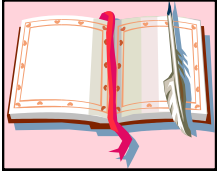




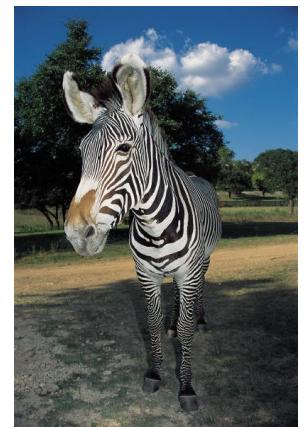
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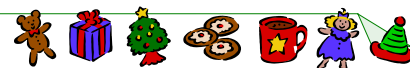
### IMPORTANT DATES:



Next P & C Meeting - *Tuesday 13th December - 7pm Admin Block.*  
 Year 8 & 9 Camp - *Tuesday 6th to Friday 9th December - Jamberoo/ Stanwell Tops*  
 Year 10 Assembly - *Friday 9th December - 9.30 pm School Hall*  
 Years 7, 8, 9, & 11 Presentation - *Monday 12th December - 6.30pm School Hall*  
 Last day of school for students - *Friday 16th December*

*Lifeskill students and staff enjoy their time at Toronga Zoo  
 7th to 8th November, 2011 - story page 5*





## RELIEVING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As the school year comes to an end there are a number of people I would like to acknowledge, in no particular order:

- \* Mrs Karen Nicol for her support of public education whilst principal of Morisset High School
- \* The teaching staff of Morisset High School for their dedication, professionalism and resilience.
- \* The executive staff who have worked tirelessly in planning and refining as they encourage and support improvements in student outcomes.
- \* The classroom support staff who assist both teachers and students with the purpose of improving learning outcomes for students.
- \* The general assistant and cleaning staff who work tirelessly to create an attractive and engaging school environment.
- \* The administration support staff who assist staff and students as well as professionally dealing with members from the community.
- \* The P&C who are always seeking ways to improve the learning environment for the students.
- \* The wider parent community who support both the students and staff so that the children get the best opportunities available for progress and success.
- \* The students of Morisset High School, of whom the vast majority are supportive of the school and who, through their achievements, make it a rewarding experience to be a teacher.
- \* All of the community members who have supported our students by providing work placement positions.

### New Principal

Hopefully, by the end of the year we will know who the new principal is. A panel of 5 people will make the final decision. That panel consists of the School Education Director, a representative from the Aboriginal community, a staff representative, a parent representative and a serving principal.

### Sun Safe

It is timely to remind students to apply plenty of sun screen, wear a hat and keep hydrated when undertaking physical activity or when venturing out into the sun. There is a supply of sun screen kept in the office for staff and student use.

### Staff Development Days

The last Monday and Tuesday of term 4 are staff development days. Students do not attend on those days. On the Monday we will be examining strategies for building closer links with our Aboriginal community and developing ways of embedding Aboriginal perspectives into all areas of the curriculum. On Tuesday we will be focussing on new initiatives in literacy and examining ways to improve the school tone.

Day one of Term 1 2012 (27th January) is also a staff development day. The agenda will partly be determined by the new principal but one area will be the mandatory training in the new OH&S legislation.

### Higher School and School Certificate

Mrs Courts, the presiding officer, reported that everything went smoothly during the exams. She complemented the students on their cooperation and behaviour. Mrs Courts has been the presiding officer for ten years and this is her final year so I would like to publicly recognise her efforts over those years in delivering smoothly run external exams.

I also wish to acknowledge the support given to our Higher School Certificate students by Reverend Glen Pope. Reverend Pope makes the church hall available thereby ensuring a quiet environment for our students.

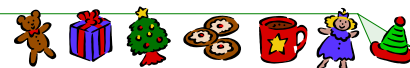
### School Reports

As I write reports are being finalised. From reading every report it is obvious that some students have worked particularly well throughout the year enabling them to achieve personal best results. It is always disappointing to note a small number of students who have failed to take advantage of the opportunities presented to them.

