



MPE NEWS

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A picture says a thousand words...PSSA team



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Bulletin: Issue 2
Term: 1 Week: 6
Thursday 8 March

WHAT'S ON

Thursday 8 March
Footsteps

Monday 12 March
Story Factory
P & C Meeting

Wednesday 14 March
School Assembly
Stage 2 students to
Ashcroft High
School

Thursday 15 March
CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Monday 19 March
Story factory

Wednesday 21 March
HARMONY DAY

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MEET THE TEACHER

THANK YOU to all the parents, staff and students who participated in our "Meet the Teacher" afternoon on Wednesday 7th March. It was wonderful to see so many families come up to the school and enjoy spending time together as a school community. Students, parents and teachers enjoyed the afternoon tea and the opportunity to chat with each other. We look forward to working in partnership with our community throughout the year.

KISS AND DROP

We want to ensure that no child is hit by a car when going to and from school. Please take extra care when driving and parking in school zones. Make sure that you and your child understand the road rules. If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting children at risk.

Kiss and Drop Zones are designed for your convenience and for your child's safety. Designed for quick entry and exit, these zones minimise congestion and risk when used properly by all parents and carers. These zones operate under the same conditions as no parking zones, which means you may stop to drop off or pick up children for a maximum of 2 minutes. Please be respectful to our staff and follow the rules of this school zone.

SRC

A Student Representative Council (SRC) is a group of students elected by their fellow students to represent all students in the school. SRCs work democratically to represent the student body in school decision-making and organise ways for students to participate in school life. Classes from Year 1 -6 have elected their representatives and they will be inducted next Wednesday 14th March during our school assembly.

Littering Workshop

Students have been learning about keeping our environment clean and the effects of littering. We had a speaker come from Fairfield Council run a hands on workshop about litter and recycling. This coincided well with our Clean Up Australia day on Monday. Gotchas are being handed out on the playground for global citizens who are ensuring our school is clean too!



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

Teresa Gosche
Principal

KINDERGARTEN - BEST START

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

Ms l'Anson

What is the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment?

Best Start is a one-on-one assessment used in all schools, designed to identify each student's literacy and numeracy skills at the beginning of Kindergarten.

Currently, Best Start maps student learning to the literacy and numeracy learning continuums, to help teachers personalise learning for each student. In 2019 Best Start will be mapped to the learning progressions for all schools.

Best Start is inclusive—all children have the opportunity to participate.

What's new with revised Best Start?

Revised Best Start:

- includes some new and revised items that better reflect current literacy and numeracy research
- enables teachers to capture data at the item level to assist teachers to more quickly and accurately identify a student's level of skill and knowledge
- enables teachers to capture student responses directly onto a tablet or computer
- integrates with the new literacy and numeracy learning progressions and PLAN2.

PSSA

Round: 2 (Friday 2nd, March)

Boys Softball	Greenway Park Reserve
Girls Soccer	Hoxton Park Reserve

PSSA	MPE V TEAM	Man of the Match	Junior Score	Senior Score
Boys Softball	Hoxton Park	Junior: Dupri Senior: Ahmad	3-2	6-6
Girls Soccer	Hoxton Park	Most Valuable Player	Junior Score	Senior Score
		Junior: Hanisi Senior: Loloma	0-8	3-0

Parents and friends are most welcome to come along and support teams. Thank you Mr Michael for driving the students to the venues. Good luck to both teams. I look forward to hearing about the sportsmanship and camaraderie between our teams.

S.Shankar

Combined Schools 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 Breast stroke.

Congratulations to all students who represented our school with pride and 'played the game'!

Mr. Clark

Zone Swimming Carnival

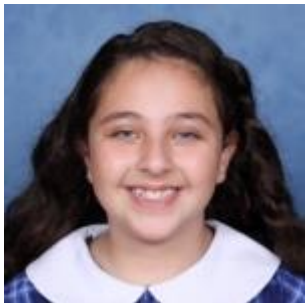


On Tuesday 27th February Olivia proudly represented MPE in the Zone Swimming Carnival at The Whitlam Centre, Liverpool. She is pictured here getting away to a flying start in the 50m freestyle event; one of three events she competed in on the day. On behalf of the school community I want to congratulate Olivia on her outstanding efforts and encourage her to continue training and developing her swimming skills further. I am certain that with further commitment she can take her swimming achievements even further. Well done!

