



MPE NEWS



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A picture says a thousand words...



Principal's Message

Welcome back!!!

I hope you had an enjoyable holiday break with your children. Last Wednesday we had our Anzac Assembly and it was a very lovely service. We were very lucky to have Mrs Cathy Cranny from Liverpool RSL Club attend. She told the students that she attended this school and how happy she is to return to speak to us. Each class made a special wreath and our student leaders led the assembly. A big thank you to Mr Gamwalla for his efforts in making the assembly a memorable one.

STAFF NEWS

Mrs Kerrie Foord has successfully gained the Deputy Principal role at Casula Public School. We wish her every success in her new environment and we thank her for all her years of service to our school.

GATES ARE NOW OPERATING

Our electronic gates are now installed. The pedestrian gate will be unlocked from 8.00- 9.15am and from 2.45- 3.30pm. If you wish to enter the school when gates are closed you need to use the buzzer, we will answer the call and the system will tell you when the gate is unlocked. To exit the gates there is a black button on a pole close to the gate. Please be patient as we are all learning a new

system. Remember our priority is the safety and well- being of all our students.

Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to all those families who have brought in their contribution. Currently we have collected **\$810** which was not quite our target of \$2000. The vouchers will be drawn at next Wednesday assembly.



Closing or Cut Off Dates

I would like to remind families, adhering to our set closing dates for events, such as excursions, is a must. We always try to give families a minimum of 4 weeks to pay for activities, understanding at times it may be a struggle to spare the money. We need to honour our **closing or cutoff** dates as often orders need to be placed and bookings need to be finalised. It also takes a period of time for us to generate a payment for activities. **No late payments for any excursion or event will be**

taken. I thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

UNIFORM CONCERNS

I have always been very impressed by our students and how well they wear correct uniform. I have noticed this term that we have a number of students wearing different coloured jackets and different hats. The staff and I have been delighted by your support and value your help in instilling pride in how our students present themselves in school.

CLASSROOM REFURBS

Over the holiday break the majority of our classrooms were refurbished with new furniture. The rooms look amazing and the students were very excited when they returned on Wednesday. A huge thank you to Mr Clarke for his hard work in removing all our old furniture.

CROSS COUNTRY

Last Thursday 27th April we had our school cross country. It was very successful and we had a wonderful turn up of supporters for our athletes. Our school P&C provided some treats to purchase as part of their fundraising. Miss Shankar and Mr Gardicotis organized this event very well and of course Mr Clark helped in the set up and pack up of equipment needed as well as any other job needed. Presentations of ribbons will be at Week 3 assembly.

OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT

2018 Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These classes help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. The application process for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2018 is about to begin. Important dates are as follows: Wednesday 26 April 2017: Online applications

open. Friday 12 May 2017: Online applications close.
Wednesday 26 July 2017: Opportunity Class Placement Test

NAPLAN

Commencing on Tuesday 9th May, the students in Years 3 & 5 will be completing the NAPLAN tests over three days. These tests provide a snapshot of student performance and progress in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. Unfortunately, this time can be stressful for students in these grades due to undue pressure placed on by parents and the media. In order for students to successfully complete this process and achieve their best results, follow these simple rules: (These rules are good for all students - regardless of their age!)

1. Ensure that your child is in bed at a reasonable time. (A well-rested student is a happy and productive student!)
2. Ensure that your child eats breakfast each morning (being hungry can greatly affect a student's ability to concentrate)
3. Reassure your child that you just want them to TRY THEIR BEST. (Student's need to know that their best is good enough!)

