



# MPE NEWS

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**Term: 2 Week: 2**  
**Thursday 10 May**

### What's On

#### Monday 14 May

Dance Sport Y5  
P&C Meeting 2-3pm

#### Tuesday 15 May

NAPLAN

#### Wednesday 16 May

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#### Thursday 17 May

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#### Monday 21 May

Dance Sport Y5

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## WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the new term and hope you all had a fun and relaxing holiday break! We are back into the swing of things and this term is also shaping up to be a busy term. We have had a number of new students commence at our school this term. We would like to welcome them and their families to our community.

## Staff News

This term our Teacher Librarian is Mrs Kinya Donnan. We welcome her to our school!!! Miss Jessica Elms will be working in our classes supporting our students.

## Staff Development Day

Our staff attended the Staff Development Day on Monday the 30th of April to learn all about Wellbeing. The following areas were discussed and looked at how we can incorporate this into our

school for all our students and families.

**Curiosity** - How do we engage our learners to be curious about the worlds and to wonder about what is going on around them? Teachers looked at TED Educational videos that look at a variety of engaging topics to have students curious about learning.

**Mindfulness** - Looked at active listening and the ability to focus on one task at a time for clarity and effective time management. How does mindfulness help us everyday to be focused and calm in what we do for impact and without judgement or worry.



**Growth Mindset** - Changing our mindsets to positives and failures as learning experiences. Teachers worked through statements and ideas around working.

## RAMADAN

Will be starting for some of our families from the 15th May to the 14th June. We are mindful that many of our students are fasting.

## NAPLAN

Commencing on Tuesday 15 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 them by parents and the media. In order for students to successfully complete this process and achieve their best results, follow these simple rules:

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!)*

## Application for Opportunity Class in Year 5 in 2019

Applications for placement in a Year 5 opportunity class (OC) in 2019 opened on Tuesday 1 May 2018 and closes on Friday 18 May 2018. Parents need to apply online if they want their child to be considered for opportunity class placement. **No late applications will be accepted.** A document containing full details about making an application can be downloaded from the High Performing Students Unit website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

## Chaplain

Unfortunately, our Chaplain Mr Sam Giaquinto had to leave this position and is no longer able to work with our students. We have been very lucky to have Mr Vince Maiava who will be working with and supporting our students on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## SWIMMING SCHEME

Swimming scheme is now complete. Thank you Ms Vette-Welsh for organising this and Mr Michael Clarke for driving our students back and forth. Also would like to thank all the staff who supervised and were flexible to make this happen. Our students were commended on having outstanding behaviour. Well done MPE!

## P&C MOTHERS DAY Breakfast

This Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May we are holding a Mother's day breakfast. We are asking all our mums and grandmothers to come down to breakfast club with their child/children. We would like to celebrate the upcoming Mother's day and this is a small token to say thank you for being so wonderful to us



## Quote of the Week-

MISTAKES  
are proof  
that you  
are  
TRYING

Teresa Gosche  
Principal

## Sports

### Play Equipment

Our 'Wheelie Bins' full of sports equipment and games are up and running for students to enjoy at lunch and recess. This initiative kicked off at the beginning of Week 2, with all Sports Captain's facilitating the enjoyable experience by bringing out and packing up the bins. It is a wonderful sight to see all our lovely students running around and playing with each other using the different equipment. A big thank you to Mrs Gosche for our new goal posts and Mr Michael for our freshly marked field to play soccer on. Some of the wonderful equipment include Vortexs, Walkers, Ten Pin Bowling Sets, Skipping Ropes, Footballs and Basketballs. Keep 'playing the game' MPE with safe, respectful manners!

## **PSSA**

### **Round: 7 (Friday 13th, April)**

<b>PSSA</b>	<b>MPE V TEAM</b>	<b>Most Valuable Player</b>	<b>Junior</b>	<b>Senior</b>
<b>Boys Softball</b>	Greenway Park PS	Junior: Zack	1 - 5	0 - 12
		Senior: PJ		
<b>Girls Soccer</b>	Greenway Park PS	Junior: Glorious	2-1	1-1
		Senior: Caroline		

### **Round: 8 (Friday 4th, May)**

<b>PSSA</b>	<b>MPE V TEAM</b>	<b>Most Valuable Player</b>	<b>Junior</b>	<b>Senior</b>
<b>Boys Softball</b>	Bye (in-school training)	Junior: -	-	-
		Senior: -		
<b>Girls Soccer</b>	Greenway Valley PS	Junior: Aya	0-1	0-4
		Senior: Mahorania		

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. Good luck to both teams. I look forward to hearing about the sportsmanship and camaraderie between our teams.

**S.Shankar**

## **K-2 News**

We all hope that all our students and families had a great holiday and have returned ready to have a great term full of learning.

The students on Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 will continue to work hard this term and try and achieve their learning goals.

We are so excited to announce an incursion which will be happening this term in week 5. Jollybops is coming to our school and will show the students of stage 1 different experiments demonstrating the changes to different chemicals. Some of these experiments may include exploding hydrogen balloons, spooky fog (dry ice) balloon helicopters that fly to the roof and back, liquids that mysteriously change colour (chemical reactions). Students also dance and jump to science songs and laugh at the jokes of Rusty the Robotic Clown. It will be so much fun and the students in year 1 and 2 will have fun and learn a lot about Chemical Science.

Reminder to parents if you haven't brought back the note and money (\$8) you still have 2 weeks to do so.

