



M.I.S.S. News

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Farewell for 2021

Welcome to the last newsletter of the year! We've had a year full of change, challenges and unforgettable moments here at Mornington Island State School. We've seen some awesome achievements, perseverance and growth from staff and students alike, and we couldn't be prouder of how far some of our students have come. As always, we couldn't have gotten by without the support of families, carers, Elders and local organisations - to all of you, we say thanks!

Please remember that school will end at 11am this Friday following a huge last week of events and activities:

- ***End of Year Concert from 4.30pm today***
- ***Christmas Lunch @ Mr Sam's Nutrition Centre***
- ***Week 9 with the Wahoo Boys***
- ***RSAS Attendance Awards***
- ***High School Disco on Wednesday night***
- ***PBL Celebration on Friday morning***

Finally, a huge thank you to all the staff who have contributed to and helped produce the newsletter this year, as well as the to students in the Alternative Girls' class who helped to produce each issue. It's been wonderful seeing what each class has been up to throughout 2021. Have a fantastic Christmas and New Year, and stay safe over the holidays!

- Miss Cassie

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SCHOOL TIMES

Monday—Thursday

8.55 am—3.10pm

Friday

8.55 am—1.35 pm

END OF TERM 4

Friday 3rd Dec

START OF TERM 1

Monday 24th Jan

I AM SAFE

I AM RESPECTFUL

I AM A LEARNER

I BELONG



MORNINGTON ISLAND STATE

SCHOOL CONCERT

MONDAY 29TH NOV

@ PCYC

BBQ FROM 4:30 PM

CONCERT STARTS 5 PM

Our last few weeks IN PICTURES



Futures & Engagement

The Engagement team have had a big final term, with a lot of work going on behind the scenes. Attendance and engagement from the Pathways program has improved from early on in the year. The foundations are being set with the ongoing development of student/school relationships. This will provide an excellent platform for 2022. This term we can celebrate engagement through the Johnathon Thurston Academy and the Hospitality Course where attendance was high and outcomes were positive.

- Mr Des



Learning in 5/6

Hello from 5/6B! What a big term we have had. We have been writing so much our marldas are weak. For English, students chose to write poems about the bush, ocean and their totems. We activated our 5 senses and wrote poems that made us feel like we were out on Country. In Maths we have loved getting up and moving around through hands on lessons. Our highlight was karate classes with Mr Morgan, learning how to cut things into fractions and sharing fake chocolate bought from our "shop". Lastly, in HASS we had fun designing a community pool and park, we even wrote to the council to persuade them to build it for us! The best part was bringing a packed lunch down to a vacant block of land and sketching our dreams for Gununa community. It goes without saying, we have worked hard and are ready for a break! Apo!

- Mr Morgan



NEON GLOW | High School Disco

High school students who have achieved over 50% attendance and have modelled excellent behaviour in 2021 are invited to attend a disco to celebrate the end of 2021. Please ensure completed permission slips are returned to classroom teachers by Tuesday so your child does not miss out. See Miss Cassie or Mr Des for further information.

Keeping Language Alive

Ngaju wutha? Kuba kangka leman!

Over the course of the year, students have practised Lardil and Kayardild words for family, body parts, actions and introducing themselves, as well as learnt about the language words used for places and street signs around town. High school students have also been learning about the seasons and weather. Students have learnt dictionary skills, and how to access the language app.

It has made teachers very proud to see students practising their reading, writing, listening and speaking skills in Lardil and Kayardild. There has been lots of learning through games, songs, stories, and talking and listening to each other.

Betty and Johnny Williams, Mary Wilson, Mr Nasa and Miss Eliza recently attended an Aboriginal languages teaching workshop in Cairns, where they proudly presented the work that Mornington Island State School is doing with their students. It was a wonderful sharing opportunity to see what other communities are doing with their own languages. We also had the pleasure of observing Juan Walker teaching Kuku Yalanji at Mossman State School and have brought back lots of ideas for next year's lessons.



Our school cannot teach language without the support of the community, and so we would like to thank Cyril Moon, Teddy Moon, Agnes Kohler, Betty Williams, Johnny Williams, Gaye Goongarra, Hazel Roughsey, Mary Wilson, Bereline Loogatha, Coreen Reading, Dolly Loogatha and Roxanne Thompson for their invaluable help.

Next year we look forward to including excursions out on country as part of our language and culture program, as well as a new unit on Stories in Songs and Artworks. Visitors are always welcome in our classrooms, and if you are someone who is passionate about languages, we would love to get in contact with you!



We need you, too!

Are you interested in learning more Lardil and/or Kayardild language and want to help young people learn too? Contact the school to be part of the Language program in 2022!