

# MPE



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Term: 1 Week: 8

Thursday 21 March

**WHAT'S ON**

Friday 22 March

PSSA

Monday 25 March

Story Factory

Tuesday 26 March

Stranger Danger Police Talk

Wednesday 27 March

Assembly

Mufti Day

Thursday 28 March

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Friday 29 March

PSSA

Monday 1 April

Story Factory

Swimming Scheme Commences

*words...Debating team 2019*

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

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

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### Tell Them From Me Survey (TTFM)

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.

More information about the survey is available at:  
<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

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.

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 11 March and 12 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs 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 Thursday 28th March. 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.

### School Photos (repeat)

Our school photo day will be on Thursday 28th March. Students received the order form envelopes last week. 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. Sibling photo envelopes can be collected from the office.

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

### When students experience conflict at school or at home related to school

We encourage your children to talk to you about their successes and learning at school. In the event of conflict at school, I ask you to call or email the school to alert us to an issue so we can follow up. You can also communicate with your child's class teacher. I would like to remind you that our staff are very experienced at managing such issues and providing each and every student with a voice. It is critical you understand that at **NO TIME** is a parent or carer permitted to approach another student in our school. We take this matter very seriously as **ALL STUDENTS** are to be safe on our school premises. This is a policy from the Department of Education. Please respect this expectation.

### Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to all our families who have paid their voluntary contribution money. We have ##### to date. You still have the opportunity to pay this and be in the draw for our two vouchers. The last date for payment is **Tuesday 30th April**.

### Staff Update

We have a newly appointed Chaplain to our school Mr Alain Booth. Mr Booth will be in our school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He is currently getting to know our students and staff.

### Quote of the Week

Principal

Teresa Gosche

Our School Strategic Directions

TODAY  
is the day to  
learn something  
NEW



## **Inspired High Impact Teaching and Learning** *for engaging, quality, reflective practice*

Our Gifted and Talented extension program has begun and will involve various students nominated by teachers, for outstanding talent and exceptional skills to work with Ms Vette-Welsh on problem solving activities and global projects. The first group have named themselves BRAIN inc and are working on a project to reflect our multicultural diversity of our community in a sculpture or monument that will show respect for all and that our school families come from all over the world!

## **Instructional Collaboration** *to foster innovation, growth and progress*

**Hackathon with Educational Changemakers and Atlassian!** We are excited to send staff members for the second year to a Hackathon event where exciting, innovative problem solving occurs to change education and make impact at our school. We are working in collaboration with the following two groups:

**Educational Changemakers** - A global training organisation focused on helping K-12 teachers and school leaders innovate practical solutions to improve learning! Have a look at their website for more information

<https://www.educationchangemakers.com/>



**Atlassian** - Atlassian Corporation Plc is an Australian enterprise software company that develops products for software developers, project managers, and content management. Atlassian provides the tools to help every team unleash their full potential.



In partnership they will be working with schools to look at different models of problem solving, creativity, collaboration and innovation. Looking forward to seeing what our staff come back with!

## **Inclusive Authentic Partnerships** *that build trust, value and celebration of our school*

**Our EAL/D students working with Royal Botanical Gardeners at Les Powell.** How exciting to see our EAL/D students with Ms Van Der Graaf working hard to develop a garden for Les Powell. Salah, Mostafa, Mark, Gabriella, Eardenh and Tanya helped the Royal Botanical Gardeners prepare a veggie garden. They tore up cardboard and put it down with no gaps between to stop the sun and prevent the weeds from growing then they moved tons of leaf mulch. They had a ball!



## Getting to know our staff at MPE - Early Stage 1



Introducing the Early Stage 1 team!  
Ms Irons and Ms Evans

K Euroka: Dear Parents and Caregivers,

My name is Mrs Evans and I am very excited to be teaching the amazing KE. The children have settled in well and are working hard. Like my students, this is my first year at MPE, and I'd like to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome. It is a privilege to be part of such a wonderful community. I am looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and fun!

