



MPE NEWS

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A Picture is worth a thousand words...

Welcome to the world Ms Gassibe's little princess Amelia.

Born 19/3/2018

Weight 3 Kilos

Length 50cm

Mum and bub doing well.

Thursday 22nd March

WHAT'S ON

Thursday 22 March

3-6 Aboriginal Group to Casula Powerhouse

Monday 26 March

Story Factory

Tuesday 27 March

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Wednesday 28 March

EASTER HAT PARADE

Stage 2 students to Ashcroft High School

Thursday 29 March

Sydney Aquarium Excursion

Tuesday 3 April

Swim Scheme begins

Wednesday 4 April

School Assembly

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

HARMONY DAY

On Wednesday 21st March our school participated in **Harmony Day**. Harmony Day is a national celebration in Australia and it is a day to reflect on the multiculturalism and cultural diversity of our country. Students and staff were encouraged to wear the traditional colour of **orange**. It was amazing to see how many people dressed in orange to support this event. We had a wonderful showcase in the morning with song and dances incorporating a variety of cultures. Jestyn thrilled us with his abilities on the Didgeridoo whilst KI did the Mexican Hat Dance, 5/6S revamped Gangnam style, 4/5V and Syprus sang This is Me, whilst the whole school sang I am Australian. It culminated in a fantastic food feast. Thank you to our parents who provided the wonderful taste sensations that we all enjoyed.

KISS AND DROP

I am sure everyone will agree that student safety is our most important goal. It is very disappointing that we have parents not adhering to the rules regarding this zone. It has been a source of conversation at a recent P&C meeting and one of the solutions we discussed was closing the gate

and not offering this service at all. I really do not want to do this but my staff deserve to be treated with respect and duty of care for students is of paramount concern. Please be aware that the police and Council Rangers sometimes do regular patrols around our school. I encourage all parents to abide by the parking signs around our school. I will be posting regular reminders about parking rules around schools on our Facebook page.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

Miss D'Cruz, Mrs William and myself attended PBL training on Tuesday 20th March. We are very excited to share our learning and will be doing this through newsletters and Facebook. PBL is about improving student wellbeing. We have already included a new Behaviour Ladder in all our classrooms. This is consistent throughout and all staff are aware of the language we wish to be used with all our students. We will be looking at improving our school signage over the year and we welcome feedback from students, staff and parents. Currently we operate with three main rules BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL and BE A LEARNER. Students in our school get lots of positive rewards and these are used to attain our top level which is our GOLD award. Students who achieve this award are then invited to afternoon tea with the principal once a semester. Do you know how our reward system works? We will be putting information in upcoming newsletters.

10 GOTCHAS can be traded up for a merit. 5 merits trade up for a principal award.

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

I again remind you of the importance of respecting each and every student in our school. At no time is a parent to approach or speak to another student about an issue that occurred at school or after school or on the weekend. This is of great concern to me as I am to ensure that all students are to feel safe and respected once they are on school grounds.

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS 2019

Parents received the High School Expression of Interest Application Forms and advice on how to complete the forms. **All completed forms are due back to school on Friday 23 March.** It is essential that all forms are returned promptly and sent off to the appropriate high schools, to expedite the enrolment procedures for 2019.

Quote of the Week-

A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark

Teresa Gosche

Principal

National Youth Leaders Day

Halogen Leadership Conference

On Monday the 12th of March, the Leadership team attended the National Youth Leadership Conference. We had the opportunity to experience and listen to significant leaders that inspired us to become better role models. Thank you to our fantastic school for giving us this awesome opportunity and we are looking forward to the future events that we will take part in that are happening this year.

Yours sincerely,

The Leadership team



Ms Strbac

PSSA

Round: 3 (Friday 16th, March)

Boys Softball	Greenway Park Reserve
Girls Soccer	Hoxton Park Reserve



PSSA	MPE V TEAM	Most Valuable Player	Junior Score	Senior Score
Boys Softball	Ashcroft Public School	Junior: Jonathan. R Senior: Alex. P	6-7	10-7
Girls Soccer	Ashcroft Public School	Most Valuable Player	Junior Score	Senior Score
		Junior: Emily Senior: Ella	4-0	1-1

Parents and friends are most welcome to come along and support teams. If you are attending and watching our students compete and would like to know details, scores or any further information, please approach our PSSA Coaches. Our coaches are busy bees, between referring the teams and supervising teams but are always there to help.

