



MPE NEWS

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A picture says a thousand words.....



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term: 3 Week: 2

Thursday 2 August

What's On

Thursday 2 August

K-2 Sydney Aquarium Excursion
Debating

EDUCATION WEEK BOOK FAIR

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Monday 6 August

Premiers' Spelling Bee

Tuesday 7 August

Beanie Day

Wednesday 8 August

Open Day

Book Character Parade

Community BBQ

Thursday 9 August

Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 15 August

Aboriginal Students Bush Tucker
Incursion

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101 Days in Kindergarten

We had a successful 101 Days Celebration on Wednesday with many families in attendance to celebrate this milestone for our Kindergarten students. Ms I'anson had students counting in ten groups of ten groups and then made crowns to show with K Icefish students. Ms Van der Graaf shared a book about a caterpillar with 100 legs! Ms Moseley in K/1M made and decorated 100 day biscuits. Don't worry, the biscuits were not 100 days old!

Celebrating Learning in Education Week and Open Day

Save this date, Wednesday 8th August and come in and have a look at the amazing learning going on in our classes. There will be some time to come into the classrooms and join in some activities that your child is doing. There will also be various activities going on throughout the week so don't miss out on sharing the learning here.

Bring your families and see what it is like for your kids in MPE. We are also providing a free sausage sandwich to all students and families on the day.

3 Way Conferences

The mid year 3 Way Conferences will be held on Wednesday 15th August. Notes will be coming out for you to opt in for an interview time slot. Due to parent feedback, we are adjusting 3 Way Conferences to not only have students sharing their learning goals and progress, but also will be an opportunity to share and discuss the report that was sent out last term.

We value your feedback so next week, some of our staff will be out and about asking for your input and advice as to what things you would like to know during 3 Way Conferences. This will be an opportunity for you to share your views so we can adjust and modify our conference process to tailor it to what our community needs.

PLEASE check your child's bag for a blue confirmation slip of your interview time.

We are also hosting Learning Expos in the hall in the afternoon. There will be two sessions to attend 4pm and 5pm. Each session will be half an hour in duration.

Special Events and Opportunities

Chaplaincy

We have a new Chaplain working at our school. We have Mr Vince Maiava working with us this year through our Chaplaincy Program and Dream Schools Program. The Dream Schools Program was launched with the vision to help people dream their dreams. There are over 120 schools across NSW, VIC and QLD participating. Mr Maiava is supporting our students in class with learning and also initiating some programs designed to encourage social, leadership and problem solving skills.

SPORT, DANCE and DRAMA! Action at MPE

This term is a busy active one!

The Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 9th August. Our students and staff are busy preparing for this. Athletics skills are being tested and teams chanting to encourage our kids to run, jump and throw!

Dance Sport will be happening on 12th September as this ties in well with many of our students learning how to do formal ballroom dancing in preparation of this!

LAaFF Festival - Liverpool Arts and Film Festival will be having their concert on 18th September. We are fortunate to have 3 of our groups who auditioned successfully and have been selected and will now perform here.

As you can see, a full on term of action!

Quote of the Week-



Teresa Gosche
Principal

Fitness

As part of a whole school focus to build our fitness, students and teachers are being active in class. This benefits our students by being physically active and in-turn re-energising their brains to be more focused on learning tasks. Our first goal, for week 1 and 2 is three minutes of squatting. These 'brain breaks' have been proven by scientists to stimulate the brain to taken on challenges with more stamina, be more focused when listening and retaining information being taught.

We encourage physical activity at home; dance, squat, star jump or any activity you enjoy for at least a few minutes before you start your homework and your body and mind will feel refreshed and reinvigorated!!

Here are some of our students in action, squatting and recharging their brain:



Scan me and
watch 3S Squatting!



Ms Shankar
Sports Coordinator

Round 5: 6/7/18

PSSA	MPE V TEAM	Most Valuable Player	Junior	Senior
Girls Oztag Ms McIntosh	Green Valley	Junior: May	4-6	8-1
		Senior: Shalayne		
Boys Soccer Mr Clark	Busby West	Junior: Malek	6-1	5-0
		Senior: Ahmad J.		

We are more than half way through the PSSA season, keep up the great work teams, we are cheering you on!!

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.

Ms Shankar
Sports Coordinator

Athletics

K-2

On Thursday 9th August, students in K-2 will be participating in the Athletics Carnival. Students in K-2 will be involved in lots of fun filled athletics activities.

First up, we have the modified field events; shot put, javelin, hurdles, discus and relay races. After lunch, the students will participate in novelty events with their class.