KI: Hi Parents and Carers,

My name is Miss Irons and I am the lucky teacher who gets to teach KI this year. I can not wait to work with KI, as they are an enthusiastic, happy and eager group of students and I predict that we are going to have a lot of laughs on our learning journey, this year. I am looking forward to a wonderful year of growth and achieving our learning goals.

## K-2 News

K-2 have had a busy start to the term! Last week we enjoyed AFL football and fitness clinics. It was fantastic to see such great listening skills from K-2 as they worked with the coaches to practised their throwing, kicking and catching!

On Tuesday last week it was Clean up Australia Day. K-2 learnt all about the importance of keeping our beautiful country clean and each class set off to clean an area of the school. They took so much pride in making sure out lovely school was clean and beautiful, well done K-2!

Coming up in week 9, all students K-6 will be involved in a very important 'Stranger Danger' talk led by our local Police Youth Liaison Officer, Senior Constable Matthew Green. This will be an informative, engaging talk for our students giving them the skills in how to approach various situations and how to keep themselves safe.

Have a great week!

**Mrs Dayoub**  
**K-2 Assistant Principal**

### 3-6 News

It has been another busy couple of weeks in Stage 2 and 3. Our classes have settled in really well, and we are beginning to see significant growth in all aspects of our daily lives at school. It is really pleasing to see the efforts all students are putting in at the moment. Keep it up!

Our Tuesday last week all students took part in Clean Up Australia Day. This was a really successful initiative and I know that when speaking to the kids about it that they understand the importance of the day, and value keeping not only our school, but our community clean.

PSSA is now in full swing with the Boys Softball and Girls Soccer teams having wonderful experiences every Friday afternoon. For those students involved in PSSA, please remember that you must have your hat every Friday, and need to bring enough water and food that will last you the afternoon.

In Week 9 our AFL clinic will continue on Monday, Stranger Danger Police Talk is on Tuesday and school photos are on Thursday.

Thank you to those students who have returned their Cross Country notes. There are still lots that need to be returned. If you haven't returned your note, your teacher will send you home with another one.

Year 6 High School EOI forms were due last Friday. Thank you so much for those who have brought them in on time! Students who have not returned their form have been sent home with a new one. These must be returned ASAP!

Finally, Swim Scheme is running in weeks 9 and 10 this term. This is one of the most worthwhile programs that students get the chance to take part. If you are interested, please return your notes with your money to the office so we can lock you in for a wonderful 2 weeks at the pools!

Mr Innes  
Stage 2 and 3 Assistant Principal

### Debating

On Thursday of Week 6, Miss Taweil and Ms Shankar had the pleasure of taking eight students to Greenway Park Public School for a Debating Workshop. Students had a fantastic time learning about 'Matter' the content of the topic, 'Method' the structure of a debate and 'Manner' the etiquette of a 'good debator'. They worked in their school groups to practise mini debates with other schools to develop their skills. We were very proud of their conduct and efforts. Students will be practising and developing their flair for debating every fortnight, in preparation for future debates.

Our Debating Team comprises of Team 1: Yoyo, Jason, Jonathon R, Olivia and Team 2: Lubna, Amelia, Gabriella and Ella. In addition, Margarita is Chairperson and Anthony is the TimeKeeper for debates hosted at MPE.

We look forward to starting the competition in Term 2. We wish them the best of luck!





**Miss Taweil & Ms Shankar**

## Clean up Australia Day

On Tuesday the 12th of March, Mount Pritchard East students and teachers participated in Clean up Australia Day. Our goal as a school was to understand the impacts of litter and to take responsibility for litter in our school community. Each class had a designated area that they were responsible of cleaning. Many students were shocked at the large volumes of rubbish found within our school, but made a positive impact to clean up and fix up in order to conserve our school grounds.



