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Bulletin: Issue 3

Term: 1 Week: 6

Thursday 7 March

WHAT'S ON

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School Dental Clinic

Friday 8 March

School Dental Clinic

PSSA

Monday 11 March

Youth Leaders Day

Story Factory!

Tuesday 12

Clean Up Australia Day

Wednesday 13 March

Assembly

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Meet the Teacher

A huge thank you to the parents and carers who joined the teaching and support staff last Tuesday afternoon/night for Meet the Teacher. These events are important to ensure the partnership in learning is established between parents/carers and staff to support, guide and nurture the most important people in our school - the students - your children.

High School Expression of Interest Application Forms

Parents received the High School Expression of Interest Application Forms and advice on how to complete the form. ALL High School Expression of Interest Application Forms will need to be completed and returned to school by **Friday 15 March 2019**.

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WHAT'S ON

Thursday 14 March

Selective High School Tests

Friday 15 March

PSSA

Monday 18 March

Story Factory

118 Townview Road,
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Principal: Teresa Gosche

If conflict arises between students

From time to time conflict arises between students. If your child talks to you about such an issue, you are encouraged to speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance, the assistant principal in charge of the stage, our Deputy Principal Mrs Lakisoe or myself. These issues can be managed very quickly at school. Every student is given a voice and we seek to solve. Consequences are fair and consistent in all instances and follow the DOE Fair Discipline Policy. At no time is a parent to approach another student on the playground, in a classroom or whilst they are travelling home. ALL students are to feel safe at school. Please note this direction as once students enter the school site, our duty of care is engaged.

School Photos

Our school photo day will be on Thursday 28th March. Students received the order form envelopes today. Just a reminder that each

student must hand in their own completed envelope. Please ensure that correct money is placed in the envelopes as we hand them directly to the photographer and do not open them. Envelopes for sibling photographs are available from the school office.

No money will be exchanged on the morning of photo day as we have limited cash in the office.

P&C Updates

Last Monday we conducted the AGM of the P&C, at that meeting these members were voted in as the executive committee members.

President : Yvonne Skilbeck

Vice President : Leah Clewett

Secretary : Sarah Lambert- Barker / Jemmima Robinson

Treasurer ; Margaret Skilbeck

Congratulations to our new committee members!! I look forward to working with you all!!

The next P&C meeting is **Monday 11th March 2.00pm** in staffroom. Everyone is welcome!!!

Amazing Result

Last Thursday Olivia from 5/6N represented the school at the Zone swimming carnival and she was amazing!! We are so proud of her efforts and wish her every success at the Regional event next Thursday!! Read in Mrs Shankar's report her fantastic achievements!!

Next Monday our student leaders and Miss Strbac will attend the Halogen Leadership Conference. This opportunity is given to them by the school and they get to learn about being a Leader from some amazing guest presenters. We are also so lucky to have Mr Clarke who will drive them in using our school bus. They also will get to participate in another leadership event on Thursday 14th March at Miller PS. This event will be supervised by Mr Innes and again travel will be by bus.

Next Thursday 14th March some of our Year 6 students will be sitting the selective high school test. We wish our students every success and hope their hard work pays off!!

Quote of the Week



The possibilities are
numerous once we decide to
act and not react.

George Bernard Shaw

Principal

Teresa Gosche

Our School Strategic Directions

Inspired High Impact Teaching and Learning

Read our Learning links section in this newsletter about how to support your child's learning at home. At the moment our school and P&C are looking at purchasing more Quality Reading texts for our school. If you google **Quality Reading texts**, you will find a list of suggested books that you could read with your child.

Instructional Collaboration

Our school is currently working together to enhance our student wellbeing programs and policies. There will be programs, lessons and signage carried out and emerging so that our whole school are all on the same page of ensuring that all **our students are known, valued and cared for!**

Inclusive Authentic Partnerships

Have you thought about coming in to help with reading? Come in and leave your name at the office or ask for our Deputy Principal Instructional Leader Mrs Grassadonio. If you want to network or share stores with our community, then come down to our Parent Café on Friday mornings 9 – 10 with Ms l'Anson!