Wonderful to hear from Ms Taweil about Boys Softball, with both teams trying their hardest. In particular, the Junior Team playing with a high level of skill and technique.

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

Cross Country

The school's Cross Country was held on Thursday 15th of March at Joe Broad Oval. Students cheered their teams on in the scorching heat with passion and pride! Students 8 years and above ran the full track and students 7 years and below ran a modified track.

It was wonderful to see many parents, family and community members coming out to support our whole school event. Thank you to P&C for setting up a stall, that was a great success.

A big thank you to all our staff of MPE for making this sports day a huge success!

Ms Shankar & Ms Moseley



Debating Workshop

On Monday of Week 6, Miss Taweil and Ms Shankar had the pleasure of taking eight students to St Johns Park Public School for a Debating Workshop. Students had a fantastic time learning about the structure of a debate, the etiquette of a 'good debater' along with working in their school groups to practise mini debates with other schools. We are very proud of their conduct and efforts. Students will be practising and developing their flair for debating every Monday afternoon, in preparation for debates.

Our Debating Team comprises of *Shams, Olivia, Rangi, Yo-yo, Ella, Tobin, Kayne and William R.* In addition, *Alicia* is Chairperson and *Anthony* is the TimeKeeper for debates hosted at MPE.

We look forward to starting the competition in Term 2.

Miss Taweil & Ms Shankar



Parent Online Payments (POP)

Parents now have the option to make most payments online from our school's website. Once you're on our website, go to the '[Make a Payment](#)' tab and follow the prompts.

The following items can be paid via POP.

- All Excursions
- Sport
- School Contributions
- Scholastic Book Club
- **NOT Uniforms** (we ask that all uniforms be paid for at the office)
- **NOT** School Photos, as money is paid directly to the photographer via their envelope.
- **NOT** Fundraising. (The current payment method will continue for all fundraising activities).

Please note that even though payments are made online, all permission notes **MUST** still be signed and handed in to the school. If payment has been made, please write the **receipt number** on the permission note.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the office. Thank you.

Francey Perre - School Admin Manager



Payment Details

Fields marked with an asterisk (★) are mandatory.

The process for making a payment is as follows:

1. Fill out all the required fields on this page.
2. Fill out credit card payment details on the next page.
3. Review and confirm your payment details on the confirmation page.
4. Review your payment receipt and optionally print it, or send it as an email.

Student Details

Student Registration Number

If this 9 digit number is on the Statement
issued by the school it will be to the left
of the student's name.

ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Classes	Academic Awards	Quality Work	Sport Awards	Principal	Bronze or
					Silver
K Icefish Ms l'Anson	Anna Rose	Avyanna	Dylan Delcie		
K/I Marlin Ms Moseley	Felicity Salah	Leah	Milan Aaliya		
1 Dolphin Ms D'Cruz	Tuionetoa Hsna	Madison	Leon Chanpeaktra	Hayden	
2 Coral Ms Irons	Kamo Rena	Talei	Farah Ayman	Rena Alexandra(x2)	Alexandra
2 Manta-Ray Ms Martin	Betty Nina	Cooper	Liam Rafael		
3 Seahorses Ms Shankar	Abdul Timothy	Musashi Jett	Arieta Sam		
3/4 Turtles Ms Taweil	May Armani Margarita	Jenny	Aiden Moses	Aya (x2) Lubna Amelia	Lubna
4/5 Vampire Squids Ms Vette-Welsh	Cruz Jay	Dakota and Shakyna	Lopa Kayne	Glorious	Emily P
5/6 Molluscs Ms McIntosh	Nathan Ella	Qori	Harmony Alicia		
5/6 Snorkels Ms Strbac	Shams Petulisa	Mahorania	Talah Tobin		Talah
GOTCHA	Week 7 Shontaya 2M, Nathan 5/6M Week 8 Raphael 2M, Mazen 5/6 S				
Citizen of the Month	 <p>William-Nelson Thompson</p>				<p>William was awarded the Citizen of the Month award for K-2 as a result of his 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 • Helpful and friendly towards others • Caring for our school environment • Responsible attitude

K-2 News

This term has gone by so fast! K-2 have been doing a lot of learning and growing. The students all had so much fun at Harmony Day! They enjoyed teaching their buddy class all they have learnt about the culture they have been studying this term. The students enjoyed eating all the food from the different cultures and sharing their own culture with the school.

