Dear Parents and Community Members

Welcome to our final Newsletter for 2016!

Another successful year draws to a close. There have been so many highlights, among them being:

- Winning the Handicapped Shield at the Swimming Carnival
- Our exchange visits with St Josephs
- Excursions to Southern Cross for performances
- Camp

On each and every occasion, I have been very proud of our children and of their efforts. I am sure that this spirit will continue into 2017.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Moorine Rock Primary School community for its support during the year. Great results are always achieved when there is a positive proactive relationship between school and home.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the staff for their commitment to improving the educational outcomes of our children. Their commitment to ensuring that our children have a happy and safe place in which to learn is inspiring.

It will be sad to say goodbye to our Year 6 students - Charli, Hamish, Noah, Patrick and Judd. However, I am sure that they will thoroughly enjoy high school. To those families with their last child leaving, please continue to visit us whenever possible.

I am looking forward to meeting you all again in 2017. I wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

 Regards

Lyndy Richmond

Principal
Condolences

Very sadly, Meryl Spikers, wife of Martin passed away on Saturday. She had been very ill with Cancer. Our condolences go to Martin and his family and to the Southern Cross District High School Staff and students.

Birthday Wishes:

Jaden Eiffler 8th December 10 years
Mikayla Auld 27th December 11 years
Reece Jackson 13th January 6 years

Upcoming Events

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Orientation Day - Wednesday 30th November 2016

Lisa and Rod were probably wondering, "Where has the time gone?" as they put Jye on the bus for his Kindergarten orientation last Wednesday, 30th November 2016. Jye settled in beautifully as the photos below show.

Lucy and Ethan tried out the Senior Room for size. They also found it "easy"!
Seesaw App

The Senior Room under the direction of Mrs Collins have been using this app on the ipads. Students have been showing off their work that they have been doing at school. Parents only sign up once and can see their child’s work completely free of charge. We would like to thank Mrs Collins for introducing this app to the senior class and the junior class will utilise it next year.

End of Year Concert and Christmas Tree

An invitation is extended to parents and community members to attend our annual Christmas Concert and celebrations for our “90th School Year”.

It will be held at the School in the undercover area on Saturday, 10th December at 6p.m. Please join us for a night of fun and entertainment; the students have been very busy practising and learning songs for this event. Students need to be at school by 5.30 p.m. sharp as we need to get them dressed and ready for the Concert.

If you wish to have a look through the classrooms these will be open at 5 p.m.

When the concert concludes Santa will visit the children at school. After Santa has left all Parents and Community Members are welcome to attend the festivities held by the Moorine Rock P & C at the Tennis Club.

Light supper provided, spit roast and sausage sizzle for a small fee for those that are feeling hungry and for those that are thirsty a full bar facility will be available.

Hope to see everyone there!
40th Anniversary of Decimal Currency – each child to receive a coin folder.

Is it 50 years? I can still remember sitting in a classroom trying to fathom how my shilling which had 12 pennies was now going to be 10 cents. I felt robbed!

The 14th of February marks the 50th anniversary of the introduction of the decimal currency - the move from pounds, shilling and pence to dollars and cents.

The Assistant Minister to the Treasurer the Hon Alex Hawke MP has announced that history will be made this year by the Royal Australian Mint (the Mint) with a special release of the entire suite of Australia’s circulating coins to feature commemorative designs recognising the 50th anniversary of decimal currency.

With over 5 million of each denomination entering circulation, this announcement makes history in more ways than one with the designs appearing on the ‘heads’ of the coin along with the effigy and it being the first time unique designs have been applied to the 5 and 10 cent coins.

Mr Hawke said Australians will notice a very distinctive change to the obverse design of their beloved coins this year, remembering the pre-decimal coins from the half penny to the florin.

Royal Australian Mint CEO Mr Ross MacDiarmid said that fittingly the 50 cent coin will be the first to enter circulation from the banks with the rest of the denominations being distributed as the demand arises.
To provoke nostalgia and educate the younger generation, these folders will also feature a link via the Layar app to discover the decimal currency jingle.