**Miss Moseley**

## 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 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!!



### **AFL Rotations**

MPE has been successful in attaining a grant from Sporting Schools to deliver Sports in Term 1. We are using this funding to deliver 'AFL' for students to enjoy and learn about. Students in their classes will attend a session and learn about how to kick, pass with a particular focus on technique. Our first session took place on Tuesday of Week 7 and we will have three more sessions over the following weeks. Students had an absolute blast and through these sessions are getting active and building their teamwork and sportsmanship skills. Here are some photos of our first session:



**Ms Shankar**  
**Sports Coordinator**

## SPORT - Season 1 PSSA

We are nearing the halfway mark in season 1 of PSSA and our teams continue to perform admirably. Even though at times our results may not indicate a win, I feel that every week our teams can walk away from their games feeling like winners. Their great sportsmanship and team comradery is of the highest level and they always "Play the game" with a great deal of spirit and pride. Keep up the great work players and let's keep our fingers crossed that the rain goes away in time for round 5. As always our thanks goes to Mr. Michael for driving us to our venues each week and to our coaches for giving up their personal time to train and mentor our players.

### Round 3

PSSA	MPE V TEAM	Most Valuable Player	Junior	Senior
Boys Softball	Busby West	Junior: Ayman	3-3	2-5
		Senior: Anthony		
Girls Soccer	Bonnyrigg Heights	Junior: Diana	0-2	4-7
		Senior: Olivia		

### Round 4

PSSA	MPE V TEAM	Most Valuable Player	Junior	Senior
Boys Softball	Green Valley	Junior: Malek	10-0	6-17
		Senior: Riley		
Girls Soccer	Ashcroft	Junior: Ellie	2-0	4-0
		Senior: Tameka		

David Clark  
PSSA Coordinator

## Class chat with Ms Irons and KI

Every year at MPE I feel so lucky to teach the most amazing children and this year is no different! KI are such a lovely bunch of students and they are flourishing! We have already made so many learning gains and I am extremely proud of how settled and motivated they all are within their very first term at school.

Kindergarten have taken on many responsibilities already and are quickly becoming familiar with their new learning environment. Our daily 'Handy Helper' is responsible for many tasks throughout the day and each student eagerly waits for their name to be picked each morning.

In our class, we aim to '*Work Hard, Be Kind and Have Fun!*' and we are enjoying working towards achieving our class goals.





This term, we have worked hard at establishing group work in both Literacy and Numeracy activities. In Literacy, Kindergarten have been exploring the letters of the alphabet and the single sounds that these letters represent. We have also enjoyed playing word games and building upon our sight word recognition and growing vocabulary. KI have made me so proud with their reading and writing goals so far. In Mathematics, Kindergarten have been involved in learning all about numbers and the many ways we can represent these numbers. We have practised counting forwards and backwards, identifying, reading, writing and ordering numbers. In Kindergarten, we have also started learning about the days of the week and sequencing events in time using ordinal numbers.



Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend our 'Meet the Teacher' appointments. It was lovely to get a chance to talk with you about your child. I look forward to seeing you more often.

KI are just bursting with enthusiasm and I love our daily chats and getting to know all about them! I am incredibly excited to work with them throughout their first year of school and I can't wait to update you with the rest of our learning journey in the near future!

Miss Irons

**Class chat with Mr Clark and 4/5C**

Dear MPE community.

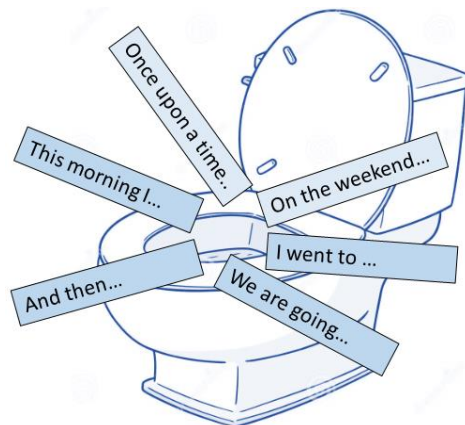
I can't believe that here we are in week 8 already. The 1st term of 2019 has certainly





flown by at a rate of knots. They do say that *"time flies when you're having fun"* and my students and I are certainly enjoying our time together. One thing I always work very hard on is ensuring my lessons are fun, engaging and interesting. Boredom is not a great motivator in promoting knowledge development in children and is something that is seriously avoided in 4/5C.