Getting to know our staff at MPE - Stage 1

Introducing our wonderful Stage 1 team at MPE!
(From left to right: Ms Shankar, Miss Rnjak and Miss Moseley)

1 Maroni: Hello Parents/Caregivers,
My name is **Miss Moseley** and I have the pleasure of teaching 1M this year. We have so



much to learn and so many awesome things ahead of us. The beginning of the school year is always exciting and I am looking forward to getting to know my students and anticipate a wonderful school year.

1/2J: Dear Parents and Caregivers,

My name is **Miss Rnjak** and this year I am excited to have 1/2J. I am so pleased with how everyone has settled in. All the students are trying their best everyday. I cannot wait to continue to work with them this year. I am excited to see them grow.

2D: Dear Parents/Caregivers and the MPE Community,

My name is **Ms Shankar** and I have the honour and pleasure of teaching 2D. Students in 2D are settling in well with the routines in place. As we progress through the term, they will become more independent and begin to self-regulate their learning. I am looking forward to seeing them push their expectations to challenge themselves and take ownership of their 'sweaty brains'! Thus help their brains grow and learn.

K-2 News

Wow! This term is flying by! Thank you to all our amazing parents and carers who attended 'Meet the Teacher' interviews in Week 5. It was a fantastic opportunity to build a relationship with your child's teacher and get to know them in anticipation of a successful year. For all K-2 parents who could not attend, please feel free to leave a message at the office to arrange a time to meet with your child's teacher and they will contact you as soon as possible to arrange a suitable time.

Our whole school Dental Clinic will be arriving at school this week. The Teeth on Wheels bus will be here from Wednesday through to Friday. If you returned the consent form, your child will attend the dental clinic bus for a check up and parents/carers will be given feedback by Teeth on Wheels.

A focus for Stage 1 this term has been learning all about living healthy and active lifestyles. Here are some photos from Stage 1 Sport last week where our students have been having fun while being active!



Have a great week!

Mrs Dayoub
K-2 Assistant Principal

3-6 News

Stage 2 and 3 teachers would firstly like to say a massive thank you to all of the parents who came and said hello on 'Meet the Teacher' night. It was wonderful to see so many parents turn up, and we will look

at building upon these numbers next year. If you missed out on the chance to come and see your teacher, please feel free to contact them and make an appointment that works best for you.

Year 6 parents - your child was sent their High School Expression of Interest form last Friday. Please read the instructions carefully, and ensure all details are correct. There are certain sections that need to be signed. If you have any questions, please get in contact with your class teacher. They are due back to school by March 15th (next Friday).

Staying with Year 6 - Ashcroft High School staff will be coming to our school every second Tuesday morning (even weeks) to do Dancing with our students. Time to dust off those dancing shoes!! It will begin in Week 8.

Congratulations to 3G who were rewarded as the best class at lining up after each break! As a reward, the class who does this the best consistently will receive ice-blocks on a Tuesday at lunch time. Each week the classes score will be added to a tally board, and the overall winner at the end of the term will receive a Pizza Party. Well done 3G!

Mr Innes

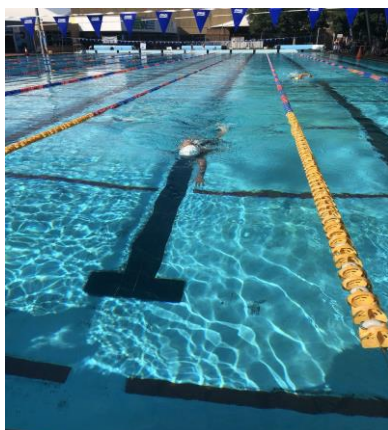
Stage 2 and 3 Assistant Principal

SPORT - Zone Swimming Carnival

On the 28th of February, Olivia proudly represented MPE at the Zone Swimming Carnival. She smashed it out of the pool, qualifying for the next level in Senior Backstroke and Senior Butterfly. We are thrilled with excitement as her hard work has definitely paid off and are in awe of her continued efforts to excel! Here is snapshot of how she went throughout the day:

