



MPE NEWS

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Term 2 – Volume 1, Issue 2

A picture says a thousand words..... 2018 School Sports Captains



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term: 2 Week: 4
Thursday 24 May

What's On

Friday 25 May

Circus Event

Monday 28 May

Dance Sport Yr 5

Storyfactory

Thursday 31 May

JollyBops Incursion

PATCH 9-11AM

Monday 4 June

P&C Meeting 2-3pm

Dance Sport Y5

Storyfactory

Thursday 7 June

PATCH 9-11AM

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MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you to our wonderful P&C who organised and coordinated the Mother's Day gifts this year. Having the two weeks to purchase gifts was very successful and they sold out!!! I hope you were delighted with your gifts and had a beautiful day with your children.

The Mother's Day Breakfast was a huge success and again am very grateful for the support of the P&C and my staff!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Miss Strbac on her recent wedding!! She made an absolute stunning bride!!!

NAPLAN

Last week our Year 3 and Year 5 students completed the 2018 NAPLAN testing: Tuesday - Language and Writing, Wednesday - Reading and Thursday - Numeracy. This is 'point in time testing'. We will use this opportunity to triangulate our school assessment data with this standardised test, to measure growth and identify trends in areas of strength and where we can improve. We want to acknowledge the efforts of our students. Our Year 3 and 5 students had two staff members in each of their rooms delivering the test and supporting them throughout the tests.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to the parents who have paid their voluntary contributions. We are hoping to purchase a new PA system to use for outside events. So far we have had reached \$320.00 It would be wonderful if we could reach a \$1,000!!!

LOOSE CHANGE CHALLENGE

Last week we started the P&C Loose Change Challenge. Each class has been given a container to collect their loose change; at the end of the week, we shall see which class has collected the most loose change in a week. That class will be rewarded with super-doopers by our P&C. At the end of the term the class who has collected the most loose change will be given a Pizza Party. I wonder what class will be this weeks winners???

Quote of the Week-

Imagine
With all
Believe
your mind.
With all
Achieve
your heart.
With all
your might.

Sports 'Wheelie Bins'

It's wonderful to watch students of MPE having fun playing at Lunch and Recess with friends using the equipment we have in the 'Wheelie Bins'. Here are some photos of them in action.



PSSA

Season 1 of PSSA is complete with the Season 2 kicking off in the next few weeks. We will hold tryouts for Boys Soccer and Girls Oztag this Friday, the 25th of May and encourage all students to have a go! Well done to Season 1 PSSA students for their effort, sportsmanship and representing our school.

Round: 9 (Friday 11th, May)

PSSA	MPE V TEAM	Most Valuable Player	Junior	Senior
Boys Softball	Hoxton Park	Junior: Moses	9-2	4-2
		Senior: Ahmad		
Girls Soccer	Hinchinbrook	Junior: May	0-3	2-0
		Senior: Nancy		

Round: 10 (Friday 18th, May)

PSSA	MPE V TEAM	Most Valuable Player	Junior	Senior
Boys Softball	Bonnyrigg Heights	Junior: Jonathan. R	11-1	4-3
		Senior: PJ		
Girls Soccer	Busby West	Junior: Lubna	3-0	6-0
		Senior: Monique		

S.Shankar

Walk Safely to School Day

On Friday 18th of May, students of MPE participated in 'Walk Safely to School Day'. To encourage this initiative students looked at how often they walked to school over the week, leading up to Friday using a graph. In doing so, this encouraged students to choose to walk to school and also opened a discussion with their family of the different benefits.

National Walk Safely to School Day is a community initiative that aims to raise awareness of the health, road safety, transport and environmental benefits that regular walking (especially to and from school) can provide for the long term well-being of our children. Apart from the physical benefits, regular walking also has a favourable impact on their cognitive and academic performance.

It was wonderful to see our community support each other by walking with their students to school!



