



Morningside State School



Morningside Messenger

Principal News

Welcome to our third newsletter for the year

We are already half way through the term. Where has the time gone?

Yesterday we farewelled Happy Chappy Jeremy. Jeremy has moved onto a job with Scripture Union that sees him training future Chaplains and Youth Workers. This is very exciting for Jeremy, although a loss to the Morningside Community. I am presently in the process of interviewing a replacement Chaplain.

International Women's Day Breakfast

Next week we have an International Women's Day Breakfast for Year 6 students and their mothers or other significant female in their lives. We have two guest speakers, a past student of both Morningside State School and Balmoral State High School. Saskia Van Ryt is an Honours Graduate from UQ who is about to undertake post-doctoral studies. Our second speaker is Rachel from Rachel Loves Francis in Oxford Street. The email address given unfortunately was incorrect. If your daughter is in Year 6 you will have received a flyer already. RSVP to admin@morningsss.eq.edu.au

"It's a Guy Thing"

Mr Jamieson is organising "It's a Guy Thing" for the boys in year 4,5 and 6 along with their dads or significant male figure. This will be held on 22 March. Further information to come.

Social Media

Education Queensland has a number of resources around Cyber Safety that may be of help to families. We are uploading some information for parents onto the school website.

Wendy Hoskin

Principal

Deputy News

I am delighted to share some exciting news. **Parker Campbell - School Captain**, has successfully approached a local business to support our Positive Behaviour for Learning RISE program. Well done Parker!

The **Gateaux Café** conveniently located at 7 Lindsay Street, Hawthorne has generously committed to giving **10% of all its sales from Morningside State School families, staff and students back to the school**. The monies received each month will go directly into our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) school budget and help towards purchasing RISE postcards, RISE bumper stickers and GOTCHA prizes.

Nermin Lotfi owner of the Gateaux Café has already donated \$5 vouchers for GOTCHA prizes each week and is keen to support our Principal's High Tea event later in the year.

We hope the next time you fancy a coffee or something delicious to eat you head there and mention that you are part of the Morningside State School community. The Gateaux café was voted the best coffee in Bulimba!

Welcome Tamameguro High School

Our Japanese School Ambassadors have begun their exciting new role by chaperoning the visiting Tamameguro students at both lunch breaks and during integration sessions in the classroom. Most of our 2017 School Ambassadors are new to this position and are doing an outstanding job! The School Ambassadors and Tamameguro students shared a welcome morning tea together.

Well done school ambassadors!

Active School Travel

As a Brisbane City Council Active School Travel school every student has an Active School Travel passport. Each week we promote travelling to school actively. Wednesday's are 'Walking Wheeling Wednesdays'. Students earn a stamp in their passport if they travel to school actively on a Wednesday. When students achieve a numbers of stamps in their passport, prizes are issued.

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence - Friday 17 March 2017

We have registered as a school to support the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. This day is on 17th March. Reminder that students are encouraged to wear orange in support of this day. Our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) lessons will be linked to this event.

Harmony Day

To continue to promote tolerance, respect and difference within our school community we will be inviting all students to wear cultural clothes from a country to which they are connected to, a country they admire or to simply wear orange on Monday 20th March. Although Harmony Day is officially on the Tuesday 21st March we will be dedicating our school assembly on Monday 20th March to acknowledge Harmony Day.

Anzac Care Packages

This year our school would like to embrace the ANZAC Spirit by sending a Care Package from each Class to an Australian Defence Force Member serving overseas.

We are encouraging each class to partake via writing letters, poems and artwork as part of these Care Packages. This will benefit both students learning and boost the morale of defence members.

Defence members appreciate receiving these care packages, as a reminder of home and the values we cherish in our country. Also it is a way to say thankyou to our service men and women for the sacrifices they make in order to keep us safe.

We kindly request our school community to donate items to your Class Care Package Box. The boxes will be sent overseas to defence force bases in the Middle East and/or Afghanistan in time for ANZAC Day. This will include a Reply Paid Envelope in order for the Defence Member to reply back to each of our classes.