We look forward to all students and their families enjoying the day at Joe Broad Oval. Students will need to ensure they have returned their permission note by Monday 6th August. All K-2 students will need to bring 2 bottles of water, hat, sunscreen and any asthma medication if needed. Students can support their House teams by wearing their House colours (**Benjamin - Red**, **Grainger - Green** and **Dobell - Yellow**) and *don't forget to wear your sport shoes!*

Ms Irons and Ms Martin

3-6

In Week 3, students aged 8 years and onwards will participate in the Athletics Carnival. Students have been practising these skills during Sports on Friday's and will have the opportunity to compete on the following days:

<i>Athletics: for 8 year olds and onwards</i>	<i>Field Events</i>	<i>Running Events</i>
Date:	Tuesday 7th of August	Thursday 9th of August
Location:	School Oval	Joe Broad
Time:	Morning and Middle Session	Whole Day

To ensure our students have a successful and enjoyable day, please support us by making sure

students have:

- brought in their [permission note](#) with the last day being the [6th of August](#)
- bring 2 full bottles of water, plenty of snacks, wear and bring sunscreen and wear a hat
- any asthma medication to be carried by student as needed

We look forward to two fun filled days with plenty of competition with students challenging themselves in the different sporting events. We welcome parents and families to come down and cheer on and support our students!

Ms Shankar
Sports Coordinator

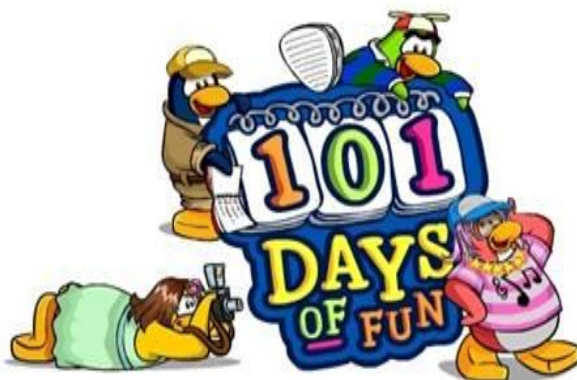
K-2 News

Welcome back parents and caregivers of MPE! We hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. There are so many things happening this term! The K-2 students are so excited! Today is the day of their Sydney Sea Life Aquarium Excursion to start off their Science unit on Living Things. The students are excited to visit the Penguin Expedition to see the colony of King and Gentoo Penguins, walk through the 'Shark Walk' and see some sharks close up. It is going to be a fun filled day full of new learning and excitement.

Next week K-2 can't wait to celebrate Education week, beginning with the Spelling Bee and the Book Fair in the Library. On Tuesday, MPE students will wear a beanie to raise money for Children's Brain Cancer. Wednesday is our annual Book Character Parade where all teachers and students dress up as their favourite book character. We are also hosting a community bbq so families can have lunch together with their children. On Thursday, we are having our School Athletics Carnival where students K-6 will compete in running races and K-2 students will compete in modified fun events. We are ending our Education Week with our weekly Breakfast Club and Parent Cafe where everyone is invited to attend.

We are all excited for the fun events and learning experiences which are going to take place this term!

Ms D'Cruz
Rel K-2 Assistant Principal



3-6 News

Welcome back to another fun filled, educationally exciting Term 3. We have an abundance of educational and sports opportunities for our classes this term starting with camp, DanceSport and lawn bowls starting in week 2, Education Week and Athletics Day in week 3 and Ashcroft sports coaching and Story Factory in the weeks to come.

Multicultural Speech Competition

I was lucky enough to attend the regional NSW Multicultural Speech Competition at Dalmeny Public School in the last week of Term 2 with four exceptional students from MPE. Gabriella, Margarita, Desirae and Shams delivered their speeches in a confident and dignified manner at the event with 30 other students from schools in our area. Not only were their speeches delivered well, but their behaviour and positive support of each other and students from other schools was commented on by teachers from other schools. Although our girls did not place in the final three they really shone as fantastic ambassadors of our school. Well done to you all.

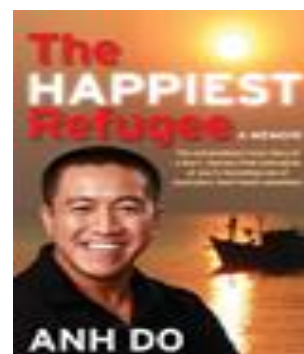


The Great Aussie Bush Camp

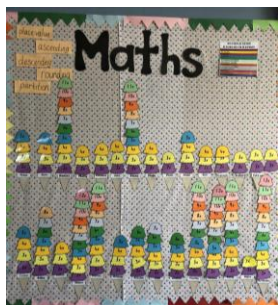
This week 35 Stage 3 students attended the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Kincumber. The camp started on Monday and students spent the three days taking part in canoeing, rock climbing, tree top activities, archery, a commando night and campfire activities. Each evening campers sent through photographs of the wonderful opportunities they got to take part in at the camp.