In 4/5C we have had an amazing start to the year, packing in so much learning in such a short space of time. In literacy the students have been working so hard at developing their ability to write really interesting and exciting imaginative texts. We have been utilising the *"Seven Steps"* to writing success model, with an emphasis on creating introductions that really *"sizzle"*. We have focused on flushing those boring *"once upon a time starts"*, replacing them with opening statements that hook the reader's attention and make them want to read more. The results have been nothing short of amazing - well done crew!



Our reading program in term 1 has been built around the novel *"The BFG"*. An awesome text written by the wonderful children's author, Roald Dahl. Our learning has focused on promoting student ability to summarise, visualise, predict and make connections with and about the book. Much like their writing development in term 1, the students of 4/5C have shown they are capable of achieving great results, particularly when they are exposed to a text which they love.



Already this term we have covered a lot of content in numeracy. From the number strand of the syllabus, students have been learning to view numbers and numerical operations from a more flexible viewpoint. This means rather than relying on a fixed strategy such as the algorithm, we are developing a range of efficient mental and written strategies to solve a variety of mathematical problems. Strategies have included splitting, compensating and partitioning. This approach has had positive implications on their understanding of place value and their skills of numerical reasoning, reflecting and problem solving. Keep up the great work! In this first 8 weeks we have also covered a lot of content from the measurement strand of the syllabus; concentrating on length, shape, area and angles. This has included learning about 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional shapes, with a focus on identifying them, drawing them and describing their properties. We have even created our own 3 dimensional shapes which are proudly on display in our classroom.

I feel like I could go on writing about 4/5C and our journey thus far for pages and pages, but that wouldn't leave any room for all our other exciting school news. I kind of feel like a proud parent to all of my students and I celebrate their educational victories as much as they do! Our class motto is *"In 4/5C we are family!"* and we live by that mantra. We work together to socially construct our knowledge for the mutual benefit of all. We have our *"moments"* and *"challenges"*, just like all families do, but we dust ourselves off, make our apologies and continue on our *"Stronger, Smarter"* journey. I feel privileged to have such a wonderful bunch of kids as my first full-time class and look forward to the remainder of our journey together.

Warm regards to all the MPE community.

## Learning Links

*"Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think" Albert Einstein*

Mathematics is all around us, it is everywhere we go. Here are some ideas to help your child understand the value of Mathematics in everyday life.

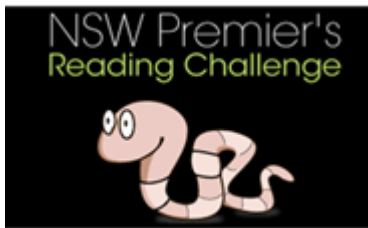
- Talk to your child about how you use maths in everyday life – while shopping, banking, budgeting, cooking, driving, keeping score in sports games, telling the time etc.
- Play card or board games that involve counting or patterns
- Encourage your child to graph or track games of a favourite sports game
- Help your child to see the real-life purpose for the maths they are learning at school e.g. when your child is learning fractions you could ask them:
  - "How many slices will I need to cut the pizza into so that everyone has two slices?"
  - "What fraction of the glass is filled with water?"
  - "Can you cut up the apple to make six equal pieces?"

Mrs E Grassedonio  
Deputy Principal Instructional Leader

## Library

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been a busy term one, but the students are enjoying the 'new look' Library and are getting to know the areas of the Library and where to find the books (and lunchtime games and toys) they love.



### PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

This year all the students at MPE will be taking part in the NSW Premiers Reading Challenge. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. Students have been introduced to the 'rules' of

the challenge in Library Lessons over the last few weeks and are well on their way to tackling the challenge! However, the basic 'rules' of the challenge are:

- K-2 students must jointly read, (meaning with their teachers), 30 books to complete the challenge and receive their Award.
- 3-6 students must independently read 20 books to complete the challenge and receive their award.

More information about the challenge will be printed in subsequent newsletters, but please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the challenge in the meantime.

### LIBRARY MONITORS

All students who submitted an application to become a Library Monitor in 2019 have been working hard this term to complete their trial period and





prove they have what it takes to fulfil the BIG responsibility of helping me make our school library the best it can be! The applicants will be informed Monday Week 8 if they were successful and will be presented with their Library Badge in an upcoming Assembly. (Parents of successful applicants will receive an invitation ASAP informing them of the Assembly date).

## LIBRARY BAGS



It is highly encouraged that students bring a Library Bag on their Library Day. Not only do Library Bags help to protect our books, (as well as being a good way to transport books that won't fit in their normal school bag), but they also help encourage students to borrow more widely and more often. School Library Bags are available for purchase from the front office or alternatively student can bring a bag they already have at home. It is also helpful if you label the Library Bag with your child's name – that way if they leave it somewhere, (it does happen!), it can easily be returned.

Thank you for continuing to support our school library.

Mrs Donnan  
(Teacher Librarian)

## **Breakfast Club**

All students are welcome to come down to the hall COLA and have breakfast on Friday mornings at 8:30am.

There are lots of yummy options for everyone -

Toast - with butter, jam, honey or vegemite

Cereal - weetbix or cornflakes and sometimes Nutragrain, Milo or rice bubbles

Drinks - milk or juice

Each week we are serving an average of 70 - 80 students, with many students having 2 or more servings. Filling their stomachs ready for a big day of learning.

A huge thank you to the P & C for buying and picking up the supplies for this vital program. Another big thank you for the parents and citizens who come early each week to set up and serve.

**The awesome volunteers - THANK YOU.**





Getting together for a chat and catch-

up before school with your friends or making new friends.



Donations of juice, cereal, jam, vegemite, honey, plastic bowls, spoons and cups are always welcome - please pass on to one of the teachers or Breakfast team.

Ms l'Anson

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Classes	Academic Awards	Quality Work	Sport Awards	Principal	Bronze	Gold
					Silver	
KI (Iluka) Ms Irons	Rehanshi Osman	Aroha	Anjalow Latoya			
KE (Euroka) Ms Evans	Aleeah Maddison	Tracey	Faroq Jayden			
1M (Maroni) Ms Moseley	Brooklyn Emmy	Nicolas	Billy Simoni		Jujhar Jujhar	
1/2J (Jirrah) Ms Rnjak	Jonathan Richie	Nathaniel	Rosalynn Nathaniel	Avyanna		
2D (Darreba) Ms Shankar	Mateo Lama	Logan	Yasmine Leah	Logan	Fawaz	
3G (Gadgerrie) Ms Strbac	Kamo Faith	Lincoln	Ayman Shadayna			
3/4T (Terrigal) Ms Taweil	Marcus Eardenh	Jenny	Musashi Tanya	Zack Ali	Kooper	
4/5C (Cabrogal)	Jahna Isabell	Emily	Tausisi Valentino	Madison	Stella Stella	



) Mr Clark	a					
5/6N (Ngumbaay-dyil) Ms Stons	Ella Benson	Lupeline	Andrew Ponnaray	Emily x2 Gabriella Olivia Leena x2	Emily Olivia Leena	
5/6I (Illalong) Mr Innes	Amelia William		Isabelle Ahmad			
GOTCHAS	Week 8 Viliami & Jahna					
Student of the month	Hsna 		<p>Hsna is a student who is very helpful in class and is always the first person to help others with their work when she has completed her task.</p> <p>She allows other students to go first in lines before her and is always respectful by listening to the teacher.</p> <p>Students in 2D have noticed that she is kind, caring and gentle towards them.</p>			



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