Mr. Clark

ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Classes	Academic Awards	Quality Work	Sport Awards	Principal	Bronze or Silver
K Icefish Ms l'Anson	Charlie Moka-Kaila	Anna	Leland Brooklyn		
K/I Marlin Ms Moseley	Stefan Simoni	Jujhar	Ellie Isaac		
1 Dolphin Ms D'Cruz	Rosalynn Thorán	Timothy	Nathaniel	Yasmine	
2 Coral Ms Irons	Joseph Alieta Natalie	Alexandra	Willow Kash David	Lincoln Jahziah Talei	Ayman
2 Manta-Ray Ms Martin	Asinate La'Bron	Isaac	Jad Benjamin	La'Bron Gharam Benjamin Asinate	Benjamin
3 Seahorses Ms Shankar	Kaushik Isabella	Ellie	Ezra Maja		
3/4 Turtles Ms Taweil	Lubna Aya	Amelia	Matthew Jonathan R	Armani	
4/5 Vampire Squids Ms Vette-Welsh	Emily Cruz	Tamar	Glorious Andrew	Blade	Tyson Blade
5/6 Molluscs Ms McIntosh	Gabriella Qori	Mercy	Merita Ryan		
5/6 Snorkels Ms Strbac	Loloma Isabella	Yoyo	Ali Jack	Jovana Talah	Talah William
GOTCHA	Week 6-William and Serine				
Citizen of the	Talah		Talah was awarded the Citizen of the		

Month		<p>Month award for 3-6 as a result of her wonderful work at school and the following qualities;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kind and respectful to teachers and peers • Follows the rules in the classroom and on the playground • Helps others • Friendly to everyone • Responsible and honest • Listens and shares
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K-2 News

This term early stage 1 and stage 1 have been learning about the Year of the Reef and the features of different places. They have been learning about the structure and language features of informative texts. The early stage 1 and stage 1 students continue to show great success in their learning and demonstrating a Growth Mindset to their learning.

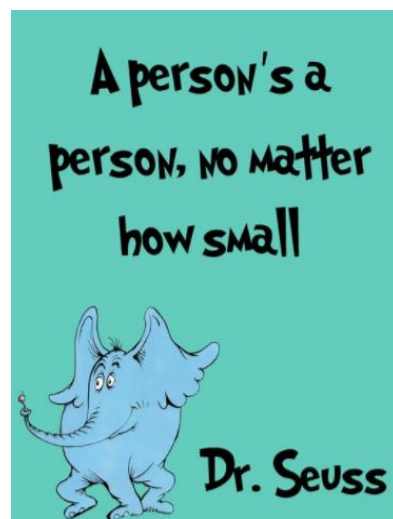


This term so far K-6 had a great time meeting some junior Parramatta Eels players, who came for a visit to teach them about making healthy choices.

Meet the Teacher night was a great success! It was wonderful to see and meet all the parents who turned up to discuss the amazing things which are happening at our school this year.

Thank you once again for coming and meeting all of us.

T. D'Cruz
K-2 Assistant Principal



3-6 News



Students in Stage 2 and 3 continue to achieve great success in their lessons this fortnight. **Story Factory** and **Ashcroft** science, mathematics and coaching classes continue with both students and teachers enjoying the unique learning experiences. Last week, students attended a fantastic science incursion in which they learned all about recycling and caring for the environment. This week the extracurricular experiences continue with a group of Year 5/6 students taking part in debating workshops.

School Sport has had a revamp and we have four sports groups taking part in various skills and games activities on Friday after lunch. Please encourage your child to wear their hat, bring a bottle of water and wear their sports uniform on the day. Students receive points for their team for hats, behaviour, sportsmanship and working well as a team and at the end of term the winning team will receive a group prize.

We are also excited to announce the **Sydney Aquarium** excursion on the 29 March. Students

will have the opportunity to experience life on the reef, with hands on activities and knowledgeable staff to create exciting learning experiences on the day.

Parents of **Year 6 students** can expect to receive the **Expression of Interest Form** for Year 7 2019 on Friday of this week. Please check the details in the form and sign, date and return the form by **15 March**. If you have any queries or need help understanding the form please feel free to contact Mrs Vette-Welsh at school and make a time for us to work together.

We look forward to meeting with parents this week to discuss the learning experiences, expectations and to answer any questions parents have about the upcoming year.