K-2 are so excited for the 3-Way conferences coming up in week 11 of this term. This gives them an opportunity to show their parents/carers all they have been learning so far and their own goals for their learning this year. Parents and Carers please make sure you return the 3-Way conference note so you can learn about your child's learning goals.

T. D'Cruz

3-6 News



Stage 2 and 3 students are taking part in CAPA groups on Friday afternoons after school sport. Each week groups attend drawing, dance, art and drama classes. All students are finding the activities being taught enjoyable and varied, and we are pleased to see the quality drawing and art from our students, as well as creative drama presentations and fantastic dance moves.

We are excitedly anticipating our excursion to the Sydney Aquarium next Thursday 29 March 2018.

We look forward to encounters with some of the world's most incredible animals, including the beautiful dugongs, huge sharks, massive sawfish, mysterious stingrays, jellyfish, penguins, seahorses, thousands of tropical fish and much, much more.

Year 6 students need to return their Expression of Interest High Forms as soon as possible. Students' details need to be sent through to the DET at the end of this week, and we encourage you to sign and date the EOI and return it to the school office by Friday if you haven't done so already. Thank you to those parents who have returned the forms to the office already.

I hope you enjoyed Harmony Day. Our students had lots of fun sharing the culture of their country with students in other classes. 4/5V helped 2C learn a Maori stick dance, 3S created memory snap game to play and learn about Cambodia with 2M, 5/6M enjoyed sharing mini rotations about Cambodia and 5/6S had fun learning the unusual social rules of South Korea.

The assembly was a great way to showcase the talented singing from 4/5V, who accompanied Syprus Lakisoe-Mapuna singing 'This is Me', and both students and teachers loved singing I am Australian.

Congratulations to our student leaders who attended the Halogen Young Leaders conference with thousands of other school leaders in the city this week. MPE was extremely proud of the way you conducted yourself at this event and we are glad you had a great time listening to and meeting the young mentors who presented their ideas and life stories on stage.



Thank you to all the parents who attended our Meet the Teachers meeting. It was great to see you there supporting your children and getting to know the activities and learning we have planned for the students in 2018.

D. Vette-Welsh
3 - 6 Assistant Principal

CHAT with KI - Ms l'Anson



What an amazing beginning to the year, with an amazing group of students. It is a pleasure to come in each day and work with such lovely young people who are keen to learn, try so hard in all the activities and are always happy. Hard to believe after almost eight weeks of school how settled and responsible they all are.

So far... in kindergarten we have been working hard learning how to write our names, articulate and recognise many letters and sounds. Plus count to 20 and for some up to 30 and beyond. Many students are

beginning to write the letters we have learnt in their writing activities and have a go at some of the sight words we have been learning. Everyday we recite alphabet rhymes and songs. These help get our mouths and minds ready for reading and writing.

We have Literacy Group Rotations which allow everyone to practice what we have learned over the last seven weeks. We will have worked on all the letters of the alphabet by the end of this term and this week we are looking at u, c and n.

We get to use different resources during Literacy time such as

- magnetic letters- we make our names and sight words we are learning
- play dough - making letters by rolling the dough into snakes and bending it into the letter shapes



- craft activities related to the letter we are working on for the day- this involves cutting and gluing and helps build the strength in our fingers which will help us hold and control a pencil when writing
- matching letters and pictures using cards or letter mats
- writing on whiteboards, drawing with crayons and painting
we read with the teacher and use our fingers to point to each word and use the pictures to help us read
- we look at a word from each book we read and practice writing it on a whiteboard and in our Literacy books



Mrs Lakisoe comes in to visit and helps reading and writing during our Literacy times twice a week.

Having a go is a very important step in early learning. A growth mindset is a key part of trying and making an effort in everything they are asked to do. All students are encouraged to have a go and keep on having a go. They will make mistakes and their first tries may not be perfect but this is the way we learn. It is the reason we go to school. They are encouraged to ask questions and help each other. They are asked to push themselves to focus on their work, improve their work and thinking.



Coming to school presents students with new challenges and new routines to learn. Walking with a partner, how to walk around the room sensibly, use the equipment appropriately, share with others, take turns, listen to more than one instruction, clean up after themselves and look after their belongings.

We have been learning the Mexican Hat Dance for Harmony day and are very excited about performing. I am very proud of their effort in learning the dance and their enthusiasm throughout the last four weeks rehearsing. Kindergarten Icefish had the opportunity to go to the cross country and enjoyed participating in their first whole school event.