- 3rd place in 100m Freestyle
- 2nd place in Senior Butterfly, qualifying for Regionals
- 1st in her heat for Senior Backstroke and 3rd place overall, qualifying for Regionals
- 5th place for 50m Freestyle

Olivia will represent us at Regionals on the 12th of March. We are super proud of her efforts!!



Ms Shankar

Sports Coordinator

SPORT - Season 1 PSSA

The first season of PSSA sport for 2019 has commenced, with this Friday being already Round 3. We have had some mixed results so far, but as always MPE prides itself on being a school which competes and plays the game with pride and integrity. In fact, I am receiving great feedback regarding the conduct, sportsmanship and ability of both our boys soft ball players and girl soccer players. Keep up the great work teams! This week the girls' soccer teams take on Bonnyrigg Heights and our boys soft baller players play Busby West. A reminder for all students to please bring your water bottles and a hat each week as the weather has still been quite hot and probably will be for a few more weeks yet. Our thanks as always goes to Mr. Michael for taking us each week and our coaches for giving up their lunch and recess times to train our sides.

Round 1

PSSA	MPE V TEAM	Most Valuable Player	Junior	Senior
Boys Softball	Hoxton Park	Junior: Moses	0-5	8-1
		Senior: Harlee		
Girls Soccer	BYE	Junior:		
		Senior:		

Round 2

PSSA	MPE V TEAM	Most Valuable Player	Junior	Senior
Boys Softball	Greenway Park	Junior: Rafael	4-11	0-9
		Senior: Hendrik		
Girls Soccer	Mount Pritchard	Junior: Alexis	2-1	3-0
		Senior: Lubna		

David Clark
PSSA Coordinator

Garden -

If you ever enter or leave our school by the Roberts Ave gate you will notice that there is a small vegetable garden that changes a little day by day. When we returned to school it was a sad and sorry sight with overgrown cucumbers, dried beans and shrivelled silver beet.

This has all been put right again by our eager band of gardeners from every grade, who rush to our garden at the appointed recess times to dig, compost, weed, sow seeds and water the various vegetables. We are very grateful to those classes that collect their fruit scraps from 'Crunch and Sip' time and put them in our compost bins. The compost that we make from these leftovers helps to make the soil rich and fertile.

At the moment we are growing lettuce, parsley, corn, cucumbers and English spinach. Unfortunately, the English spinach has found our Australian summer somewhat hot, and is struggling a little, but everything else is thriving.

We are expanding into the area along the fence behind the brick wall and have even started a native garden up the other end of the wall, past the steps, where we hope to cultivate a bit of bush tucker.

When our produce is ready, we will be selling it to the school community. The money that we make from our pop up stalls goes back into buying seeds and soil for our next crops.

Thank you to all those who encourage and support us in this endeavour.

Mrs Van der graaf



Class chat with Mr Innes and 5/6I

Welcome to 2019!

5/6I have had a wonderful start to the school year. This is a very exciting year for the Year 6s in the class with High School just around the corner. Our Year 5s will be gearing up and preparing to be the senior leaders also with great role models around them.

As a class, we are taking the position of being role models within the school very seriously so that we are setting great examples for other students to follow. We have had a very productive beginning to the year and have come on leaps and bounds so far, especially in writing and Mathematics. This is solely due to the hard work students are putting in, and their attempts to move outside their comfort zone.