Thank you,

**T. D'Cruz**

**K-2 Assistant Principal**



## 3-6 News

Welcome back parents/caregivers and MPE school community,

We hope you had a safe and relaxing break. We have a lot of exciting things installed for Term 2. Year 5 will have the opportunity to take part in the Dance Sports Program that teaches them a range of ballroom dances, paid for by the school which will run every Monday afternoon from 2-3pm.

The Stage 3 Camp is also coming up soon on Monday the 30th of July to Wednesday the 1st of August. Students are very excited to go!! Please make sure you are returning your notes and making payments to the office.

Our school has entered in the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. Students will begin with presenting an in-class based speech and from there two students from each class will be selected to present their speech with the other 3-6 classes. Finally 2 students from Stage 2 and 2 students from Stage 3 will be selected to represent our school at the Local Final.

Our Debating team have been training very hard with Ms Shankar and Miss Taweil, they have their very first debate in Week 4 against Harrington St PS, we wish them the very best of luck!

We would like to thank you in advance for your continued support with our students learning :)

**L.Taweil and G. Strbac**

**3 - 6 Rel Assistant Principals**



I can't believe it is term 2 already! 1D have been working diligently and have had a lot of fun. We have learnt so much last term and are excited for this terms' learning.

We have been practicing our M100W and learning how to be good spellers. We have been practicing our spelling skills by fishing for our words, making them using playdough and using spelling programs on the iPad.

We have also been learning how to use the computer, by signing in our own name and use a program called Study Ladder to practice our spelling.

This term we have also been improving with our writing. We have been learning about the different parts of a sentences, such as nouns, verbs, adjectives. We have been practicing how to use noun verbs to make our sentences more interesting and give our audience more information.

1 Dolphin are extremely excited about Science this term as we are learning about Chemical Science. We are identifying adding or removing heat, and what causes a change of state between solids and liquids. Which means we are going to be conducting all different types of experiments. With this topic we are also going to be learning about procedures and how to write a procedure.

We have already started learning about procedures through the games we play. **Here** we are learning how to construct a Lego car using the correct parts and following the instructions. Along with our Science topic we have an incursion with Jollybops, who are going to come out to our school and demonstrate the changes to different chemicals.

This term is going to be a really busy term for us and we have a lot to learn!





5/6M are off to a great start for term 2! We are super busy in literacy as we join 4/5V for a vocabulary action research project with Mrs Van der Graaf, Mr D Clark and Mrs Vette-Welsh. This will be linked to science and we will be exploring earth, space and beyond! We will be engaging in a variety of vocabulary rich activities and texts and using this knowledge to create multimodal texts to publish and present at the end of the term.

In Mathematics we are focusing on ordering fractions and decimals and will be moving into addition and subtraction of decimals with both related and unrelated denominators as we progress. So far, groups of students have been working together on varying levels of problems and have been very successful in finding solutions. Mrs William will also be visiting to support 5/6M with maths.

5/6M are also looking at the gold rush in History and many students have enjoyed what we have already covered.

This term we are continuing the program with Ashcroft High School. This means that every second week on Wednesday, Ms Boltze will be visiting for an hour to teach us maths and on the alternate week, Ms Azzi, will come in to do science. On Thursday mornings, Miss Campbell will also be coming in to do dance with year 6 students. 5/6M really enjoyed the lessons with the Ashcroft High School teachers last term and we look forward to this continuing.

We've got the camp to look forward at the beginning of term 3, leaving Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of July and coming home Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of August.

Also, just a reminder for any students who have not yet returned their notes and money for year 6 shirts that we need these in as soon as possible.

**Next P&C Meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm in the Staffroom.



### **End of Term 1 Sausage Sizzle**

We hope everyone enjoyed the Sausage Sizzle & we would like to say a massive thank you to Dave, Jimmy & Bob for helping cook & make the sausage rolls.

### **MOTHERS DAY STALL**

On behalf of the P&C we would love to say a big thank you to all the students that purchased special gifts for their mums and nans. It was wonderful to hear the beautiful manners our students have. Well Done MPE.

**Wishing all the mums/nans/carers a “Wonderful Mother’s Day”**

On Friday morning we would love to invite mums, nans and carers to come & have breakfast at Breakfast Club with the students.

P&C would like to say **“Thank you”** to the following students and staff for donating items to Breakfast Club.

Marcus, Rangi, Jovana, Ben.S, Tamika, Thoran, Anne, Emily N, Anna N, Alicia T, Miss I’Anson, Chloe, Blade/Tyson, Shalayne/ Shaydana, Jett and Kash.

We appreciate your support.

**BREAKFAST CLUB:** Is every Friday morning from 8:30-9 outside the Hall. It is free for everyone so come on down & have breakfast, we have toast, cereal, fruit, 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 donations into the front office or bring it down to Breakfast Club Friday morning.

Thank you, P&C Committe

### **PaTCH - Parents as Teachers and Classroom Helpers**

PaTCH training starts today! Thank you to the parents involved. This will be held every Thursday this term and will involve learning theory and reading research about Talking and Listening, Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Parents will also be in classes practising what they have been learning about. We wish you good luck in your training. Looking forward to graduation!

### **SPECIAL**





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## Class Timetable

### Monday

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

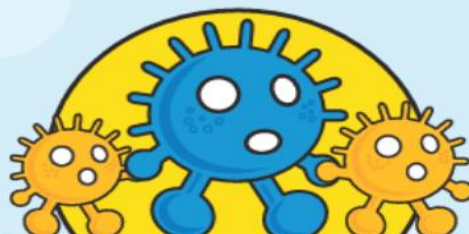
### Friday

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

## ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS



**WALK SAFELY  
TO SCHOOL DAY**

**FRIDAY 18 MAY 2018**



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