



# MOORINE ROCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

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### Principals Message

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back to the start of school for 2020! I hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and are ready to hit the ground running this year. This year I will be working in both the Junior and Senior Room teaching Art, Physical Education, Health, Design and Technologies as well as library. In addition, I will also be teaching Science in the Junior Room. I am looking forward to working with the students in all areas of their learning and developing strong and effective relationships with them.

#### Staffing 2019

This year Moorine Rock has gained two new staff members. Ms Mikaela Scotland comes to us from Baldivis Primary School and will be working in our Junior Room. Ms Lisa Castleden is teaching alongside Mrs Christina Nicholl in our senior room. Ms Castleden has moved from Alkimos Primary School. Both teachers have been hard at work over the past week getting themselves and their classrooms ready for students. As a staff we are looking forward to getting to know the students of Moorine Rock and providing a safe and constructive environment for them to grow and achieve this year.

#### Parent Information Session and Meet the Principal

I would like to invite you to a "Coffee, Cake and Chat" next Wednesday the 12th of February at 1:40pm. This will give me the chance to meet members of the school community in an informal setting and give you the opportunity to come in and ask questions. Parents are then invited to an information session in their child's classroom at 2:20pm (Junior room) and 2:40pm (Senior room). This session will provide you with an over-view of what is being taught for the term and the classroom expectations. We hope to see you there.

Lauren Suttie, Principal

### Upcoming Events

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
1	3rd February	4	5	6	7	8/9
2	10	11	12 Coffee, Cake and Chat Parent Information Session	13 Playgroup	14	15/16

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## School Council

There are two parent vacancies on the MRPS School Council. If you would like to nominate, please complete the attached form and return it to school by Monday 10th 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 on a Tuesday afternoon here at school.

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

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## Bushfire

As in previous years, Moorine Rock Primary School is classified as 'Very High' on the Bushfire Zone Register. This means that in the event of a catastrophic fire danger day the school is required to close. 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 in the previous year and will continue to do so this term. If such an event does occur you will be informed via a note sent home with your child and we will keep you informed via the school Connect community and the school website.

## Attendance

Over the past two years Moorine Rock has been working hard on improving attendance of all students. It is pleasing to see the overall attendance of students increase from Semester 1 to Semester 2 in 2019 however the percentage of students who are regularly attending school has halved in two years. Regular school attendance is vital as every day missed is a day they are not learning with their peers.

Additionally, please ensure that if your child is unwell or going to be absent for any reason you let the school know via your child's communication diary or by ringing the school.

Below is the attendance trends for the past three semesters as well as a table that outlines the cumulative time missed by students if they are absent from school.

Attendance Profile	Semester 2, 2018	Semester 1, 2019	Semester 2, 2019
Regular (90% or greater)	72.7%	42.9%	47.1%
Indicated (80%-89%)	27.3%	38.1%	47.1%
Moderate (60%-79%)	—	19%	5.8%
Severe (less than 60%)	—	—	—
Overall Attendance	92.7%	88.5%	90.6%

### 1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but

If your child misses ...	That equals ...	Their attendance rate will be ...	And over 13 years of schooling that's ...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	90%	1 year
1 day per week	40 days per year	80%	2 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	60%	4 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	40%	6 years

## FROM OUR JUNIOR ROOM WITH MISS SCOTLAND



Hello!

My name is Kila Scotland and I can't wait to be your teacher. I live on a farm in Westonia and I have one dog called Indi.

When I am not teaching I like to bake snacks and plant flowers in my little garden. I am so excited to get to know you!

### My favourites

**Food:** Sunday Roast

**Colour:** Turquoise

**Sport:** Football (Eagles)

**Animal:** Dog

**Tv Show:** Home and Away

**Drink:** Mango smoothie

## FROM OUR SENIOR ROOM WITH MISS CASTLEDEN AND MRS NICHOLL

Hello and welcome back! This year I will be teaching some literacy, science and integrated STEM in the senior room on Fridays. First term we will be covering the biological sciences and are very fortunate to have past student and CSIRO scientist - Kelly Irving, supporting us with our studies. Kelly works in genetics so we will be having a close look at adaptations and different features of some species. I'm hoping that Kelly will be able to visit our class by the end of term. The afternoons will involve participation in different integrated STEM learning projects, this Friday the students will be involved with collecting data for some research projects on Zooniverse. It's going to be a great and fulfilling year!

Mrs Chrissie Nicholl

Hello!

My name is Lisa Castleden and am the Senior Room teacher Monday to Thursday this year. I am in my second year of teaching and have a passion for Literacy and Languages.

Already, I can tell this amazing bunch of kids are going to do some amazing things this year. So far, we have focused on setting goals and creating a safe and positive environment together.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to meeting you all!

Lisa.



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### School Council Nomination

I \_\_\_\_\_ would like to nominate for a position on the MRPS

School Council as a:

[  ] Parent 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.

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Signed

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Date

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