S.Shankar

K-2 News

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 students have been working reading hard this week to improve with their learning. K-2 students and teachers are heavily involved with L3 (Language, Learning and Literacy), which is an effective research-based literacy program. This program aims to complement the daily literacy program, without withdrawal, and increasing opportunities for students with diverse learning needs to achieve typical outcomes. All teachers in K-2 are taking on professional learning to develop their literacy plans and target teaching which reflects the individual needs of each student and is based on ongoing data collection.



All K-2 students this term are learning music: the four instrument families and what makes up a song. Year 1 and 2 students are learning about chemical science this term and are creating experiments to physically change everyday materials. Last week they made slime and this week they are making playdough.



The students in year 1 and 2 are extremely excited and are looking forward to their Jollybops incursion next week on Thursday.

Reminder parents if you haven't brought back the note and money (\$8) you still can do so for a couple more days.

T. D'Cruz

K-2 Assistant Principal

3-6 News

DanceSport

This term all Year 5 students will be participating in the 2018 Dancesport Challenge program which runs for 15 weeks. An expert ballroom instructor will tutor the students once per week during school time, culminating in Mount Pritchard East PS sending a representative dance group to the Dancesport Challenge Gala Event to be held on September 12th 2018 at Homebush State Sports Centre. Of this group there will also be 4 girls and 4 boys chosen to represent our school as finalists.

DanceSport is what used to be referred to as competitive Ballroom Dancing. This glamorous and exciting leisure activity has been renamed to suit its modern image as a demanding sport. During the MPE program, students not only learn skills in dancing, the development of self-confidence and respect for each other, the ability to perform in front of an audience, and the sheer enjoyment of dance as an art form.

We look forward to watching our year 5 students grow and develop skills in dance and in their confidence and relationships with their peers.

Storyfactory

Storyfactory is back supporting two classes this term in the creative writing process. Bilah and his team of writers and artists work with 4/5 Vampire Squids and 5/6 Molluscs on Monday morning developing vocabulary, imagination, creativity and the craft of writing great narratives for a reading audience.

This term, students are creating narratives around the art of storytelling and Dreamtime stories. This week students enthusiastically wrote about how Australian animals like the emu, kangaroo and echidna got some of their unique features.

We would like to thank the anonymous donor who pays for this group to attend classes both in term 1 and term 2. We are very grateful for the foresight and generosity this person/business has shown to support the students at MPE in their growth and love of writing.

Muralisto

This term students in 4/5 Vampire Squids have worked with Storyfactory and Muralisto to bring alive the fantastic stories they wrote in term 1. Muralisto works in the Sydney/Greater Western Sydney area to create public art with purpose. You can see their art works on buildings around Sydney, Blacktown and Cabramatta.

Artists from Muralisto read our student stories, creating a mural design which incorporated the characters and creative settings of 4/5V published story book. They then brought their design into class and consulted with students around the colours, ideas and flow of the design.

Students in 4/5V are so excited to see their characters come to life on the artists design and are looking forward to the artworks being created around the school.



Imagine the excitement a student feels having created an imaginative narrative and now seeing that story portrayed in a large mural on a school building. A story they can now share with the school and community, and which may inspire other students writing and imagination for many years to come.

Vocabulary Project

Students in 4/5V and 5/6M are taking part in the vocabulary project to improve the understanding of both written and spoken vocabulary. Teachers are planning collaboratively to develop a program which enhances talking, listening, reading and writing and gives our students experiences which engage them and excite them in the classroom.

Our theme for the vocabulary project is Space and Beyond and we are learning to unpack the terms and vocabulary involved in learning about Outer Space - especially with regard to the Big Question - ***Is it possible that there are other planets beyond our Solar System that can support human civilization?*** This is because knowing the **meaning of the vocabulary** helps us to understand our learning.

Please feel free to talk to your child at home about current news events concerning space, the solar system and the planets, space travel and space history. Children love to share the things they learn at home and it helps them to make connections with their learning at school.