Vocabulary Project

The Vocabulary Project continues to run in 45V, 56S and 56M this term looking at reading, understanding, writing and speaking with new and interesting vocabulary which supports our theme of Significant Australians.



Ice Cream Times table Challenge



In Term 2, 3S and 3/4T were working hard on mastering their times tables. Every Friday students took part in a speed test to test their knowledge, students worked at their own pace and at their own level. Each multiplication level was worth a different ice cream scoop or topping. Progressing through the levels meant the sweeter their reward. Miss Shankar and I were so impressed with the growth students made in their timetables! We had many students reach level 14 where they then became an expert and taught smaller groups. Students loved this challenge and are now timetables geniuses!



Fitness in the Classroom

Each day students in Stage 2/3 will be completing at least 3 minutes of cardio fitness a day. This will increase during the term until we are able to complete 10 minutes of cardio fitness in one session. All teachers and students are expected to take part and we will let you know how we are doing and the benefits we are experiencing during the term.



The effects of physical activity on learning not only has found to increase assessment scores, but also found that the students had an improved ability to concentrate and could work for longer periods of time without interruption. Additional benefits include significantly improved student attendance, and an impressive 67% drop in disciplinary problems.

Scan me and
watch 5/6S Squatting!



Story Factory

In Week 10 of Term 2 students in 45V, 56M and 56S were presented with their term 2 short stories book, *Aboriginal Space Odyssey*. The progression of ideas and writing quality from term 1 has been raised and the stories which combine Australian animals and Outer Space are quirky and fun to read. If you would like to read the stories, each student has their own copy and we have a copy in the library.

Story Factory will be back in term 3 to write stories of a fictional character who has lived in Australia for the last 200 years and attends significant events in Australia's history.

We look forward to reading the results



Class Chat with 3/4T and Ms Taweil

Dear parents/ caregivers,

3/4T have come back excited, motivated and ready to hit the ground running. The students in 3/4T are always up for a challenge! I have set them a few different and exciting challenges this term, they include:

Reading Challenge- Students will need to read a minimum of 40 books as part of the home reading program. If they are successful they will join us for a PIZZA PARTY!

Kindness Challenge- Students will be given the opportunity to accomplish a set Kindness Challenge Card for the week. By the end of the week, they are required to share with the class how they accomplished this challenge. Two different students will be chosen every Monday to ensure everyone participates in this rewarding experience.

Vocabulary Challenge- Students will be involved in many hands on and engaging learning activities to improve and widen their vocabulary. We have started to implement many fun activities in our classroom to promote good vocabulary and students have loved every bit of it!



Class Chat with 2M and Ms Martin

Dear parents and caregivers,

2M students will be involved in lots of wonderful and exciting learning activities and events this term. The science unit this term is 'Living things' and the students will be learning facts and information about lots of interesting living things. Students will be learning about plants, bees, butterflies, dragonflies, frogs and chickens. The students are very lucky and in week 8 they will have the opportunity to watch chicken eggs hatch over 10 days.



The class is also very excited to participate in the excursion to Sydney Aquarium. They can't wait to see all the different sea animals they learnt about, especially the Manta Ray.

The class have pet aqua dragons which they take turns to care and look after. We have been lucky that a number of aqua dragons have hatched from their eggs. They are really small at the moment but the students are very good at finding them in their aquarium. 2M looks forward to watching the pet aqua dragons grow throughout the term.



In PD/H/PE the unit is 'Safe Living' and the students will be learning about how to keep themselves safe at school, at home, in the car, around water and on public transport. The class will be participating in an incursion visit from NRMA and local police later on this term. The focus of these visits will be learning how to keep safe.



Keep an eye out for photos of 2M on the school Facebook page and twitter account!









Miss Martin

Education Week – August 6th – 10th

Education Week is a HUGE EVENT on the Education Calendar to celebrate Public Education. We are so lucky that in Australia our children are provided with an education no matter their gender or their socio-economic status. As the primary classes during library lessons have just discovered, not all children in all countries around the world are so lucky.

We invite ALL parents, caregivers and family members to come and help us celebrate Education Week at the events below. THE MORE THE MERRIER! (and we know your children love having you at school!!!) Looking forward to seeing you there.

