



# MPE



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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Thursday 7 February

### WHAT'S ON

**Friday 21 June**

PSSA

**Monday 24 June**

Sydney Trains Incursion

Story Factory

**Tuesday 25 June**

Gymnastics K-6

**Wednesday 26 June**

Assembly

**Friday 28 June**

Cross Country Assembly

PSSA

**Monday 1 July**

Round 3 Debating

Story Factory

**Tuesday 2 July**

Round 3 Debating

Gymnastics K-6

118 Townview Road,  
Mount Pritchard 2170

**Principal:** Teresa Gosche

## STAFF UPDATE

Miss Taweil is taking some leave and Miss Jelena Rnjak will take her class during this time. I am also taking some leave to spend time with my newest grandson Lukas (1 week old) and my other two grandsons Tyler and Levi. During this time Mrs Lakisoe will be looking after the school.



## FAREWELL

At the end of the term we will be saying Goodbye to Mrs Dianne Vette-Welsh. She has been successful in gaining a permanent Assistant Principal position at Broken Hill PS. MPE have been sincerely blessed to have such a dedicated, talented, caring, vibrant, enthusiastic and positive teacher and leader in our school. She has given so many opportunities to a variety of students whilst she has been at our school.

We will miss her but we wish her every happiness on her new journey!!!

## NEWSLETTER GOING PAPERLESS

MPE are moving towards being kinder to our environment by going paperless with the Newsletter. Starting Term 3, we will not produce a paper copy of the Newsletter. We will upload it to our Website and Skoolbag AP, which will be reintroduced to our school community this term. All excursion and any other permission notes we will also add to the website and Skoolbag app.

## SCHOOL CULTURE

Staff at MPE have been developing ideas around what we want our school culture to look like. One area we will be concentrating on is respect and kindness. We have high expectations for our students to show respect and kindness to each other as well as their teachers, visiting teachers, team leaders, support and administrative staff alike. At no time is it acceptable to use rude or inappropriate language nor is it acceptable to respond to someone in a physical manner. We will be sharing our expectations to students in the upcoming weeks. I am pleased to say there are many students in our school who consistently model being a safe, respectful learner.

## SEMESTER REPORTS

Our teachers are currently finalising your child's first semester reports. This semester teachers are identifying future learning goals in both English and Mathematics. This will help you in supporting your child with their learning.

Interviews will be held in Week 10 on Wednesday and Thursday, this is where reports will be handed out.



## Quote of the Week"

Principal

Teresa Gosche



## Getting to know our staff at MPE - Executive staff

### Introducing and Farewell to Executive Staff - LST AP Dianne Vette-Welsh

Dear students, parents and caregivers,  
In 2018, I was lucky enough to be accepted in the position of Relieving Assistant Principal at Mount Pritchard East Public School. What a fantastic opportunity it has been for me. I have learned a great deal from our executive team, teachers and school support staff. On my first day, I was greeted by hundreds of smiling faces. Even though the students didn't know who I was, they greeted me with such love and care that I felt very special and welcomed to this school. Parents greeted me with curiosity, made sure I knew who they were and how they could be helpful. I have always felt extremely supported by the parent community at this school from the moment I stepped through the doors.



#### 4/5V

Thank you to all the students in 4/5V. We had some fantastic learning opportunities and you were always happy to try new things and expand your knowledge of the world. I will remember your cheeky smiles, funny stories and creativity and the way you always tried your best when learning new things.



#### Swim Sport

Taking 80 students to Swim Sport was a scary yet exhilarating experience. Watching students who start Swim Scheme, blowing bubbles in a small knee-deep pool progressing to swimming 10 metres overarm and being able to do survival stroke for three minutes. You were all so brave and determined to get better each day.

#### The Space Expo

The opportunity to read about and watch students convince their peers and parents to travel to their new planets was a fantastic experience. Students researched amazing facts, discussed their ideas and theories and displayed these in extremely creative and 'Out of this World' ways.