Due to the Australian Defence Force strict guidelines, each box is restricted in both size and weight in order for it to be

posted free of charge. Customs regulations and travel conditions prohibit and limit what we can send. They are also need to be gender neutral in order for equitable distribution.

Please see the list below of items with approximate costs, weight and size:

1 x Unibic 300g ANZAC Biscuits (Biscuits donated already for all boxes)	
2 x Packets 150g Allens Minties Lolly	\$3.00 /pack
1 x 100g Bottle Johnsons Baby Powder	\$2
1 x 75g Tube Sanofi Shave Cream	\$2
1 x 6 Pack Schick Disposable Razors	\$4
1 x 50ml Roll On (Non aerosol) Mitchum Deodorant unscented	\$4
1 x 2 Homebrand Pack Tooth Brush	\$2
1 x 90g Tube ColgateTooth Paste	\$2
1 x 5g Chapstick (Lip Balm Stick)	\$4

Donations close Friday 24 March.

NB: Can be different Brand, but size of package and weight must be the adhered to.

Families can also share the cost of an item to go into the box, being there is a limited number of items.

Daniel F and Alex T - Music Captains will be taking the boxes to each classrooms this week.

Thank you for your support with the care packages!

Visual Art

I look forward to sharing some VERY exciting Visual Art news in the next newsletter. We are finalising some very exciting plans in the coming week.

Have a great fortnight,

Warm regards

Samantha Lovegrove Deputy Principal

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held from **Monday 27 March to Friday 31 March (Week 10)**. Interviews will be of 15 minutes duration.

Parent-teacher interviews are scheduled through the internet-based booking system called Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO). The link to this booking system is available on our website www.morningsss.eq.edu.au and will be open during Week 9.

Using this system you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer. If you do not have internet access at home or elsewhere, please contact the office so that we can assist you.

Information to explain the online booking process will be sent home shortly.

Curriculum News

What is happening in Prep?

Our Prep students are actively involved in learning phonics through the 'Get Reading Right' program which we introduced in 2016.

Synthetic Phonics is at the core of the 'Get Reading Right' program because it gets impressive results for students. Synthetic Phonics is a technical name that describes the synthesising or blending of phonemes (sounds) to make a word, enabling children to read.

At a glance, Get Reading Right teaches students:

- That spoken words are composed of phonemes (sounds)
- The 44 phonemes of the English language
- All the different ways each phoneme can be represented, e.g. the phoneme /a/ as in 'apron' can be spelled ('ay' like in 'pay', 'ai' like in 'paid', 'a' like in 'apron', 'eigh' like in 'eight' and so on...)
- To blend phonemes in a word to read
- Irregular, high frequency words (i.e. camera words), which are essential to help children progress onto reading full sentences. These camera words work in unison with our Magic 100 Sight Word program.
- The phoneme first and then the letter name

What is happening in Year 2?

This term, the Year Two students are investigating the life stages of living things. They have studied a variety of life cycles, grown their own plants and in the last fortnight classes have welcomed either mealworms or butterflies into their classrooms. The students are engaged in documenting their observations, posing questions and researching a variety of living things.

Students in the lower school have a RISE Reading Bookmark which is used between school and home to support students in improving their reading and comprehension abilities.

Each newsletter, I'll unpack one of the reading strategies. This week, the focus is on '**Lips the Fish**' which is voicing the initial sound. Lips the Fish reminds a student to, 'get your lips ready to say the first sound in the word' that may be unknown to them. It encourages children to voice the initial sound rather than keeping it in their head. This is a great strategy to remind your children when they get stuck on a word. This [short video](#) helps give you the language to use with your child. 'Voicing the Initial Sound' or Lips the Fish works nicely with the Sounding Out or 'Stretchy Snake' strategy.

Books for Bubs

To encourage the love of reading from an early age, we have established a 'Books for Bubs' program. All families who have welcomed a new baby during the last 6 months are invited to register with the office to receive a fabulous book pack!

