30 November 2016

From the Principal

It is hard to believe that this is the final newsletter for 2016! The year has passed so quickly, but it has been a very successful year for our students and staff. The year has provided many opportunities, avenues and pathways for students to experience learning in the classroom and the real world and achieve outstanding success. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely congratulate all students who have achieved to their potential and acknowledge the hard work of our staff and the support of our parents and the community in ensuring our students have been able to make the very best of the wonderful opportunities they have had. I also wish all students, families and friends of our school community the compliments of the festive season and a wonderful summer vacation.

Year 12 Formal and Graduation

It was with great pride that we saw our Year 12 students attend their Formal and Graduation ceremonies last week. These events provided a wonderful opportunity for our school community to acknowledge our Year 12 students as they finalised their school studies in preparation for their move into the next phase of their life journey. Our Year 12 students presented themselves as mature, confident and respectful young adults at both ceremonies and the manner in which they conducted themselves was exemplary, and has certainly set the standard for future years.

Overall the Year 12 cohort has achieved positive results in their academic and vocational studies, as well as through the leadership they have provided for our school community. On behalf of our staff I would like to congratulate our Year 12 graduates on the wonderful year they have had, the legacy of high standards they have left behind and wish them every success for their chosen pathways into the future. It has been a pleasure and an honour to work with you all.

Resourcing an Planning for 2017

Year 6 into 7 Transition

Throughout the year we have been working with our primary school partners at Morayfield State School, Morayfield East State School and Minimbah State School to prepare the Year 6 students to transition to high school. So far this has included hosting a range of enrichment and excellence days for Year 6 students at our school, providing information sessions for parents, providing induction programs for students with a disability or a particular learning need and visits by our school staff to meet with students at the primary schools. Friday 2 December 2016 (Friday Week 9) will see us host all students enrolled to enter Year 7 in 2017 for their Orientation Day. At this time students will have the opportunity to meet with staff, explore the school’s facilities, unpack the expectations of being in a secondary school and undertake trials for sporting and excellence programs in preparation for 2017.

Our staff are looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students and developing positive working relationships with them through the transition program, to ensure a smooth and successful start to the 2017 school year. I would also like to thank the senior school leaders who are coming back on their holidays to work with our new Year 7 students to assist on the Orientation Day.

Please note: parents/carers must have completed an enrolment application for their child to attend the Orientation Day. If you have a student or know of a family who has a student who
is planning to come to Morayfield State High School in 2017, please come in to our office to collect and complete an enrolment form as soon as possible.

**Year 9 into 10 Transition**

Our Year 9 students will attend a special Transition Assembly on Monday Week 10 to signify their transition into the Senior Phase of Learning for 2017.

**Year 11 into 12 Pathway Interviews**

In preparing for the 2017 school year, all current Year 11 students are required to return to school to participate in a Pathway Interview in Week 9. It is vital that all students attend these interviews so our students are prepared and ready for their final year at Morayfield State High School. The aim of these interviews is for students to reflect on their performance for the year and confirm they are in the correct subjects and pathways for the beginning of Year 12. Any requested subject changes including applications for considered entry into the Diploma of Business, Cert III Business and Cert II Community Services courses for Year 12 will be discussed in these meetings. Please note; this process has been put in place to avoid unnecessary subject changes at the beginning of 2017 and to ensure all students are best placed to attain their QCE (Senior Certificate) and where appropriate, access to tertiary study at the end of Year 12. Any students who request a subject change after these interviews need to be aware that they will be preferenced after students who attend interviews due to class numbers guidelines.

**End of Semester Reports**

Year 10 and 11 student may collect their Report Cards from the School Office from 10:30am, Friday Week 9.

Year 7, 8 and 9 students will be issued with their Report Cards on Thursday of Week 10.

**Stationary**

For 2017 required Stationary Lists has been developed for each year level and are accessible from the school’s website. Students will also be provided with a copy of the Stationary List with their end of year report cards. All students need to ensure they have the items they need for the relevant subjects for the 2017 school year. Students are NOT permitted to turn up on Day One without writing equipment and exercise books. Stationary List available here.

