



Principal News

ANZAC Day

The talent of the students at Morningside State School continues to amaze me. On Monday we held an ANZAC Day Service in the hall. This service was led by School Captains Lucy, Eloise and Rosie. Their leadership of this commemorative service was great. A comment from one of our guest speakers also praised the student body on their participation in this service. I would like to thank parents Darren Pierpoint and Andrew Herbert for their participation. A comment from one visitor about our ANZAC Day service was that she loved it being in the hall, as we were able to use the big screen to add to the service.

About 60 children then participated in the Bulimba ANZAC Day Service. Again, the respect shown by our students at this service was commendable. An added bonus this year was that the school was positioned well and all students were able to see the service. Coming in all but last as a school paid off!

Uniforms

Thankfully it has begun to cool down and children are beginning to wear jumpers, tights and tracksuit pants to school. Please see the Uniform information in this newsletter as to the school's expectations for winter. NAME, NAME, NAME!!!!!!!!!!!!

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing is coming up with testing in Week 4; 9th, 10th and 11th May. Teachers in Years 3 and 5 along with our Deputy Principal, Head of Curriculum, Master Teacher, Support Teacher: Literacy and Numeracy and Literacy Intervention Teacher have all been supporting classroom teachers and children as they familiarise themselves with NAPLAN expectations and the testing format. Remember a good breakfast helps fuel the mind for school!

Deputy News

Hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. Over the past week I have been continuing to work in classrooms through a coaching approach and I will be completing some classroom profiles in classrooms this week too.

Well done Mrs Coe and Book Club for an excellent performance at the end of last Term. It was very entertaining!

Visual Art News

As you would be aware Tiny Art has moved in to the Art room this Term. This space has now been transformed into an Art Studio! We welcome Debra Bryant and her team. If you haven't already done so, go and have a look at the transformation – it looks amazing!

Visual Art Meeting

8:00am Wednesday 3rd May in the school hall.

SAVE THE DATE: Peg & Line Art Show Friday 4th August

Active School Travel

Our Walking Wheeling Wednesdays continue this Term. This week 100% of PRK students actively travelled to school and won the weekly trophy. Each week we announce our Active School Travel results at assembly.

Have a great fortnight

Samantha Lovegrove – Deputy Principal

ANZAC Ceremony

On the 24th of April, Morningside State School held an ANZAC ceremony. The Morningside State School students and staff were joined by Ms Di Farmer - Local Member of parliament for Bulimba, Mr Grant Lea - Morningside's school Chaplain, Mr Brian Dayley - President of Norman park RSL, Mr Roy Masters - Vietnam Veteran and Mr Michael Barrett - President of the school's P&C. At the ceremony we payed tribute to soldiers who had made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Each class made a wreath and placed them at the ANZAC memorial. To conclude the ceremony, the school joined together and sang both the New Zealand and Australian National Anthems.

by Emily

Year 6

Curriculum News

Term 2 Curriculum Overviews

Term overviews are designed to inform parents and caregivers about the learning being undertaken by their child. These will be available on our website this week. <https://morningsss.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx>

Another of our RISE Reading Bookmark strategies is **Eagle Eye**. This strategy is simply getting the students to look at the pictures for help with unfamiliar words.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN test dates for 2017 are Tuesday 9 May, Wednesday 10 May and Thursday 11 May.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy.

The best preparation for the students at school is to continue focusing on teaching the curriculum. Our school will ensure that students are familiar with the test formats and provide appropriate support and guidance.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN at home is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day. However if you wish to engage your child with additional practice resources please refer to support materials available through Mathletics and Reading Eggs.

	Tuesday 9 May 2017	Wednesday 10 May 2017	Thursday 11 May 2017	Friday 12 May 2017
Year 3	Language Conventions <i>40 minutes</i> Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>45 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>45 minutes</i>	Catch up day
Year 5	Language Conventions <i>40 minutes</i> Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>50 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>50 minutes</i>	

Shannon Henderson, Head of Curriculum

QParents Is Here

Our school now has QParents!

Parents should have received an invitation email or letter by now and it's great to see that so many parents have registered already. If you have not received an invitation, please advise us immediately.

When using QParents to notify the school of a future absence, the system currently allows parents to submit reasons of up to 500 characters in the 'Reason' box. This is a system error and should read '**100 character limit**'. This limit error is currently being fixed by Education Queensland, however in the meantime we encourage parents to ensure reasons for absences are kept brief when submitting through QParents.

QParents will, over time, become an integral part of how we communicate with parents. Get on board now to enjoy the ease and convenience that QParents offers!

Uniform Expectations

Student dress code

Our school community supports a Uniform Policy because it promotes a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment by:

- Allowing ready identification of our students at school and in public
- Eliminating the distraction of competition in dress
- Fostering a sense of belonging

Our students are expected to attend and represent our school in correct uniform. We encourage our students to wear their uniform with pride as they are representing themselves, their school, their family and their community.

