



MPE NEWS

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A picture says a thousand words.....



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term: 3 Week: 6
Thursday 30
August 2018

What's On

Friday 31 August

Lawn Bowls

Monday 3 September

DanceSport Y5

Story Factory

P & C Meeting

Tuesday 4 September

Police Safety Talk K-6

Friday 7 September

Lawn Bowls

Monday 10 September

Story Factory

Tuesday 11 September

Regional Spelling Bee

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GENEROUS COMMUNITY

What a generous community we have!! On Tuesday 28th August we had "Fiver for a farmer" we raised \$360 to help out our farmers in need. This definitely sends the right message to our students!! It takes a village to raise a child" At MPE we are certainly proof that our community is helping to raise our children. It warms my heart!!!



FATHER'S DAY

We would like to wish our fathers and grandfathers a very wonderful Father's Day on Sunday!! We hope you get thoroughly spoilt and you have a very special day with your family. A big thank you to our P&C and parent volunteers who ran our Father's Day Stall these last two Thursdays.

KINDERGARTEN 2019

PLEASE ENROL FOR KINDERGARTEN 2019 NOW

We are currently accepting applications for Kindergarten 2019.

Any child who turns 5 before 1st August 2019 is eligible to start school at the beginning of next year.

To help us with our organisation of classes for 2019, parents are asked to fill in an application to enrol form and return it to the office as soon as possible.

If you have moved out of the area but have students already at this school and have a child who will start kindergarten next year, you will need to fill in an out of area enrolment application. Application to enrol forms and out of area enrolment application forms are available from the office.

ZONE ATHLETICS

Last Thursday 23rd August we had 42 students compete in the Zone Athletics. They all tried their best and their behaviour was exemplary. We have four students who achieved either 2nd or 3rd in their event. A huge congratulations to Bailey, Sio, Andrew and Lubna. Sio and Andrew will now go on to compete in the Regional Athletics later this term.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

Have you any time to spare? We are looking for volunteers to help out in our canteen. Even just an hour in the morning would be awesome!! Please let Mrs Gosche or Mrs Lakisoe know asap.

STAFF CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Miss Elms on her recent marriage. She made a very stunning bride!! We wish you and your husband every happiness in the world. We would also like to congratulate Miss D'Cruz on her recent engagement!!!

Quote of the Week-



Teresa Gosche
Principal

Dear parents, carers and our MPE Community,

Season 2 for PSSA has sadly come to an end! A big thank you to our Years 3-6 students and coaches, Miss McIntosh and Mr Clark who have put the hard yards to make for another memorable season. We sincerely appreciate the time and effort that you have both put into training and providing this opportunity for our students!

Season 3 will kick off on the 14th of September with Round 1. The sports we have on offer are Boys Cricket and Girls Softball. We will hold tryouts over the following Fridays. Good luck to all students!

Round: 9

PSSA	MPE V TEAM	Most Valuable Player	Junior	Senior
Girls Oztag Ms McIntosh	Bye: training in school			
Boys Soccer Mr Clark	Bonnyrigg Heights	Junior: Blade	0-6	0-8
		Senior: Pita		

Round: 10

Cancelled due to inclement weather

Ms Shankar
Sports Coordinator

Zone Athletics

On Thursday the 23rd of August, Miss Moseley and Ms Shankar had the privilege of taking 38 students who qualified, for Zone Athletics to *The Crest*. The day kicked off at 8.45am with field events and track events commencing at 9am. We are super proud of our students. They represented our school with respect and showed sportsmanship; encouraging students from other schools to try their hardest!



Our students hard work with practising the different field events skills at school paid off with our students placing in the top 10 and top 15 for many events. Some of the wonderful statistics include:

- Andrew placing 2nd in the 800m and Siomita placing 2nd in the 100m, who have both qualified for Regional Athletics
- Lubna placing 3rd in Junior Discus and Bailey placing 3rd in Senior Long Jump
- Our Junior Boys Relay Team consisting of Tyson, Blade, Andrew and Ezra came first overall

Lastly, a big shout out to Mr Michael for making sure we got to our events on time and back home safely. We appreciate all your continuous efforts!



Good luck Andrew and Sio on the next stage at Regionals!!.



Ms Shankar
Sports Coordinator

K-2 News

Five for a Farmer

Thank you to all the parents that supported our Five for a Farmer fundraiser event. We got a huge response and it is going to much needed support for our farmers.

