



MPE NEWS



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A picture says a thousand words...

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Bulletin: Issue 2

Term: 1 Week: 4

Thursday 21 February

WHAT'S ON

Monday 25 February

Story Factory

Wednesday 27 February

Assembly

Thursday 28 February

GVPSSA Swimming Carnival

Monday 4 March

Story Factory

Tuesday 5 March

Cyber Safety Police Talk

Wednesday 6 March

Dental Clinic

Thursday 7 March

Dental Clinic

Friday 8 March

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Inspired High Impact Teaching and Learning through Instructional Collaboration and Inclusive Authentic Partnerships

Through driving innovative practice, creating connected communities with students needs, growth and progress at the core surrounded by spirals of inquiry and embedded in values.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Meet the Teacher

We are offering a great opportunity to meet the teacher with individual time slots. After some feedback from staff about doing Meet the Teacher event as a group last year, staff felt it was difficult to get around to speak to all of you. We know the value of getting to know you and finding out more information on a personal level which is why the change. 3 Way conferences will still be held in terms 2 and 4 led by our students talking about their learning goals and areas of strength. We look forward to seeing you all!

Phones and photography

A reminder to parents that phones and other mobile devices are discouraged to be brought to school. If a phone is brought to school, it

must be signed into the office and switched off prior to the school day starting and then collected at the end of the day. We remind all our community that filming and photo taking without consent is a breach of Departmental regulations and policy. We take this very seriously as we have students whose identities are protected for various personal reasons.

Uniform and being Sun Smart!

MPE takes a lot of pride in our uniform as we believe when we wear our uniform, we represent our school and our community. It is important that we have ALL our students wearing the correct uniform including our school hats. Hats are given free on enrolment into our school. If this is misplaced, a new one can be purchased for \$10 from the school office. We will be checking uniform regularly so please ensure your child is wearing the correct attire.

Each child at MPE was given a free pair of glasses personalised by our school. This was a joint gift from the P&C and MPE. We felt this was something we wanted to invest in to protect our students' vision in the harsh summer sun. Gotchas will be given on random checks for students who bring and wear their glasses to school! We will be ordering the new Kindergarten students their glasses and they will receive them in the not to distant future!!



According to the Melanoma Australia Statistics: In 2016, there were 1,281 deaths from melanoma skin cancer in Australia (863 males and 418 females). In 2018, it is estimated that the age-standardised incidence rate will be 50 cases per 100,000 persons (62 for males and 39 for females). The incidence rate of melanoma skin cancer is expected to increase with age. Sep 4, 2018.

Mark and Ali looking cool in our school hats and sunglasses. Be sure to wear yours!

**Let's ensure our kids are Sun Safe
and wearing our school uniform
proudly!**

P&C

Our P&C will meet for the first time this year next Monday afternoon (25th February) for the Annual General Meeting where all Executive positions will be declared vacant and re-elected. It will be held in the staffroom and everyone is welcome to attend. Following this meeting, our first P&C meeting for 2019 will be held. What positions will need to be filled : President

Vice - President

Secretary

Treasurer

What does a P&C do at MPE? They help support our students by providing Breakfast Club on Fridays, they support school initiatives ie. sunglasses, they provide opportunities for students to buy gifts on Mother's and Father's Days, they do some fundraising to purchase new equipment for students in their learning. If you have ideas you would like to share with us, come along on Monday!!

CRUNCH & SIP

All of our classes have a set time for "Crunch & Sip" each day. This is an opportunity to have a short break, eat something healthy and stay hydrated. We ask that each student brings either fruit or vegetables that they enjoy. Some tips for making this time easy for your child is to send fruit that is easily eaten whole eg. apples, pears, berries, bananas. Other fruit such as pineapple, melons etc should be cut into manageable pieces. The same tips apply to vegetables. Please do not send knives for children to cut food. Knives are not permitted in children's bags at any time.



VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2019

What Is A Voluntary School Contribution? This is a voluntary payment from parents that is requested each year by schools to supplement existing funding. Our school relies on these contributions to provide additional resources to ensure our students have the best possible learning opportunities and learning environment. How Much? The voluntary contribution for 2019 is: \$30 per child or \$40 per family. All money raised from these contributions will go directly towards the purchase of new Quality Texts to enhance the teaching and learning across our school.