This book pack contains an early reader book and 'Reading Magic' by Mem Fox. 'Reading Magic' is an important read for parents as it discusses how children learn to read, and the vital role that reading aloud at home plays in children's development.

Register with the office on 3908 2333 or by emailing admin@morningsss.eq.edu.au

The book pack will then be presented during one of our Monday assemblies.

Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress

Reading Eggs is a valuable reading and comprehension resource which is available to students through the Student Resource Scheme. Students should have received their logons and passwords – please contact your class teacher if you have any problems.

Reading Eggs uses essential keys to reading success to unlock aspects of *learning to read*. It focuses on a core curriculum of phonics and phonemic awareness, sight words, vocabulary, comprehension, and reading for meaning.

Reading Eggspress is aimed at students aged 7 and upwards. Whereas Reading Eggs is a learning to read program, Reading Eggspress is a *reading to learn program*. Reading Eggspress covering essential **comprehension, spelling, grammar, and vocabulary skills**. Children can progress at their own pace with highly interactive **one-on-one reading lessons** and a balance of literature and informational texts. The Reading Eggspress Library consists of **over 2 000 online books**. These books cover a wide range of genres to suit children of all ages and reading levels.

Students can access Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress via www.readingeggs.com.au or by downloading a FREE app for the iPad from iTunes.

More information is available in the following PDF.

Shannon Henderson, Head of Curriculum

QParents Coming To Morningside State School

QParents is coming

Morningside State School is proud to be launching QParents in **Term 2, 2017**.

The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child's school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child's student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child's school to access and manage their child's student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Behaviour information
- Academic report cards
- Specialist timetables
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way.

We will be sending out invitations for parents to register for QParents later this term.

QParents won't replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us.

More information about QParents can be found at <https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about>

ICAS Forms Are Now Available

ICAS is an independent, skills-based assessment program which recognises and rewards student achievement. ICAS is unique, being the most comprehensive generally available suite of academic assessments for primary and secondary school students.

Entry forms to sit for 2017 ICAS Testing and Australian Mathematics Trust Testing are now available at the front office and on our School Website.

University of New South Wales – ICAS Tests Year 3 to 6

Digital Technologies, Writing and Spelling

University of New South Wales – ICAS Tests Year 2 to 6

English, Spelling, Mathematics and Science

Australian Mathematics Trust Yrs. 3-6 only

Testing takes place on various dates throughout Term 2 and 3

If you wish to enter your child in any of the above competitions, please complete the entry form and return it with the required entry fee to the Office **by Friday 24 March**. No entries will be processed by the school after this date.

Bernadette Greig

Co-ordinator

Chappy Update

A change in a Happy Chappy

Most of you will have heard by now that unfortunately this will have been my last week here at Morningside

During the last fortnight I was offered a position in the SU Qld Training & Development Team that I have decided to take up meaning that I am leaving after 4 years at our wonderful school. This will not leave the school without a Chappy and in the coming period the school will be involved in choosing a new Chappy. Chaplaincy is the most definitely the service and not just the person... The incoming Chappy will be the same safe person to talk to, listening ear, and servant hearted person wanting to support in the many ways a Chappy can.

Thank you all for the amazing support and care in how you treat all of our students, families and staff, along with myself, and it has been an absolute privilege to serve next to you these past years. I am gutted in the thought of moving on, but also excited to help train future Chaplaincy, Youth and Social Work students.

Bless you all....

Food for Thought

I sign off most of the time by saying that "We're all in this together"... and in signing off as I leave the message is still the same.

None of us can get through the many things we need to without a little help and that's all Chaplaincy is. Its a little help for not just the ones who can't help themselves, or the one's without capacity to, but also the ones who can but just need someone alongside them too.

During the last four years we have walked together through amazing camps, events, laughs and good times as well as funerals and saying goodbye, hurt, sadness and everything in between.

Know that you will "get through this". Know that there is help for you. Know that you can help someone else and empower them to help another. People need other people, and we rise by lifting others, because we are all in this together.

