



# MPE NEWS

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*A picture says a thousand words..... 2018 School Leadership team*



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**Term: 1 Week: 4**

**Thursday 22 February**

### What's On

**Thursday 22 February**

Footsteps

**Monday 26 February**

Story Factory

**Wednesday 28**

**February**

Scripture begins

School Assembly

Stage 2 students to

Ashcroft High School

**Thursday 1st March**

Footsteps

**Monday 5 March**

Story factory

**Wednesday 7 March**

Meet the teacher night

**Thursday 8 March**

Footsteps

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**Principal: Teresa Gosche**

Wow, we have certainly had a fantastic start to the school year. I am so proud to see our students settled into routines and displaying persistence in all their endeavours. Well done, Mount Pritchard East PS!!! Our new kindergarten students have settled in our school routines and into their learning with great excitement.

### School Captains and Prefects for 2018

The picture above captures our wonderful student leaders for 2018!! They will be leading their first assembly next Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Our leadership team for 2018 : Captains Peter & Mahorania

Prefects Shalayne, Jovana, Talah, Natalie, Ali, Shams, Serine, Nancy and Isabella (School Ambassador)

I look forward to working with them throughout the school year!!!

### School Attendance

I am keen to collaborate with parents and families to ensure that regular school attendance is valued as a key component to ensure a child achieves their personal best. Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school

every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. After an absence please ensure you send a note to your child's class teacher stating the date and the reason for that absence. There are notes available from the office and your child's teacher that you can complete to explain your child's absence.

Please Note: Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

If your child will be needing a longer term of absence of more than 3 school days, for example a holiday during the school term, please see our wonderful administration team at the school's front office to complete a Certificate of Extended Leave - Holiday. Supporting documentation such as travel details, itinerary or flight bookings are needed to issue the certificate.

### **Meet the teacher**

We will be holding "Meet the Teacher" information sessions in week 6 on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. These sessions are designed to give a general overview of what is happening in the stage/grade or classroom for the year. If you wish to speak individually to a teacher regarding your child, please make an appointment for another time so we can ensure that sufficient time is allocated to ensure your needs are met and all queries can be answered.

Session times as follows :

**Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) and Stage 1 (Years 1&2)** - will meet in the hall at 3:15 - 3:35

Then an informal chat with tea and coffee for all parents from 3:35 - 3:55

**Stage 2 (Years 3&4) and Stage 3 (Years 5&6)** - will meet in the hall at 4:00 - 4:20

Then an informal chat with tea and coffee for all parents from 4:20 - 4:40

Tea and coffee will be available throughout the two sessions. Students will be supervised by staff in classrooms during this time if needed.

### **Student Supervision**

As Principal, my first and most important priority is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of each and every student at Mount Pritchard East PS. Our dedicated staff are on duty from 8.30am, with lessons commencing at 9.00am and concluding at 3.00pm daily. Our school gate will be open at 8.15am and students are required to sit near the administration block. **Please note that there is no supervision outside of these hours.** If you are running late (for example due to traffic congestion) to collect your child in the afternoon please contact the office so we can let your child know. Children who are not collected by 3.00pm will sit on the seats inside the administration block and parents will be contacted to collect their children.

## Student Banking

Welcome to 2018 we are looking forward to another great year of banking and awesome prizes. Banking will commence on Wednesday 7th February, for all those new families wishing to have their children bank you may open an account at any Commonwealth Bank or fill in forms and leave at front office. On Wednesday's your child's bankbook needs to be placed in the pigeonhole in the front office. You can bank from as little as \$1.00, on the tenth deposit your child will be eligible for a prize.

## Breakfast Club

Our school P&C do an amazing job with providing breakfast for our students on Fridays. We are asking each grade to help support our breakfast club by donating items that will be put to great use by the breakfast club.