### Priority School Funding

Early 2012 all parents of students in years 7, 8 and 9 will be surveyed about their income level, occupation and educational qualifications. The surveys are anonymous. It is vital that we get as close to 100% of surveys back as possible. If we are successful the school will get a considerable boost in money and staffing to support additional programs and the purchase of extra resources. There will be a meeting early next year and I encourage all those affected to attend.





**Hall upgrade**

The hall has been upgraded so that it now has an excellent sound system and a retractable screen. The final piece will be a data projector attached to the roof, when funds become available. This allows staff and students to deliver more professional and entertaining presentations.

**Expectations**

I often say to students I expect three things from them:

- \* regular attendance
- \* wear the correct school uniform
- \* follow instructions

because when they get a job employers expect you to turn up, wear the right gear and do as you are instructed. To that end there has been a push on school uniform and there has been a significant improvement. This will continue in 2012 so please ensure your child has the correct uniform, including black, fully enclosed leather shoes.

We have also been working closely with the Home School Liaison Officer to develop support mechanisms for those students who find it difficult to attend school every day. The school has implemented strategies to respond to those students who don't attend all lessons.

**School finances**

Due to declining student numbers it is anticipated that the total amount of funds available for distribution to the faculties will be 12% less next year. One way parents can help offset this expected decrease is to pay the school contribution, either as a lump sum or in instalments.

**Staff changes**

Currently I am aware of the following:

Mr M O'Brien (Maths) - transfer to Wallsend

Ms L Hodges (Special Education) - transfer to Newcastle Orthopaedic School

Mrs T Carlton -(Head Teacher) relinquished her position at Morisset High School due to declining student numbers.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a safe and happy summer break.

Colin Pierpoint - Relieving Principal



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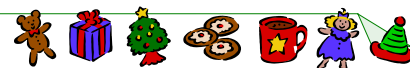




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## The Loft Youth Arts & Cultural Centre

### Outdoor Music Festival

The Loft Youth Arts & Cultural Centre in association with Indent Music NSW & LiveSites are presenting a free outdoor all-ages music festival at Camp Shortland , Newcastle Foreshore on Saturday 10 December from 12-4pm.

Shipwrecked will be a drug & alcohol free event with full security , supervision & local police involvement featuring some top bands across 3 stages.

To help us promote this great event we would like to have the below information listed in any upcoming school newsletters & student announcements.

Shipwrecked - Free Outdoor All-ages Music Festival  
presented by The Loft , The City Of Newcastle , Livesites & Indent Music NSW  
Sat 10 December  
12-4pm

Mainstage-  
The Mission In Motion ( Syd) , Strangers (Syd) ,The Cavalcade,  
Bury The Innocent.

Hip Hop Stage-  
Prem Bedlam ,Tycotic,Lefta Centa ,Poetic Transition,

Acoustic Stage-  
Grace Turner, Jessica Cain, Elisa Kate Barker, Lachlan Collins, Spencer Scott, Josh Ballico, Shaun Danger, Amos Wellings

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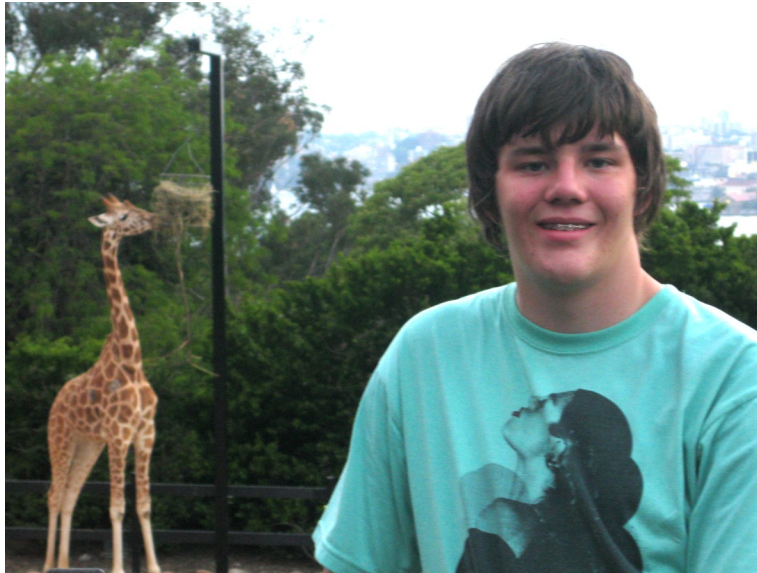