Happy Chappy

jeremyw@chappy.org.au

Environment Club

Clean Up Australia Day at MSS

Australia has one of the best natural landscapes in the world. From our pristine beaches, ancient forests and flourishing sea life, we have some of the most unique flora and fauna.

But the rubbish we create through mass consumption is choking our streets, beaches, parks, bush land and waterways. And along the way it's killing one of our best assets : nature.

We are all part of the problem - but **YOU** can also be part of the solution.

Because when the rubbish is gone, nature can carry on

The Year 6 Environment Captains together with the Environment Club are getting together on Wednesday 1 March from 3-5pm to clean up our school grounds.

Everyone is welcome to join us on Wednesday afternoon. We'll be meeting in the greenspace when school finishes and will have some afternoon tea together before we get started (please bring some food to share!)

Disposable gloves and bags/buckets will be provided. If you have your own gardening gloves and/or tongs then feel free to bring them along. See you there!

Mad about worms!

Would you like to learn more about recycling food waste using wormeries and composting? Then come along to Environment Club on Wednesday 8th March.

We will be hosting an information session on food waste recycling by one of the Brisbane City Council Environment Officers . This session is open to all MSS parents/carers, staff and students and will start at 3:15pm.

We will meet in the undercover area adjacent to the Tuckshop at 3pm for some afternoon tea first. For more information, please contact sharon.wetzig@morningsidesspandc.asn.au

The P&C Welcome You To Morningside State School For 2017

Get Involved - Nominate for a P&C Position!

Hi everyone,

In this newsletter you will find information inviting you to our next P&C meeting on Wednesday 15 March. This is the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the P&C and it is the wash up for the last year and the commencement of the new year.

The AGM is significant in that all positions in the Executive (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) and Sub Committees are declared vacant. Some information regarding these roles is included in this newsletter, as are nomination forms for positions and membership forms.

If you are involved as a member or in an elected role, you get to influence decision making, events and activities, the allocation of funds for expenses and for school enhancements, and the operations of successful businesses such as Out of School Hours Care (OSHC), swim club and tuckshop.

Concerned about taking on a role? Don't be. There are quite a lot of resources available through P&C Queensland, the co-ordinating body, including being able to call them for clarification or direction.

The P&C is an important part of Morningside State School as it provides the school with additional funding for resources, coordinates events, and creates a great relationship with the parents.

If you would like to discuss the roles or responsibilities of a particular position, please contact the P&C on admin@morningsidesspandc.asn.au clearly indicating the role you are interested in and your contact details (phone and/or

email). Once an enquiry is received, it will be forwarded to the current position holder who will get back to you.

I personally encourage you to join the P&C.

Please also consider applying for any of the positions in the Executive or the Sub-Committees. You will find the experience fulfilling and valuable, not only for you but for the future of your children.

David Furze

P&C President

Morningside State School

The P&C is very excited about the wonderful opportunities that lie ahead in 2017. If you would like to be involved in the P&C this year, please join us at our meetings, which are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7pm in the School Resource Centre.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on 15th March 2017

The P&C (via subcommittees) operates:

- Outside School Hours Care) OSHC;
- Second-hand Uniform Shop and
- The Morningside Flyers Swim Club

Our P&C also coordinates:

- The Tuckshop (held each Friday);
- The Students Enhancement Learning Scheme (voluntary contribution from families used to purchase equipment for the school community. The Scheme was used to purchase Information & Communication Technology Resources in 2014 for our music program);
- Grant writing; and
- Fundraising and social events (trivia nights, carnivals, swim-a-thon, cake stalls, sausage sizzles, school discos, etc.).

The P&C's Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th March 2017 when all executive positions are vacated for new nomination. Please consider being involved in the P&C this year to contribute to your child/s education and to meet some wonderful people along the way.

If you can't make the AGM but would like to be a member of the P&C for the 2016/17 year this is the only meeting you can apply for membership without attending.

If you would like to become a member please complete the attached Membership Form or pick up a form from the school office and either scan and email the form back to the P&C at admin@morningsidesspandc.asn.au Subject: "P&C Membership Form" or drop it off at the OSHC office beside the Milperra Room.