Thank you to Mrs Gosche for allowing our teachers to focus and learn about new initiatives like the Vocabulary Project and thank you to Mrs Van der Graaf, Ms McIntosh, Mr D Clarke and Mrs Vette-Welsh for your work on the Vocabulary Project this term.

NAPLAN

Thank you to the students and parents who came to school ready to try their best in the NAPLAN assessments last week. NAPLAN is a snapshot of what your child can do in year 3 and year 5. We hope that all students had a positive experience and look forward to the results coming out later in the year.

Multicultural Perspectives Speech Competition

Students in Stage 2 and Stage 3 are busy writing their Multicultural speech for their class completion in Week 6. Every student is encouraged to take part in writing and presenting a speech.

For those students who are nervous and need support we encourage them to work on their speech at home with support from their parents. While parents are encouraged to help, the speech should be written by the students and as such the language and terminology will be appropriate to their level of understanding.

Please listen to your child's speech and encourage them to practice it regularly.

Following their presentations in class, two students will be selected from each Stage 2/3 class to participate in a school based finals. These will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 20 June. Parents are most welcome to join us to hear the class representative speeches and to see who will be crowned Stage 2 and Stage 3 MPE representatives.

The Stage 2 and Stage 3 winners will go on to represent MPE at Dalmeny Public School on Wednesday 4 July 2018.

Year 6 Dance

A teacher from Ashcroft High School is instructing Year 6 students in dance for their end of year formal and presentation. On Tuesday students will take part in dance instruction however, the theme and choreography remain a closely guarded secret until the end of the year.

Year 6 Multisport Event

Monday 4 June 2018

Year 6 students will have the opportunity to attend a multisport event at Ashcroft High School. The day will involve stage 3 students from APS, Sadleir PS, MPEPS, MPSPS and Heckenberg PS. Each school will participate in 5 different sport workshops lead by year 11 and year 12 VET Cert 2 sports coaching students. The workshops will be skill and game sense based, which will benefit students in their fundamental movement skills development and sports knowledge.

Transport will be provided to and from Ashcroft High School, which is where the day will be held. Certificates will be provided for each student attending and there will be prizes and incentives throughout the day. The day is also beneficial for social support as students get a chance to interact with students from local schools and become familiar with Ashcroft High School and our community.

Ashcroft High School Coaching Clinics

A new group of twenty year 4 students continue to take part in Ashcroft High School coaching clinics. These workshops focus on improving student motor skills, team work skills, communication skills and general sporting skills. We thank Ashcroft High School for the innovative and exciting programs they share with our students and we thank our year 4 students for their respectful behaviour and enthusiasm while attending the clinics.

D. Vette-Welsh

3 - 6 Rel Assistant Principal



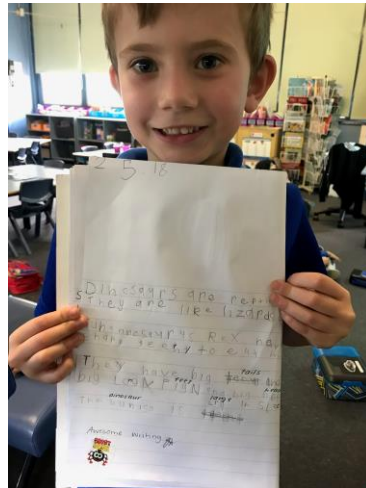
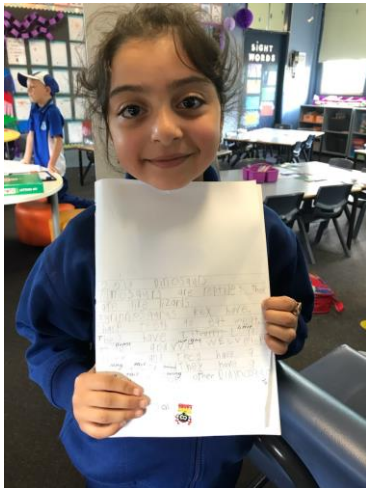
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have had a fabulous start to the term. The children are delightful and settling in very well.