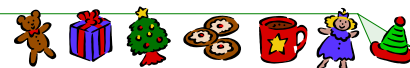


# The excursion to Taronga Zoo included 34 wonderful students

The excursion to Taronga Zoo included 34 wonderful students from all years of Lifeskills classes and from the support unit over two days from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of November. Departing from school and catching the train down to Central and then the ferry from Circular Quay we arrived at the Zoo to have dinner and then learn about a number of reptiles in the Education Centre -we even got to pat them!!After dinner we attended a night tour and luckily saw many animals that decided not to wake up the following day. In the morning we woke with the sparrows to attend the keepers 'bird show' and another morning tour of the Zoo. Mr O'Brien, Miss Chaseling, Ms. Debastos, Mr Ross, Mrs Archibald, Miss Piefke, Mr Carpenter were the accompanying teachers and were very proud of the behaviour displayed by the students who represented our school.







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## 2012 NSW Adolescent School-Based Vaccination Program for Year 7 students

ALL year 7 students will be offered:

- hepatitis B vaccine
- chickenpox vaccine
- diphtheria, tetanus & pertussis (whooping cough) combination vaccine

Year 7 female students will also be offered:

- Human papillomavirus vaccine

Students cannot be vaccinated unless a completed and signed consent form is returned to school.

Look out for consent forms early in 2012!

Information on the program is available in many languages at:

[http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/PublicHealth/Immunisation/school\\_prog/index.asp](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/PublicHealth/Immunisation/school_prog/index.asp)

A record of vaccination will be given to your child at the time of each vaccination. Please keep these for your records and provide a copy to your GP.



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<b>MHS Uniform Policy - IF NOT IN POLICY IT CANNOT BE WORN</b>			
<b>Junior Girls Uniform</b>	<b>Junior Boys Uniform</b>	<b>Senior Girls Uniform</b>	<b>Senior Boys Uniform</b>
Yellow Blouse with <b>Bottle green Piping and School Emblem</b>	Yellow woven shirt not offered	White Blouse with <b>Black Piping and School Emblem</b>	White woven shirt not offered
<b>NB: White or yellow singlet top can be worn under blouse/shirt/collared knit. NO OTHER COLOURS</b>			
Yellow collared knit with <b>bottle green panel and Emblem (Unisex)</b>	Yellow collared knit with <b>bottle green panel and Emblem (Unisex)</b>	White collared knit with <b>black panel and Emblem (Unisex)</b>	White collared knit with <b>Black panel and Emblem (Unisex)</b>
Dark tartan check skirt (approp. length)	Plain Black knee length shorts, bottle green and yellow piping ( <b>NO</b> Denim, logos, pinstripes or colours)	Dark tartan check skirt (appropriate length)	Plain Black knee length shorts, bottle green and yellow piping ( <b>NO</b> Denim, logos, pinstripes or colours)
Plain <b>Black</b> <u>knee length</u> shorts, microfibre logo ( <b>NO</b> Denim, logos, pinstripes or colours)	Plain Black long trousers ( <b>NO</b> Denim)	Plain Black knee length shorts, microfibre with logo ( <b>NO</b> Denim, logos, pinstripes or colours)	Plain Black long trousers ( <b>NO</b> Denim)
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Black stockings (no socks) (winter)		Black stockings (no socks) (winter)	
Black Knitted Jumper (with emblem)	Black Knitted Jumper (with emblem)	Black Knitted Jumper (with emblem)	Black Knitted Jumper (with emblem)
School Black Hooded Sloppy Joe (with emblem)	School Black Hooded Sloppy Joe (with emblem)	School Black Hooded Sloppy Joe (with emblem)	School Black Hooded Sloppy Joe (with emblem)
School Black blazer	School Black blazer	School Black blazer	School Black blazer
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**SPORTS/P.E. UNIFORM (BOYS & GIRLS)**