These free circulating coin folders will be made available for school children through their educational establishments, as well as through visiting the Mint and other periodic promotions.

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Moorine Rock Primary School for the last time.
Former Student Memories

I remember the big boy there at the time and wished I was as big. I guess now it was Keith Heslop’s last year at school.

It was war years and it looked like the Japanese might invade WA. Our family suddenly grew by two cousins living at home and another three living further on. We used to meet at our gate and walk to school which was about a kilometre from home. We were quite a merry band of kids as I remember now.

We used to have air raid practice now and then and for a shelter we had hashtags, placed around the bottom of a clump of gum trees. This did not impress me as I was at one end and could see out across the side. I must have complained as I finished up in the middle of a group of kids, possibly between 12 and 14.

Then, after the war the main road was going to be sealed from Carnarvon to Kalgoorlie, and Moorine was lucky to get the quarry to crush all the stone. I remember when they blasted the rock which is only about half a kilometre away, how we used to sacrifice look out of the window. Surprising how many times we got away with it.

One bad thing was the books and desks were always covered in fine dust from the quarry. The quarry had the biggest trucks with trailers that we had ever seen then, little knowing that many of us would own similar sized vehicles in later years on the farms.

Mrs. Maude Powell was my first teacher and was very well liked by the kids and was a good teacher, I would think. Then we had a Mr. Beecham. He didn’t stay very long. Then Mr. Tom Kinshella took over and he saw out my school days at Moorine. I wonder who was the most relieved.

Thinking back to the one-room school with all the different grades to teach, I’m sure those teachers were a breed unto themselves. No fans, just coins or nickels other than the books and probably good kids.

June Ivey (Taitly) reminisces when the invitation arrived to the Moorine Rock School 60th anniversary, with the suggestion to submit a history to be filed. I at first thought that everything was still the same, but on reflection, realized that considerable change had occurred.

My sister and I attended Moorine Rock School in the years 1945 to 1949 and at that time there was only the old school room. No school bus, no gardener, no cleaner, and no sanitary tanks in the toilets. All those jobs fell to the teacher.

The Great Eastern Highway was a corrugated road (gravel) and the narrow gauge railway line ran through the town. Also there was no hall as the present hall was not built until 1957.

Mr. Tom Kinshella was the teacher at the school all the years I attended. Mr. Kinshella was a keen gardener and had a very nice garden at his home, and encouraged all the children to have a garden each at the school. The boys grew vegetables and the girls had flower beds. We were all very proud when a cabbagew or a pound of peas or a bunch of flowers was sent home to parents who paid one shilling to P&C funds for the privilege of receiving these gifts.

As there was no school bus, some children rode bikes many miles in and from school. John and Gwen Geibel rode about 12 miles, being joined by John and Brian Doweall who rode about 10 miles. They were met later by George Carstellis and Audrey Stewart. For the first couple of years that Audrey rode to school, her father wired wooden blocks to the bike pedals, so she could reach them. Children living further out, boarded with families who were closer to the Moorine School, going home for the weekends.

My sister and I were the only children to live north of Moorine Rock and we rode our bikes about 5 miles each way. On the way home we would deliver the paper to neighbours on the way.
and Mrs Heaseman would always have a cold drink and a piece of cake for us. As the highway was unsurfaced we used to ride along a track which ran alongside the pipeline. This was called the Pipe Track and was used by a man, whose job was to cycle along the pipe, checking for and repairing any leaks. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday he would ride halfway to Southern Cross and on Tuesdays and Thursdays pedalled his way to Noonup. We always passed him every morning and again on our way home in the afternoon. By the time we had our chat to Mr Driver, the pipe runner, and again a chat with Mrs Heaseman, it was often quite well into the afternoon before we arrived home.

Being late didn’t let us off our jobs. We took turns to milk the cow, a job I hated because I was always rather scared of the cow as she had long horns. We had to collect the sticks for kindling for the wood stove and the chip bath heater, no electricity or gas in those days. We would fill the wood box with wood that dad chopped, ready for mum to use in the wood stove.