NRMA Incursion

We had the NRMA come into school to teach us about Road Safety... Thank you to Ms Martin who coordinated and organised this. Students had a great time learning about how to be safe in a car and on the road.

The sessions covered the following which can be found on their website

Getting road safe ready from the classroom

Whether children are pedestrians, passengers or use roads recreationally with bikes, scooters, skateboards and the like, they need to constantly make decisions about their own safety. The NRMA's 'Be Road Safe Ready' program provides your school with free educational programs and resources to help teach safe road habits.

Getting road safe ready from home

Parents play an important role in teaching and keeping their children safe on and around roads. We can provide useful tips for parents on what they can do to keep children safe while walking or riding on or near roads.

Bike safety

It's not uncommon for children to sustain injuries associated with falls or collisions on skateboards, scooters, skates and bikes – but these can impact vulnerable parts of the body such as the head, wrists, elbows and knees. And as they share the road with cars and

larger vehicles, the risks can be quite serious.





Road authorities advise that children should be accompanied by an adult until the ages of 9 or 10, depending on their individual development. It's important for them to learn to use wheeled vehicles under supervision and in safe environments, particularly as they're first learning to steer and stop.

Students also learned about hoverboards and how they work. This helped students to understand why it is important to have tyres that grip well.

Thank you to all the parents that came to learn about Road Safety



Living Eggs



Just a reminder in week 8 and 9 we have the 'Living Eggs' program coming to our school so we can watch chicken eggs incubate and hatch.

Living Eggs is a very successful program which has been operating throughout Australia for 23 years. Schools and Care Homes love the program and re book year on year. The children in schools often record the Living Eggs experience as one of their major memories of primary school life. It touches everyone's heart to see a chick hatching no matter how young or old!

K-2 Assistant Principal

Ms D'Cruz



3-6 News

NAPLAN Online

This week students from Year 3 and Year 5 took part in the NAPLAN online readiness tests. This was a state-wide readiness test to make sure the NAPLAN system could handle the large number of students online at a given time and for our students and teachers to become more confident when using the NAPLAN online system.

Our Year 3 and 4 students were very well behaved and worked well during the readiness tests.

I would like to congratulate the students on their maturity and success in using the new system. We hope that next year all schools will be able to sit the NAPLAN assessments online in May. Some of the main benefits of students taking part in NAPLAN Online include:

- Better assessment – and more precise results. NAPLAN Online uses a tailored test or adaptive design, where the test automatically adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match the student achievement level, allowing the student to demonstrate their knowledge. This provides teachers and schools with more targeted and detailed information on students' performance on the tests. Tailored testing also provides an opportunity to broaden the scope of the assessments.
- Faster turnaround of results. Delivery of assessments online significantly reduces the time it takes to provide feedback to schools, students and parents, so teachers can respond more quickly to learning needs.
- More engaging. ACARA research into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

Ashcroft Sports Clinics

Ashcroft sporting clinics will continue in Week 7 and 9 of this term. We would like to thank Ashcroft High School's Sports department for allowing our students the opportunity to take part in sports coaching clinics as the students get a great deal of enjoyment and have shown marked improvements in their skills. We would also like to thank Mrs Goshe for allowing the students to travel on the school bus for free this term. We understand that this is something the school does to help all students gain access to new and engaging educational opportunities.

Downtown Dance Musical



Stage 2 students were invited to attend the Downtown Dance Musical at Liverpool Girls High School. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thank you to Liverpool Girls High School for the opportunity.

DanceSport

Our 10 finalists in the DanceSport Gala Challenge are now refining their dance moves for their big night out on the 12 September. The challenge upholds a longstanding tradition in celebrating dance education in public schools from the Sydney area and now embraces South West Sydney Public Schools. This year the challenge has expanded to double its size. There are now 43 schools enrolled in the program.

Peer Support Training

On Tuesday, year 6 students completed their Peer Support training



required to run their peer groups. Peer Support started this week with sessions taking place after lunch on Wednesday for 45 minutes. There were 2-3 leaders per group with about 15 students. The Peer Support leaders are excited to get started and at the same time very nervous. The topic this year is called Living Positively with the focus on having fun and being optimistic. We encourage you to talk to your children about their peer support sessions to reinforce the concepts they learnt.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Miss Strbac and Year 6



Lawn Bowls

We have been invited back to St Johns Bowling Club once again to take part in their Primary School Lawn Bowl competition. The students love this unique opportunity and are quickly developing their skills. Our first game resulted in a draw and we won our last game. There is one more game until the finals.

