

Dear Parents and Community Members

As you can imagine, with only seventeen days till the end of term, everyone is flat out meeting deadlines. Some of the many things underway at the moment are:

- Rehearsing for the end of year concert
- The writing of reports
- Students attending orientation days
 - Charli and Judd both enjoyed their visit to Merredin
 - Patrick, Noah and Hamish are off to Mazenod on Thursday for their first taste of school in the city
 - Jye will try out Kindy on the 30th and Year 2 students, Lucy and Ethan, will try out the Senior room.
- Christmas craft

Bravery Trust

I want to thank Mrs Collins for her initiative last Friday morning. She noticed the Stomp Soldiers having breakfast at the General Store and invited them to our assembly. They spoke to the children about their role in Bravery Trust emphasising the need to care for each other and also answering questions about guns. They were careful to talk about gun safety and not to glorify war preferring to talk about mateship. Our children asked really appropriate questions. You can find out more at www.braverytrust.org.au.

The Prince Who Stole Christmas

This delightful play was performed at SCDHS. There were lots of laughs as the "monster" tried to make friends. The three actors performed multiple roles which in itself was quite an undertaking.

Regards

Lyndy Richmond

Principal

Upcoming Events

Date	Day	Event
30.11.2016	Wednesday	Orientation Day
10.12.2016	Saturday	End of Year Concert - All welcome
14.12.2016	Wednesday	Christmas Party for Students
15.12.2016	Thursday	Last day of school for 2016

Hats



As you know, the wearing of hats is a sensible and important concession to our climate. At MRPS, the wearing of hats for any outside activity is mandatory. The school's broad brimmed hat provides excellent protection **but only when it is worn**. Some students are cutting off the strings that keep the hat on so inevitably it falls off in strenuous activity. If you are purchasing a new hat for 2017, please emphasize to your child/children that the strings remain attached.

Moorine Rock Primary School continues ...	
1994	Moorine again listed for closure under the rationalisation scheme. Julian Grill MLA strongly opposed closure of the school. Education Minister Norman Moore replied that schools are considered against a certain selection criteria for possible closure or amalgamation. Closure did not go ahead.
Former Student Memories	
<p>Margaret Della Bosca (Harper) has fond memories of Moorine School. Her memories began in 1942. 'I remember the doctor coming down from Southern Cross to give us all immunisation needles. We all had to get in a long line and out-of-town children went first. Two of the older girls from Mount Hampton ran away screaming and that started all the little children crying. My first teacher's name was Mrs Powell. She was a very tiny lady, but had a big voice to make up for her size. Then my memories start again in 1945 after my family came back to Moorine Rock to live after the war. Our first teacher after the war was Mr Bradshaw. He stayed for only a short time. Then the school was shut down for six months owing to a shortage of teachers. The children did not mind this but I am sure the parents would have preferred we had a school to go to. Two students by the name of John and Gwen Gethin, who lived where Laurie Borona now lives, used to regularly walk 11 miles to see if a school teacher had arrived. And finding there was no teacher they would get something to eat at our place and walk home again. When school did recommence, they continued walking into school every day until they got bikes. Our new teacher came in about October. His name was Mr Kinshella. He moved into town with his wife and two small children. The school then settled down to learning the program of the 3 R's as they used to be called.</p> <p>We used to have gardens at school. The girls would grow flowers while the boys grew vegetables. Sometimes we spent more time in the garden than we did in the classroom. We liked it that way.</p> <p>Mr Kinshella liked cricket and both boys and girls had to play the game. One day I was bowling and George Carstairs was batting. He hit the ball straight back and hit me on the head. I was knocked out and my intense dislike of cricket remained for many years.</p> <p>Mr Kinshella also got the old tennis courts at the school going and taught us how to play tennis, something I think Moorine Rock residents appreciate even today. Both tennis and cricket are still popular in this area.</p> <p>Another highlight of our school days was when Mr Perry Bowey came to town, pulling his truck with a team of horses. This only happened about twice a year.</p> <p>I left Moorine Rock School after grade 6 to go to the Convent in Southern Cross. This was so I wouldn't have to do correspondence schooling.'</p>	

Nude Food!

The 4-6 class has been learning about materials in Science this term. We have been seeing which materials decompose and finding out about plastic. We have also looked into what happens to all this plastic fantastic and we can tell you the results are not so fantastic, with so much of it ending up in landfill.

We collected our lunch and recess packaging on the 17th of November and we were shocked to see how much packaging we were using in ONE day.

If possible we would like to reduce our use of packaging and bring nude food to school. This means using reusable containers where we can.

Thanks for helping us to help the environment ☺

Mrs Collins



Awards

Keely Lowe	for working hard on the compound area and perimeter problems. Always have confidence in yourself.
Patrick Rose	for showing great focus and determination during our measurement lessons.
Ethan Glass	for always working hard and doing his best.
Reece Jackson	for his curiosity about the environment.



Enrol now for VacSwim summer school holiday swimming lessons

It is important for every child to learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim December/January school holiday swimming lessons are run by instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. To enrol or find out more visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming.

Enrolments close on Monday 28 November 2016 for the earlier programs and Monday 5 December 2016 for the second January program.



"THE PRINCE WHO STOLE CHRISTMAS"



The Bravery Trust





Moorine Rock Primary School



invites you to it's 90th Birthday Celebrations

Help us to celebrate Moorine Rock Primary School's 90th Year;
You are welcome to stroll around our School - the classrooms will be open;
Come and enjoy the current students End of Year Christmas Concert,
followed by meal and entertainment at Moorine Rock Tennis Club.



