



MOORINE ROCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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"Reach for the Stars"

From the Principal, Miss Sarah Perrett

Welcome back to the start of another school year. I trust you all had a relaxing holiday spending time with your children and family.

Twenty-nineteen is going to be a year full of opportunities and progress with numerous activities and programs planned for all students. This term we look forward to the YSSSA Swimming Carnival, Constable Care Excursion, Bookfair and the School Review.

Lastly, a special welcome is extended to our Kindergarten students: Leo Borona and Dustin Maddock. We wish you all the best as you begin your journey here at Moorine Rock Primary School.

2019 Staffing

Moorine Rock is fortunate to be able to retain quality staff in 2019 who will continue to provide the very best education for your children.

In 2019 our class structures and staffing are:
Junior Room (K-2): Kirsty Edwards
Senior Room (Yr 3– Yr6): Sherree Nicholson & Chrissie Nicholl

MCS: Josie Kent

Education Assistant: Leanne Capelli

Gardener: Liz Borona

Cleaner: Anita Walters

We wish Liz Borona all the very best as she takes some well deserved long service leave for the first four weeks of this term.

Parent Information Session

Parents are invited to an information session in their child's classroom on Thursday 7th February at 2:20pm (Junior room) and 2:40pm (Senior room).

This session will provide you with an overview of what is being taught for the term and the classroom expectations. Please note, this is not a time for individual interviews.

Attendance

During 2018 we worked extremely hard to improve the attendance data of our school. Whilst the overall attendance rate is pleasing (92.7% Semester 2), the percentage of students regularly attending school reduced from 91% in Semester 1 to 72.7% in Semester 2.

The table below outlines the cumulative time missed by students if they are absent from school.

Period of Absence (Years 1-10)	Rate of Attendance	Equivalent School Missed
Average of 5 Days per term	90%	1 Year
1 Day Per Week	80%	2 Years
1.5 Days a week	70%	3 Years
2 Days Per Week	60%	4 Years
3 Days per Week	40%	6 years
5 Weeks per term	50%	5 Years

Congratulations to former MRPS student Amy Rose for winning the Senior Prize attendance poster competition. This competition was open to all students across the Wheatbelt and her poster is now displayed in schools, local businesses and agencies throughout the Wheatbelt Education region.



School Grounds

I would like to thank Liz & Anita for their hard work during the holidays to ensure the school buildings and grounds were ready for students and staff this week.

School Council

There are two parent vacancies, as well as a community vacancy on the MRPS School Council. If you would like to nominate, please complete the attached form and return it to school by Monday 11th Feb. Please note that if there are more nominations than positions available, an election will be held.

The School Council is responsible for establishing and reviewing objectives, priorities and policy direction; assisting with the financial planning to fund these objectives, priorities and directions; evaluating the schools performance; and formulating codes of conduct for students who attend the school. School Council usually meet once a term (in the second half of the term) on a Tuesday afternoon here at school.

More information about the role of a council member can be found on the school website or at <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/school>

Student Stationery

It would be appreciated if all students' spare stationery be sent in at the beginning of this term. These materials are kept safely by the classroom teacher until needed. All stationery needs to be clearly labelled with students' name. Any stationery not used throughout the year will be sent home in Term 4.

A big thank you to CBH for providing our Year One students with stationery.



Bushfire

Moorine Rock Primary School is classified as 'Very High' on the Bushfire Zone Register. As per the Department of Education's policy, the school needs to comply by ensuring the relevant plans are reviewed, communicated and tested. Staff and students have been familiarising themselves with emergency evacuations throughout the year and will continue to do so this term. An information sheet is included within this newsletter and a copy of the plan is on the website.

Voluntary Contributions

Your voluntary contributions assist the school in providing materials to improve your child's learning experiences. It would be fantastic if all contributions could be received during Term One. Families may choose to send in cash, a cheque or pay by direct deposit to our ANZ Account.

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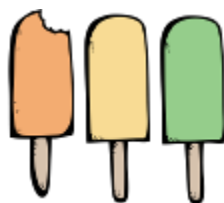
The Voluntary Contribution of \$40 equates to \$10.00 per term.