**Student Resource Scheme and User Pays Fees**

The Student Resource Scheme Payment will remain at $200 per student for the 2017 school year. Students who are part of the Student Resource Scheme will be allocated textbooks during Weeks 2-4 of the new school year. Students who have not elected to be part of the scheme are required to purchase resources themselves and have these for classes. Lists of these resources can be obtained from the School Office. Please make sure you have paid your SRS fees so that your student can receive an ID Card once school photos have been taken. Families experiencing financial hardship should contact the School Office to arrange a payment plan with our Business Services Manager.

**School Uniform**

As previously shared, The School Locker will be the official supplier of uniforms for Morayfield State High School for 2017. Information about The School Locker and ordering uniforms is available on the school’s website and will again be distributed with end of year report cards. Please ensure your child is presented in their formal uniform including black leather shoes ready for Day One, 2017.

**New Enrolments 2017**

Bulk Enrolment sessions will be held for new students wishing to enrol in 2017 who have either not attended an interview in 2016 or who have not completed their enrolment by the end of the year. Parent/carers must collect enrolment paperwork from the School Office and return it completed to attend a session. For new students wishing to commence school on Day One Monday 23 January 2017, this process must be completed.

**Day One Procedures:**

The first day of school for 2017 is Monday 23 January. All year levels will commence school on this day. Upon arriving on Day One students should move to the year level assembly point where they will be seated in form classes. At the first assembly students will receive their timetable and diaries. During Period One, students will have the opportunity to add school dates and events to their diaries in preparation for the term.

**Assembly points for Day One are:**

- **Year 7 and 8** - Multipurpose Building
- **Year 9** - Q Block
- **Year 10** – Undercover area outside Q Block
- **Year 11 and 12** - Trade Training Centre Covered Area
Farewells and Thank-Yous

Thank you to all of our wonderful staff for a great year!

Thank you to our P&C Association, especially our Executive Team for their support our school in 2016.

We look forward to a fantastic 2017, but will sincerely miss the staff, students, families and volunteers who are moving on or taking leave next year – we wish you all the very best.

Leasa Smith
Principal

From the Year 12 Deputy Principal

Graduation and Formal

Congratulations to the students, family and friends of our graduating class of 2016. All 193 students earned the right to cross the stage and graduate. The ceremony was conducted at Morayfield East State School, a departure from previous years, and was highly successful. The students all conducted themselves with grace and integrity. We had seating for 1180 (more than we can fit in our Multi purpose shelter) and completely maxed out the venue. This will have significant implications for next year as we have an even larger co-hort in 2017! The graduation was concluded by 11:00am with many of our senior students rushing off to start their preparations for the Formal.

Students parents, families and friends then all congregated at Morayfield State High School Multi purpose shelter for photos. Buses and fancy cars were boarded at 5:15pm. The celebrations at the Pullman Hotel were exuberant and joyous. The staff from both Sheila Sisson Photography and The Pullman were very complementary towards our graduates and their behaviour over the course of the evening.

The students have done themselves and us very proud and we look forward to hearing from them in the future when they can tell us about the wonderful things that they gone and achieved.

Mr Joe Bucher
Deputy Principal

From the Year 10 Deputy Principal

As another year comes to an end I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents and carers who have supported me in my role as Deputy Principal. The Year 10 cohort consists of a diverse mixture of students and I have really enjoyed working with them over the past six months.

Together we have found alternative pathways for some students and I believe those who have remained here at Morayfield have matured in both attitude and responsibility.

The push for all students to attend 100% of the time has been showing real signs of improvement with Period 4, Wednesday the 9 of November recording the first instance of zero unexplained absences for that lesson. Thanks goes to the staff for providing stimulating and engaging lessons and also to the students for demonstrating our school code of Respect, Responsibility and Co-operation.

The Year 11s for 2017 will I’m sure lead the school into a very positive phase for the next two years.

Once again thank you, have a fantastic Christmas and a prosperous New Year and if you have any concerns please feel free to contact me on 5428 5555.

