# Morwell Park P S
## School Community Newsletter

20th November, 2014

### Principal’s Report

#### Class Structure for 2015

The anticipated class structure for 2015 has been prepared:

- **Prep**: Kaitlyn Duffus, Stephanie Wilson, Courtney Garth.
- **One**: Anne Evans, Michelle Foster, Ann Mills.
- **Two / Three**: Allan Johnson, Nella Mangiafico, Angie Lane, Maria Demetriou, Deb Jones.
- **Four**: Claire Allison, Melissa VanRooy, Marlee Hillier.

We will have four flexible learning teams, the Preps, Ones, Two / Threes and Four / Five / Sixes which means children in these groups will be flexibly taught by the teachers in these teams.

So even though for the purpose of their home room structure a child might be in Mr Johnson’s grade they might at times be taught by Mrs Jones. We have been organising our school by flexible learning teams for a number of years now and this has been demonstrated to be a successful model.

If parents would like to request particular teachers, or their child to be placed with particular children, or indeed in some cases not with others in particular, please let myself or Mr Credlin know in writing by next Friday.

### Family Music Evening

Finally our music evening has almost arrived. Children have been rehearsing and Leigh Thomas has had each group perform with him, by all accounts things are sounding terrific. Willaton Transport have kindly supplied two trailers to serve as an outdoor stage which will arrive on Monday and most likely we will place them on the asphalt area near the rebound wall as we did last year.

We ask families start arriving around 5.30 with children performing from 6.00pm so please don’t be late. The format for the evening will be that children will assemble in their year level groups prior to performing on the stage with Leigh, after which they will sit with their parents/families. After each of the children’s songs are complete Leigh along with his band ‘Supersonic’ will perform. The evening will finish around 7.30 enabling ample daylight to walk home.

Given the challenge of parking I would urge families to walk, however parking is available on the Waterhole Creek side of the oval at the Morwell East Football Ground (Ronald Reserve) and the gate near the walking path will enable good access to the school should parking around the school disappear; which I’m certain it will.

Morwell Rotary Club will be holding a sausage sizzle. More detail on page 4 of this newsletter.

BYO deck chairs and picnic rugs as seating is not provided.

The evening is free and is an alternative to our school concert at Kernot Hall. Tickets are not required and the event should be very family friendly so please do your best to support your child and come along.

**Chris Joustra,**

Principal.
STUDENT AWARDS THIS WEEK

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

PREPS
Jack S, Jayda A, Emmy R & Jason F H.

1E
Samuel McC

1G
Gundi P

1M
Elise W & Jessie B

2/3D
Taraia L N, Zoe D, Brooke McC

2/3L
Shay K

2/3M
Jay C

2/3V
Jacinta M

2/3W
Zach C B

4/5F
Harrison J & Brodie McG

4/5L
Jacob G

4/5 S
Paige B

6 A
Teniel S & Zoran W

6 B
Alexa S

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD
Narelle P, 2/3L

AWARD — Persistence
Elise W, 1M

YOU CAN DO IT!

TIPS FOR BUSY STUDENTS

Making and keeping friends.
- If someone gives you a hard time or teases you, don’t put yourself down. Don’t let their problem become your problem.
- Doing something with someone is the quickest way to strike a friendship.
- Don’t blame your friends for any trouble you get into whether they were responsible for it or not. Take responsibilities for your own foul-ups.
- The quickest way to lose a friend is to talk about them behind their back.

TIPS FOR BUSY PARENTS

- Children are aware of their peers’ or siblings’ achievements – they don’t need their parents reminding them.
- Writing your kids reminder notes is a terrific alternative to nagging.
- Keep in mind that the goal of discipline is to develop your child’s self-discipline and self-control.
- When was the last time you said ‘I love you’ to your child?
- Familiarise yourself with your child’s school.

Canteen Roster

Friday 21st November
8.30-10. Kerri Kingston & Andrea McDonald
10.30-1.30 Andrea McDonald

Monday 24th November
Naomi Brittain

If you are unavailable for any reason please ring the school (5134 1793). Thank you.
The Value of the Fortnight is:

Enthusiasm

What is it?
Enthusiasm is doing things with zest and excitement. It is really looking forward to something. Enthusiasm comes from having a positive attitude about the things you do.
You can be enthusiastic about making your bed, going on a holiday or feeding the dog. It is being cheerful and giving your best to whatever you do.
Enthusiasm makes boring things fun.

Why practise it?
People love to be around enthusiastic people. They are cheerful and passionate.
Enthusiastic people find the most boring tasks go quickly because they are putting everything into it.
If you lack enthusiasm, everything becomes boring to you and you may find friends don't want to be with you as much.

How to practise it
Enthusiasm is an attitude. You can become enthusiastic by letting yourself become excited about what you are doing and thinking of ways to make it more fun to do. Visualise the results of what you do before they happen. You can show your enthusiasm toward other people simply by smiling with enthusiasm, or telling others that their work is great.
It gives others encouragement.

Role play and discussion
- A friend did well in a sports game.
- Your sister or brother cooked a great meal.
- You have been asked to tidy your bedroom.
- You have an assignment due for school.

Signs of success
- You think of creative ways to do a boring job.
- You give one hundred per cent to whatever you do.
- You visualise how something will look when it is completed and get excited about it.

Starter activities
- Design an 'Enthusiasm badge'.
- Explain to somebody else how you could use enthusiasm to make a boring job more fun, for example, taking the garbage out.
GRADE 6 TRANSITION LUNCHEON

The final formal function for all grade 6 students will be the Transition Luncheon on **Wednesday 10th December**, an opportunity for children to sit down and have a meal with teachers and special guests.

The transition luncheon will be held at the **Italian Australian Club** in Morwell. Parents/guardians are welcome to attend the luncheon with students, staff and guests, commencing at 11.45am at a cost of $17.00 per head not including soft drinks.

If you are unable to attend for the meal, parents/guardians are welcome to come along after the luncheon at 1.30pm for the presentation of awards, reports and certificates. Other family members are welcome at this time.

Forms have been sent out and must be returned by **Thursday 4th December**.

**NO BOOKINGS** will be taken after this date.

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**FAMILY MUSIC EVENING**

**Tuesday 25th November**

Morwell Rotary will be holding a sausage sizzle, there will also be bottled water and ice creams.

Café 2U and Arctic Slushies will also be available on the night.

Also on the night there will be a Photobooth.

Parents Club will hold a Christmas Stall and Christmas Raffle.

Tickets will be sold on the night.

**MORWELL TENNIS CLUB**

**Back to Morwell Tennis Club**

**Family Day**

15th February 2015. 10.30am-4.00pm.

Come dressed back to the 70’s or as your favourite tennis player.

Two course BBQ lunch and afternoon tea, $15.00 adult, $7.50 children, includes popcorn, fairy floss, face painting and jumping castle. Lots of memorabilia on show.

Tickets available from [www.trybooking.com/106081](http://www.trybooking.com/106081)

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**Book Club**

Issue 8 of **Book Club** went out last week and is due back by **tomorrow Friday 21st November**.

Please make cheques payable to Morwell Park P.S **NOT** Scholastic.

Each order helps the school earn bonus points that we can order free books for the school library and Lexile program.

Thanks, Mrs Maruzza.