

Newsletter

26 September 2025

Dear families,

It has been lovely to reconnect with you at recent school events after several periods of extended leave this year to support my parents and then grieve the loss of my Dad. I would like to formally thank the entire Morley Primary team for their dedicated work during this time but especially Ryan Gray, Michelle Salamone, and Marnie Sloss for their outstanding leadership of the school in my absence.

It's amazing to think that three quarters of the school year is complete! There is so much still to look forward to as well. Before the end of the year, we will share a whole school excursion to Kaarta Koomba (Kings Park), learn dances with Make a Move, improve our swimming and delight in Morley's Got Talent just to name a few events! I encourage you to keep your eye on the term planner and Class Dojo so you don't miss a thing!

We are still loaning copies of the informative book "How to Raise Tech Healthy Humans" by Daniel Sih to parents. Please call the office on 9218 1500 if you would like to borrow it to read.

2026

Planning is well underway for the 2026 school year. Thank you to parents who have informed us in advance if they are moving out of the area. If anything changes with your plans for schooling, please let us know as soon as possible.

We have been busy running employment processes for teachers and look forward to announcing some exciting additions to our team next term.

Retirement

On September 4th, we farewelled Mrs Stegner who has worked for the Department of Education for over twenty years across several schools. We thank her for her commitment to public education and for her many years of devoted work at Morley Primary.



COMING EVENTS

Monday 13 October
First day – Term 4

Tuesday 14th October
8.45am Uniform Shop
(weekly)

Tuesday 14 Oct
Spare Parts Puppet Show

Thursday 16 October
Make A Move Dance
(weekly – Term 4)

Friday 17th October
Free Dress First Friday

Wednesday 29th October
Assembly – Room 3

Friday 31st October
Young Voices Competition

2026 Kindy Info Session

Monday 3rd November
2026 Kindy Transition – 1

Tuesday 4th November
Kings Park – Whole School

Thursday 6th November
Numero Interschool

2026 Kindy Transition - 2



School Board

A big thank you to Ben Axon and Nichole Bradfield who have both completed three-year terms on our School Board. We appreciate the time, experience and interest Ben and Nichole have shared with us.

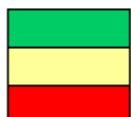
After nominations were called for the vacancies on the Board recently, it is my pleasure to announce that Nichole Bradfield will return for another term and Matt Stokes will join the Board for the first time. We are grateful for your service.

NAPLAN 2025

At this week's Open Board meeting we shared in detail our 2025 NAPLAN results. We are excited to let you know that not only is our performance above 'like schools' in all areas but also above the National average in every area except for Year 5 Reading where we equalled. These results are the outcome of the growing connected instruction and practice across our school, literacy intervention and enhanced formative assessment.

These achievements belong to everyone: our incredible students, our highly skilled staff and our supportive community. Some further information based on what was presented at the Open Board Meeting this week will be sent home with this newsletter.

2025 NAPLAN Comparative Performance		
	Year 3	Year 5
Numeracy	1.3	0.1
Reading	1.5	0.8
Writing	1.5	0.6
Spelling	2.5	1.4
Grammar and Punctuation	1.9	0.6



Above Expected - more than one standard deviation above the predicted school

Expected - within one standard deviation of the predicted school mean

Below Expected - more than one standard deviation below the predicted school mean

2026 Personal Items

Booklists for 2026 are currently being finalised by Campion and will be emailed to families during the school holidays. Please note that online orders must be completed by **Friday 21st November** to be delivered to your home (\$10 delivery fee included). An additional delivery fee may be charged after this date.

Please remember that you do not have to order your items from Campion. Although they offer competitive pricing and delivery, you are welcome to purchase your items elsewhere. Paper copies of the booklists will be available from the office if required.

Kind regards,
Nicole

Nicole Kovalevs
Principal

Wellbeing Week – Pink Day



Schools Make Music – Crown Theatre



Mandarin Fun



Rotary Four Way Test Public Competitions



Celebrating our Education Assistants (Mrs Stegner – on the far right)



Valuing Children's Initiative – Podcast Project



R U OK? Day





Interschool Athletics - Year 1 Champion (Lola) and Runner Ups Year 2 (Ezekial) and Year 6 (Indi)



Movies at Morley – new AV system courtesy of a State Government Election Commitment



We are all in this together – support reminders

Please see the list below of some of the many agencies which provide mental health support. If you or members of your families are facing particular problems or are struggling with anything, please give Mrs Kovalevs a call at school so she can help you access some support.

Mental health and Wellbeing Supports

- **KidsHelpline** provides 24/7 phone and online counselling support to young people aged 5-25. Call **1800 55 1800** or visit www.kidshelpline.com.au
- **Lifeline** provides 24/7 phone and online counselling support to people in crisis, including suicidal thoughts and self-harm. Call **13 11 14** or visit www.lifeline.org.au
- **Youth Beyond Blue** is a website dedicated to providing information to young people on anxiety and depression. The website helps young people to understand mental health and strategies to cope through tough times: www.youthbeyondblue.com