

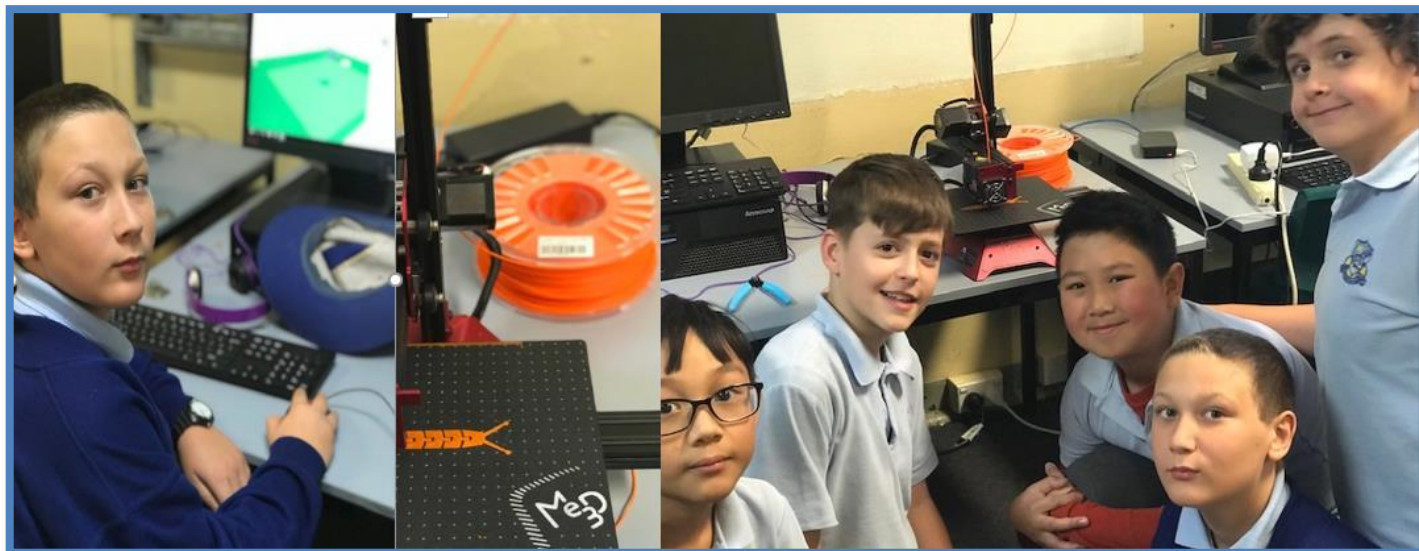


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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Bulletin: Issue 7

Term: 2 Week: 4

Thursday 23 May 2019

WHAT'S ON

Thursday 23 May

GVPSSA Cross Country

Monday 27 May

Story Factory

Tuesday 28 May

Gymnastics K-6

Monday 3 June

Story Factory

K-6 Train Incursion

Tuesday 4 June

Gymnastics K-6

Thursday 6 June

Taronga Zoo Excursion

118 Townview Road,
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PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Last Wednesday our staff stayed back for 3 hours afterschool to do their CPR training. All our staff have now updated their training as required. CPR is an incredibly important skill to know for absolutely everybody. A firm understanding of how to conduct Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation may one day save a life. We hope we never have to use this!

Many of our staff have been given opportunities to enhance their expertise and attend Professional Learning to improve our practice in teaching and learning. We were fortunate to have two of our staff Mr Clarke and Ms I'Anson who were accepted to study Stronger Smarter training. Stronger Smarter is all about delivering better outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children across Australia. We believe this will be of great benefit to our Indigenous community. Other staff will be attending 8 Ways of Learning and Naidoc workshops also. We are life long learners!



THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Year 6 Fundraising Sausage Sizzle. It was a very successful event and we had lots of positive comments about having one at our school. Many thanks to my staff who gave up their Saturday to come and work on the BBQ.

EARN AND LEARN

Woolworths Earn and Learn program has commenced- running from 1 May and ending 25 June. If you have any earn and learn tokens, please return them to school. We also have an Earn and Learn box at Bonnyrigg Plaza.

SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

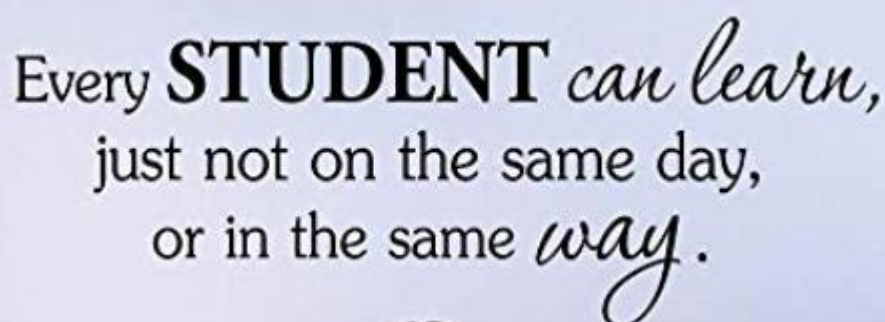
Teachers are busy getting our Semester 1 academic reports ready and organising our parent/teacher interviews which will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday, 3 July 2019 and Thursday 4 July 2019. More information on how to book an interview is in an accompanying note sent home today.

Kindergarten in 2020

It's that time of year again when we ask our local families to let us know if they have a child starting Kindergarten next year. If you have a child starting school next year, please contact the office to let us know (if you haven't already done so). If you have a neighbour or friend who will be sending their child to school next year, please let them know that we really want that information now to assist with our planning for 2020. All they need to do is call the office and we will let them know what they need to do from there.

Winter is Coming!! Label Everything!!! (Repeat)

With the cold weather starting to appear, the number of jumpers in the Lost Property box will start to increase. Students will quite often wear their jumper to school, but take it off when they are playing in the playground. If we find a jumper with a name on it, we return it to the child's classroom. Unlabelled items of clothing end up in the Lost Property box located near the computer room. Please ensure that your child's name is written clearly inside each item of clothing, to ensure that we can return it to them immediately. If your child has lost their jumper or hat, and it has not been returned, please come and check the Lost Property Box.



Every **STUDENT** can learn,
just not on the same day,
or in the same way.

Quote of the Week

Principal

Teresa Gosche

Walk Safely to School

On Friday 17th of May, students of MPE participated in 'Walk Safely to School Day'. In doing so, this initiative encouraged students to have an open discussion with their family of the different benefits of walking.

National Walk Safely to School Day is a community initiative that aims to raise awareness of the health, road safety, transport and environmental benefits that regular walking (especially to and from school) can provide for the long term well-being of our children. Apart from the physical benefits, regular walking also has a favourable impact on their cognitive and academic performance.



It was wonderful to see our community support each other by walking with their students to school!



Ms Shankar and Ms Moseley

Getting to know our staff at MPE - Support staff

Introducing the Support Staff

Ms l'Anson, Mrs van der Graaf, Mrs Cavanagh and Mrs Khoder

Dear MPE Community,

My name is Mrs van der Graaf and I am the English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) teacher here at MPE. I have been here for quite some time, in fact since 2002, when I first came back to teaching as a casual teacher and my four children were all still at school. Since then, my role here has mostly involved being an EAL/D teacher but I've also been a support teacher, a classroom teacher and have run groups for parents. I feel blessed to have been a part of our wonderful MPE community over the years and am excited about the rest of 2019.



Warami MPE community,

I am Ms l'Anson and this year I am on the **Learning Support team**. My role allows me to visit many classrooms and work with many students who need additional support or extension in Literacy or Numeracy. I work with individual students and small groups to build the skills and strategies they need in specific areas that are defined by their teachers. I have a broad teaching experience, having taught K-6 and a lot of training that gives me a large file of resources and ideas to assist student learning. I love teaching and working with the students at MPEPS, there is nothing more rewarding than watching the students learn, improve and grow. I believe that everyone is able to progress with hard work and belief in yourself.



Dream it, Believe it, work hard and you can achieve it :)

Hi, our names are Mrs Cavanagh and Mrs Khoder and we work at Mt Pritchard East P.S as School Learning Support Officers (SLSO)

Our role at the school is working under the supervision of the class teachers to care, manage and give extra support to those students in need.

K-2 news

Warami wellamabamiyui, yura - Parents and Carers of our Mount Pritchard East community, Warami wellamabamiyui, yura means- ***"It is good to see you all, people"*** - in Dharug, the language of the traditional owners of the land our school is built on.

It is hard to believe we are almost halfway through term 2 already and we have so many wonderful programs running and events happening in our school, providing wonderful opportunities for our students.