Thank you to all the fantastic donations of tissues, hand soap and craft items so far. Please keep these coming, especially when the weather causes runny noses and sneezing. Another big thank you for supporting your child(ren) at home with home reading. Your support will assist in showing your child(ren) that reading is important and help them build their reading strategies.

It is wonderful to see how much they have grown in the last seven weeks and i am looking forward to the continued growth and beautiful attitude they demonstrate each day towards their learning.

Ms l'Anson Kindergarten Icefish teacher

CLASS CHAT with 4/5V and Ms Vette-Welsh

What a wonderful start to the year we have had in 4/5 Vampire Squids.

Firstly let us explain what a vampire squid is.

The vampire squid is closely related to the octopus, however it is no threat to humans as it only grows to about 30 cm in length. It lives in deep temperate waters and its body varies in colour between velvety jet-black and pale red, depending on the depth of its environment. The vampire squid is named for its webbed skin which is similar to a bat's wings and for the nasty spines hidden under it's cloak which resemble a vampires teeth.

We choose the vampire squid as our class name because it was something unusual and new for us to learn about. We have had fun designing a wall of information about the vampire squid in our classroom. You are most welcome to pop in to take a look and chat with any of our class experts who can explain all about the vampire squid and The Great Barrier Reef 4/5V are also fantastic singers. I hope you get to see and hear their spectacular performance at the Harmony Day assembly on Wednesday. They will accompany Syprus as she sings the Kesha song, *This is Me* which was made famous by the movie The Greatest Showman.

Finally, 4/5V are also budding authors. During Term 1, we have been lucky enough to have Bilal and his helpers from The Story Factory attend class every Monday. The students have crafted and created fantastic stories for a book which will be published at the end of Term 1. Each student will receive a copy of the book filled with published stories created by 4/5 Vampire Squids. You can borrow a copy of this book from the MPE school library early in Term 2.

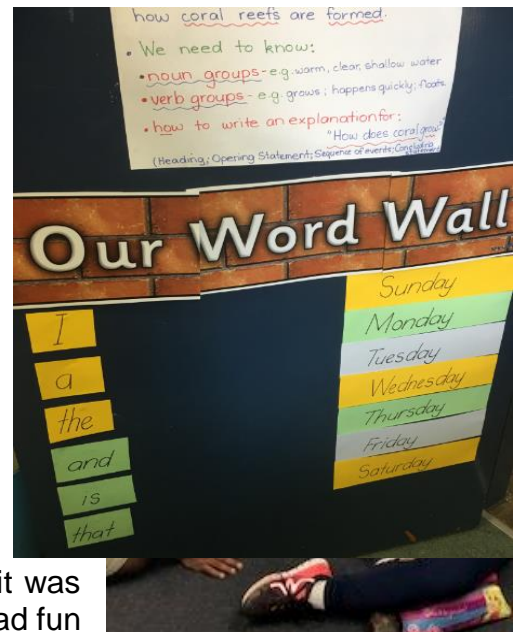
Ms Vette-Welsh

3 – 6 Assistant Principal

Instructional Leadership at MPE

How exciting it has been to be in and about classrooms seeing all the wonderful learning experiences that our students have at MPE! Some things that you may have heard is the ***PaTCH - Parents as Teachers and Classroom Helpers*** free course starting. We have a group of approximately 9 parents and grandparents who are about to undertake this **10 week course** which involves theory and practical sessions in Literacy and Numeracy. Thank you for all of you about to embark on this journey with me. We are at the stage of now coordinating time sessions to start.

L3 is Language, Literacy and Learning is a researched based intervention program which targets reading and writing. Several of our infants teachers are participating in professional learning in this field to help our students.



Building knowledge of words and sounds is helping our students to read and understand! You can create Word Walls at home too to help support your child's learning also.

Ms Lakisoe

Deputy Principal Instructional Leader

P&C



Next P&C Meeting: 14th May at 2pm in the Staff room

Cross Country: WOW what a hot day. P&C Pop Up Shop sold out quickly. Lucky we had heaps of ice, so we gave out free cups of ice.

A special thank you to Kirralee & Bob for supplying us with more Zooper Doopers to help keep the students cool. Thank you

All money raised by P&C goes back into the school to help our students.

Breakfast CLUB: Is every Friday morning from 8:30-9.00 outside the hall. It's 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

P&C Committee