Mr Bill Schneid
(Acting Deputy Principal)

From the Junior School

Attendance: Every Day Counts

Morayfield State High School’s attendance policy aims to ensure students are actively engaged in school and attend every day to ensure optimal individual outcomes and student participation. We have high expectations for student attendance and promote 100% attendance for all students.

You can support the school by:

- Ensuring that your child attends school every day for the program in which they are enrolled.
- Complete an exemption form if your student will be absent for more than 10 consecutive days.
- Engage regularly with school staff (every 3 days) for extended periods of absence and notify the school of extenuating circumstances.
- Ensure absence records are accurate and all absences have been explained.
- Advise the school of any change of address or phone numbers to ensure school records are accurate.
- Current data is essential in an emergency.
- Contact the school prior to any planned absence. Where this is not possible provide the reason for any absence as soon as possible. This should take the form of a medical certificate if a student is missing assessment for medical reasons.
- Contact the Deputy Principal if your child’s absence is to be for an extended period of time.
- Contact the Deputy Principal if your child is refusing to attend school. Initiate or attend meetings to seek support and discuss your child’s attendance or participation in their educational program. Engaging with outside service providers may be necessary.

Informing the School of an Absence

Parents must explain all student absences. This can be done by contacting the school’s absence line on 5428 5522 or 5428 5560, sending on email to absence@morayfield.shs.eq.edu.au or by writing a note and having it delivered to the school office by the student.

2016 in Review

“2016 was a wonderful year for Junior Secondary students at Morayfield State High School. Students have been challenged by their teachers and peers to positively contribute to the school community and achieve the best results both inside and outside the classroom. I would personally like to thank the
carers of our Junior Secondary students who have supported the school and our teachers in delivering a quality education to your students. We look for to a great 2017 with all Junior Secondary students at Morayfield State High School achieving success and preparing for Senior Schooling.

Paul Little
Acting Head of Department Junior Secondary/Languages

From the Year Level Co-Ordinators

Year 7 News

2016, what a great year! Throughout the year I have had the pleasure of supporting the transitioning to high school of this remarkable group of students. I am pleased to announce that throughout the year, 91 students have been awarded Gold Cards for demonstrating excellent behaviour, committing to making every day count and wearing their school uniform with pride. Additionally, 22 students have received Platinum cards for their efforts.

Congratulations to those Year 7 students who have recently received awards at Awards Night or at the Celebration Assembly. It was great to see so many Year 7 students being acknowledged for their achievements.

The reward excursion to Twin Waters Aqua Fun Park will be held on Wednesday, 6 December 2016. Invitations will be in form rolls shortly for students who are eligible. Students have been informed all year about eligibility requirements.

Thanks for a great year. Have a safe and happy holidays.

Mrs Purcell
Year 7 Year Level Coordinator

From the Cashier

The Cashier will be closed from 1:30pm Tuesday 6 December 2016 for the remainder of the school year for end of year finances to be finalised. The Cashier will reopen on Tuesday January 17 2016 8:00am -1:00pm.

2017 Student Resource Scheme (SRS) forms went out to students to take home in Week 6 Term 4. If you haven’t received a SRS participation form they are available below or printed copies are available from the office. The SRS terms and conditions are also available below, or printed copies are available from the office.

All students will need to complete this form and return a copy to the office before payment can be receipted for the 2017 Student Resource Scheme participation. The Cashier is accepting advance payments for the 2017 SRS for any families wanting to get a head start on the 2017 school year. Any families not wishing to participate will still need to return a form indicating non-participation and a non-participant list of resources required to be purchased will be available from the school office. Please note: This list is separate from the Stationery List.

All accounts from 2016 and previous years should now be paid in full. Payment will ensure your student has continued access to the resources provided by the scheme as well as ensure your student remains financially eligible to participate in school activities not included as part of the Student Resource Scheme for example interschool sport and excursions. Please be aware that if these fees are not finalised your child may not be eligible to join the scheme in future years.

Any families wanting to start a payment plan please contact the school office to make an appointment with the Business Services Manager. Ph: 5428 5555.