All P&C committee positions are vacated at the AGM and new nominations are sought.

If you would like to nominate for a position please complete the attached Nomination Form or pick up a form from the school office and either scan and email the form back to the P&C at admin@morningsidesspandc.asn.au Subject: "P&C

Brief Description of P&C Positions

(full descriptions upon request)

President	<i>Chair P&C meetings Act as representative of the P&C Promote communication between P&C, school and community</i>
Vice President	<i>Provide assistance and support to the President, Treasurer and Secretary</i>
Treasurer	<i>Overall responsibility for financial management of P&C, including all subcommittee accounts. Keep accurate accounts of receipts and expenditure Note: MSS P&C has an accountant assisting this role.</i>
Assistant Treasurer	<i>Provide assistance and support to the Treasurer</i>
Secretary	<i>Prepare Agendas and take minutes for P&C Meetings Record & deal with correspondence in/out for the P&C Organise, record & maintain information relating to activities of the P&C</i>
Assistant Secretary	<i>Provide assistance and support to the Secretary</i>
OSHC Chairperson	<i>As per President position above – specifically for OSHC</i>
OSHC Treasurer	<i>As per Treasurer position above – specifically for OSHC</i>
OSHC Secretary	<i>As per Secretary position above – specifically for OSHC</i>
Fundraising Coordinator	<i>Plan a yearly program of fundraising events for the school and coordinate the fundraising events</i>
Grant Coordinator	<i>Sourcing and writing grants for the benefit of Morningside State School</i>
Uniform Coordinator	<i>Coordinate the sale of 2nd hand school uniforms, bags etc. and sun safe swim shirts</i>
Volunteer Coordinator	<i>Set up and coordinate a volunteer register for all P&C fundraiser and community events</i>

If you would like to find out more information about the P&C or have any questions, please contact us via email: admin@morningsidesspandc.asn.au

Dates To Remember

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Tuesday 28 February	St Thomas' Swim Carnival
Wednesday 1 March	3.00pm to 5.00pm Clean up Australia Day with Environment Club
Friday 3 March	6pm to 8 pm Japanese farewell in Hall
Wednesday 8 March	International Women's Day Breakfast in Hall
Wednesday 15 March	7.00pm P & C Meeting
Friday 17 March	National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence
Monday 20 March	2.30pm Assembly to celebrate Harmony Day (21/03/2017)
Tuesday 21 March & Wednesday 22 March	School Photos
Thursday 23 March	9.00am to 1.30pm Yr 3 - Yr 6 Cross Country
Friday 24 March	9.00am to 10.45am Prep - Yr 2 Fun Run
Monday 27 March to Friday 31 March	Parent/Teacher interviews
Thursday 30 March	9am Prep to Yr 2 Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday 31 March	Last day of Term 1
Monday 3 April to Monday 17 April	School holidays
Tuesday 18 April	Term 2 commences

Chess Mates

Last year UQ made a short video about Chess Mates.

Chess Lessons at St Lucia!

Chess is back for the year and we are happy to announce that we now have weekend classes at UQ St Lucia. Every Saturday in the General Purpose North Building. The age 4-6 group starts at 3:00pm and finishes at 3:30pm and the 7-10

group starts immediately afterwards and finishes at 4:30pm. You can sign up [_](#). We hope to see some new faces there!

Wine, Cheese and Chess!

We are planning to do a wine and cheese night on the 23rd of March at Little Tokyo Two, 36 Mein St, Spring Hill 4000. This would be an adults only event so that some of the parents can come along and learn how to play chess whilst also enjoying some wine and cheese. It's going to be \$10 per head with all the wine, cider and cheese you like.

Chess Competition

Our first tournament for this year will be held on the 26th of March at St Dympna's Aspley. This competition will have a middle and senior division. The middle division will comprise of grade 2 and 3 and the senior division will have grades 4 through to 6. Stay tuned for more information and updates!

"If you can dream it, you can do it" Walt Disney