Wedding of the Year
Staff and students wished Miss Blakemore well for one of the biggest days of her life. In term two, Miss Blakemore will return as Mrs Moore; different name, same great teacher for 2/3M and all of our students. Good luck and best wishes for your wedding from everyone at Dora Creek Public School.

Westlakes PSSA Regional Football Trials
On Monday, six of our senior students travelled to Rathmines to trial for selection in the Westlakes PSSA boy’s and girl’s football squads to advance to the regional trials to be held next term. Although none of our students were selected, congratulations must go to Kayla, Shayna, Hayden, Austin, Levi and Jacob for representing our school and doing their best in displaying their football skills.

Hunter Central Coast Regional Debating Workshop
Dora Creek are entering a new debating competition in 2013 for the first time. The Hunter Central Coast Equity Debating Competition is an annual event and today our senior team attended a workshop at Windale Public School, the home of the regional champions. This gave our team the opportunity to learn all about the finer points of persuading an audience, rebutting, making a deliberate point and sustaining an argument during the heat of battle which is debating. Congratulations to Kayla, Shayna, Zoe and Logan for representing our school so proudly.

Return to Former Timetable
Next term we will be returning to our previous recess and lunch time arrangements. Recess will be a 10.40am and lunch will be at 1.00pm. This means that canteen could be open for both recess and lunch. Please see note about canteen closure.

Position Vacant
P&C still have a vacant position of Fundraiser co-ordinator. If you are interested in filling this position, please contact the school office. The position could be filled in a shared capacity.

Mrs M Warham
Principal

Creating a Climate for Growth and Harmony
Chickenpox Alert
Please be aware that there has been an outbreak of chickenpox at several local schools. There has not been any reported cases at Dora Creek school to date.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
Don’t forget to collect the Woolworths stickers over the school holidays. Attached is the sticker sheet. The collection box for the stickers is located in the school office foyer.

Anzac Day March - April 25 2013
All students interested in marching under the school banner are to meet Mr McGaw or Mrs Green at the top railway carpark at 9.30am. The parade will commence at 10.00am marching down Dora Street to the Morisset Country Club where the main service will be held. Students are to wear full school uniform, bring their hat and a water bottle.

Mufti Day - Friday April 12
Don’t forget the Mufti Day at school tomorrow. Students can wear sun safe clothes – covered shoulders, closed in shoes (no midriff tops). Children can also have Crazy Hair – wear a wig, funny hat, fancy hair band. There is a Gold Coin donation, with proceeds going to the Leukaemia Foundation. Mrs Dickason has received hair bands and chalk from the Leukaemia Foundation to help decorate hair and she will be at the school from 8.20am. If you would like to have your child/children’s hair decorated at school, please provide them with a permission note.

Morisset High Report - Mr Mark Snedden
Last week saw the final visits that Mr Bennett and Mrs Kerr (Year Advisor yr 7 2014) needed to make to our primary schools. Both staff members came back to school with very positive images of the students and the enthusiasm that students displayed for next year and our school. This week marks the end of our Aboriginal Student Project at Wyong TAFE – Learning Circle. Aboriginal Students in year ten have been completing landscaping work at TAFE, creating a learning circle from scratch under TAFE Mentors. Each student at the conclusion of the program will obtain a Certificate 2 in Landscaping, a brilliant opportunity for our students. My next phase to this plan is to hopefully construct a learning circle here at Morisset High School. This week also saw the completion of our Drumbeats program a very successful initiative involving students within our junior school. The program culminated in a performance in front of a student audience. Our ESSA results arrived at Morisset High School this week. ESSA stands for Essential Secondary Science Assessment and our data shows that Morisset High School has performed above all other high schools within the Lake Macquarie area, this is an amazing results. Finally I would just like to mention that every teacher from all of our partner primary schools will be coming to Morisset High School on our first Staff Development Day next term. All of the teachers across every school will be listening to a speaker from the Board of Studies who will be starting our planning for the National Curriculum that is being implemented in 2014. I am looking forward to having a positive morning with every education professional within our immediate area.

Take care and I hope that everyone has a great holiday!

STEWART HOUSE DONATIONS
Enclosed with this newsletter is a Stewart House donation envelope. Stewart House is supported by donations from NSW Public Education. With 1,800 students attending each year. Every donation enables you to go in a draw for a $4,000 family holiday.
Please return the envelope to the school office by May 10 2013.

COMMUNITY NEWS
The Parks & Wildlife Service will hold Discovery Walks, Talks and Tours in the Glenrock Conservation Area, Awabakal Reserve, Hunter Wetlands and Blue Gum Hills Park areas during the holidays. For booking or information visit www. http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/Whats-On or call National Parks on 4946 4112

safeTALK is a half-day presentation to increase suicide alertness. Suicide alert helpers contribute to a suicide safer community. This program alerts community members to signs that a person may be considering suicide. Participants learn to recognize when someone may have thoughts of suicide and to respond in ways that link them with further suicide intervention help. For further information or to book, contact 4979 1355 or email jenny.harris@mn.catholic.org.au

The Marching Koalas are a student band that tours the world performing as a marching band. The band performs regularly and gives the band members a unique musical experience. The band is supported by a parent committee who are holding a fundraising night to support the band on their upcoming 2014 tour of Canada. The event is a preview of the Ironman 3 movie at Event Cinemas, Glendale on April 24th. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Anissa on 0408 921 378. New band members are also welcome.

CANTEEN NEWS
There will be no Canteen operating in term 2 - we need volunteers to keep the canteen open.
Canteen Roster

P & C NEWS
The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday May 14th 2013 at 7.00pm in the school library. Meetings are now held on the second Tuesday of the month.
My Woolworths Earn & Learn Points

Support your local school
Stick Woolworths Earn & Learn Points in the squares below, then drop your completed Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet into the Collection Box at your school or your local store. They will be redeemed for educational resources.

my name is: __________________

my school is: __________________

Entry to the promotion is open to registered Primary and Secondary schools and eligible Early Learning Centres (ELC) in Australia. Promotional period is from 8th April – 9th June 2013. Speak to your school or ELC to ensure they are registered, or visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn and check online. One Woolworths Earn & Learn Point is given for every $10 spend. Excludes purchase of liquor, tobacco and gift cards. Woolworths Earn & Learn Points cannot be accepted by Promoter unless attached to a Points Sheet. Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheets must be received by the Promoter by the 28th July 2013 for counting. For full set of terms and conditions please visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.