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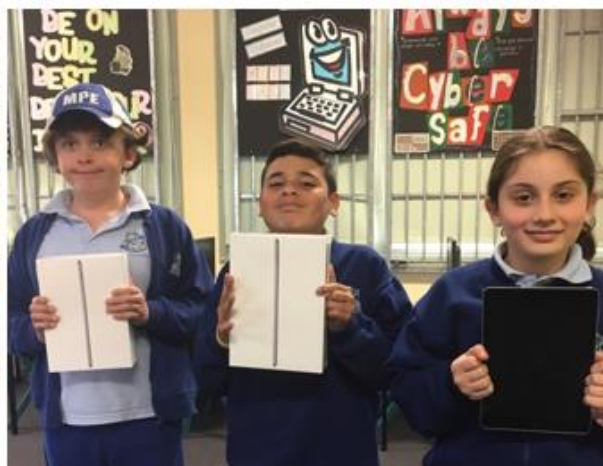
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A picture says a thousand words...Thank you P&C for our new iPads!



Term: 3 Week: 4

Thursday 16 August

What's On

Friday 17 August

Lawn Bowls

Monday 20 August

DanceSport Y5

Story Factory

Tuesday 21 August

NRMA Road Safety Day K-6

Thursday 23 August

P&C Fathers Day Stall

Y6 Colour Run

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Education Week- "Today's schools -

Creating tomorrow's World "

Last week was a very busy and exciting week to celebrate all the learning happening in our classrooms.

The week started with Premier's Spelling Bee and students in 3-6 showed off their spelling abilities. Congratulations to Hanisi, Liuserahi, William and Ali. Ali will represent Stage 3 at the Regional Finals to be held at Panania North PS on the 11th September. Tuesday was the field events for Athletics and we also had Beanie Day where we raised over \$180 for Brain Cancer Research for children. Well done, MPE!!!

Wednesday we had Open Classrooms & Book Parade, it was wonderful to see so many family members in attendance. The costumes from students, staff and preschoolers was wonderful.

Thursday we had our Athletics Carnival which was very well supported by our community and a big thank you to the P&C staff for our Pop Up shop.

Over the week we had the Book Fair coordinated by Mrs Donnan and we also had Bilingual reading with Mrs Wojtczak, Mrs Khoder, Mrs Maea and Mrs Vette-Welsh. We opened our Book Exchange out the front of the library in the foyer area. We hope it gets lots of use!!!
A very proud principal!!! Love my job!!!

3 WAY CONFERENCES

Thank you to the families that participated in our 3 Way Conferences and Learning Expo. It is very important that we continue to strengthen our partnership between home and school. I would like to thank all my staff for giving up their time to provide these wonderful experiences for our students and parents.

NEW IPADS

Thank you to our amazing P&C who just purchased 10 new iPads for the school to use as well as keyboards to make them like a portable Laptop. This generous donation of over \$5,000 was made possible by the fund-raising they have done over last year and this year. We would like to also say thank you to our families that support our fund-raisers. To complement the technology the P&C purchased, the school has purchased 20 new Ipads.

FIVER FOR A FARMER MUFTI DAY TUESDAY 28TH AUGUST



As you are aware our poor farmers are having a terrible time at the moment. We are hoping to support our farmers with "A fiver for a farmer mufti day" Students can come dressed as farmers and bring a five dollar donation to this worthwhile cause. We will hold this mufti day on Tuesday 28th August.

TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEYS - 3-6 STUDENTS

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used Tell Them From Me to

survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au> I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 27 August and 26 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by FRIDAY 24th August, 2018. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>. The consent form and FAQs are available in 23 languages.

Quote of the Week-



Teresa Gosche
Principal

PSSA

Round: 6 27/7/18

PSSA	MPE V TEAM	Most Valuable Player	Junior	Senior
Girls Oztag Ms McIntosh	Green Valley	Shalayne	2-2	0-17
		May		
Boys Soccer Mr Clark	Greenway Park	Ryan	1-5	0-6
		Tamar		

Round: 7 3/8/18

PSSA	MPE V TEAM	Most Valuable Player	Junior	Senior
Girls Oztag Ms McIntosh	Hoxton Park	Jenny	4-6	1-10
		Monique		
Boys Soccer Mr Clark	Ashcroft PS	Alex	11-0	5-0
		Matthew		

Only three weeks to go, keep up the great work teams, we are cheering you on!! Start thinking about

the last season of PSSA, we will offer two sports for students to try out for. We will update you soon with the sports on offer!

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

During Week 3 on Tuesday the 7th and Thursday the 9th, students participated in their field and track events for Athletics. Our students have been practising the different skills of Shot Put, Discus, High Jump and Long Jump during Sports on Fridays in lead up to this week. They were able to practise their techniques and this allowed them to excel on the day!