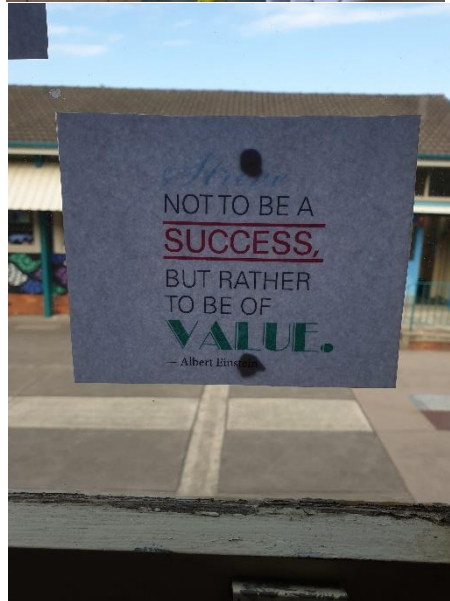


I am really excited about the year ahead, and look forward to continuing, and building on, the success we have had so far this year!

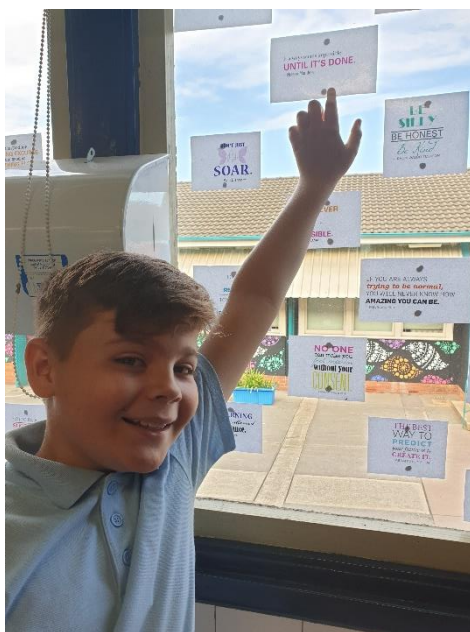
Here are some of our amazing students and their thoughts on our values and quotes window!



Tyson – I like this quote about attributing my success to this: ***I never gave or took any excuse*** because I think to succeed you need to have a positive attitude.



Cindy – I like this quote to ***strive not to be a success but rather be of value is important***. I also think we should never give up and keep on trying.



Hendrik – I like this quote: ***It always seems impossible until it's done***. Because I always think like that.



Jay – We asked Jay If he would like to say what he liked about BRAIN inc. He said – I like it because you get to do things and bring communities together!

Watch this space as more information will be coming about BRAIN inc!

