



MPE NEWS



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A picture says a thousand words...new playground markings!



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I'M BACK !

It is so lovely to be back after my knee replacement!! I was overwhelmed with the students, parents and staff well wishes and concerns. I am still getting around slowly at present and one foot is constantly swollen but in time that will return to normal. My heartfelt thanks goes to Mrs Lakisoe for looking after the school so efficiently. I also want to thank Mr Innes for his support as well.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION EVENING & TRANSITION PROGRAM

Last Wednesday evening we held our Kindergarten Orientation evening. It was a very successful night with many parents with their children in attendance. My staff did an amazing job of showcasing some of the wonderful programs we have at MPE!! The night ended with pizza which seemed to go down well. This was followed up the next day with MPE Little Stars Playgroup which was another successful event.

On Monday we had our first transition program which again was a very successful event. We have playgroup on again on Thursday, which we are very excited about. Mrs Grassedonio has worked hard with her team to make this a very successful and rewarding experience in our school.

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Term: 4 Week: 4

Thursday 7 November

WHAT'S ON

Thursday 7 November

Playgroup

Friday 8 November

PSSA Sport

Monday 11 November

Kindy Transition

Story Factory

Thursday 14 November

Playgroup

Friday 15 November

PSSA

Monday 18 November

Kindy Transition

Wednesday 20 November

Last Day for Scripture

Volunteer Morning Tea

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Principal: Teresa Gosche

ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCES

Education is important for your child to achieve their best at school and beyond. Regular school attendance helps to make learning easier and sets good routines from a young age. Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their child attends school every day. Last week a note was sent home to families whose child has had below 90% attendance or a lot of partial attendance recorded. This letter was a snapshot of term 3 and was to make parents aware of their child's attendance. Please be aware that parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received, within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record. Communication with the school may be in writing, through the school app or via a phone call to the office.

Justified absence include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance e.g. a funeral

AMBASSADOR CELEBRATION

Yesterday I had the pleasure of being a part of the Ambassador Celebration held at Liverpool Council chambers. It was the culminating event of the Ambassador Program for 2019. There were 28 Ambassadors involved in the program. Our Ambassador Pita presented his project with three other ambassadors and he did an amazing job!! The projects presented were all inspiring and shows we have amazing leaders that will do wonderful things in the future!!!

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 7 2021 (repeat item)

Parents must apply online at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/application-process>. Please read the instructions carefully. Applications are open from 8 October to 11 November 2019. You must apply online by 11 November 2019. The application site will close at 10pm on 11 November 2019. This closing date will be strictly observed, except where there is a shortage of suitable candidates or where extenuating circumstances are serious and well documented.

ARE YOU RETURNING TO MPE IN 2020? (repeat item)

I am currently planning classes and ensuring staffing is correct for 2020. If you are not returning to **MPE next year**, could you please confirm with our office to help us plan for 2020 and ensure a smooth transition for your child/children into their new school.

Quote of the Week"

Teresa Gosche
Principal



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last Wednesday the 30th of November, MPE had our Kindergarten Orientation Evening. The night provided staff with an opportunity to promote all the wonderful teaching and learning programs taking place at MPE to new and existing families. Firstly, I would like to thank and acknowledge the parents who attended the MPE Little Stars Play Group and Kindergarten Transition and I hope the teachers/educators were able to answer all your questions and made you feel comfortable.

Reminder:

We have another four **Play Group sessions from 2.10-2.50pm on Thursday afternoons; Thursday November 7th, November 14th, November 21st and November 28th.** This is a wonderful opportunity for students and parents to meet one another over light refreshments. Students are able to engage with a range of different toys and teachers are able to gauge experiences and activities that students enjoy.

We have two more **Transition visits from 9.30-10.30am; Monday 11th November and Monday 18th November 2019.** Parents will develop a deeper understanding of the learning taking place at school and gain an understanding of how to help their child/children at home. Students will experience a snapshot into school life as they enjoy a range of stories read to them, engage in fine motor activities and sing.

1M hosted last week's assembly and were extremely excited to share their super dancing moves! KE and KI also eagerly await to present their show stopping assembly items to you this term. I know students and teachers have been working incredibly hard.



Miss Moseley
Relieving K-2 Assistant Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable beginning to Term 4. There is lots happening at MPE at the moment for not only the students, but also the teachers as they continue to work extremely hard behind the scenes doing reports and organising end of year celebrations such as fun days, the farewell and presentation day!

A few important things to remember:

- ❖ The School Disco was originally planned for Week 6. This has now been rescheduled to Wednesday in Week 7 (November 27)
- ❖ Year 5 leadership nominations close on Friday of Week 6. If you know you are going to run for a leadership position, start working on that speech!
- ❖ PSSA will hopefully be back on this week. The weather hasn't been kind to us recently, but the forecast looks ok for Friday. Once it gets to 34 degrees, due to safety reasons, the Green Valley PSSA cancel all PSSA games.
- ❖ At the moment it is getting quite hot each day. However despite the heat, there are lots of children wearing jumpers throughout the day. Can you please encourage your children to be safe during summer and dress appropriately?