Early Stage 1 Kindergarten- donations of bowls in packets

Stage 1 (Years 1&2) - donations of packets of spoons

Stage 2 (Years 3&4)- donations of polystyrene cups

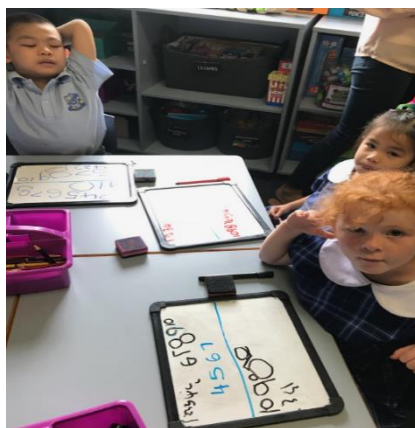
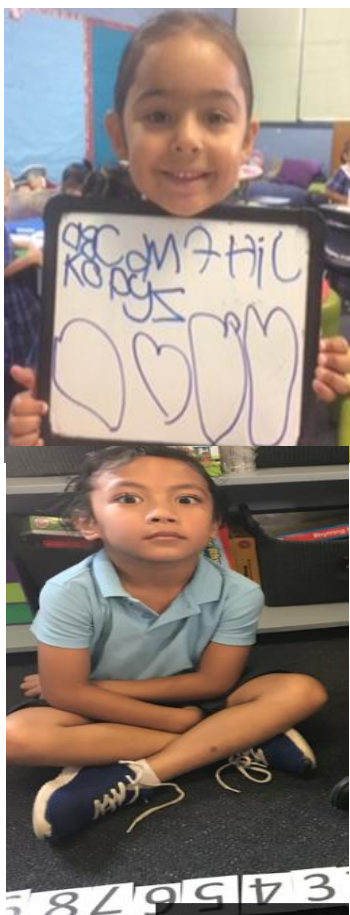
Stage 3 (Years 5&6)- donations of packets knives and serviettes

**Quote of the Week- "Education is a gift that no-one can take way"**

Teresa Gosche  
Principal

## **KINDERGARTEN 2018**

Welcome to all our new students in Kindergarten. MPE is so lucky to have such a lovely group of happy and keen learners. Everyone settled into school routines quickly and are following the school rules very well. They are learning to walk in two lines, interact in a friendly manner with others and remember all the different routines throughout the day. They are practising to write their names, recognise letters and count to 20.





**Best Start** Miss Moseley and I have been completing Best Start Assessments, involving Literacy and Numeracy. These assessments are conducted with each student. Once all the information has been collected and entered online each student will receive a report. Parents are welcome to discuss this report with their child's teacher - please ask your child's teacher for an appointment.

**J.I'Anson**

## PSSA

PSSA will kick off this next Friday, with students from Year 3-6 representing our school in Boys Softball and Girls Soccer. This first round for both sports is a BYE, which will be a great opportunity for our teams to train during middle session at school. There are ten rounds, culminating in week 2 of Term 2. Miss Taweil will be leading Boys Softball with training sessions on Wednesday at Lunch. Mr Clark will be leading Girls Soccer with training sessions on Monday during recess for the Junior Team and on Tuesday during recess for the Senior Team.

Boys Softball	Greenway Park Reserve
Girls Soccer	Hoxton Park Reserve

PSSA	MPE V TEAM	Score	Junior	Senior
Boys Softball	BYE	In-school training		
	BYE	In-school training		
Girls Soccer	BYE	In-school training		
	BYE	In-school training		

Permission notes for PSSA are due this Thursday 22nd, however as early as possible is preferable. Parents and friends are most welcome to come along and support teams. Good luck to both teams. I look forward to hearing about the sportsmanship and camaraderie between our teams. **S.Shankar**

## Swimming Carnival

On the 13th of February 5 students represented our school in the Combined Schools Swimming Carnival at The Whitlam Centre, Liverpool. Students were supervised by Mr Clark, who was also there to cheer them on! Our students gave it their best and above all had an enjoyable time. We would like to congratulate Olivia on successfully qualifying to compete in the Zone Swimming Carnival on the 27th of February, in Week 5! Olivia will represent our school in three races; 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke and 50m Breaststroke. Congratulations to all students who represented our school with pride and 'played the game'!