Miss Strbac



3-6 Assistant Principal

Ms Vette-Welsh

Class Chat with K1

Wow! It's Term 3 already and Kindergarten are 15 weeks away from Year one. I am very proud of the growth and dedication to their learning. Everyone is improving all the time and always willing to have a go and do their best.

We started the term with 101 Days of Kindergarten activities and all students made their 101 days smarter crowns, 101 biscuits and read a book about Centipedes having 100 legs (which they do not).

Our class are lucky to have an interactive table in our room this term. It has many educational apps on it and all the students are excited to have a turn on this giant ipad. Some of the games include matching letters, making sight words and handwriting practice. Thank you Ms Gosche for giving us this resource to use.



Early Stage One went on a fabulous excursion to the Aquarium. Everyone was so, so, so excited. We got to see so many amazing creatures:

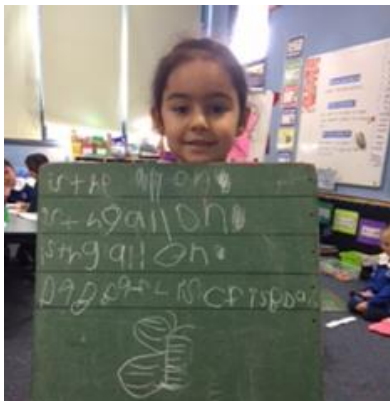
- beautiful bright jellyfish
- huge Lungfish which were bigger than our students
- an enormous sting-ray that glided over us in the underwater tunnel
- the cheeky dugong who eats 60kg of lettuce a day
- some big and small sharks
- 3 different types of penguins.



During Education Week the students dressed up in their favourite characters and shared their Literacy Learning with some of their parents.



Thank you to the parents who came in to spend time with us.



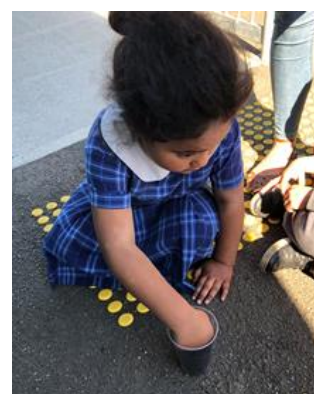
Kindergarten are learning to read and write every day. They are always so proud of their work and love sharing it with others and getting their photo taken with their writing achievements



Kindergarten have had the opportunity to learn about football, learning to pass and catch the ball. Keeping active is important and we use exercise to give our brains a break from our work - we have been learning squats, star jumps and lunges.



As part of our Science Unit - Living Things, we read a book about 'The Sunflower that went Flop', we planted sunflower seeds and we are learning about the lifecycle of a sunflower. We are also looking at how beans grow and placed a bean inside a wet paper towel in a plastic sandwich bag. The plastic bags were taped to the sunny side of our classroom and have already begun to sprout. This is an amazing stimulus for writing and building vocabulary.



Many students attended the school disco and had lots of fun.

Thank you to the parents that have donated tissues, hand soap or craft items throughout the year, these items are always welcome.

Kindergarten Icefish are growing and learning so many things everyday. I am proud of their enthusiasm and effort.

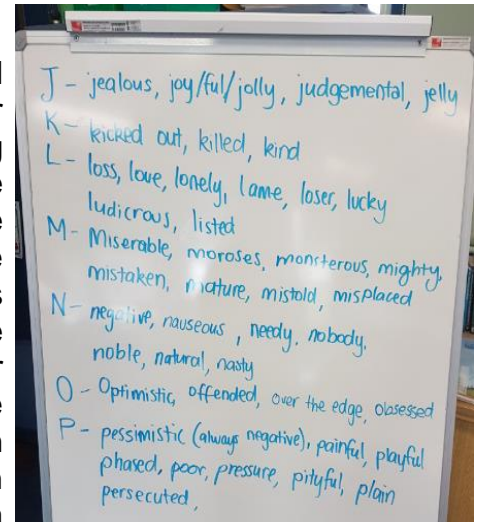
Ms J. I'Anson



Class Chat with 5/6S

Halfway term 3 already!! Why does it feel like I've missed half of it? I'm so impressed and proud as punch with the amount of growth I've seen in all the students in Senior Snorkel. Not just in their academic work but also in their maturity, how they work with others and as role models and leaders of our school.