Mr Innes

3 - 6 Assistant Principal

SPORT - Season 2 PSSA

The convenors of PSSA are very aware of ensuring our students' safety is maintained at all times. This resulted in them deciding that summer sport should not go ahead when the temperature exceeds 34' degrees. Unfortunately, the weather has been unkind to us lately and the temperature has exceeded this benchmark, causing there to be no PSSA for the past 2 weeks. Last week we also had the added problem of the air quality being unacceptable for sport to be played due to smoke. This is a decision which has been made in the best interests of our children and one which we should all be supportive of. However, having said that, please keep your fingers crossed for our games this week as I am sure the students are very keen to get back on the field and represent MPE - I certainly am.

Mr Clarke

Class Chat with Mrs Evans and KE

It's hard to believe that we're in Week 4 of Term 4 and that our fantastic Kindergarten students have nearly finished their first year of formal schooling. The last nine months have been a whirlwind of fun, friendship, new experiences and amazing growth for the children in KE. Recent highlights include having the amazing Miss K complete her internship in our class, our excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm, football clinics with Marshall, Grandparents Day and the engaging Diraamu Walangari Cultural Performance for NAIDOC Week. KE are now working hard to prepare for our next major event which is the School Assembly in Week 5. We hope you can come along and watch us host and perform our item. It is sure to be memorable.

Science Fun!



In Science and Technology, KE has been learning about living things and their needs. As part of this unit, the students grew their very own sunflowers and visited Calmsley Hill City Farm.



On our excursion, the children enjoyed patting the farm animals, going on a bumpy tractor ride, milking the cow, watching the stockwhip show and seeing some energetic working dogs rounding up the sheep.

Being Active

It has been lovely in PDHPE to see the students not only develop their games skills, but also learn how to be great sports. They will take Year 1 by storm! It has been a privilege to teach such wonderful children this year.



Mrs Evans

Class Chat with Ms Strbac 3G

WOW! How are there 6 more weeks left of the school term? There has already been so many things happening this term with Grandparents Day, Kindy Orientation and Sports Assemblies. We have been very lucky to have Ms Korfias in 3G as our student teacher helping 3G students with their learning.

This term, we are focusing on our information writing by becoming experts on an animal that the students have chosen to research. We have been busy writing informative paragraphs about their appearance, habitat, diet and life cycle. I can't wait to see their final information reports with some students choosing to present their work as a PowerPoint, Poster and even as a diorama.

In Maths, we have been looking at counting forwards and backwards by 10s and 100s. Students have also been working with money by adding up different values and finding the change. We have also been looking at the volume of different containers by filling them with centimetre cubes to calculate how much space they take up. Students had fun learning about capacity by filling up different sizes measuring jugs and recording the capacity in mL and L.

3G has been exploring concepts of force and energy with Ms Rnjak in Science. They have made a solar oven to cook some smores in and made cars using unifix blocks and rubber bands.

We have been lucky this term to have Mr Tran as our PE teacher who has been taking them out for Sport. So far they have learnt some new softball skills and this week have been stretching it out in Yoga!!

With only one more week left with 3G, I would like to wish everyone a very happy and merry holiday season. Thank you so much for all the lovely wishes and presents I have received. My daughter is already super spoilt. I will miss you guys but I will be sure to visit in the new year!