Notes will come out this week for Year 5 and 6 students regarding **The Great Aussie Bush Camp**. Having attended this camp on various occasions and experienced the amazing activities for students, I look forward to sharing this experience with the students at MPE. I highly recommend the camp experience and hope we can take a large group to experience canoeing, rock climbing, campfire activities, tree top walks and other challenging activities.

Dates for **NAPLAN** assessments for 2018 have been confirmed and we would like to share these with parents. We encourage students and parents to make NAPLAN a positive experience, making sure students attend school on these dates with plenty of sleep, a good breakfast and an "I CAN DO" attitude.

	Tuesday 15 May 2018	Wednesday 16 May 2018	Thursday 17 May 2018
Y e a r 3	Language conventions <i>40 minutes</i> Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>45 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>45 minutes</i>
Y e a r 5	Language conventions <i>40 minutes</i> Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>50 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>50 minutes</i>

D. Vette-Welsh
3 - 6 Assistant Principal

CHAT with 2M - Ms Martin

2M have settled very quickly and always eager to learn every day!

In **Mathematics** the students have been learning about place value, counting on and off by 10's using a number line and using a 30cm ruler, 1 metre ruler and a measuring tape to measure different objects within the classroom. The students have also been enjoying attending the footsteps dance class every Thursday. Every lesson they learn new dance steps and routines. Check out the students groovy dance moves in the photo!



In **literacy**, the students have started their guided reading rotations and they enjoy attempting the many literacy related tasks each day during these rotations. In writing, the students have been completing a number of information reports about different sea animals. They have written information about what the animal looks like, where it lives, what it eats and other interesting facts. Throughout the week on different days the students reflect back on their learning and write one new thing

they learnt that day onto a leaf. These leaves are added to our class tree of reflection. You can see our tree of reflection has grown lots of leaves this summer. Now we have moved to the season autumn, the students will be adding red, orange, yellow and brown leaves.

Last week, 2M students were very lucky and able to participate in an incursion. It was an interactive lesson about **Littering**. The students learnt about how littering and leaving rubbish around can be harmful to people, animals, plants and sea life. The students had a lot of fun and learnt that it is important to always put rubbish in a bin!

I am looking forward to see all the students in 2M grow in their learning abilities.

Miss Martin



CLASS CHAT with 3/4T and Ms Taweil

Dear MPE community,



I am so excited to have 3/4T for 2018, they are a lovely group of students. Each one of them has something special to offer. We have started the year with establishing friendships, forming expectations and creating a positive, safe and nurturing classroom. I have designed the classroom to represent a nautical/underwater theme. My students have fallen in love with this theme and they have become very eager sailors who are steering the ship and impressing me with their fabulous learning.

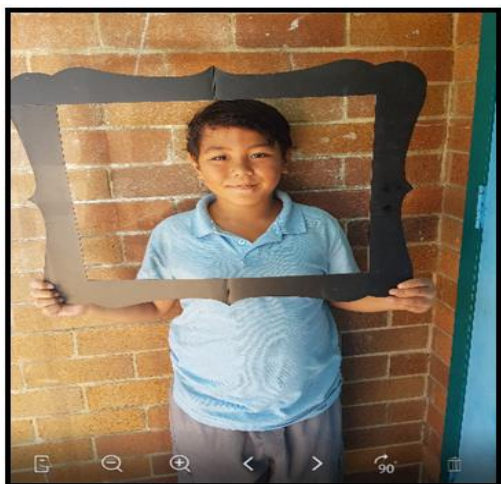
I am a strong believer of providing students with opportunities to show responsibility and initiative within the school so I have created a system titled '*All hands on deck*' which I am sure your children have spoken to you about. This system gives each student a special job for the week, the children absolutely love this as they have a sense of ownership. Some of the jobs include: light lieutenant, lunch order captain, caboose and many more.



Students in 3/4T have also been giving '**SHOUT OUTS**' to their peers and they are understanding the value in giving praise and compliments to one another.

I am confident that we are going to have a fantastic year filled with lots of learning and many fond memories. Our class name for the year is 3/4 Turtles and we have started exploring coral reefs and marine life. Students have been busy **writing information reports** on the **Great Barrier Reef**. We are excited to display some of our amazing writing and beautiful sea themed artworks.