- Shoes: Joggers**
- Shirt: School sport shirt (with collar)**
- Shorts: Plain Black knee length shorts, bottle green and yellow piping.**





## SCIENCE REPORT

For the final Morissetian 2011, I would like to thank all the Science and Agriculture Teachers for a fantastic year with their classes. There were many extra tasks taken on by the Science staff and by our students ranging from changing the school sign, involvements and organisation of various competitions including the Tocal Steer challenge and Gosford Show as well as the Science and Engineering Challenge; organising the computer rooms to conduct ESSA and maintenance of the Farm and the rainforest. A visit from the Snake man for year 8 and involvement in GATS day and Showcase evening as well as a display for Education Week.

Thanks also to all parents who were able to attend on Parent/Teacher evenings. A big thanks to all Parents who supported their children being involved in these activities and to those Parents who were able to assist on the days.

Science Staff developed new and interesting assessment tasks in which students performed well, preparing the way for improving results in ESSA, the School Certificate and the Higher School Certificate. We eagerly await our results, with all the hard work done. We have been planning ahead for 2012 and developing computer skills to further implement the DER laptops into laboratory and farm situations. To fully engage with lessons we ask the students to have their laptops fully charged and to be wearing full school uniform including enclosed black leather or vinyl shoes (please see separate article outlining the school's uniform requirements). Students need a basic "toolbox" of stationery. They need to have a few pens, pencils, eraser, ruler and calculator with them at all times, as well as their Science books. We would appreciate you ensuring that the toolbox is kept topped up and in their bags.

We look forward to 2012 and having your children in our classes, eager to learn and listening to and following instructions to learn as much as they can through practical experiences and follow this up with writing, in their own words, extended responses of what they have learnt or an analysis/evaluation of a concept giving their supported opinion.

At the start of the year, all students will receive a course outline of all the topics for the year, all the assessment tasks and approximate dates for the task. We ask them to paste it in the front of their book on the first day, please feel free to check this. Closer to the assessment date the students will receive notification 2 to 4 weeks before it is due. Please also check the School's website for this information in 2012.

A huge amount of thanks and praise go to the tireless efforts of our farm and lab assistants, Ian and Joneen. They are such driven professional and friendly people who manage their areas wonderfully and way beyond their regular hours. We could not do it without Joneen and Ian!! Your children look up to them as well and appreciate their input into their learning at Morisset High School.

Thanks from the Science Staff for all your support in 2011 and continued support in 2012.



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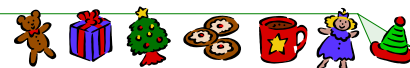
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# WHATS HAPPENING IN TAS?

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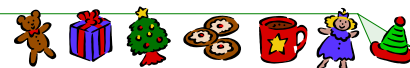
## Teachers: Mrs Kerr/Mr Post

Year 9 Food Technology, this term has been studying Food for Special Occasions. Students were asked to research a particular event that is represented by food and investigate and analyse the reasons behind the celebration and how it is celebrated differently around the world. After the research had been completed students were then asked to create a savoury meal item using a limited amount of ingredients. The dish the students created needed to represent the celebration chosen. The students really enjoyed this task and have achieved some excellent results. Well done year 9.