In Literacy, students in K/1M are provided with experiences that engage, support and extend their learning. Speaking and listening communication skills are a focus with the primary purpose of engaging, entertaining and informing using programs such as Shared and Guided Reading. It is important that children understand the purpose of a text, are able to predict, use picture clues and their prior knowledge and make connections to enhance their understanding. Exposing children to a variety of literature will see their writing skills develop. We will be consistently encouraging '4 Star Writing'.

1. Capital letter to start a sentence.
2. Stretching the word and writing the sounds.
3. Finger spaces between words.
4. Full stop to end the sentence.

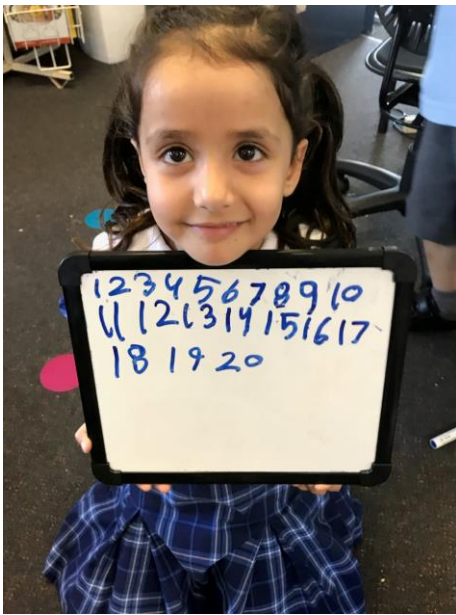
Last term, K/1M focused on writing informative texts on sea animals. This term we are writing procedures based on our Science Unit. During these different text types we are learning different types of punctuation such as question marks and exclamation marks and identify different parts of a sentence including nouns, verbs, adverbs and adjectives.



In Mathematics, K/1M are very fortunate to have Miss Elms and Mrs Van Der Graaf help us. Kindergarten have been learning to recognise, read, write and order numbers to at least 20. They have been undertaking a range of number activities including estimating and grouping to help build their understanding of number.

In Year 1, students are learning to recognise, read, write and order numbers to 100. They are counting forwards and backwards and skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10s. They have been learning

how to solve simple addition and subtraction problems using a range of strategies. Year 1 students have also been learning place value and adding 10, 'friends of ten' and 'doubles' helps with new strategies.



In Personal Health and Development, K/1M have been learning about making healthy food choices. They were asked to design their own packed lunch box which a lot of them initially filled with unhealthy choices. They then learnt about the different food groups and discovered that as long as they have a balanced diet full of food from all the different categories than they are allowed to eat a wide range of things including some unhealthy choices too. They then designed another lunchbox and this time they made much better choices. We have also designed our own fruit salads in preparation for next week when we will be making our own.

In Science this term we are learning about chemicals and how chemicals can change from liquids to solids. Last week we conducted a science experiment on how to make SLIME! In Creative Arts, K/1M have been learning about a variety of musical instruments from Mr Muir. We have been having lots of fun and making an extreme amount of noise with our musical instruments.



Students in 3 Seahorse are on a wonderful learning adventure, where the journey is focused on the progress they make along the way. They dived into the Pacific Ocean, exploring the coral reefs and marine creatures of the Great Barrier in Term 1. Now in Term 2, they've swapped their swimsuits for spacesuits to investigate the dynamics of the sun and moon's effect on our planet Earth.