Mr M Innes

5/6I Classroom teacher and 3-6 AP

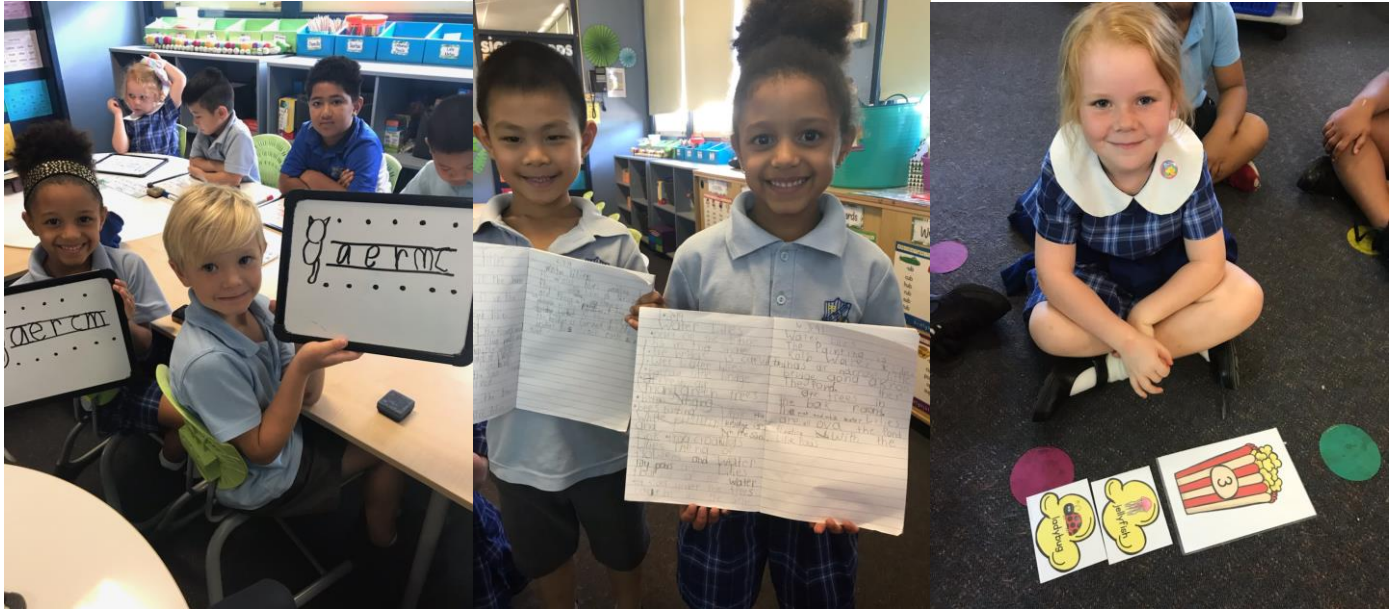
Class chat with Ms Moseley and 1M

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to the 2019 school year. Year 1 is a fantastic year! We have so much to learn and so many awesome things to do. In my class, kindness matters. Our class will be a team and a family, we will support each other and lift each other up. Our classroom will be a safe and understanding area, where we will all succeed and achieve our goals.



In 1M, students have been participating in daily read-to-self sessions. Enabling all students to continue developing fluency and comprehension in their reading and encouraging them to develop independence in reading and apply decoding strategies. Our reading program is made up of shared and modelled reading. These sessions will include explicit teaching of reading strategies. The focus for writing this term is using adjectives to make our writing POP! Handwriting lessons will occur regularly to reinforce correct formation of un-joined lower and upper case letters.



Maths this term has been centred on developing and deepening student's number knowledge. This has begun with focusing on the numbers zero through to ten, as well as learning doubles and rainbow facts, before moving onto counting to and from 100, skip counting, understanding place value, putting numbers on a number line and strategies to add and subtract numbers.

During sport, 1M have been participating in a wide range of physical activities and learning many sporting skills. Term 1 will involve developing and strengthening students' fundamental movement skills through taking part in sporting activities and games that look at improving coordination, strengthening fine and gross motor skills, while learning new sporting activities. 1M have been engaging in games with 1/2J and 2D to work cooperatively with others and promote both individual growth and positive social skills.

This term in Art, 1M will look at artists such as Mondrian, Picasso, Monet, Van Gogh, Preston and Cezanne. Students will explore the colour wheel and learn how to mix different colours as they begin to develop their skills as artists.

Kind regards,
Miss Moseley
1M Classroom
teacher



Learning Links

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go". Dr Seuss

20 minutes a day is all it takes to build key reading skills. Here are 7 ways to support a home reading environment.

- Set a reading time and promote this everyday
- Make a comfortable reading space
- Involve your child by asking them questions
- Fill your home with all kinds of reading materials
- Get caught reading yourself
- Keep favourite books around
- Read to your child.

Mrs E Grassedonio

Deputy Principal Instructional Leader

Library

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It was lovely to see all the students' faces this week in Library. Many of the students have commented on the new look of our school Library. We have lots of new furniture, shelving and signage, as well as some new blinds printed with amazing artwork. There is still a little more to do before the 'transformation is complete' but our Library is becoming a much more user-friendly and welcoming space. Please feel free to pop your head in and take a look!