The Cashier hours the week before school goes back in 2017 will be:

Monday 16 January – Closed
Tuesday 17 January – 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Wednesday 18 January – 8:00 am -11:00 am
Thursday 19 January – Closed
Friday 20 January – 8:00 am -1:00pm

Julie Hill
Cashier

From the School Based Police Officer

Parents/carers are reminded that the area directly out the front of the school is a bus zone. This area also includes a pedestrian crossing and a yellow line on either side of the crossing. These areas are NOT for dropping off your student. There is ample parking available to the left and right of the school zone. Those parents who utilize the Sports Club/Harvey Norman car park are reminded that this area is for customers of those businesses and I ask you to be respectful of this.

I understand that at times, especially as students commence driving themselves, parking is of premium. Afternoon pickup time would have to be the most confusing and congested period of the day around the school. Leaving pickup for ten minutes would elevate this problem greatly as most of the traffic has left the area, including the school buses. There are teachers on duty at the front of the school until 3:25pm, therefore if your child feels anxious they can always approach the teacher and speak with them.

I reiterate with parents that school zones around drop off and pick up are the most hazardous times and are the same in all school areas. Parking is not easily gained. We are fortunate that Queensland Rail allows staff, parents and students to utilise the two parking areas out the front of the school.

I ask all parents to be mindful of this matter as stopping in a bus zone, on a pedestrian crossing or on a yellow line are all traffic related offences and a ticket can be issued.

Senior Constable Kris Parker
Understanding Anxiety

Definition:
’a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something with an uncertain outcome’.

With a definition like this who doesn’t get anxious.

Did you know....

Sometimes is can be helpful to have some level of anxiety. It helps us get ready for exams, and motivates us to perform. It helps us avoid dangerous situations or reminds us to prepare for new situations. It helps us to be prepared and often to do our best.

If you are feeling anxiety you might feel uncomfortable, physically unwell (butterflies in your stomach, heart racing, wanting to vomit or go to the toilet). You might feel overwhelmed, frightened or even a sense of panic (this can be very useful if that assignment is due tomorrow).

All these feelings are normal and most of us experience them at some time in our lives. Don’t panic if your child is demonstrating these symptoms especially at the end of term, while having to speak in public or when awaiting his report card.

When does anxiety go beyond the norm??

If you are seeing anxiety that is ‘excessive or unreasonable, marked and persistent’ and interfering significantly with one’s normal routine’, then it is time to consider whether the anxiety has reached the level of a disorder.

When feelings and thoughts become: more intense and overwhelming; thoughts are unhelpful or irrational and unable to be controlled; and the person is unable to do what they need to do; and these thoughts and feelings are interfering with relationships, then anxiety becomes a disorder, and it is time to seek help.

Anxiety is a part of life but it should not become your life. There are many causes to anxiety of which familial history of anxiety is often a common element, but anxiety can occur for lots of reasons. One in six people experience anxiety so it is a common issue.

There are 5 types of anxiety disorders:

- **Generalised Anxiety Disorder (GAD)** – excessive worrying about many aspects of one’s life
- **Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)** – Thoughts and fears are obsessive and rituals are performed in order to cope eg. continually checking if the iron is off; excessive hand washing
- **Panic Disorder** – panic attacks are periods of intense fear or anxiety even when there is no good reason. Symptoms may include sweating, breathing difficulties, loss of control
- **PTSD** – Post traumatic stress disorder – A disturbing event may trigger this and the person may have flashbacks, disturbed dreams and mood changes. Many soldiers or refugees experience this, but a single incident can trigger this for anyone
- **Social Phobia** – fear of being humiliated, embarrassed or criticized and may affect one’s ability to speak or eat in public, being assertive and sticking up for oneself
- **Specific Phobias** eg intense fear of spiders, the dark, injections. One or more may occur at the same time

If you believe that the feelings of anxiety are ongoing, and affecting day to day living, and are unable to be controlled, then you or your love one needs to seek help.

Tips to help along the way

- Talk to someone eg the Guidance Officer, the doctor, a friend or family member
- Stay physically healthy – eat healthy food, drink water, exercise daily
- Work out ways to minimize the stresses in your life without having to avoid them
- Have a massage, yoga, facial or other treats

Who better to look after you than yourself but be open to help if you need it. Often others see our needs before we do!