POSTCARDS

Our postcards have become part of our award system. So what does that mean? They are now worth the same as a merit award. Our system is about collecting and trading up. Students need 5 awards to trade up to a principal award. If your child has awards to trade up they bring them to their class teacher, who will then trade them to receive the correct award and these will be presented at the next assembly. Students can use postcards from previous years to trade up. Awards that have been used before will have a signature and date on the back.

Quote of the Week



Principal

Teresa Gosche

Our School Strategic Directions

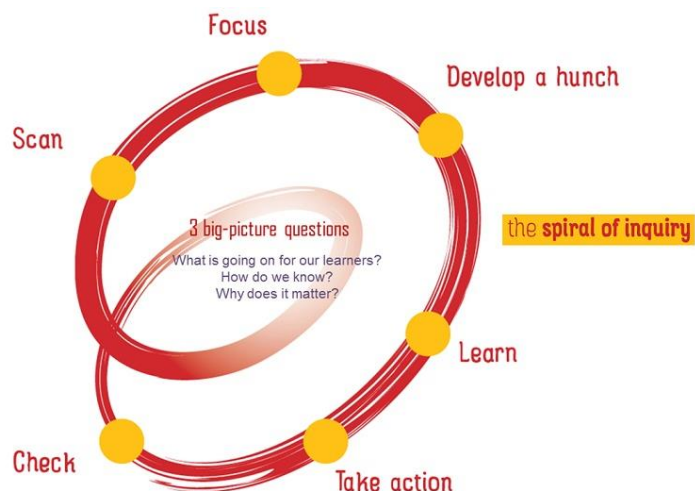
Inspired High Impact Teaching and Learning

Our school staff have already started with some great professional learning to enhance the teaching and learning in school. Some of our K-2 staff are training in **L3 - Language, Learning and Literacy**. Some students in stage 2 and 3 will be working on a **Grammar project** connected with a community of learners.

Instructional Collaboration

Spirals of Inquiry will begin at our school which is about listening to learners and reflecting on our own practices as educators. The spiral image captures the nature of inquiry – a continuous process and not a fixed cycle. The spiral is about new learning which always brings about new questions, ways of knowing and new opportunities for our learners.

Image credit by Helen Timperley, Linda Kaser and Judy Halbert



Inclusive Authentic Partnerships

Connections continue to be forged with **Story Factory** and this year we were lucky to pilot the first Parents in Writing Workshop. Story Factory will continue to work with some stage 3 and 2 classes to enhance writing. We thank our benefactor and Story Factory for these amazing opportunities.

Getting to know our staff at MPE



Hello my name is Julie Addabbo and I am the School Admin officer, I am at the front desk. I take care of new enrolments, uniforms, receipting as well as answering the phone. I will be learning a new greeting to greet families each week to acknowledge our multicultural community! Buongiorno!

Hi my name is Francey Perre. I am the School Admin Manager. My primary role is taking care of School Finance in conjunction with Mrs Gosche. I also share the duties of admin management and enquiries. On Wednesday's I take care of the Student Banking.

Hi I'm Nancy. I work in the office as well as the Library at Mt Pritchard East P.S. It is always a pleasure working at such a beautiful school with wonderful staff, parents and students.

(Mrs Perre, Mrs Addabbo and Mrs Manca)

What an exciting start to the year as we welcome our Kindergarten students! All our Kindy students have settled into school routines very quickly, they have been practising how to line up in two lines, how to walk safely around our school and also how to independently take their food and belongings out to lunch and recess breaks.

Lots of exciting learning has been taking place in our Kindergarten classrooms too! They have been learning how to write their names and read and record different sounds in words. Kindergarten have read lots of exciting picture books and in Mathematics they have been learning to read and count numbers up to 20.

During EAL/D lessons (English as an additional language or dialect) with Mrs Van Der Graaf our Kindy students have been learning about shapes and position words. Kindergarten have really enjoyed learning how to play safely together. Here are some photos of Kindergarten learning to cooperate while having fun with the parachute during Kindergarten sport.