**D.Clarke**

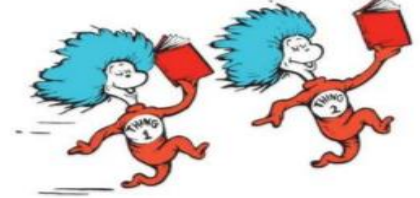
## K-2 News

I am excited and honoured to welcome each and everyone one of you to the beginning of a new school year. The K-2 teachers are excited for a new year full of learning and successes. So far Kindergarten have begun their Best Start Assessments with their teachers to identify their individual literacy and numeracy skills. Years 1 and 2 have begun the year motivated to learn and with a growth mindset. This term Footsteps has started and students have loved showing off their dance moves.

There are a lot of events happening this year with an excursion to the Sydney Aquarium and students learning about life cycles through watching chicks hatch out of their eggs in term 3. We hope all our students enjoy this year of learning!

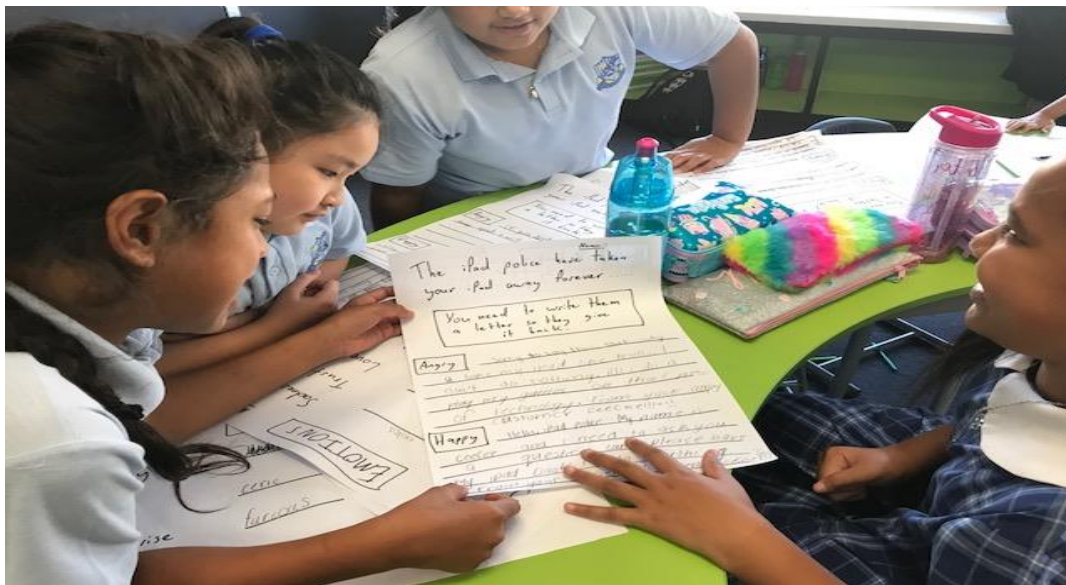


The MORE  
that you read,  
the MORE things  
you will know.  
The MORE that you  
Learn,  
the MORE places you'll go.



**T. D'Cruz**  
**K-2 Assistant Principal**

### 3-6 News



Stage 2 and 3 classes have started 2018 with a blast. Students in Stage 2 have visited Ashcroft High School for sports coaching sessions with Year 11 students. High school students designed activities which encourage student participation, ball skills and teamwork. Our students had a lot of fun and are looking forward to the fortnightly coaching sessions which have been planned for Term 1 and Term 2.

Year 5/6 students are also working with the Ashcroft High School teachers who come to MPE to run interesting Numeracy and Science activities. Students have completed pre-assessment sessions in readiness for the Ashcroft transition to high school program.