Quote of the Week- "A man without education is like a building without foundation"

Principal *Teresa Gosche*

What's On

Friday 5th May PSSA
Monday 8th May Fitschool
P&C Meeting 9.15am in Staffroom
Tuesday 9th May NAPLAN Language Conventions & Writing Tests **CANTEEN CLOSED**
Wednesday 10th May NAPLAN Reading Test, Assembly 2G hosts
Thursday 11th May NAPLAN Numeracy Test
Friday 12th May Breakfast Club and Mother's Day Stall (2nd Day)
Monday 15th May Fitschool
Thursday 18th May Zone Cross Country

Walk Safely to School Day Friday 19th May 2017

All MPE Families are urged to participate in the National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday, 19th May. Start planning now to LEAVE THE CAR AT HOME and WALK to school as a family. Breakfast will be served to students from 8.30 - 9am, and parents are welcome to stay for tea or coffee and raisin toast. Prizes will be awarded to the class with the most walkers.

(Families who live a great distance from the school are encouraged to park the car a kilometre from the school, and walk the remaining distance to school.)



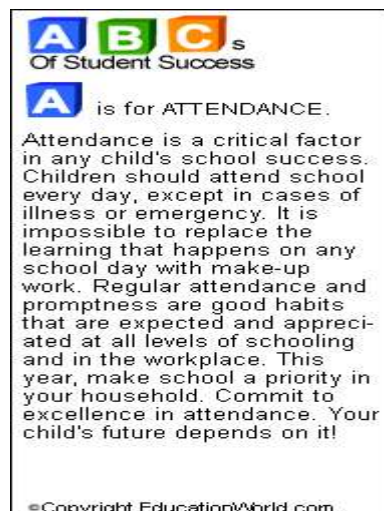
STEWART HOUSE ENVELOPES

A Stewart House Donation Drive 2017 envelope was sent home with students - your donation supports the 1800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT. Please place a \$2 coin or equivalent in the envelope, complete entry details on the back and return to school **Friday 19th May** to be eligible for the draw which is a chance to win a \$4,000 family holiday drawn on Friday, 26 May.



Attendance

Attendance is so important and at MPE we value learning!! Getting to school on time and being here everyday is so important. If your child does not come to school regularly or is continually late the Home Liaison Officer may become involved. Next week if your child comes to school on time and is here everyday they will earn a **GOTCHA** award.



Assembly Hosts

Week 3 2G
Week 5 SS
Week 7 1/2W
Week 9 4/5S

**SCHOOL CANTEEN
WILL BE CLOSED
TUESDAY 9TH MAY**

Class Chat 2G and Mr Gamwalla

What a year it has been so far! We are currently into the second week of term 2 already and things are really kicking off in 2G.

Our recent furniture delivery over the holidays has significantly transformed our 21st century learning space. With the addition of over 25 new ergonomic seats, brand new multimodal tables, cushions and the fantastic addition of two jellybean reading stations, we are now able to perform at our absolute best in any subject area. The students are enjoying the ability to make their own flexible working space and the added novelty idea of writing their thoughts on the table is engaging every student.



With a busy week just passed, the members of 2G had a fantastic time at the cross-country carnival with many students even ranking in the top positions for their age. This was a fantastic school event, which saw many community members making that day possible with their attendance. Students were also treated to delicious frozen ice blocks in a fund raising event led by the lovely parents of the P & C.



ANZAC day has come and gone but the spirit is living strong in our students through added collaboration and teamwork skills, each of which is a strong legacy left behind by those who have served our country. Our ceremony was very impressive with majority of students behaving and using amazing respect to remember the ultimate sacrifice the servicemen and women made.



We are well into our literacy circles and immensely working through the L3 class program to give students the best possible chance to achieve their goals in reading and writing. In Mathematics we have been undertaking the Quality Tens program in which students have had fun playing an assortment of maths based games using hands on equipment. The new furniture has worked very well in forming and assisting these groups. We can't wait to see what the assembly item will bring next Wednesday! Chat soon, 2G



STAGE 2 EXCURSION BY 4/5T

Exploring la Perouse

On Tuesday stage two and I went on an excursion to La Perouse National Park. I came to school at 8:30 and stage two and I left school at 8:45 to go on the bus and everyone was seated. Once we were all seated we were on our way to La Perouse National Park. The reason we went to La Perouse National Park is because in my class 4/5T we are learning about environments and different types of plants and animals.