Our teachers were busy completing the Best Start Assessment on our students. Best Start Kindergarten Assessment is a Literacy and Numeracy assessment conducted for all Kindergarten students in the first five weeks of school. Once all assessments are completed Parent Feedback Summary will be sent home.

We are looking forward to an amazing year with Kindergarten as they learn and grow!

Mrs Dayoub
K-2 Assistant Principal



3-6 News with Mr Innes

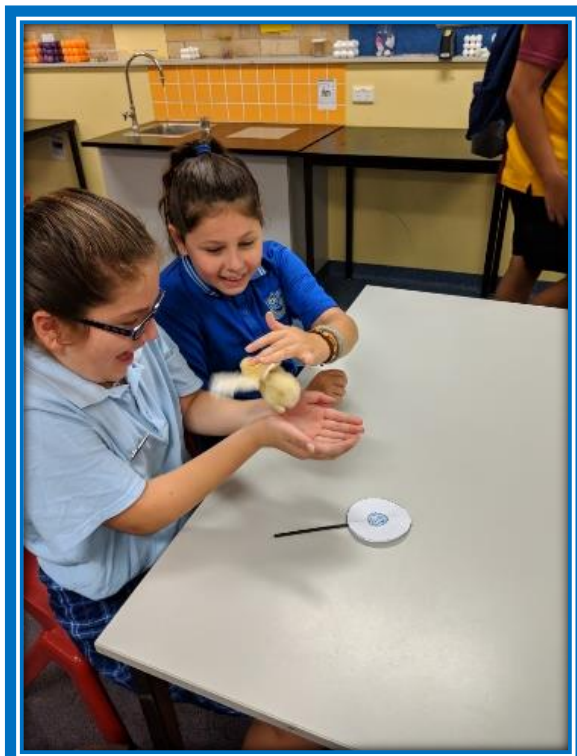
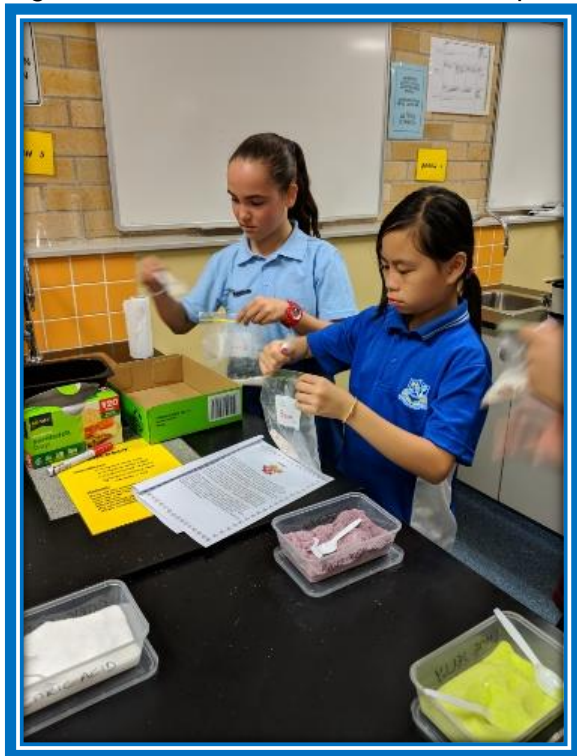
Stage 2 and 3 have had a wonderful start to 2019 and have settled into their classes in a really positive way. It has been great to see so many students return to the new school year with smiles on their faces and excited about what awaits them this year. Please continue to wear your school hats each day, it is especially important at this time of the year. If students do not have a school hat you will be asked to stay in the shade.

Stage 2 and 3 teachers are really looking forward to meeting as many parents as possible at 'Meet the Teacher' in Week 5. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Ashcroft High School Science Fun Day

Last Friday, Year 6 students travelled to Ashcroft High School and enjoyed a morning full of science experiments. Students took part in activities that included making slime, making their own sherbert (very popular!) and lighting tea bags on fire to see if they would rise into the air! At the end of the session, and possibly the most exciting part of the day, we were allowed to hold the chicks that they are raising in the Science labs. Some of the chicks were that settled they even fell asleep in some of our student's hands - it was a great experience!