In **Mathematics**, we have been learning to count fluently on and off the decade using three and four digit numbers- they have proven to be magical mathematicians! We have also teamed up with 3S and have set a multiplication ice-cream challenge, where we undertake multiplication speed tests each Friday in hope of improving our times tables knowledge. As a reward Miss Shankar and I will be hosting an AMAZING ice-cream party for them towards the end of Term 2. **HOT TIP:** The more times tables they know the sweeter their reward!



I am looking forward to an INCREDIBLE year with 3/4T and cannot wait to create many wonderful memories together.

Ms Taweil



Littering Incursion

On Thursday and Friday of Week 5, our students had the privilege of attending and participating in an in-school incursion, focused on Sustainability. The Littering Incursion is a focus driven by Fairfield Council, delivered through their program 'Environmentors'.

Students learnt about littering, their impact on the environment and how to make better choices to look after their surroundings. Now they are all Experts, leading those around by teaching and educating to make our playgrounds and surroundings cleaner for people and animals.

They had a fantastic time with Marc and were so enthusiastic that they wanted to clean the playground straight after their session! Here are some photos and videos from the two days.



Scan the QR Code to watch the two videos!



Ms Shankar



Next P&C Meeting:

12th March Week 7 at 2pm in the

Staffroom

Welcome to 2018 We would like to welcome our new families to our school & welcome back to our return families. I would like to invite everyone to our P&C meetings.

A huge “Thank you” to everyone who helped support our end of year Christmas Raffle last year.

A Massive “Thank you” to all the families who donated items for the Christmas Raffle & Hampers. It was a HUGE success.

Congratulations to all 56 Prize winners and hope you enjoyed your prizes.

I have to say a special thank you to all these businesses who supported our school

Without these businesses helping & supporting our school we couldn't of had so many amazing prizes

Bags Only – Liverpool	Scenic World	Inflatable world
Supercheap Liverpool	Skyline Drive-in Bowling & Laser Tag	Bunnings Bonnyrigg
Cabramatta Golf Club	Bowlarama Wetherill Park	Supercheap Warwick Farm
Outback Steak House	Taronga Zoo	Flip out Hoxton Park
Rasheys Liverpool	Tik Tocs	Daystar
Lina's Hair Dressers Mount Pritchard	Priceline Bonnyrigg	Cable Wake Park
Flamez	Pearls Nail Bonnyrigg	Mems Mechanics
Kmart Casula	Day Star Candle Pack	Revolution Arena Narellan
Tree Top Adventure	Hoyts Wetherill Park	Woolworth Bonnyrigg

Breakfast CLUB: Is every Friday morning from 8:30-9 outside the hall. Its free for everyone so come on down & have breakfast, we have toast, cereal, fruits, juice & milk. Everyone is welcome.

Breakfast Club Donations.

Breakfast Club is free for all students, we are asking for your support, if you can help by donating bowls, spoons, cereals, cups etc. Please hand your donation into the front office or bring it down to Breakfast Club Friday morning. Thank you to Tyson, Blade, Chloe, Harmony, Jonathan W, Felicity, Kayne, PJ, Monique, Shalayne, Shadayna, Jacinta, Talah, Olivia, Nathan, Timothy, Miss l'Anson & Mrs van der Graaf for donating items for our Breakfast Club. We appreciate it so much!!!

Thank you

Thank you, P&C Committee

HARMONY DAY



Harmony Day

On Wednesday the 21st 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.



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Class Timetable

- CONCENTRATION
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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



SYDNEY CRICKET
ACADEMY
NORTH SHORE

JUNIOR WINTER INDOOR CRICKET REGISTRATION DAY WITH FREE BBQ

Register at info@sydneycricket.com.au

ACTIVITIES :

Try some indoor cricket on the day, have a bat on a bowling machine under our coaches supervision, free bbq and drink.

If you plan on registering as an individual you may find some future teammates!!

Parents will be required to register their child and pay on the day.

DATE: SUNDAY 4TH OF MARCH

TIME: TIME 12 - 3PM

LOCATION: SYDNEY CRICKET ACADEMY
838 PACIFIC HIGHWAY GORDON

PaTCH Information Session next Monday 12th March 9 - 10am

Parents as teachers and classroom helpers (PaTCH) program to increase parent and caregiver confidence in supporting children's learning at home and in school. Come along on Monday

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 totalling 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** _____

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

Please give an indication of what days and times suit you so we can try and accommodate what is suitable. 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