Contacts:

- beyondblue 1300 22 4636 Beyondblue.com
- Lifeline 13 11 14
- Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800


Adapted from Beyondblue

Chenoa Matthews (Year 7, 9 and 11) and Simon Braiden (Year 8, 10 and 12).
Guidance Officers

Please return ALL textbooks and library resources before going on holidays. Students will be invoiced for payment if resources aren’t returned in a state that is appropriate for borrowing.

Students will receive textbooks in the new school year if the Student Resource Scheme is joined. Library books are available to all students. We do need them back over this holiday to enable a full stocktake to occur. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our latest books available for borrowing, in 2017 include
Julie Mabb
Teacher Librarian

From the Sports Department

2017 Junior Interschool Sport Trials

Congratulations to all students who participated in a very successful 2016 Interschool Sporting Season. The 2017 Interschool Sport Trials for current Year 7/8s going into Year 8/9 in 2017 will be taking place during Week 10 of this term. Details are below:

2017 Summer Trials (Junior Interschool Sport) – Monday 5 December 2016
2017 Winter Trials (Junior Interschool Sport) – Wednesday 7 December 2016

Please ensure that all students intending to trial for these sporting teams participate in these trials. The current Year 6 Students will be trialling for interschool sport during their orientation day on Friday 2 December 2016. Participation in interschool sport will include involvement in sport, training and development program throughout the year.

2017 Inter-house School Swimming Carnival

Our 2017 Inter-House School Swimming Carnival will be taking place on Monday 6 February 2017 at the Caboolture Regional Aquatic Centre (Burpengary). More information regarding this carnival will be distributed to the school community when school resumes in 2017.

2017 District Representative team Trials

There will be a large number of trials taking place in the first few weeks of the 2017 school year. These trials will be for a large number of sports and more information will be distributed when school resumes in 2017. Please ensure students are listening to notices at the start of 2017 for more information regarding these trials.

On behalf of the Health and Physical Education Department and Sports Faculty at Morayfield State High School I would like to congratulate and thank all our coaches and students involved in this year’s sporting season. We have had a large number of success stories and this is only possible due to the dedication and commitment of all individuals involved. We are excited by the prospect and possibilities of our 2017 Sport Season and encourage as many students as possible to be involved. Have a safe and enjoyable break and we will see our sporting students reenergised in 2017.

Ryan Phillips
Sports Coordinators

On the 11 November, seven amazingly lucky Year 9 students, who were identified by their teachers are budding IT specialists, to attend a full day of information technology workshops hosted by the Queensland University of Technology, Caboolture Campus.

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From Business Department

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Career stall
Certificate II in Business – Year 12

Congratulations to all year 12 Certificate II Business students who participated in work placement. As part of 2016 Certificate II Business programme, students negotiated and secured their own office work placements for one week.

The Certificate II Business students benefited greatly from this opportunity. Many students reported that the work placement had provided them with opportunities to gain practical experience, broaden their knowledge and skill base, develop personal skills such as communication, teamwork and problem solving and build self-confidence.

The students represented the school well, with many of our students receiving glowing reports from their employers. Two of our students were offered full-time employment whilst others were encouraged to submit resumes, for future positions.

Thank you to those organisations who supported the program. We look forward to another successful year in 2017.

Mr McIntyre
Business Head of Department

Student Leadership

A Final Note from the Student Representative Council ….

The Student Representative Council presented the school with an amazing gift in their final week, a very flash and high quality Morayfield State High School banner to be displayed on the lectern. It is a very welcome addition and will make important events really stand out.

Throughout the year the 2016 Student Representative Committee has done their cohort and school proud with all the meetings attended, reports presented, ideas generated and their tireless fundraising, as well as having an amazing community and school spirit. The school thanks you for your service; you have done us proud. We hope that the skills you have learnt in working as a cohesive and efficient team towards

From Industrial Technology Department

Year 11 Construction

During this term students have been working hard to construct a retaining wall in the TTC complex. This involved many initial processes before any blocks could be laid such as setting out, digging stepped trenches, formwork, placing reinforcement and pouring and finishing concrete.

