Mrs Simpson's Sizzling Spotlight

Moriarty Soccer Program

This week's Sizzling Spotlight is all about our **Moriarty Soccer Program.** Hosted by the Moriarty Foundation, the Mareeba SS Moriarty Soccer Program has been running every Wednesday and Friday since 2020. This program provides our students with the opportunity to join in and play a game of soccer during lunch breaks and dedicated Moriarty times.

What is the Moriarty Foundation? The Moriarty Foundation was founded in 2011 and is an enabling platform that is holistic and integrated, designed to build wellbeing among children and communities. Their foundation is designed to deliver successful program outcomes and is based on improving wellbeing and strong protective relationships for the staff and children they work with.

The benefits of the free Moriarty program:

- A program for all students

- Fitness, physical, outdoors, skills, team work opportunities for our students

- Expert FREE coaches

- A program that challenges our students to hone their resilience skills, particularly when their team doesn't win

- Provides an opportunity for the Moriarty coaches to 'scout' student potential to open the doors for future sporting scholarships

For two of our Mareeba SS students, participating in Moriarty each week has opened the door to a future pathway to a professional soccer career with both students now enrolled in the Moriarty academy. These boys spend their school holidays travelling with the Moriarty team interstate to train and play with other Moriarty foundation players. For all of our students, having the opportunity to play soccer and build new skills has seen an increase in student attendance and sports.

Moriarty soccer is available for all students in Year 3-6 on the oval, first break, Wednesday and Friday. Each term the year levels participating in Moriarty change to ensure the school has the chance to participate. This term, the focus is on our Year 3 cohort with other students in Years 4-6 also having some Moriarty sessions.