Warm regards,
Ms Strbac and Ms Korfias



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Classes	Academic	Quality Work	Sport	Principal	Bronze	Gold
					Silver	
KI (Iluka) Ms Irons	Arthur Jett	Rehanshi	Layla Latoya	Aroha Layla Ofa		
KE (Euroka) Mrs Evans	Aleeah George	Sonita	Alex Mohammad	Nate	Kaiden	
1M (Maroni) Ms Moseley	Emmy Ronit	Aisha	Alexis Billy	Alexis Ronit Anna x2 Felicity Nicolas	Dylan Jujhar Anna Felicity	
1/2J (Jirrah) Ms Rnjak	Isaac Raphael	Nathaniel	Aliza Tui	Anastasija	Jonathan	
2D (Darreba) Ms Shankar	Madison David	Fawaz	Lazar Nathaniel	Hsna Madison Nathan x2 Mateo Nathaniel Zachary	Nathan Madison Hsna	
3G (Gadgerrie) Ms Strbac	Jahziah David	Isaac	Lexi Peaches	Shadayna x4 Jad Jayson Yusuf Darwin Benjamin Ayman x2 Braxton	Shadayna x2 Jad Benjamin Ayman Shadayna Benjamin Braxton	Benjamin
3/4T (Terrigal) Ms Taweil	Sam Isobel	Jenny	Rena Chandara	Bonnie Zack Ellie x2 Chandara Rena	Fatima Ellie	
4/5C (Cabrogall) Mr Clark	Aiden Harlee	Jahna	Kenny Kiarnah	Jaeda x 2 Maria Nathan Walid Malek x2	Maria Aya Malek Jaeda	
5/6N (Ngumbaay-dyil) Ms Stons	Andrew Tamar	Lubna	Emily Lopa	Lubna Emily		
5/6I (Illalong) Ms Petersen	Anthony Mazen	Amelia	Margarita Tyson	Riley x2 Cindy	Riley	
Student of the month	 Jonathan		<p>Jonathan is a responsible and respectful student that sets high expectations of himself and regularly achieves them. In the classroom and on the playground he shows leadership qualities and is a true role model. He also brings these qualities to the sporting field, where he represents MPE with pride and ability.</p> <p>Well done Jonathan!! Keep up the great work.</p>			

Exploring our Environment



Children like to spend time outside and notice lots of interesting things!

Try and focus on the conversation you are having with your child and ask lots of questions. You could try:

- What is happening outside today?
- What do you think the weather will be like today. How do you know?
- How tall do you think that plant will grow?
- Who do you think planted it?
- Can you pick me three red tomatoes?
- What colours is that bird? What kind of bird is it?
- What do you think Kookaburras eat?
- You can always ask why they think what they are saying too!

Mrs Grassedonio
Deputy Principal, Instructional Leader

Other News

**You can now purchase your uniforms using
our online POP Payments option.**



There are just 2 provisions



You must first

1. Contact the school office to make sure that what you'd like to order is in stock.
2. Any payments made via POP will need to have been received by our school email as cleared before any uniforms are sent home.

If you have any queries, please contact the school on 9602 6453

POP payments can be made via our school website: mtpritcher-p.schools.nsw.gov.au

UNIFORM PRICE LIST

As at OCTOBER 14 2019

ITEM	UNIT PRICE
Jumper size 4-16	\$24.00
Jumper size S,M,L,XL,2XL,3XL	\$24.00
Jackets size 4-16	\$25.00
Jackets size S,M,L, XL, 2XL	\$30.00
Polo Shirt size 4-16	\$20.00
Polo Shirt size S,M,L,XL	\$22.00
Girls Tunic size 4-16	\$41.00
Girls Tunic size 18+	\$45.00
Girls Culottes size 4-16	\$27.00
Girls Culottes size S,M,L,XL	\$29.00
SPORT	
Sport Shirt size 4-16	\$25.00
Sport Shirt size S,M,L,XL	\$27.00
<i>PSSA Socks will be supplied by the school for participants requiring them.</i>	
HATS	
Cap	10.00
Library Bag	\$10.00

Parents Cafe



Parents Cafe will be open 9 - 10

Please come along and have a coffee or tea and something to eat... Everyone welcome.

Ms I'Anson

Relieving K-2 Assistant Principal



Christmas Hamper Donation

The P&C would like to give a big "THANK YOU" to everyone that has donated to our Xmas raffle. Please remember it's not too late to still donate as the raffle will be drawn on Presentation Day 11/12/19.

All food items need to be in date. Items that can be donated are NEW unwanted gifts, garden items, beauty products, home ware, kitchen items etc would be greatly appreciated.

Don't forget Sell your raffle tickets \$1 each or \$10 book! You can also get more books from the front office. Remember "you have to be in it to win it!"

Congratulations to KI for having the most items for the 1st fortnight. Hope you enjoyed your ice-blocks

Remember: the class who bring in the most donations all up will win a

PIZZA Party!!!!

Breakfast CLUB:

Breakfast club is every Friday morning from 8:30-9 outside the hall. Its free for everyone so come on down and have breakfast. We have toast, cereal, fruit and milk. Everyone is welcome.

P&C meeting information

Our next meeting is on the 25th November in the Staffroom. This is the last meeting for the year. It's your last chance to become a financial member. Membership is \$2. Your membership gives you the right to have a vote at our AGM next year. Which will be held in Term 1 Week 3.

Christmas Raffle

Our Christmas Raffle will be drawn on 11th December Presentation Day, after the Presentation Assembly.

Prizes are – (not in the order) but Watch this Space as next newsletter we will be announcing MORE prizes.

- Sharp Microwave
- Food Hampers
- 2x Family Passes to Fire Museum
- Next Level Care Gift Pack from Bonnyrigg Tyres & Mechanical
- Beauty Care Packs
- Beyonce Perfume Gift Pack

Many more to be announced



Thankyou from the P&C Committee





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