The **Gymnastics** program is running smoothly and it is great to see how much the students have learnt and how their balance and movement skills have improved in just 4 weeks. They are so excited when they are participating and pushing themselves to practice the skills being taught - such as stretching, using their arms to hold their body weight and balancing on an arm to pick up something.

Just a **friendly reminder** for all jumpers and hats to be clearly marked with names. Now that the weather can be cooler in the mornings and hot by lunch - jumpers are taken off and forgotten. It is easy to return to the owner if names are on the clothing. Teachers can assist with this, please just ask and they can write your child's name on the jacket or jumper.

Pride in our school environment - We are encouraging all students to take pride in our school environment and keep our playground and classrooms clean. Placing rubbish in the bins and picking up rubbish to keep our environment is important and shows we care and are proud of the school. We have some very naughty crows and other birds that like to pull rubbish out of the bins, which makes our job harder but we show perseverance and keep picking up the mess to ensure the playground is clean for everyone to play in.

Home Reading - Please take some time each night or at least 3 times a week to sit quietly and read with your child (or a relative could do this too). Research has proven that children listening to language/ books increases a child's word and sound knowledge. Hearing the words then having a go at the reading themselves provides a solid foundation in literacy learning. Reading the home reader to your child the first night it comes home gives them an understanding of what the story is about and the confidence to have a go themselves.

If you have any concerns or questions please see your child's teacher first - **our doors are always open** - remember we are a team and are here to support your child's learning and development.

Ms I'Anson

K-2 Assistant Principal (Relieving)

3-6 News

Stage 2 and 3 parents/caregivers

I cannot thank you enough for the support you provided at the Year 6 Fundraising BBQ on Saturday. It was wonderful getting the chance to meet and greet so many parents throughout the day over a sausage sanga or bacon and egg roll. We raised close to \$600 which is an amazing effort from the community. All of the proceeds will go towards assisting in the cost of the Year 6 Farewell. On behalf of the students, we say a massive thank you!

In other news:

- Well done to all of the Year 3 and 5 students who have sat NAPLAN either last week or this week. It can be a challenging and anxious time for students throughout this process. You have all done your best, and that is all anyone can ever ask of you.
- Stage 2 need to return their notes and money for Taronga Zoo by Monday 27 May
- Stage 3 students received their notes for camp last week. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask

Mr Innes

Stage 2 and 3 Assistant Principal

SPORT - Season 1 PSSA

Last week was our final game for season 1 of PSSA and season 2 commences on Friday the 31st of June. The 2 sports on offer this season will be boys soccer and girls Oztag. A big thank you to Miss Stons who has volunteered to coach our girls Oztag team this season. I will be coaching the boys soccer team and there have been some changes made to the way in which the boys now play. The field size has been modified and reduced to ½ field, playing across the park. Team sizes have also been reduced to 8-a-side for juniors and 9-a-side for seniors. This is in line with the FFA guidelines for children of these age groups and I can confirm that this is how we play our weekend games also. Tryouts commenced last Friday 18th May and a 2nd tryout will be held this Friday the 25th May. Students will be informed if they have made those sides very soon after and notes will go home immediately. I know that the tryouts can be a little stressful and that sometimes those students who miss out can become quite disappointed and upset. This is certainly not our intention and I try to ensure that a fair range of students get a chance to participate in PSSA. If you could please remind your kids that there will be other chances next season and if they are in the lower grades, they have many more chances in the years ahead.

A quick shout out and my apologies to the girls soccer parents regarding the misinformation in the previous newsletter about the bye, at the time of writing that correspondence I had not yet been informed and didn't know we were getting a make-up game - sorry. A big thank you to all the students involved in season 1 of PSSA as you represented MPE with pride and showed great sportsmanship throughout the season. Also to Miss Taweil for volunteering her coaching services and Mr Michael for driving us to sport each week.

Round 10 (Last Round of Season 1)

PSSA	MPE V TEAM	Most Valuable Player	Junior	Senior
Boys Softball	Bonnyrigg Heights	Junior: Ahmad	8-11	7-1
		Senior: Jonathan		
Girls Soccer	Hinchinbrook	Junior: Shadayna	3-0	2-3
		Senior: Ella		

David Clark
PSSA Coordinator

Class chat with Mrs Evans and KE



It is hard to believe that the children in Kindergarten Euroka have only been at school for 13 weeks! Their growth, in such a short time, has been amazing and the students are well on their way to becoming fantastic learners.