In 4/5V, students have been attending creative writing and storytelling workshops in preparation for creating their own exceptional books with Bilal from Story Factory. Bilal and his team will be working with students in Term 1 and Term 2, helping our students find their writing voice and culminating in a parent presentation in Term 3.

**D. Vette-Welsh**  
**3 - 6 Assistant Principal**





Welcome back and HAPPY 2018! I am so in love with my class 2C are already impressing me with their maturity and willingness to step up their learning!! Together we have been discussing the responsibilities of being role models especially since we are now officially the oldest infants' members of our school! All students in Year 2 are very eager to act as role models for our Kindergarten and Year 1 students, particularly on the playground.

I just know we are going to have a great year and I am excited to see what the many weeks of learning in Year 2 will bring. We already have some great areas of learning that we have been exploring. Our class name for this year is 2 Coral and we have shown an interest in the reef and the ocean. Students have been busy classifying animals and researching their diet, size, appearance and habitat. We hope to showcase some of our interesting information reports in the classroom, throughout the coming weeks.



In Mathematics, we have been learning about place value, patterns and algebra and addition and subtraction. Ask us to count forwards and backwards by tens on and off the decade or even challenge one of us to add or subtract tens numbers! We can even show you our working out by drawing our own number line.

2C have also spent quite a bit of time thinking about their learning goals. The students have been encouraged to pick an

English, Mathematics and Personal goal to work towards. We love the motto 'We are goal getters!' and have our goals displayed in the room for quick reference at all times.

Students in 2C have also been considering possible long term future goals and learning that anything is possible and that they are capable of amazing things.

We have some awesome dance moves happening as part of our 'Footsteps' dance program. The students who attend these workshops are loving their chance to get active and have fun dancing with their peers in the hall on Thursday mornings.



I am looking forward to an AMAZING year with 2C and cannot wait to see all that they achieve!!

**Ms Irons**

## CLASS CHAT with 5/6S and Ms Strbac

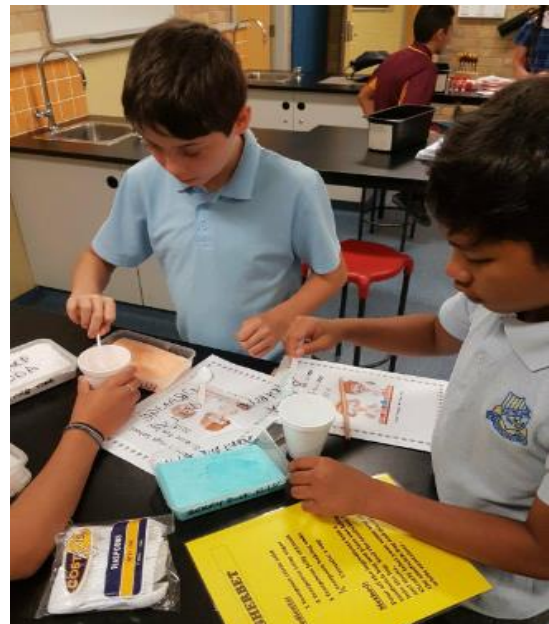
Welcome back family and friends to another exciting year at MPE!

It is lovely to see you all again and to see some new faces starting at our school. Even though it's only week 4, it feels like we have been here for ages already!! Senior Snorkel has settled into their learning and classroom so quickly it's amazing to see. Students are working hard in literacy and numeracy making sure they have a solid foundation to work with this year.

This term in Science, we are exploring the adaptations animals have to survive in extreme environments. On the other hand, in Geography we will be looking at the impact humans have on a variety of environments.



Our collaboration with Ashcroft High School will continue to grow this year as well. We have already been so fortunate to have attended a Science Day at the High School where students in year 6 had the opportunity to participate in loads of exciting experiments. Every Wednesday morning, a maths and science teacher from Ashcroft High School will be coming into the senior classes to team teach. Each fortnight, the dance teacher, Miss Campbell, will be coming in to teach the year 6s their dance.