As the cooler weather approaches, we encourage students to wear a **either the royal blue fleecy jumper/jacket or microfibre jacket** and **royal blue tracksuit pants**. Girls are allowed to wear **royal blue or black tights** with their formal dress uniform. Students do not require any other winter accessories with their school uniform.

Please see below requirements as per our Uniform Policy:

Girl's Uniform

- Blue and gold checked dress (Formal dress uniform)
- Royal blue skorts
- Royal blue polo shirt
- Blue and gold checked blouse
- Sport house colour polo shirt
- Enclosed black shoes, white socks
- Gym shoes for PE & sport
- Royal blue school approved sun hat

Boy's Uniform

- Grey shorts
- Royal blue polo shirt
- Royal blue button up shirt with gold piping
- Sport house colour polo shirt
- Enclosed black shoes, white socks
- Gym shoes for PE and sport
- Royal blue school approved sun hat

Prep

- Yellow legionnaire's cap

P & C News

The P&C are delighted to welcome David Furze back to the executive in the role of Treasurer. The position of Assistant Treasurer is still vacant. If you would like more information about this supporting role or to chat to us about it, please email admin@morningsidesspandc.asn.au.

We are committed to helping to keep our wonderful school looking great and will be organising one working bee a term. This term's working bee will be held on the morning of Sunday, May 21st. To register your interest in joining us for working bees please email suzanne.newman@morningsidesspandc.asn.au to be added to the notification list. All welcome, including kids – there'll be a range of jobs to complete on the day. If you have a particular skillset that you think might be useful or can bring along specific equipment on the day please let us know so that we can obtain a better idea of what it will be possible to achieve.

We've had some requests for a get together where parents can meet with members of the P&C and wider school community. We'd be delighted if you can join us at Morningside Panthers Footy Club on Friday, May 26th for a meet and greet. It's a great place to unwind after a busy week and there'll be jumping castles to keep the kids entertained. See you there from 5pm – we have a space reserved behind the scoreboard.

P&C Fundraising and Events

Thank you to everyone in the school community who participated in the Homemaker School Rewards competition where MSS came second and won \$2000!

Many of you have been quoting MSS as a beneficiary when making purchases at Amart Sports and Athletes Foot. Last week we received a credit note from Amart Sports for \$379 (accumulated between Jan-March 2017) for the school to spend on sports goods. Thank you for continuing to quote our school when making purchases at these stores.

We have a fantastic calendar of events this term including our inaugural Eco Fair during World Environment week and a Movie Night in the hall. Check the diary in this newsletter for dates, more info on each will be coming soon. If you would like to volunteer to help at these exciting events please email suzanne.newman@morningsidesspandc.asn.au to be added to the volunteer list (if you've done this previously you will automatically be notified as volunteer rosters are created).

Volunteer to sizzle a snag at Bunnings with us!

Do you have a few hours to spare on the weekend? Want to meet new parents and raise much needed funds to for school improvements for your kids? Then it's you we're looking for.

On **Saturday 13 May**, Morningside State School will be at **Bunnings Cannon Hill from 8-5pm**. We're looking for people who can help out for 2-3 hours either sizzling a snag, serving or helping with the set up and pull down.

You don't have to be a P&C member to help out and we're always looking for friendly new faces and a helping hand.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to get involved in your school community.

[Click here to register](#) or find out more by emailing lynn.snoddy@live.com.au

or calling 0405 830 332.

Dates To Remember

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Wednesday 26 April	'It's A Guy Thing' 6.30pm for Yrs 4, 5 & 6 (rescheduled from Term 1)
Friday 28 April	Lytton District Cross Country
Monday 1 May	Public Holiday for Labour Day
Friday 5 May	Cyber Safety for Years 4 - 6
Tuesday 9 to Friday 12 May	NAPLAN *see schedule under Curriculum News
Wednesday 10 to Friday 12 May	Mother's Day Stall before school
Saturday 13 May	MSS Fundraising BBQ at Bunnings 8am to 5pm
Wednesday 17 May	P & C Meeting 7pm
Sunday 21 May	P & C Working Bee 8am to 11am
Tuesday 23 May	ICAS Digital Technologies for Years 3 to 6 Under 8s Day

Friday 26 May	P & C Meet & Greet 5pm at Morningside Panthers Footy Club
Tuesday 30 May	ICAS Science for Years 2 to 6
Wednesday 31 May	Street Science for Years 5 & 6 in Hall
Saturday 3 June	World Environment Day Eco Fair 12 noon to 5pm
Monday 12 to Friday 16 June	ICAS Writing for Years 3 to 6
Wednesday 14 June	ICAS Spelling for Years 2 to 6
Friday 16 June	Movie Night in Hall
Wednesday 21 June	P & C Meeting 7pm
Friday 23 June	Last day of Term 2
Monday 26 June to Friday 7 July	Winter school holidays
Monday 10 July	Term 3 commences