IMPORTANT DATES

11/02 Swimming Carnival
13/02 Canteen re-opens
17/02 Zone Swimming
23/03 Young Leaders Conference
01/04 School Photos
02/04 Last day of term 1
21/04 Term 2 commences

NOTES SENT HOME

29/01 Swimming Carnival
02/02 School Textbooks Year 1-6

APPROACHING THE SCHOOL

From time to time parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school. It is therefore necessary to have procedures in place to ensure a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results usually flow from working together.

These guidelines aim to:
- Provide a guide in order that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner
- Ensure that rights of students, teachers and parents are respected and upheld
- Support sensitivity and confidentiality
- Help reach an agreed solution

On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise an appointment to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.

NB: No parent should directly approach another person’s child. The school will deal with issues between students as part of the school’s Discipline and Welfare policy.

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<td>The academic progress of own child</td>
<td>Directly contact the child’s teacher either by note, by phone or in person to arrange a suitable time to discuss any issues.</td>
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<td>The welfare of own child</td>
<td>For minor issues directly contact your child’s teacher to clarify information.</td>
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<td>For more serious concerns, contact office. State nature of concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with class teacher or appropriate staff member.</td>
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<td>To convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues, etc. Please contact the office.</td>
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<td>Actions of other students</td>
<td>Contact the class teacher for a classroom problem. Contact the Assistant Principal or Principal for playground problems.</td>
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<td>Contact the office, state the nature of concern and make an appointment to see the Assistant Principal, Principal and/ or appropriate staff member.</td>
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<td>Contact the office and arrange a suitable time to talk with the staff member concerned or, arrange a suitable time to put your concerns to the Principal.</td>
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CHANGE OF DETAILS

CANTEEN WILL RE-OPEN FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13

School Contributions

Government funds provide the basic framework for our resources. However, we rely on parent contributions to provide additional items. Our school contributions are $10.00 per child per term.

Payment of school contributions is greatly appreciated.

Mrs M Warham
Principal

Proud member of the Western Shores Learning Alliance

Creating a Climate for Growth and Harmony
Volunteers
Dora Creek Public School has a strong community connection with parents volunteering to help in the classroom and at school activities. Current Government policy regarding Volunteers means that the prohibited persons form that you sign each year has been replaced by another Working with Children Form and 100 points of identification needs to be sighted. This form remains current for five years unless there are changes in legislation.

Thank you for your cooperation and I encourage you to continue to support our school and your children.

Currently we need volunteers to assist with changing Home Readers. Please contact the school office if you can help us in any way.

School Leaders’ Report
Miss Langford has been an amazing teacher while Mr Borrow has been on leave. We have enjoyed your company while you have been teaching 5/6B. We have learnt many things while you have been here THANK YOU!!!

We wish you all the best in the future.

Morisset High News
Welcome back to school for 2015. At Morisset high School we have all settled back in to class and the machine is running on all cylinders! I would like to formally welcome our new year 7 cohort and all of our new parents. Year 7 have been on camp at Foster/Tuncurry and were having a great time when I visited them.

Our new year 7 group is the largest year 7 group that we have had at our school for ten years, which is a great sign. The start of the year has meant a few staffing changes at Morisset high School and I would like to welcome Miss Coleman in English/Drama, Miss Jennifer Harding in Industrial Arts, Miss Lisa Welsh Head Teacher English and Mr Nigel Wells Deputy Principal. Mr Wells has taken Mr Gary Bennett’s position as he took up the Deputy Principal role at Gosford High School day one this year. I am hoping to place an article in each of the primary schools newsletters this year and let the wider community know of what is happening at Morisset high School. Once again all the best for 2015 and I look forward to getting to visit all of the local schools as often as

COMMUNITY NEWS
Cooranbong Valley Community Preschool currently offers educational care at a reduced rate for children who turn four by the 31/7/15. The prior to school program runs for six hours a day from Tuesday to Thursday. In an effort to accommodate those families who have three year old children and who would like their child to begin the first stage of their educational journey we are offering some limited places for younger children which can be taken as either a four or six hour day. There are reduced rates for both age groups if a Health Care Card is held by the family (this card must be sighted and copied by the preschool). Families must provide a copy of an up to date immunisation certificate and birth certificate as well as pay an enrolment fee of $85.00 before their child can commence at our educational preschool. If you would like your child to start their education with us please call the preschool (Louise Pike Director) on 49771055.

Dora Creek Workers Cricket Club will be holding two “Come and Try Days” for kids wishing to start playing cricket.
- For kids aged 8-12 come down to Douglas St Oval, Dora Creek at 4:30 - 6:00pm on Friday 30th Jan for our Milo T20 Blast Program.
- For kids aged 5 -7, come down to Douglas St Oval, Dora Creek at 4:30 - 5:00pm on Wednesday 4th Feb for Milo In2Cricket

Both programs will continue for 8 weeks after the "Come and Try Day” and both are $99 for the program.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact: Jake Balnave - Program Co-ordinator on 0406208891 or by email at nave92@hotmail.com

Lake Macquarie Junior Rugby Club will hold two free Joey Rugby sessions for 4 -10 year olds on February 13 and 20 from 5.30pm - 6.30pm at Walters Park, Speers Point. Players will be put through basic rugby skills and learn how to play and have lots of fun playing rugby union. There will be a BBQ for the participants after each session and parents are welcome.

Wangi Warriors Junior Rugby League Football Club will hold registration days on February 4 and 14 at the Wangi Library from 9.30am to 11.30am. Cost is U6’s - $60 and U7’s - U17’s - $100 with a $10 discount for other family members. Online registrations before the above dates on www.Wangi-Warriors.com or contact Rebekah on 0431 208 177.