Throughout different stages in the year, we will continue to work closely with Ashcroft High School to ensure that all Year 6 students are as ready as they can possibly be for what will await them next year. Once we organise different events with Ashcroft, parents will be informed.



Mr Innes
Stage 2 and 3 Assistant Principal

SPORT - Swimming Carnival

On Thursday 14th February, MPE attended the Combined Swimming Carnival at Whitlam Leisure Centre in Liverpool. We had five students in total attending together with Mr Clark and Ms Shankar taking part in this sporting day. Our students represented our school with respect, pride and sportsmanship cheering on each other! Olivia smashed qualifying times for freestyle 50m and 100m, breaststroke and backstroke. She will move onto the next stage of attending District. Everyone tried really hard and had a great day. Thank you to Mr Clark for helping supervise and support and Mr Michael for driving us.



Ms Shankar
Sports Coordinator

SPORT - Season 1 PSSA

Mr Clark will be coaching the Girls soccer for season 1 and Miss Taweil will be coaching the Boys softball. All parents are encouraged and welcome to come along and support our teams. Games take place on Friday afternoons, starting at approximately 1:00pm. Boys softball games will be held each week at Greenway Park Reserve, whilst Girls soccer will take place at Hoxton Park Reserve.

David Clark
PSSA Coordinator

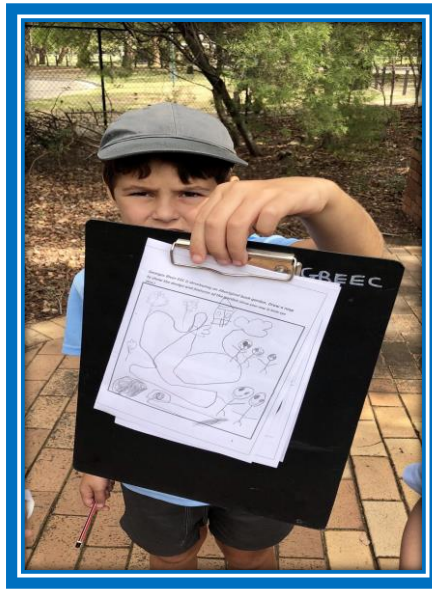
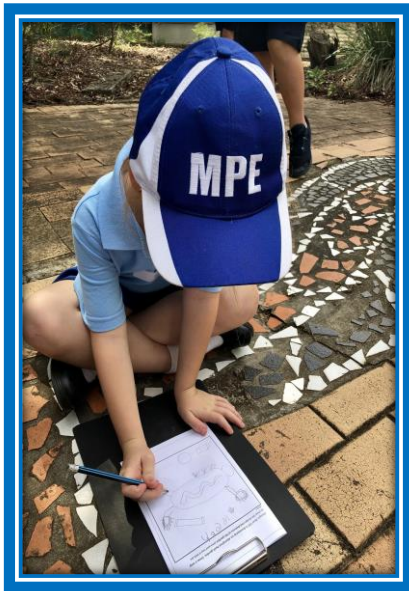


Aboriginal Excursion - Bush Garden Day at the Georges River Environmental Education Centre

On Thursday 14th February a busload of excited students with Aboriginal heritage joined with the Aboriginal students from Warwick Farm Public School for a Bush Garden Day. They learnt about native Australian edible plants ideas for designing their own garden and learning space within our schools to share their culture with the rest of their school communities. This took place at the Georges River Environmental Education Centre with Nic Hall and Auntie Carol.

After visiting the garden at the Education Centre and having a lesson about edible native plants and a cooking demonstration using these plants, the students had to think of three things that they thought was important for a bush tucker garden to have. They then thought about the story they would like to tell with their garden. Throughout the design process they were being encouraged to think about the uses, care and creation of their gardens.

They loved being outside, listening looking and walking through the bush and are excited to start planting and making their garden in our school in the not too distant future.