There are so many things to look forward to already. This term alone we have our assembly in week 11, Harmony Day in Week 8 and the Easter hat parade coming up in week 9. Lots of planning and organising behind the scenes to make sure it all runs smoothly. NAPLAN is also right around the corner at the beginning of Term 2 for year 5.

**Ms Strbac**



## P&C NEWS

The P&C give free breakfast every Friday morning. Come on down for some breakfast. Also if you would like to join the P&C have a voice or time to offer, then come on in to the office and drop your name in.



## SPECIAL



### Harmony Day

On Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March we will be celebrating Harmony Day. The aim of this day is to celebrate our country's cultural diversity and how our diversity makes Australia a great place to live. Students will research and learn about different countries and cultures leading up to, and on Harmony day through informative and hands on activities. Students can wear an item of orange clothing on the day.

We will be holding a special Harmony Day Assembly at 10:30 am, followed by a community food sharing. We would love it if you could bring a dish from your culture to share! Please join us on the 21st March and celebrate Australia's cultural diversity this Harmony Day.



# Yoseikan-Ryu Karate

The home of National & International Champions



**Hani Zahra 5th Dan NSW Chief Instructor**

### Class Timetable

- CONCENTRATION
- SELF DISCIPLINE
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- CONFIDENCE
- SELF DEFENSE
- COORDINATION
- FITNESS AND STRENGTH
- SELF ESTEEM

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### Monday

Junior Beginners	5.15pm - 6.00pm
Intermediate	6.00pm - 7.00pm
Advanced	7.00pm - 8.00pm

### Friday

Junior Beginners	5.15pm - 6.00pm
Intermediate	6.00pm - 7.00pm
Advanced	7.00pm - 8.00pm

### Saturday

Junior Beginners	9.30am - 10.30am
Intermediate/Advanced	10.30am - 11.30am
Advanced	11.30am - 12.30pm

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## PaTCH - Parents as Teachers and Classroom Helpers

At Mount Pritchard East we value the role parents and caregivers play in supporting children's learning within and beyond the classroom. We need your help! Would you like to be involved in supporting education. We really would love more parents in! So why not join our PaTCH training?

We are proud to offer **parents as teachers and classroom helpers** (PaTCH) program to increase parent and caregiver confidence in supporting children's learning at home and in school.

### What is PaTCH?

PaTCH is a 10 week training program run by our teachers to accredit parent volunteers in supporting children to read, write and count in the early years of schooling.

Parent volunteers participate in:

- 5 training sessions totaling 10hrs of tuition with an option of child care include
- Complete a minimum of 15hrs of in class literacy and numeracy classroom support with the help of our teachers
- Collect examples of student learning to support participant training

All you need to do is ring the office and leave your name and number or complete the interest form below and we will be in contact as soon as possible with dates and times.

## PaTCH - Parents as Teachers and Classroom Helpers Expression of Interest

**Working with Children Check is to be completed.** Free online to apply. If you need assistance then please see Mrs Lakisoe for help.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

My child/children \_\_\_\_\_ in class/es \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to train in the morning/afternoon (Please circle) Return to the office.**

At this stage we are looking at either a morning sessions or just before the end of school so that parents can either be here to drop off their students and stay on or come earlier before after school. **Ms Lakisoe**

## Expression of interest for school jackets

MPE are looking at the possibility of school jackets. So we are putting out an expression of interest. If you are interested in purchasing a school jacket with the school logo on for \$35.00 then please send this slip in to the office. **If we reach minimum number to purchase** then interested parents will be contacted to place a deposit.

I am interested in purchasing a school jacket for \$35. I would be buying \_\_\_\_\_ (number)  
My child/ren is/are \_\_\_\_\_

in class/es \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_



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