. These can be accessed at <https://moruya-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/school-planning-and-reporting.html>

The Annual School Report provides a report on the 2020 school year while our Strategic Improvement Plan outlines the strategic direction, targets and initiatives for our school for 2021-2024 inclusive. The focus areas for our plan include student growth and attainment, professional growth and successful students. These focus areas prioritise success in all aspects of school life to ensure that all students are known, valued and cared for.

P&C Meeting

The P&C will be meeting tonight in the staffroom at 7pm. I will provide further details around the Strategic Improvement Plan and am happy to answer any associated questions. Everyone is welcome and we are really hoping new members will join to help support the collaboration between our school and families which has and will continue to provide additional resources and supports for our students. This year alone, the P&C are supporting the purchasing and installation of new playground equipment and, in the coming months, air-conditioning for some of our classrooms. Without the support of the P&C these purchases are not always possible. If you are able to attend, it would be lovely to welcome you.

COVID-19 Guidelines

In line with advice from NSW Health the NSW Department of Education has revised it's guidelines for schools. Full details can be accessed at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

In summary:

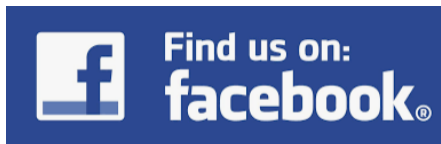
- Restrictions on most school activities have eased and parents, carers and relatives may enter the school to drop off and pick up students in accordance with local school COVID-safe arrangements. If you are visiting the school for any other purpose we still require you to present to the office and sign in using both the QR code and school sign in register.
- Students should be at school unless they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition or they are currently unwell.
- In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu like symptoms.
- Students and staff with flu like symptoms need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom free before being permitted to return to school.
- Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test will not be permitted to return to school for a 10-day period. Additionally, they must be symptom free for at least 3 days prior to returning to school.

We thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to working with you in supporting your children this term.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week.

Sarah Davis

Relieving Principal.



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Sports Update

Soccer

Boys and girls soccer teams played against Narooma Public School on the last day of term 1. Both teams were victorious with a 12-0 win for the boys and a 2-1 win for the girls. Some of the girls hadn't played soccer before and it was great to see such dedication put into their game. The boys were passing and positioning themselves perfectly to receive and pass the ball allowing them many opportunities at goal.

It was a great match to watch and both teams will now move to the next round in term 2. Well done to all our soccer players!

W E E K 1	19 April Staff Development Day	20 April Students return Term 2	21 April	22 April	23 April
W E E K 2	26 April Year 6 Peer Support Leadership training	27 April Rugby League/League Tag gala day	28 April Year 6 Peer Support Leadership training	29 April	30 April District Cross Country

OUR WEEKLY SUPER STARS



PLATYPUS	
KOALAS	Tora, Callie, Taj, Bryon, Samara, Jack
KOOKABURRAS	
WARIGALS	
BROLGAS	
EAGLES	
DJUNGA	
2/3P	
3O	
3/4PM	Layne, Ryan, Anika, Blake, Tyler, Lachlan, Kamana, Ned
GUNGARA	
2/6H	
4/5C	
1/6DJ	
5M	
5/6H	Fletcher, Chelsea, Nate, Logan, Jesse
6A	Samuel, Ewan, Matt, Austin, Celine, Tanekkah

Darcy Cooper-Drynan

**IMPROVED EFFORT
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IS BACK !!

(STARTING TERM 2 - 26 APRIL)

Tune in to 2EAR FM or 107.5 to
hear our leaders report each
Monday
at 12 noon!

POSITION VACANT

SCHOOL BANKING CO-ORDINATOR

If you are able to volunteer a
small amount of your time each
week to run the school banking
program please contact the
school office on 4474 2363 for
details.



Ryan W, Anika, Ewan, Matt J

**HAPPY
Birthday!**

Deakon, Macauley, Georgia, Jordi, Miarra,
Ethan, Stuart, Hayley, Kirsty, Chenae,
James, Skeikh, Kaitlin C, Jai, Kaitlan O,
Charlotte, Nick, Dwayne, Brooklyn, Telio,
Bentley, Hudson, Edie, Firne, Willow,
Brianna, Samara, Jackson, Tyler, Taj

Every FACE has a PLACE at MPS.

This weeks staff member - Teleah Blay

What is your favourite dinner? Chicken and vegies.

How long have you been at our great school? Nine years.

Do you have any pets? A dog named George.

What is your favourite animal and why? Monkeys because they are cute.

What do you love about Moruya Public School? All of the children and staff.