Today's Schools- Creating Tomorrow's World

<p><u>Book Fair</u> <u>Monday to Friday in the Library</u> Morning- before school 8.30 - 9am & after school 3 - 3:30pm ALL DAY THURSDAY Lots of books priced \$1 to \$20</p>		
<p><u>Spelling Bee</u> <u>Monday 6th August</u> <u>12:15 - 1:30pm</u> Parents welcome to come along.</p>		<p><u>Beanie Day</u> <u>Tuesday 7th August</u> Wear a beanie to school. <u>Gold coin donation for</u> <u>Children's Brain Cancer.</u></p> 
<p><u>Wednesday 8th August</u></p>		
<p><u>Open Day</u> <u>9:15 - 10am</u> Parents are invited to visit their child/ren in the classroom and join in with their learning.</p>		<p><u>Book Character Parade</u> <u>10:15 - 11:15pm</u> Everyone gets to dress up as a book character, pre-schoolers and parents can join in too.</p> 
<p><u>Community BBQ 11:30 - 12:15pm</u></p> 		
 <p><u>Athletics Carnival</u> <u>Thursday 9th August 9am - 3pm</u> Come and watch the students compete in a variety of Athletic Events. There will be a P&C Pop up Shop on site and lunches can be ordered on the day.</p>	<p><u>Breakfast / Parents Café</u> <u>Friday 10th August</u> Everyone is invited to have a big community breakfast - come and chat and start the day with a tasty brekkie and hot coffee.</p> 	



LIBRARY NEWS



Welcome back to term 3. I hope you all had a lovely break and are excited to be back!

The Library has three special events to help celebrate Education Week next week.....

Book Fair

We will be holding a Book Fair in the Library ALL WEEK. There are lots of wonderful childrens books to purchase and a percentage of all books sold will also allow the school to purchase new books for the school library for our students. The Book Fair will be opened every morning from 8.30 - 9am and every afternoon from 3 - 3.30pm, as well as lunch times. You will also be able to purchase books ALL DAY THURSDAY. We ask that students bring their own canvas or re-usable plastic bag/s to carry their purchases. We will not be providing bags in line with Australia's commitment to ending the use of single use plastic and saving our environment. Your support in this endeavour is greatly appreciated.

Book Exchange

Our Book Exchange will be Officially Opened on Wednesday 8th August. The Book Exchange is located in the foyer area just outside the Library. We have some wonderful books for both adults and pre-school children and you are welcome to take a book at any time. Books are not scanned out like in the Library – it's simply an honesty based system where you return books when you are finished with them. We hope this resource will be widely used by the school community and we look forward to seeing our shelves empty! Happy reading everyone!

Bilingual Reading

Each afternoon during Education Week five lovely staff and community members will be reading a book to our students in a language other than English. It will be a great experience for our students to see and hear reading and literacy celebrated across a range of languages.

I am looking forward to seeing lots of parents, caregivers and family members in the Library next week. I appreciate your support and hope you all have a lovely week celebrating our public education.

Mrs. Kinya Donnan

Teacher

Librarian

ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Classes	Academic Awards	Quality Work	Sport Awards	Principal	Bronze or
					Silver
K Icefish Ms I'Anson	Ronit Ruby Rose Ben	Florencia			
K/I Marlin Ms Moseley	Lazar Stefan Jonathan Salah	David		Jujhar Felicity Nicolas	
1 Dolphin Ms D'Cruz	Hayden Ilija	Mateo	William Joseph		
2 Coral Ms Irons	Mohammad Talei	Tamika	Alexandra Kamo		
2Manta-Ray Ms Martin	Bader Gharam	Asinate	Bonnie Mateo		
3 Seahorses Ms Shankar	Viktor Ellie	Emily	Chandara Kaushik	Isabella Kristina	Shakera
3/4 Turtles Ms Taweil	Aiden Fatima	Stella	Aya May	Kooper Angela	Margarita
4/5Vampire Squids MsVette-Welsh	Olivia Lopa	Lucas	Pauline Jonathan		
5/6 Molluscs Ms McIntosh	Merita Ali	Braidyn	Mercy Chadi		
5/6Snorkels Ms Strbac	Petulisa Natalie	Nancy	Tobin Hussein		
GOTCHA					
Citizen of the Month	<p>Avyanna</p>  <p>Avyanna was awarded the Citizen of the Month award for K-2 as a great role model and a result of her wonderful work at school. She has the following qualities;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping and supporting the school by caring about the environment. • Kind and respectful to teachers and peers • Follows the rules in the classroom and on the playground • Works hard to complete tasks to the best of her ability • Responsible and honest - Listens and shares 				

We appreciate your support.

Breakfast Club: Is every Friday morning from 8:30-9 outside the hall. It's free for everyone, so come on down and 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

Next P&C Meeting:

6th August at 2pm in the Staff room.



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