At the beginning of the term, students were asked to think long and hard about their learning goals. Many students had very similar literacy goals; to improve our vocabulary in our writing by choosing better words to describe what we are trying to say. So as a class, we embarked on a new and improved vocabulary journey. Spelling at the start of each day turned into an investigation into not only the definition of our words but their origin or etymology. We learnt rules about changing suffixes and we add prefixes to completely change the meaning of our words. We created an A-Z list of emotions after reading 'Stepping Stones' with the help of Mrs Khoder who read the Arabic translation of the book alongside the English parts. We began to use metaphors and similes to describe our thinking without even knowing it. We gave non-human things human characteristics 'like a Jelly fish or Zebra to describe how people may feel like they are floating around like a blob of nothing or confused about their identify.' And so our writing, reading and vocabulary have grown and improved. We are extremely proud of our writing.



Our numeracy sessions have also had a face lift. I've been going away to the Building Numeracy Leadership conferences and have brought back what I have learnt by shifting the focus of our mathematics sessions. Maths takes a little longer now but students are gaining a deeper understanding of what is going on and at the same time the students who already know what it's all about are being challenged by harder questions. YAY!! We've looked at what makes an equivalent number sentence, tackled finding 50%, 25%, 20% and 10% discounts, and even created tree diagrams in chance. Students had to get really creative when they were asked to create their own net of a 3D shape, cut it out and put it together. It was harder than most expected. Overall, the attitude towards mathematics in our class has changed. There is a lot more 'Oh I get it' and 'that makes sense'.

In Science, we're learning all about micro-organisms with the help from our Ashcroft teacher Mrs Azzi who visits our class every other Wednesday. We are conducting different experiments each week to observe how micro-organisms behave. We've learnt that yeast releases carbon dioxide when given food (sugar) and water and we have sent off petri dishes to the Ashcroft High School incubator to see if we can grow some germs. This week we are growing mould on potatoes!! Don't worry; we're being super cautious by writing our own risk assessment.



We're excited and looking forward to all the activities and events coming up towards the end of the year. Year 6 students are encouraged to bring in baby photos for the farewell and return their LAaFF (Liverpool Arts and Film Festival) notes. The year 5 students selected for Dancesports are also excited to show off their ballroom dance skills at their special event taking place in the city. Tissue boxes are always welcome!

Ms Strbac

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Classes	Academic Awards	Quality Work	Sport Awards	Principal	Bronze or
					Silver
K Icefish Ms l'Anson	Jana Pearl Dylan	Luke	Kaedan Billy Mohammed	Charlie Avyanna Anna Ronit Ben Luke	
K/I Marlin Ms Moseley	Emmy Richie	Logan	Ivan Viliami	Salah Emmy Jonathan Lazar x2 Logan Nathaniel	Lazar Jujhar Felicity
1 Dolphin Ms D'Cruz	Mostafa Makalita	Madison	Yasmine Nathan	Brandon Mostafa	
2 Coral Ms Irons	Joseph David	Jahziah	Lincoln Natalie	Tamika Ali	
2Manta-Ray Ms Martin	Braxton Shontayah	Betty	Isaac Shadayna	Shontayah Benjamin Bader Jayson	Jayson Braxton
3Seahorses Ms Shankar	Shakera Ana	Desirae	Jett Aston	Daniel Ellie	Isabella Kristina
3/4 Turtles Ms Taweil	Maggie Kelly	Matthew Um	Maria.T Cassidy		
4/5VampireSquids MsVetteWelsh	Cruz Leena	Glorious	Mark Jacinta		
5/6 Molluscs Ms McIntosh	Ryan Ella	Sio Qori	Benson	Benson	Gabriella
5/6Snorkels Ms Strbac	Ali Lola	Nancy	Peter Shams	William	
GOTCHA	Week 4 Avyanna KI, Lopa 4/5V Week 5 Bonnie 2M, Zac 3/4T				
Citizen of the Month			Blair was awarded the Citizen of the Month award for 3 - 6 as a great role model and a result of his positive attitude at school. He has the following qualities; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kind and respectful to teachers and peers - Follows the rules in the classroom - Listens and participates in class discussions - Gives his best effort to all tasks - Has lovely manners in and outside the classroom. 		



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:

Monday September 3rd