Firstly when we arrived we went to the museum and learned about the different types of jobs in La Perouse National Park. I was split up with my class 4/5T and the other class 4/5S. In the other group the class was 3C and some of the people in my class 4/5T. My group leader was Jackie and Johnny and the other group leader was Greg. Then we took a short break to eat our lunch and to run around for a bit. When our lunch was finished we were really lucky that we had a good temperature outside. After that all our groups combined together and our tour guides decided to take us to a long hike up to a terrific view of Botany Bay. Finally to finish off our amazing day we went past a beautiful beach called Cong Wong.

BY BELLA



On Tuesday the second of May 4/5S 3C and 4/5T had excursion to La Perouse National Park. When we arrived there, we ate our fruit and we looked at the ocean then our tour guides came to us and showed us stuffed animals like bats, possums and lizards. After that we had the opportunity to dress up in the different jobs and roles people have in the National Park like fire man and field workers. We then went for a short walk and the man came and told us about the history. It included ships and canons, castles and schools stuff like that. The final thing we did was go on a long amazing bush walk where we listened to the wind, animals and things like that. Then we reached the beach made sand castles and looked for shells. We left to go back to school.

By Kayne



Next P&C Meeting is on:

Monday 8th May at 9:15 in the Staff Room

What has the P&C been Doing:

Fundraising AIM: With the money raised with P&C fundraising, it's to help purchase New Ipad & Laptops for the school to be used in the classrooms by the students. We are also working toward helping to purchase Robotics for the school. We will keep you update with our progress.

Donations Still Needed

With the success of Breakfast Club we still need donations of Cereal, new bowls, gloves, cups, cereal, napkins & spoons... All donations are appreciated.



We held a Mothers Stall today but don't worry if you need to still buy presents for mother day as we will also have the Mother stall open next Friday 12th May. Prices are from \$1-10



Breakfast CLUB: Is every Friday Morning from 8:30-9 outside the Hall. Its Free so come on down & Have Breakfast, they have Toast, Cereal, Fruits, Juice & Milk. Everyone is Welcome.

To everyone who has donated items to the breakfast Club, we appreciate your support.

P&C Committee

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School Banking 2017 is off to a flying start.



This year's School Banking adventure is well underway, as the new-look Dollarmites lead the journey up towards the amazing Savings Hover Park. Students are demonstrating a remarkable saving behaviour.

New reward items

There are two new reward items to keep students saving in Term 2: the 3D Chalk Set and Tablet Case. Your child can redeem one of these, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Modern ways to teach money skills with the CommBank Youth app

Through the School Banking program, CommBank has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and smart money management since 1931. In 2017, the introduction of the CommBank Youth app, an innovative digital banking tool, will help enhance the School Banking program.

With the CommBank Youth app, your child can:

- Check the balance of their Youthsaver account.
- View School Banking deposits in their transaction history.
- Track the number of Dollarmites tokens they collect.
- Set up savings goals and monitor their progress.
- Create a list of chores they can do to earn pocket money.

Explore more about the CommBank Youth app, and how to get your child started, by visiting commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Learning the value of digital money

Did you know that approximately one in five parents are trying to teach their children about cashless transactions and digital money management? CommBank research shows parents are alternating between cash and online bank transfers when giving their children pocket money, and actively demonstrating 'tap and go', online banking, mobile applications and how ATMs work. For more information and tips on financial education for kids, visit The Beanstalk on commbank.com.au/beanstalk



3D Chalk Set



Tablet Case



Things you should know: The Commonwealth Bank School Banking Study is an online survey of 1,049 parents across Australia undertaken by ACA Research in December 2016. This article is intended to provide general information of an educational nature only. It does not have regard to the financial situation or needs of any reader and must not be relied upon as financial product advice. Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124.