Here are some of our highlights of Term 1:

Making delicious “teacups”, decorating (and of course eating) Arrowroot biscuits. The students listened to instructions and resisted the urge to eat the parts of the teacup! This activity follows through a procedure where students learn step by step what to do to get to an end product. A great reading and listening activity! Here are the instructions on how to make it if you would like to have a go at home!



To make these gorgeous little tea cups you'll need a packet of Arnott's Tic Toc biscuits, marshmallows, Freckles, musk Lifesavers and melted white chocolate.

1. Start off by placing all of the biscuits onto a flat tray.
2. Place a small amount of melted chocolate onto the middle of each biscuit and top with a marshmallow.
3. Repeat with melted chocolate on top of the marshmallows and finish with a Freckle.
4. Cut the musk Lifesavers in half and dip the edges in the melted chocolate.
5. Place onto the side of the marshmallows to form the handles. And that's it! So simple, right!

The Easter Hat Parade saw our students show their skills in art and craft. Tactile skills of holding scissors safely, cutting and gluing were practised. After the making of these creations, students walked proudly with their Easter hats on and paraded around the hall! This was quite an experience with the whole school watching you! I did notice that they got the largest cheer with many saying they looked so cute!

AFL workshops had our students developing skills in AFL. There was a lot of running, catching and throwing. This got our fitness up and most definitely heart rates going! I can already see some budding athletes in my class.

We finished off the term eating popcorn and watching a movie with KI.

The excitement has continued into Term 2 with KE enjoying their first ever cross-country and weekly gymnastics sessions. We are getting fit and fast!

In the classroom, students have been working hard to develop their literacy and numeracy skills and it is exciting to see the progress already being made. Thank you to Mrs l'Anson and Mrs Cavanagh for their wonderful support.

Mrs Evans
KE Classroom Teacher

Class chat with Ms Strbac and 3G

With term 2 in full swing already, 3G has been working overtime. Students are exciting about what lays ahead in Term 2 including our Taronga Zoo excursion. Well done to all those students who have returned their notes! I'm very proud of all the hard work of the students in 3G this term already and look forward to see what the rest of the year has in store for us.

In term 1, our focus for writing was persuading our audience with convincing arguments and attention grabbing introductions. All students challenged themselves in the areas they needed to work on. We used PEEL (point, explain, example, link) to structure our arguments and it really helped us keep track of our ideas. This term, our focus has shifted to narrative writing, starting with describing the setting using our 5 senses. Students love the opportunity to be

super creative, using their imagination to write noun groups. Next, we will be creating our own interesting characters to use in our stories. I'm looking forward to seeing what the students will think up using their vivid imaginations.

In maths, we are working hard on our times tables each week. In pairs, students have been uncovering patterns they find in their 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 times tables to help memorise them. Each Friday, we test our knowledge of our multiplication facts, with students working towards an ice cream day reward at the end of the term. Keep practising them each night!! We have also been working on telling the time on an analogue clock and digital clocks.

Stage 2 has some exciting things planned for term 2 for our combined Science and Geography topic. We are looking at our local environments including the waterways in Mount Pritchard, identifying potential issues and creating solutions to help improve our natural environment. We have an exciting event coming up this term led by our council parks department where students can investigate for themselves our local environment. Keep an eye out for the note and return it as soon as you can. The day is FREE!

We are loving gymnastics on Tuesdays (and even more so because it is free). Students are really engaged in the activities and have already shown tons of improvement.

NAPLAN can be a stressful time but I must say that I'm proud of the positive, can-do attitude of all my students who I know will have tried their very best. Well done!!