Concrete blocks were then laid with students having to continually check levels for plumb. Once finished, the wall had reinforcement placed in the block cavities, then was filled with concrete and a cap placed on the top to finish it off.

Once the wall was completed a concrete non-mowing strip was placed between the fence and retaining wall to help out the facilities officers. It was then dug out, formed up and concrete was laid.

Clean fill was sourced to fill in and level the ground up to the newly constructed retaining wall and students thoroughly enjoyed driving and operating the Boxer to backfill.

Also this year teachers and students have been working on a prototype Child’s Play House which will be part of the curriculum for next year’s Cert I Construction classes. During the construction of this project students learnt many skills to do with house construction such as framing, roof pitching and cladding.
a wide range of objectives will help you achieve your personal and professional goals.

“We are really proud of the gift we have given and hope the school enjoys the banner. It has been my pleasure to work with the other students on the SRC.” – **Brianna Meehan**

“I have learnt so much about myself and working in a team being in the SRC. Many busy days and I wouldn’t trade that time for anything. We all think the banner looks amazing and hope it is well used.” – **Caelfind Fraser**

2017

Congratulations to the new Year 11 leaders. They have successfully organised two events already and have been involved in many others including the school Awards Night and Industry Reference Group Presentation. The first event some were also involved in was the writing and presenting of bookmarks to each teacher to celebrate World Teachers’ Day. It was a pleasure to see the thoughtful notes that the students composed for individual teachers. The second event was the Year 7 basketball event during break time. Our House Leaders surveyed the Year 7 classes and organised equipment and staff support. The Year 11 Fitness class supplied the skills to referee the games. The success of this activity demonstrates the need for a team effort. The event ran smoothly. This is a sign that everyone contributed to making the event achievable and reducing the stress that organising can sometimes be if it is left to only one person. It is hoped that this leadership continues in the form of a team effort throughout 2017 to support many other events.

Two of our House Leaders, Emilee Scells and Amy Mills recently represented our school at the Caboolture Special School Graduation Dinner. This proved to be a wonderful opportunity for our students to support another school and meet education and political leaders. The girls enjoyed their evening and represented our school with pride.

**Student Leadership Team**

**Indigenous News**

We are pleased to announce that a celebration ceremony of Indigenous culture and achievement occurred on 1 November in our school Library.

Elder, Aunty Lynne Matsen presented students with their Certificates of Indigenous Heritage. This recognition marks an important milestone for many students as it formalises the link with their Indigenous heritage. It also provides an important documentary validation for use beyond school.

Jessica Toye Program Manager ARTIE Academy presented Year 12 students with their Certificate of Achievement.

Four of our Year 12 students were also presented with graduating certificates under their Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander scholarship program.

**Certificates of Indigenous Heritage.**
Well it has come to the end of another year here at Morayfield State High School, and it has been quite a busy one.

Here is a quick recap of the year that was:

- We have served over 6,000 breakfasts at breakfast club this year.
- I have had nearly 4,000 conversations with students.
- I led a camp of 120 students from all over Brisbane.
- I have attended several professional development workshops.
- I facilitated or co-facilitated around 40 sessions of various support programs for students.
- I have taken well over 2,000 photos for our school events (although only a few were used hehe).
- I have supported around 160 classes.
- I have coordinated several visits from local community groups like Headspace, Redfrogs, SHIFT event crew and NOFFS.

- We raised over $20,000 in donations to support Chaplaincy at Morayfield State High School.
- We celebrated 193 Year 12 students graduating and celebrating the end of their school journey.

I love being part of this school community. But there is no way I could do my job on my own. I want to say a huge thank you to all the financial supporters of Chaplaincy. I want to make special mention of the Morayfield State High School P&C Association. They are an incredible team who have made working here at Morayfield State High School a pure pleasure.