Students had a great time and we are really proud of their efforts to participate in all the different running races and field events.

Thank you to Mr Michael for setting up the field and to our all our teachers and support teachers for being helpful and flexible.

Here are some happy snaps from the both days:



Ms Shankar & Miss Moseley
Athletics Coordinators

K-2 News

K-2 have had such an exciting 2 weeks.

On Thursday of week 2, K-2 students went on an exciting excursion to the Sydney Sea Life Aquarium. The K-2 students are learning about Living Things and were able to experience and observe the life cycle of different aquatic life, from coral and jellyfish to dugongs and sharks.

I think all of K-2 would agree the best part of the tour was walking through the glass tunnel of sharks! It was scary but exciting to walk under some fierce looking sharks and watching them get fed by the divers.

The students were also able to go on a mini-boat ride (inside the Sea Life Aquarium) of the Penguins Expedition to see up and close how they live and protect their eggs. We were lucky to see the male penguins gifting the female penguins beautiful pebbles for their nests.

Last week they had a blast celebrating Education Week, with the theme “Today’s schools - Creating tomorrow’s World”.

On Wednesday, before the Book Character Parade, the students of K-2 had a fantastic opportunity to show their parents their work and what they do at school, which also gave parents a snapshot of their child in action in their classrooms.

The students had so much fun showing their parents and carers their learning environment and they were also able to teach them some fun, educational games they play at school.

After the fun of open classroom we joined the 3-6 students for our annual Book Character Parade. It was so thrilling to see all the students who dressed up as interesting and wonderful book characters. It was equally as exciting to see all the teachers dress up too. Thank you to Miss I’Anson for organizing the Book Character Parade.

After a very exhausting day dressed as a book character, we had our school Athletics carnival. The K-2 students had a great time starting the Athletics carnival with 3-6 and showing them what great sport people they are and how good they are at cheering their housemates on.

Once the main races were over K2 were able to begin their part of the Athletics carnival with the ‘fun events’, such as the Egg and Spoon race, Three-Legged race, Parachute ball, ‘Discus’ and our favourite the Sack Race.



We had so much fun showing, not only our sports skills, but also how to cheer each other on, have a go and have fun! Thank you to Miss Martin and Miss Irons for organizing our fun events.

We had so much fun during Education Week we can't wait for next year!
Thank you to everyone who was able to share it with us.

Ms D'Cruz
Rel K-2 Assistant Principal

3-6 News

Camp

In Week 2 students in Year 5/6 got the chance to travel to Kincumber for a three day camp at the Great Aussie Bush Camp.

All 35 students who attended the event were extremely well behaved and it is with great pride the teachers who attended camp were told that MPE students were the best cohort of students attending camp for the past few years.

Some of the activities were extremely challenging and students were encouraged to try every activity, even when feeling apprehensive. I was personally very proud of the way our students encouraged and supported each other during the camp.

Students got to canoe on a lake in 3-man Canadian canoes, practicing paddling, rafting and completing some fun challenges. They also learnt how to dress in harnesses for a high ropes activity in the treetops, rock climb up 12 metre walls, swing on a giant swing and leap off a platform 15 metres in the air.

They also learned archery, fencing, sat around telling stories round the campfire and took part in team games which kept them busy from 6.30am in the morning till 10pm in the evening.

The teachers' favourite activity on camp was Commando, in which teachers took 3 hostages and hid in a bush area. Students then went out on reconnaissance missions trying to locate and rescue the hostages. Teachers lay in wait amongst the trees and shot students with torch beams sending them back to start again to get a new life from the meeting point. It was like a giant game of tips in the dark. Great fun was



had by all students and teachers in this game.

As a teacher it was awesome to see students in the outdoors trying new things, pushing their personal boundaries and working together as a team to solve problems. It was fantastic to have three days without devices, to watch students gaining independence in their ability to look after themselves and their things and for us all to learn new things about each other.

I would like to thank Miss Elizabeth McIntosh and Miss Stephanie Pederson who attended camp and helped support the students in this endeavour. I look forward to planning the next MPE school camp for 2019.



Uniforms

We remind parents and students that every child is expected to come to school in full school uniform. With the cooler weather upon us we are finding students are wearing out of school jumpers and sweatshirts. Wearing MPE school uniform displays respect and pride in our school and we encourage all students to come to school wearing the correct uniform. As from next week, teachers will be asking students to take off non-uniform jumpers and will replace them with lost



property/second hand items for the day. If you are having trouble dressing your child in their uniform please send a note to the class teacher or come down and visit us at school.

Homework

All students in Years 3-6 should be receiving homework each week. Please ask your child to show you their homework requirements. Generally homework is given out at the beginning of the week and collected on a Friday. Please feel free to talk with your child's teacher if you are unsure about what is required for homework with your child during the week.