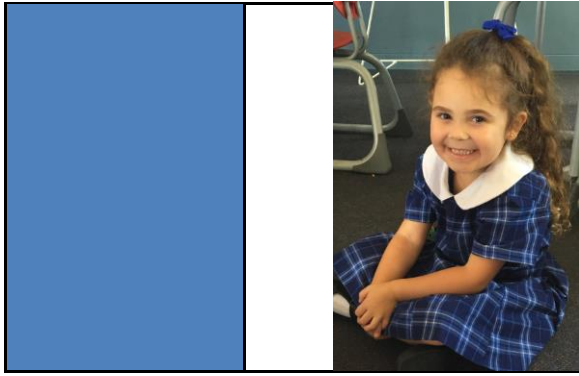


Warm regards,
Ms Strbac



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Classes	Academic	Quality Work	Sport	Principal	Bronze	Gold
					Silver	
KI (Iluka) Ms Irons	Ethan Zarah	Lincoln	Dylan Jean			
KE (Euroka) Mrs Evans	Kaiden Nate	Maddison	Aleeah Sonita	Jayden		
1M (Maroni) Ms Moseley	Dylan Ronit	Aaliya	Moka Pearl	Luke Felicity Anna Dylan Aaliya	Ronit Aisha Anna x2 Dylan	
1/2J (Jirrah) Ms Rnjak	Isaac Diyana	Raphael	Farrell Anastasija			
2D (Darreba) Ms Shankar	Zachary Nathan	Hsna	Milan Leon	Fawaz Timothy Nathan		
3G (Gadgerrie) Ms Strbac	Braxton Jayson	Alieta Darwin	Natalie		Yusuf	
3/4T (Terrigal) Ms Taweil	Mohammad Bonnie	Tamika	Ellie Shakera		Zack Ali	
4/5C (Cabrogal) Mr Clark	Cassidy Jonathan	Isabella	Hanisi			
5/6N (Ngumbaay- dyil) Ms Stons	Lubna Leena	Benson	Kayne Lopa	Jonathan Blade Angel Olivia	Emily Olivia Leena	
5/6I (Illalong) Mr Innes	Cruz Nunia	William	Margarita Hendrik			
Student of the month			Zylah receives this award because she : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is a very kind and caring class member who often helps others without being asked is a hard working student who always tries her best/gives 100% 			



- follows all instructions and is very responsible when doing classroom jobs/messages
- is a wonderful leader in literacy groups and motivates others to do the right thing/stay on task
- asks questions, shares ideas, participates in discussions and always listens attentively to others
- is very friendly and encourages her class mates
- is always polite and well mannered
- is positive about all aspects of school life.

Learning Links

Want to help your child with their learning?

If you're looking for tips and ideas to help you nurture your child's potential, our Department of Education Learning Potential website has hundreds of articles on all aspects of your child's learning and development, from the early years to the end of high school, with more articles added all the time!

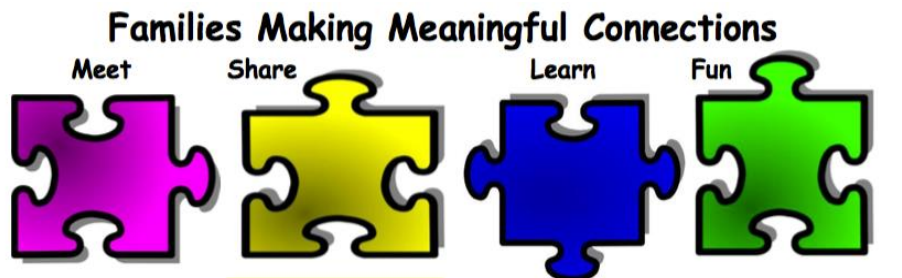


All the content is also available on the free Learning Potential app - download it on the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

The complementary Learning Potential Resources website (<https://www.learningpotential.gov.au>) has great ways you can reinforce the skills your child is developing in the classroom.

Mrs Dayoub
Deputy Principal Instructional Leader (Relieving)

Parents Cafe



Everyone is welcome to come along and treat yourselves to a tea/ coffee and something sweet to eat before heading home
Please join us at **9 - 9:50 am in the hall** after Breakfast Club.
Thank you to all the lovely Mother's and Grandmother's (and fathers) that came along to celebrate, have a chat and get to know each other.
Please feel free to **bring along a friend, a plate to share** and stay for as long as you are able.

Ms l'Anson





Next P&C Meeting: 17 June @ 2.10pm.
(In the staffroom next to the computer lab.)

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's Free for everyone so come on down & have Breakfast. We have Toast, Cereal, Fruits & Milk. Everyone is Welcome.

Pop Up Stall

We held our pop up stall at the cross country, thanks to those who volunteered their help.

Mother's Day Stall

Hope everyone had a great Mother's Day and got spoilt, our Mother's Day stall was a great success. Thank you to those who volunteered and to all the students who brought.



Congratulations to the winners of the Mother's Day raffle k-2 Nathan B from 2D and 3-6 Benson from 5/6N.



Thank you from the P&C Committee.





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