**Thanks also to:**

- The student leaders who have arrived at school early to ensure that Breakfast Club runs effectively to feed our school community. I appreciate it not being left to just me and the dedicated staff (who I simply could not do it without.)
- CJ’s Bakery and Caboolture Community Action Group; they have supplied many of the resources needed to feed all our students for Breakfast Club.
- The students and families that make up our amazing community here at Morayfield and have supported Chaplaincy.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for support Chaplaincy at Morayfield High.

**“Food for Thought”**

Another school year is coming to an end and the Christmas Season is almost upon us – the season of ‘peace and joy’. How I wish that were true. The reality is that the violence that we see reported on our TVs every night will still continue on regardless. So where have we – the human race – gone wrong? Could it be that we no longer know how to live at peace with one another?

Consider these words:

‘Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no records of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.’ (NIV Bible).

Let me encourage you to read through these words again, and then ask yourself how your love for others shapes up against the principles above. I don’t think any of us gets it perfect or right, all of the time but this Christmas season, can I urge you to genuinely attempt to work at improving your relationships. The results of your efforts will indeed bring some of that longed for joy and peace into your homes and lifestyles, and not just at Christmas, but on into your future.

**A message from Chappy Jesse**

**New Uniform Supplier**

Morayfield State High School is now live on the website at The School Locker, purchases can be made online.

The promotion, called Shop in December, is encouraging parents to shop before the January back to school rush and in return they will receive up to $30 worth of stikins clothing and accessory labels. These labels which are sold all year round in The School Locker Superstore can be machine washed, tumble dried and are dishwasher safe and microwave safe. They will be ordered at time of sale ($50 min spend) and delivered to the customers door free of charge.

P&C Meeting

(Last of year) Monday 5 December 2016 @ 6:00pm @ the Caboolture Sports Club.

P&C Meeting

(First of year) Monday 13 February 2017 @ 6:30pm in School Admin Conference Room.

The P&C Executive and the P&C Members wish all our parents, carers and students a safe holiday break. We thank ALL our amazing School Staff for their continued invaluable support and dedication in our school community.

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!
Thank You
P&C Association

Community Notices

Congratulation to YJET who received a Bronze award at the Australian Violence and Crime Prevention Awards

From the P&C

Lockers

A reminder that ALL Students must ensure their 2016 hired lockers are emptied of personal belongings and textbook before leaving school.

ALL keys/locks are to be handed into the School Office. Any items left in lockers will be removed by the P&C and distributed to the school for reuse or put in the rubbish.

2017 Locker Hire (in P Block ONLY) will be through the School Office. No ‘personal’ locks are to be placed on any lockers. Further details will be provided as soon as new locks have been purchased are available.

Tuckshop

Significant changes have been implemented this year - Flexischools On-Line Ordering, new equipment, a new Menu and some refurbishments. There is still some outside work to be finished. Your patience while this has been undertaken is appreciated. We thank our newly appointed Tuckshop Convenor, Lorna Lukey, and employees who have been dedicated in providing, every day, our new and improved Menu. All our food is prepared on-site using fresh, healthy ingredients and we are proud that our Tuckshop operates under the high standards of Food Safety Regulations. The proof is in the eating! You are all an imperative part of our Tuckshop now being a success. Thank You.

Do you have a spare bed?

Someday in another country a young person has the opportunity of a lifetime to come to Australia. Imagine that student becoming part of your family.

Each year thousands of Australian families volunteer to open their home and hearts to an Australian student participant. They share their families with precious long-lasting friendships.

On February 6, 2016, AFS will be welcoming 70 students and volunteers from across the globe to experience the Australian way of life and either stay a local host family or volunteer as a local community organisation.

Can your family host one of the above students? If so, we’d love to hear from you!

Tuckshop

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As the end of the school year draws to a close we thought we'd send a quick reminder regarding 2017 bus passes.

Our office is closing for the Christmas period from Friday 23 December to Tuesday 3 January 2017.

Bus pass applications will be accepted for processing from Tuesday 3 January however bus passes will only be available for collection from Monday 9 January 2017. This includes new and renewal passes.

We also have a handy blog on our website that outlines basic bus pass eligibility criteria:


your-quick-guide-bus-pass-eligibility