Light Supper will be provided

Spit Roast available for a small cost
Full Bar Facilities available



Date: 10th December 2016
Classrooms will be open from 5:00pm
Students performance commences at 6:00pm

Please RSVP as soon as possible to
Amanda Eiffler: amandajustin@activ8.net.au or 90499012
Michelle Auld: auld14@westnet.com.au or 90498014

To commemorate our school turning "90", a time capsule will be created.
Please bring along 'something' that you would like to put in the time capsule, which will
be raised in 2026, when our school officially turns 100!



This week's ideas from LiveLighter® for families

LiveLighter® tip #4 –

Use mustard instead of mayonnaise to add extra flavour to your salads and sandwiches.

LiveLighter® recipe #4 – Rainbow pasta salad:

<https://livelighter.com.au/Recipe/255/rainbow-pasta-salad> (image attached)

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Safe travels this holiday

Holidays will be here soon, so now is a good time to remind families about Child Car Restraint laws in WA. Young children need the right car seat for their age, correctly fitted to travel safely in a car. Adult seats and seatbelts alone are not safe for small children.

The Child Car Restraint laws tell us the type of car seats to use at different ages.

- **0-6 months** (minimum): children must be restrained in a rearward facing child restraint.
- **6 months - 4 years**: children must be restrained in either a rearward or forward facing child restraint with an inbuilt harness.
- **4-7 years**: children must be restrained in either a forward facing child restraint with inbuilt harness or booster seat restrained by a correctly adjusted and fastened seat belt or child harness.

For more information please visit the Roadwise website: <http://www.roadwise.asn.au/child-car-restraints.aspx> or call the Child Car Restraint Information Line on 1300 780 713.

You can find registered Type One Child Car Restraint Fitters in the Wheatbelt and throughout the state here: <http://www.roadwise.asn.au/childrestraints/>.



**Welcome to the
Southern Cross District High School
Book Fair 2016!**

here: SCDHS Library

When: Thur 24/11, Fri 25/11 & Sat 26/11

Times: 24&25/11 12.50pm-3.30pm &
26/11 9am-12pm

Bring the whole family along to browse a wide range of books for young & old.

With Christmas fast approaching.....Books are a great, easy & educational gift idea!!

Hope to see you there!

The tournament is for students between the ages of 8 – 15 years.



TWO DOGS MERREDIN



Sunsmart Two Dogs Junior Tournament Merredin District Lawn Tennis Club

Saturday 3 December 2016

- Entries Close: Wednesday 30 November - NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE
- Entries to: Tanielle Hooper, Mobile 0437 886 855 or scanned and emailed to: mdltc@hotmail.com.au
- Sunscreen & hat essential
- Entry Fees to be paid on the day of the tournament
- Lunch can be ordered by completing details below or bring your own

I _____ (Parent/Guardian) Do / Do Not (circle) give my permission to publish any photographs, video footage or results, solely for promotional purposes, without compensation.

_____ (Signature of Parent/Guardian)

Entrants Name: _____

Please accept my entry for event number/s: _____

Phone no.: _____ Club: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age as at 31st December 2016 _____



Circle Event No. SINGLES 8.45am Welcome, 9.00am Start

Round Robin Entry Fee

1	12 yrs & Under Girls	\$10.00
2	12 yrs & Under Boys	\$10.00
3	15 yrs & Under Girls	\$10.00
4	15 yrs & Under Boys	\$10.00

DOUBLES

12:30pm start

Partners Name

Round Robin

Entry Fee

(if you haven't a partner for doubles but would like to play, circle the event and we will do our best to find you one)

5	12 yrs & Under Girls	_____	\$20.00 (\$10 each player)
6	12 yrs & Under Boys	_____	\$20.00 (\$10 each player)
7	15 yrs & Under Girls	_____	\$20.00 (\$10 each player)
8	15 yrs & Under Boys	_____	\$20.00 (\$10 each player)

LUNCH ORDER (to be paid on the day)

Name: _____ Club: _____

Ham & Salad Roll \$4.00 Number Required: _____

Chicken & Salad Roll \$4.00 Number Required: _____

Salad only Roll \$3.00 Number Required: _____





BALLIDU PRIMARY SCHOOL

CLOSING CELEBRATION

SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER 2016

All past and present students, teachers, staff and community members along with their families, are invited to attend the closing celebrations of Ballidu Primary School. After a wonderful 95 years, Ballidu Primary School will be closing its doors for the last time.

2pm - Classrooms Open

3pm – Official proceedings followed by afternoon tea

5pm – The school bell is rung for the last time

Classrooms Close

Tea/Coffee and Water available throughout the afternoon

For all enquiries and to RSVP, please contact Liz Heavey at the school on 08 9674 1247

You can also email Liz at Elizabeth.Heavey@education.wa.edu.au

Accommodation is available in town and surrounding towns, please let Liz know when you RSVP if you would like more information.



Once the school closes there will be entertainment at Alpha Park thanks to Ballidu Progress Group. Why not have a look around town and pop into the Tavern for a cold drink and catch up some more in between. The Lodge/Art Gallery will be open from 5pm if you would like to see some work by our talented local artists.

BYO Alcohol after 5pm

Tavern will be open from 3pm, Dinner from 6pm



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!