This weeks student - Noah Eagles

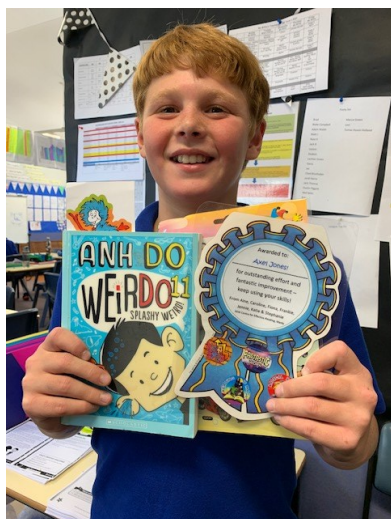
What is your favourite dinner? Sausage sandwiches.

How long have you been at our great school? Three years.

Do you have any pets? I have fish, a puppy and chickens.

What is your favourite animal and why? Sharks because they can go for a long time without eating.

What do you love about Moruya Public School? That the school is a happy place.



Axel has completed another successful term with the NSW Centre for Effective Reading, Manly. Well done Axel!!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Principals are legally responsible for maintaining accurate records of student attendance. When reasons for absences are provided to the school by parents, principals are accountable for their decision to record a student's absence as justified. Principals may decline to accept as satisfactory an explanation for an absence and will record that absence as unjustified.

FIFE & DRUM BAND - ANZAC DAY MARCH AT TUROSS



Once again our wonderful band has been given the honour of playing at the Anzac Service at Tuross Head on Sunday 25 April. The students will need to be at Birdswood Circle at 10.00am for an 11.00am start. The service will conclude at 12 noon. All students who live at Tuross are encouraged to participate in the March. Full school uniform must be worn. Fife and Drum band members who know Amazing Grace are encouraged to perform at the service. Notes have already been handed out regarding the event. Please contact the school office if you require a note with the details of the Anzac Day March.

SCHOOL DENTAL INITIATIVE

The dental health van is visiting our school for a week on Monday 7 June to help find dental decay early! We will provide a full examination and two small diagnostic x-rays, remineralisation of teeth and fissure seals if required. A form will be sent home for you to fill in and return. If your child needs fillings, you will be contacted.

Medicare child dental benefits schedule provides children aged 2-17 funding of \$1013 for preventative dental treatment and is renewed every 2 calendar years.

Do I need to pay anything? No, Medicare CDBS (child dental benefits schedule) covers these costs for eligible students via Bulk Billing.

Does a parent need to attend? No, our experienced dental team will ensure your child is looked after. If you have any concerns, please contact our office.





Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time

- ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives students time to greet their friends before class
- reduces classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance e.g. attending a funeral.

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

**My child won't go to school.
What should I do?**

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court - Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*.

The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites

Policy, information and brochures

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/attendance.php>

The school leaving age

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leavingschool/index.php>

For further advice contact

Educational services

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement and Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 5356

www.dec.nsw.gov.au

Do you need an interpreter?

If you need help with English and would like further information please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

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EASTER PICNIC

It was so lovely to welcome our families back into the grounds of MPS!
Families were invited to attend an Easter picnic and enjoy morning tea with their child.



Applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in **2022**

Once you complete and submit your application you must change details receive messages and record decisions through your application portal.

Thinking of applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022?

You must apply online at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>



Key dates

Application site opens:
Tuesday 20 April 2021

Application site closes:
5pm, Friday 7 May 2021

You must apply before this deadline

Test centre advice sent:
Wednesday 7 July 2021

Opportunity Class Placement Test:
Wednesday 21 July 2021

Placement outcome information
released overnight on:
Friday 1 October 2021

**Please read this booklet carefully
before applying.**

Parents* should check the
Department's website at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> regularly
throughout the application and
placement process.

Please check the Department's website
for information before you contact the
Team.

The opportunity class placement process for Year 5 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team*.

Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au
Telephone: 1300 880 367 Telephone Interpreter Service: 131450
Postal Address: GPO Box 33, SYDNEY, NSW 2001
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/159342048077050/>

Please Note:

*In this document, the High Performing Students Team is referred to as the Team.

Parent is defined under the Education Act, 1990, as a 'guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'.

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MIXED OUTDOOR HOCKEY

Registrations are open for everyone aged 5 and over to play mixed outdoor hockey. It's \$25 for junior/youth members aged 18 years and under, and \$50 for adults. Juniors can even borrow shin-pads and sticks. The junior program will include skills development and modified games, while students in high school are encouraged to try the all-ages competition. We have lots of families playing so why not get the whole family involved!

Where: Gundry Oval, Moruya (every week so no extra travelling)

Dates: Saturdays (started 17 April 2021 but there is still time to join!)

Times: Minkey (8 years and under years) 11.30am
Juniors (9 years and over) 12.15am
Senior games are at 1.30pm and 3pm

Register on our website at www.revolutionise.com.au/eurohockey. If you have any questions call Cheryl on 0438 742 692.

 Join the **Eurobodalla Hockey Association group** on facebook to get updates

 Email to register your interest or ask for more information - eurohockeyclub@gmail.com