NAPLAN online practice

In Week 6 students in Year 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN online readiness tests as a practice for 2020 when all NAPLAN tests will go online. In advance of taking NAPLAN online, students, teachers and parents are invited to use the demonstration site to familiarise themselves with the type of questions, and related functionalities available in the NAPLAN Online assessment.

Some of the key features of NAPLAN Online include interactive navigation, timers and drag-and-drop functionality. Students are encouraged to try all the tests for their year level to experience the complete range of question formats and interactive features available in the online NAPLAN assessment.

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

EDUCATION WEEK

Today's Schools- Creating Tomorrow's World Open Classrooms

In Kindergarten Icefish we demonstrated some of the morning routine and Literacy rotations, with the parents joining in to assist with the writing and reading.

K/1 M showed the parents what a typical L3 Literacy session looks like. The students had an opportunity to show their writing and reading abilities.

1D showed the parents our literacy routine with must do's and can do's.

2M did literacy and numeracy activities. The students explained the task and versed their parents.



3/4T demonstrated their literacy and numeracy rotations.

4/5V taught their parents how to write exciting, descriptive and interesting diary entries about travelling on a boat to Australia as a refugee.

5/6S created posters about different countries from around the world.

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends that visited the school during our Open Classrooms. It was lovely to see so many relatives come in and join in with the learning. The students loved having you here.



Book Character Parade

Everyone was very excited about getting dressed up and being dressed up. It was an amazing effort and thank you to all the students who participated. A very big thank you for the parents and grandparents who helped create and put the costumes together. It makes for a fun and enjoyable day when so many students and their families come together to participate and have fun.



Beanie Day

On Tuesday, student's supported 'Children's Brain Cancer' by wearing beanies and bringing in a gold coin donation. We raised \$180 amongst our 10 classes. Thank you MPE and our community for supporting important cause!

The Book Exchange

The Mount Pritchard East Book Exchange was officially opened during Education Week. A big thank you to Mrs Julie and Mrs Francey for all your help with getting the Book Exchange up and running!

The Book Exchange is located outside the Library and has books for adults and pre-school children. Please feel free to drop by take a book anytime from 8.30am - 3.30pm Monday to Friday.



Book Character Parade Winners!

Mount Pritchard East students and teachers outdid themselves with an amazing display of our favourite book characters this year! Every students name who dressed up for the occasion was entered into our book raffle. Two students from each class were drawn at random to receive a book prize. Congratulations to the winners!

KI	Brooklyn & Moka-Kaila	3S	Ezra & Timothy
K/1M	Ellie & David	3/4T	Jonathan R & Aiden
1D	Hsna	4/5V	Isabelle & Tamika
2C	Alieta & Kash	5/6M	Ali & Braidyn
2M	La'Bron & Jad	5/6S	Chloe & Shalayne

A BIG THANK YOU to the parents for helping your children create such creative and imaginative costumes. This day wouldn't be possible without your help.



Bilingual Reading

During Education Week each class was lucky enough to listen to one of our lovely volunteers read a book in another language other than English. Students also discovered how our volunteers learnt to read and write when they were at school in schools around the world.

Thank you to Mrs Wotczak for reading to us in Polish, Mrs Khoder for reading to us in Arabic, Mrs Pula for reading to us in Tongan and Mrs Vette-Welsh for reading to us in Maori.

We hope everyone enjoyed Education Week!

Mrs Kinya Donnan
Teacher Librarian

Premier's Spelling Bee

We kicked off Education Week with the Premier's Spelling Bee on the Monday. Our 20 contestants from Years 3 to 6 were nervous but keen.

The winner of the Junior Competition was Hanisi from 3S with Liuserahi from 4/5V in second place. Our Senior Competition was won by William from 5/6S with Ali from 5/6M coming second.

These four clever spellers will be representing our school in the Regional Finals at Panania North Public School on Tuesday 11th September. We wish them well as they swat up on the spelling lists over the coming weeks.



P&C

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:

3rd September at 2pm in the Staff room.

Incursion

NRMA SCIENCE & ROAD SAFETY DAY

On **Tuesday the 21st of August**, students from Kindergarten - Year 6 will be involved in an exciting and fun incursion in the **school hall**. NRMA's educational team will be running three sessions focusing on science and road safety. These sessions are **free**.



Parents are welcome to attend these sessions. The times for the sessions are:

Session 1- 9:05-10:05 am (classes 3S & 3/4T)

Session 2- 10:05-10:55am (classes KI, K/1M,2C,2M &1D)

Session 3- 12:15-1:25 pm (classes 4/5V, 5/6M & 5/6S)

Students who already have a helmet are encouraged to bring their helmet to school on the day to take along to their session.

Keep an eye out next Tuesday on the schools facebook and twitter account for photos of the students participating in a variety of activities on the day.

Event organiser- Miss Tammy Martin