LIBRARY LEARNING

In consultation with all stages, Library lessons will focus on Inquiry-Based Learning and use of technology to present and/or solve problems. This will look very different from Kindergarten to Stage 3, however, a graduated whole-school approach means students will build upon their skills each year to become effective Inquiry-Based learners. The skills students learn through Inquiry-Based Learning experiences can be used well into high school, tertiary studies and in the future workforce. Inquiry-Based Learning moves students beyond general curiosity into the realms of critical thinking and understanding. Students are encouraged to ask questions while they are supported through the investigation process, while learning to understand where to begin and how to structure the inquiry process.



THE LUNCHTIME LIBRARY

The Library is open at lunchtime to all students on Mondays, Wednesdays &



Thursdays. It is a quiet space for students who find the playground perhaps a little loud or overwhelming, or who want to engage in activities that are more sedentary, such as puzzles, board games, Lego building, reading or drawing. We always have a great time in the Library at lunchtime!

THE BOOK EXCHANGE

The Mount Pritchard East Book Exchange is located just outside the Library and has books for pre-school aged children and adults. Anyone in our school community may take a book. Books are not scanned like in the library and do not have a 'due' date. The Book Exchange works on a trust system where people return books when they have finished with them for the rest of the community to enjoy. We would love to see the community making use of our Book Exchange and helping us to promote a love of reading in our children.



NOTES

All students should have brought home a Library Note by now that tells you their Library Day and outlines some of the Library Procedures. If you have any questions regarding the information in this note or anything to do with the Library, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Donnan
Teacher Librarian

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Classes	Academic Awards	Quality Work	Sport Awards	Principal	Bronze	Gold
					Silver	
KI (Iluka) Ms Irons	Lincoln Leelah	Latoya	Kayla Samson			
KE (Euroka) Ms Evans	Tracey Zylah	Sonita	Georgia Mohammad			
1M (Maroni) Ms Moseley	Alexis Leland	Aisha	Jujhar Ahmad		Anna Jujhar Dylan Felicity Anna	
1/2J (Jirrah) Ms Rnjak	Avyanna Leah	Charlie	Stefan Herman			
2D (Darreba) Ms Shankar	David Logan	Madison	Hsna Joseph		Fawaz Madison	
3G (Gadgerrie) Ms Strbac	Kash Peaches	Lexi	Willow Jad	Ayman Jayson	Jayson	
3/4T (Terrigal) Ms Taweil	Benjun Isobel		Ahmad Sam			
4/5C (Cabrogal) Mr Clark	Daniel Nathan Stella Ana	Hanisi	Malek Aya Kenny Madison	Malek Stella		
5/6N (Ngumbaay-dyil) Ms Stons	Ammar Lopa	Gabriella	Ryan Gabriella	Emily Leena	Emily	
5/6I (Illalong) Mr Innes	Bianca Pita	Cindy	Riley Glorious			
Student of the Month	Anthony		<p>Anthony was awarded the Citizen of the Month award for 3-6 as a great role model as a result of his wonderful work at school. He has the following qualities;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follows the class rules to be a safe, respectful learner - Improved commitment to learning 			



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P&C AGM Meeting.

P&C held their Annual AGM meeting on the 25th February to re-elect the new P&C Committee for 2019.

This was successful and all positions have been filled.

President: Yvonne Skilbeck

Vice President: Leah Clewett

Treasurer: Margaret Skilbeck

Secretary and Assistant Secretary:

Sarah Lambert-Barker and Jemima Robinson.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead. If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to come and find one of us for a chat.

Suggestion box.

The suggestion box is currently located in the front office. We only open the suggestion box at our P&C Meeting that we hold in Weeks 3 and 7 of each term.



Breakfast CLUB: Is every Friday Morning from 8:30am-9am outside the Hall. It is free for everyone so come on down and have Breakfast, we have toast, cereal, fruits and milk. Everyone is Welcome.



Next P&C Meeting : 11th March at 2pm (In the staffroom next to the computer lab)



P&C committee