# Canteen News



Hi, my name is Kerrie and I have taken over the job of Canteen Convenor for 2012. I would like to say a huge thankyou to Roz for her many years of volunteer service within the walls of Morisset High School and would like to remind everyone that you can still pop in for a chat with Roz at the Uniform shop in Q block.

On behalf of Roz and Myself we would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful staff, Mary, Maree, Monica and Trudy for their dedicated service to the students and staff, with popular lunches like the sweet chilli burgers and the increasingly popular salad boxes, now that summer is on its way.

As we count down the final weeks of school with over 35 years (collectively) of volunteer hours we say goodbye to Roz, Nita and Michelle and only wonder what they will do with all their spare time now!!!

The canteen is supported by our wonderful volunteer mums and dads who take the time to help out once a week/fortnight or month which helps boost our overall fundraising efforts for the school. This year with your **enthusiastic** energy we have been able to donate to the school over \$40,000.00 which is used to support many different aspects of the school and its students.

I want to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you all back on deck in the new year.

Thank you and Merry Christmas to all,  
Kerrie - Canteen Convenor




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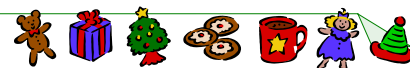
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## UNIFORM SHOP

Thank you to all the families who are supporting the uniform shop. The shop will become quite busy up until Christmas due to new enrolments for next year. For your convenience it will be open extra hours in January. Please see times on following page.

If you need to contact the shop phone the school on 49731999 and the office will put you through to me.

Is your student going on the excursion to America? School scarves are a practical and light weight gift or souvenir for host families. \$20.00 each with school logo.

Notice to ALL students leaving Years 10 & 12.

If you have uniforms that you no longer need and they are in good condition please consider dropping them back to the office for our welfare department. There are always students needing a little extra help.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you next year.

Roz Burchell - Uniform Shop





## Newcastle Ballet Theatre

Enrolments are now being taken for 2012

Enrolment days & times:

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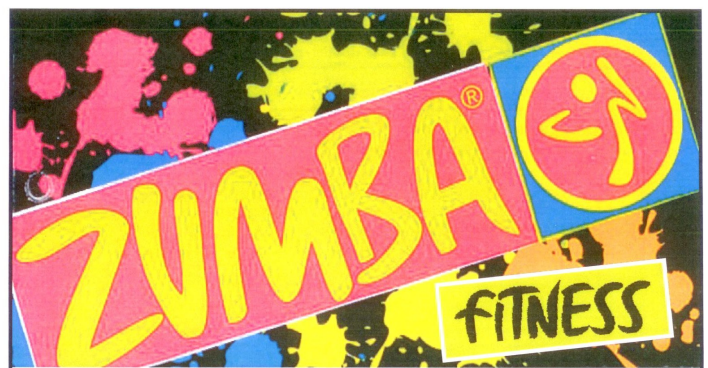
designed for the serious student wishing to have a career as a professional dancer or teacher.



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### YEAR ADVISERS

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- personal, family or social problems,
- educational progress,
- choice of subjects and courses of study,
- problems related to school uniform and general conduct,
- problems associated with attendance, punctuality and absentee notes.

Student welfare is the main concern of our Year Advisers. Do not hesitate to contact your Year Adviser if you have a problem:

Year 7	-	Ms A. Masero
Year 8	-	Ms J. Chaseling
Year 9	-	Mr N. Jones
Year 10	-	Mr G. Wilcher
Year 11	-	Mrs C. Ford
Year 12	-	Mr L. Kendal

## Christmas Carnival & Carols Concert

**Sunday 18th December 2011**

6.00pm - Christmas Carnival

BBQ, Face Painting, Dumping Castle, Stalls & Entertainment

7.30pm - Carols Concert

9pm - Spectacular Fireworks

The Salvation Army Bonnells Bay  
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Bring your picnic chair/blanket, aeroguard. Please note this is a drug and alcohol free family event.