The kerosene refrigerator had to be filled also, and we were always careful not to overfill it, as this caused it to smoke and go off the freeze.

I can still remember when we got our first LP gas stove, what a joy, instant heat. No more smelly kerosene primus stoves, and no more waiting for ages for the wood stove to heat up to cook breakfast.

After the war, many Europeans came to Australia as migrants on assisted passage, which meant they only paid £10 of their fares and the Australian Government paid the rest. In return the migrant worked for two years for the government. One of the employment schemes for these people was bituminising the Great Eastern Highway, and several migrant families lived at Moorine Rock, the men working at a quarry at Moorine, crushing blue metal for the road. One of the families had two daughters called Eila and Anna, who, when they arrived, could not speak a word of English. After about a month they both spoke English very well.

When the road was first being bituminised, one half of the road was formed up, tar then put on it, and then covered with sand. The other side of the road was then formed up and the procedure repeated. I remember one day, when the first side of the road was being newly tarred, I was riding my bike along the centre of the road, right alongside the newly laid tar, when bang, the front wheel of my bike hit a stone, and I went splatter, straight into the new tar. Mr Kinshella was horrified when I arrived at school tarred from head to foot and promptly sent me to his house, where Mrs Kinshella put me in a bath and scrubbed for hours. I think all she did was spread tar all over the bath, herself and her towels. I know it took ages for the last of that tar to come off.

As the present hall had not been built, all our entertainment was held in a building called the ‘old post office.’ This was a building, now demolished, which stood in the NW corner of the hotel yard, and it actually housed the post office when I first arrived at Moorine Rock. However when the post office moved to where it is presently situated, the old building became the venue for such events as the Christmas tree and once-a-month card parties. All of us children used to enjoy these evenings, playing around outside, but the highlight of the night used to be watching the Kulgoorlie Express. We would all go over to the station and sit on the odd bale of wool that some thoughtful farmer had left there to be despatched, and wait for the train. It was marvellous the sights we would see on those trains. It was all over in a few minutes, but I don’t think we ever missed watching the train.

At first all the trains were steam trains. The trains would stop at Moorine to take on water for the engine at a big overhead tank, which was pumped full from the railway dam at the eastern end of town. I used to love the smell of steam engines, and when the first diesel engines appeared I
My name is Chris Hodson and I am a lecturer at North Metropolitan TAFE. In 2017 we are looking to run a course that will prepare high quality school gardeners and cleaners for work in the school system.

Please find our expression of interest brochure on the next page.

We would really appreciate it if you could distribute this information in your school newsletter. We believe that there is an untapped pool of fantastic candidates for these roles within the school community and we would love to offer people this opportunity to find meaningful work.

If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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Interested in part or full time work?

Could you work in a school?

Can you see yourself as a

School Gardener/Handyman or Cleaner?

Starting in 2017 we are looking to run a 1 semester course on the skills required to be a successful school gardener/handyman.

In addition, we will support you in applying for work in a school as a gardener/handyman or cleaner.

We have feedback that there is high demand for people to fill these roles and the chances of gaining employment are strong.

Gardening and cleaning course will include:

- Time management
- Safe work practices
- Plant knowledge
- Gardening procedures e.g. planting, fertilising, watering
- Use of gardening equipment e.g. ride on mowers, wiper snippers
- School specific equipment e.g. line marking machines
- Basic reticulation repair
- Use of hand tools
- Chemical use
- Use of cleaning equipment e.g. rotary polishers
- Record keeping
- Much more!

Entry requirements:

- Strong work ethic
- Good oral and written communication
- Must be able to read procedures, safety sheets and chemical bottles
- Successful completion of an entry interview
- Working With Children Check and a Police Clearance

Course details:

- Full time - 3 days per week - 20 week course duration
- Based in Leederville and on site at schools
The Staff and Students of Moorine Rock Primary School wish everyone a safe and Happy Christmas and a prosperous 2017.