Mrs Van der graaf
EALD teacher

Learning Tips with Mrs Grassedonio

Wondering what you can ask your child about their day? Try one of these conversation starters:

1. Tell me about the best part of your day.
2. Tell me about what you read in class.
3. Can you show me something you learned (or did) today?
4. How did you help someone today?
5. If you got to be the teacher tomorrow what would you do?

Did you know you can get free books? Big W are doing a promotion and are giving away free books!

Giving Aussie families access to more books at home is the first step to building healthy minds and bright futures for Australia's children.

Do you have spare time you can volunteer to the school to help our kids learn? If you could help us laminate resources, read with kids, do counting games or more and have some time spare, we would love to have you! Come and see me or give your name and number to the front office and I will get back to you!

Mrs Grassedonio
Deputy Principal Instructional Leader

Parent Cafe

Parent Cafe is open Friday mornings
Everyone is welcome

Feel free to come down to the hall and have a cuppa (coffee or tea), a chat and a treat (scones, jam and cream are a regular treat) before heading home or out for the day. Drop by for 10 minutes or 40 minutes. It is a great way to meet other parents or a catch up with friends.

A big thank you to Michael for setting up last Friday, Marilyn for baking her yummy scones fresh on Friday morning and all the parents and grandparents who came along. It was great to see you all and the hall was buzzing with the sounds of good conversations and laughter.



Everyone is welcome to bring along a plate to share and we can discuss volunteers to take turns and share their favourite recipes once or twice a term.

Please consider joining us on Friday at the Parent Cafe in the hall. We would love to get to know you and preschoolers are very welcome.



Jennine l'Anson
Support Teacher and Parent Café Coordinator



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Classes	Academic Awards	Quality Work	Sport Awards	Principal	Bronze	Gold
					Silver	
KI (Iluka) Ms Irons	Marcus Kye		Jett Layla			
KE (Euroka) Ms Evans	Kaiden Sonita		Elizabeth Nate			
1M (Maroni) Ms Moseley	Aaliya Nicolas		Dylan Delcie		Felicity	
1/2J (Jirrah) Ms Rnjak	Maselili Vii		Aliza Jana			
2D (Darreba) Ms Shankar	Timothy Madison		Chanpeaktra Ellie	Madison Nathan Mostafa		
3G (Gadgerrie) Ms Strbac	Natalie La'Bron		Jahziah Shontayah	Jayson Kash	Jayson	
3/4T (Terrigal) Ms Taweil	Tamika Zack		Chandara Rafael		Jett	
4/5C (Cabrogal) Mr Clark	Nathan Stella		Malek Madison			
5/6N (Ngumbaay-dyil) Ms Stons	Mark Emily		Panayioti Liuserahi			
5/6I (Illalong) Mr Innes	Kumi Tameka		Tyson Cindy	Glorious x3 Merita	Glorious x2	
Gotchas	Curtis,					



SPECIAL Thanks to Eat Up organisation

Special thanks to the Eat Up organisation who delivered free cheese sandwiches for our kids. Children loved it and the two boxes received were taken gratefully! <https://eatup.org.au/>



Food for thought.

It's hard to believe, but there are many young Aussies who go to school each day without any lunch. And without food, concentration is compromised. Which means learning is compromised. Which means their future is compromised.

And that's not really fair, is it?

We feed hungry kids.

With the generous help and lunch-making skills of a dedicated army of volunteers, Eat Up makes and deliver thousands of lunches a month to schools around Australia. In fact, since 2013, we've delivered over 250,000 lunches. Which is over 250,000 afternoons of learning salvaged from the grips of hunger. And we'll keep going until all of Australia's hungry school kids are fed.

Help out

10.9% of Australian children live in poverty. And those kids need all the help they can get. So even if you don't have any spare dough, you can still support us by chipping in alongside other teachers, students, parents, corporate, and general-do-gooders.



Individual

Come along to one of our public sandwich-making events! These are fun, fast and very productive — we're talking 5,000-sandwiches-in-an-hour productive.

You can come along on your own, or with family and/or friends. Kids under 12 are able to volunteer as well, so long as they're accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Follow us on Facebook for our upcoming events, venue information, and to confirm attendance or get in touch.

Get in touch





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