One child \$40;

Two children \$80;

Three or more children \$120

Icy Poles

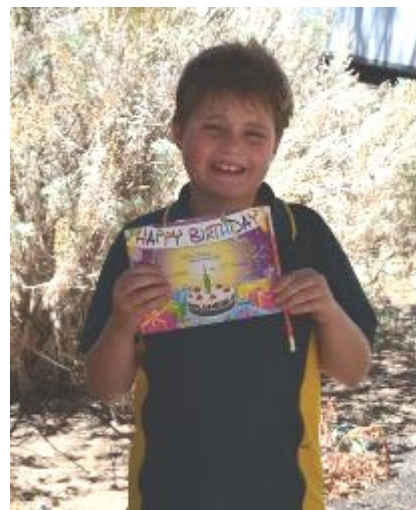


The student leaders will be once again be selling fruit juice icy poles for 50c on Fridays. The money raised this term will fundraise for sick children and their families at Ronald McDonald House. Icy poles cost 50c, and where possible please bring exact change to school.

Birthday Wishes to:

Reece Jackson

13th January



Dates to Remember

Date	Day	Event
7th February	Thursday	Parent Information Session
14th February	Thursday	Playgroup
26th—27th February	Tuesday & Wednesday	Student Leadership Camp (Yr 6)
27th February	Wednesday	Clean Up Australia Day



1ST DAY OF SCHOOL 2019





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School Council Nomination

I _____ would like to nominate for a position on the MRPS

School Council as a:

[☐] Parent representative

[☐] Community Member representative

Please note: if there are more nominations than positions available an election will be required. Successful nominees will be required to complete the Department of Education's criminal screening before the new appointment can be made.

Signed

Date

Nominations are due to MRPS front office by 4pm, Monday 11th February.

Bushfire Zone Register

The Department of Education is committed to maximising the safety of its students and staff. Moorine Rock Primary School has been added to the Bushfire Zone Register. Inclusion on this register means that the school may be required to invoke a pre-emptive closure on a day for which a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating (FDR) has been declared for the Shire of Yilgarn. A Catastrophic FDR means that if a fire starts, it is likely to be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving.

What does this mean for our school?

When given advance warning by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) that a Catastrophic FDR has been forecast for a given day the Deputy Director General, may direct the pre-emptive closure of Moorine Rock Primary School. If the school receives such a directive, you will be informed of the possible planned closure by a letter sent home with your child. Parents of students absent on the day will be contacted by telephone, so please ensure the school has up to date contact details for you.

In the intervening period between the declaration of the pre-emptive closure and the day of planned closure, DFES will keep the Department informed of any change to the FDR forecast for the declared day. The final decision to pre-emptively close the school will be confirmed with the principal no later than 4.30pm on the day before the planned closure. If the forecast changes after that deadline, the closure will stand, regardless of improvements to the weather conditions later in the afternoon of the day before the planned closure or overnight. The intention is to limit confusion or uncertainty for parents and to allow you ample time to make alternative child care arrangements.

Parents will be advised of the confirmation of closure, or its reversal, by a note sent home with your child on the day before the planned closure. Again, parents of students absent on this day will be contacted by telephone.

How will I know when the school is reopening?

It is anticipated that the school will typically only be required to close for a single day at a time, however this will depend on the weather. The school website will contain a notice to advise you of the current status of the school closure and when it is expected to reopen and parents will also be notified via the phone tree.

I ask that you monitor local media for current information about fire danger ratings and notification of schools reopening. Staying tuned to ABC Local Radio in your locality is advisable. You can also check with DFES on 13 DFES (13 33 37) or www.dfes.wa.gov.au and Emergency WA website: www.emergency.wa.gov.au. Alternatively you can call me on 0429381810 or Wheatbelt Regional Education Office on 9622 0200. If any of the options listed above for finding out when to send your child back to school are problematic, please contact the principal to arrange for us to phone you to advise you when the school will reopen.

Questions?

Please contact the school on 08 90491176 if you have any questions about planned closures during the bushfire season.