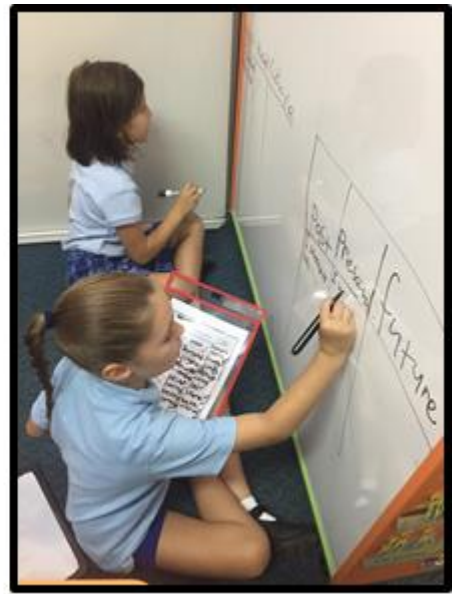
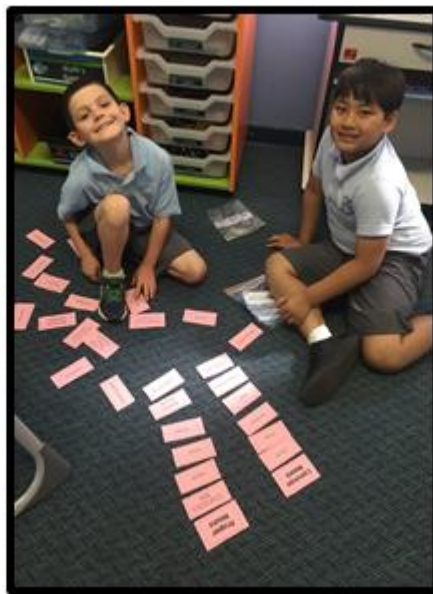
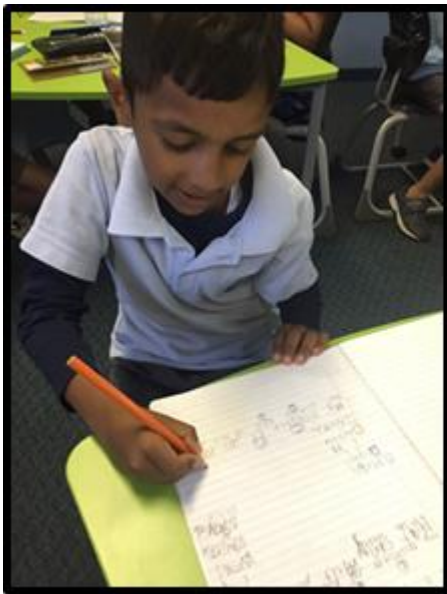


To make the learning meaningful and provide real-world experiences, 3S with the rest of Stage 2 & 3 went on an excursion to the Sydney Sealife Aquarium to delve deeper into the ocean. They were mesmerised from the moment they walked in and overhearing their chatter of the connections they were making with their learning was music to our ears!

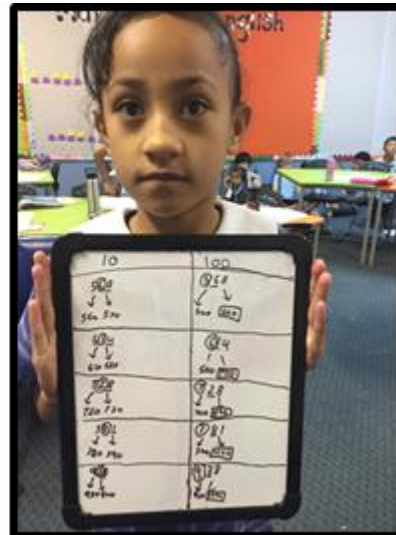
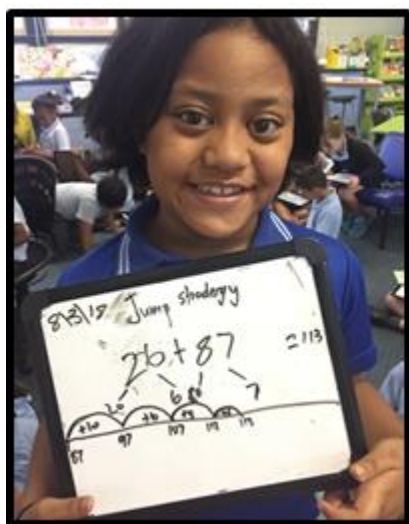




In class, 3S enjoy Reading Groups and demonstrate wonderful teamwork through their sharing and constructive conversations in each of the rotations. Students practise concepts they learnt during Grammar Focus; they dig deeper and play with their spelling words using Spelling City on the iPads; complete comprehension questions and work with the teacher as well.



They say practise makes perfect and students of 3S are busy bees during Mathematics. Students start the session with 'Number of the Day' where they have to work through Whole Number focused question based on reading, writing, partitioning, ordering, rounding, greater or less than, counting on and off the decade and a whole lot more. Fast finishers get to practise their timetables as an extension. After explicit and guided learning students practise their concepts through interactive and hands-on games in groups, which makes learning fun and a tool for conversations to discuss the concepts learnt. Make sure to ask your child about what they learnt during the week, as this will provide them opportunities to demonstrate and consolidate their Maths skills.



Last week, who are in Year 3 and Year 5 are sat the NAPLAN test. We wish them the best of luck and all we expect is they try their hardest. As usual we have a busy term 2 with students participating in Naidoc Week and Semester 1 Reports going out at the end of term 2.

Learning is all about the journey and 3S have already had many wonderful experiences with many more exciting challenges to come! We encourage them to tackle these hurdles with a positive mindset and together with your support at home, we will see our 3S learners reach for the stars!



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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

Classes	Academic Awards	Quality Work	Sport Awards	Principal	Bronze Silver Gold
K Icefish Ms l'Anson	Jana Rosecelia	Kamilia	Ahmad Floencia		
K/I Marlin Ms Moseley	Nicolas Nathaniel	Emmy	Jonathan Diyana	Emmy Diyana	Milan
1 Dolphin Ms D'Cruz	Nathan William	Onyx	Mateo Makalita	Madison Anastasija Mahmoud	Mahmoud Madison
2 Coral Ms Irons	Hannah Ali	Farah	Yusuf Darwin	Yusuf	
2 Manta-Ray Ms Martin	Mateo Bonnie	Jad	Isaac Gharam	Isaac	Isaac
3 Seahorse s Ms Shankar	Emily Chandara	Isabella	Daniel Tanya	Emily	Kristina
3/4 Turtles Ms Taweil	Nathan Amelia	Cassidy	Zack Hendrik		
4/5 Vampire Squids Ms Vette- Welsh	Ashley Tameka	Bianca	Liuserahi	Emily Ashley	
5/6 Molluscs Ms McIntosh	Shadi Rangi	Monique	Maiya Jayleigh		
5/6 Snorkels Ms Strbac	Jovana Natalie	Lola	Kumi Serine		William Gold

GOTCHA

Citizen of the Month

La'Bron



La'Bron was awarded the Citizen of the Month award for 3-6 as a result of his wonderful work at school and the following qualities;

- Listening and concentrating in class
- Social and kind towards his peers in and outside the classroom
- Follows the rules in the classroom and on the playground
- Considerate to the feelings of others by checking everyone is involved
- Great leadership skills in small group

P&C

**Loose Change Challenge.**

The loose Change Challenge has started. Every classroom has a container in their room for the change. Don't forget the winning class will get a Pizza Party in term 3.

Make sure you ask your parents/carers permission to bring Loose change into school

MOTHER'S 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 mums/nans. It was wonderful to hear the beautiful manners our students have. Well done MPE.

Congratulations to Tameka 4/5V, Angel 5/6S, Anna KI & Hayden 1D for Winning the in-school Mother's Day Raffle.

Breakfast Club: Is every Friday morning from 8:30-9.00 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, P&C Committee

P&C would like to say **"Thank you"** for donating items to Breakfast Club.

We appreciate your support.

**Crazy Hair/Socks Mufti
Day on 7th June**