#### Shakespeare in Parramatta

A Comedy of Errors, is a famous Shakespearean play. When Bilal who is a teacher from StoryFactory, asked us to travel to Parramatta to be part of the initial audience in his rendition of the play, I thought we would not really understand the experience. How wrong I was. At first, the students sat on the stage watching with such intent, a little bamboozled by the Shakespearean language. All of a sudden their faces lit up, and we saw they were starting to follow the story and get an idea of what was happening. The discussion after the show was bubbly, excited and so happy that they had had such a fantastic experience.



## StoryFactory

StoryFactory was a great experience for myself as a teacher and for the students who got to take part in their exciting lessons. Becoming short story authors and being published in their own book was a great opportunity. As a teacher, I noticed the huge gains in story writing skills from our student writers and the growth they made in the writing process. Having our stories come to life as a bright, colourful and unique mural on our toilet block was a proud moment for all students. Being the first school to be invited to work in the new Parramatta workshop was a great privilege, and the StoryFactory team were very impressed with the behaviour and enthusiasm of our MPE students.

## DanceSport

The DanceSport ballroom dance groups, ribbons, bows, cummerbunds and twirling skirts. Mirror balls and fabulous old school music. Taking 10 MPE students to the DanceSport Challenge was probably the most beautiful experience I have had in all my teaching career. Students worked so beautifully with each other to learn the dances. They dressed in their finery with fantastic hairstyles, a fancy attitude and danced the night away with schools from all over NSW.



## Thank you

As you know, I have now accepted a permanent Assistant Principal position at Broken Hill North Public School. So a new adventure is in-store for me in the future. I wish to thank all the wonderful students, parents, staff and community members who I have had the opportunity to meet at MPE. I have learned so much from my experience here and I will hold you all in my heart in the future. Thank you for your support and I wish you all well in your learning future.

This weekend my daughter Botille (front in the centre) will be representing NSW this Sunday in the NSW State of Origin, so I will be cheering for the Blues to win!



## Ms Vette-Welsh

Learning and Support Teaching Assistant Principal

### K-2 news

Hi K-2 Parents/Caregivers,

What a busy and productive term it has been!

A note went home last week outlining the exciting excursion coming up in Term 3 for students in 1M, 1/2J and 2D! Stage 1 students will be learning about features of living things, their environment and how they change. Students will develop an understanding of how living things and their environment play a central role in the survival of humans. In order to activate students' prior knowledge regarding living things, 1M, 1/2J and 2D students have the opportunity to go on an excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2019. The cost of the excursion is \$30.00. Please pay for this at the front office at your earliest convenience.



Also, a friendly reminder that parent teacher interviews are fast approaching if you are yet to book in a time to see your child's teacher, please return the slip on the note that was sent home with your preferred meeting times to the office as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful week!

**Mrs Dayoub**

**K-2 Assistant Principal**

### 3 - 6 news

Parents/Caregivers of 3-6,

We are getting to the end of what has been another busy and exciting term here at MPE. Just a few things:

- **Year 6 Camp to the City and Taronga Zoo** is in Week 3 next term. Next week another note will go home regarding what to bring with you to camp as well as medical information. The note about medical information will need to be returned by the end of this term. Thank you to all of those parents/caregivers who have paid contributions to the camp so far. If you need a new note, please see either your teacher or the ladies in the office.
- Our **Crazy Hair Day** yesterday was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who got involved and who purchased lolly bags. All of the profits will go towards the Year 6 Farewell.
- Next Monday K-6 will participate in a free incursion that will be presented by **Sydney Trains**.
- If you are yet to make an appointment for **Parent-Teacher interviews** can you please do so ASAP. This is a really important and worthwhile interview!

Have a great week - hopefully NSW have a win this Sunday night! Although **Ms Lakisoe hopes QLD wins!**

**Mr Innes**

**3 – 6 Assistant Principal**



## SPORT - Regional Cross Country

Dear MPE Community,

On Thursday the 13th of June, Mount Pritchard East proudly sent four students who qualified at Zone Cross Country to represent our school at Regional level. We are extremely proud of them and commend them for their efforts, particularly to train during lunch and recess to build their stamina and endurance. A big congratulations to Andrew, Ayman, Ellie and Logan for your hard work and dedication at Regional Cross Country. We are proud to share that Andrew has qualified for State placing third in 12/13 year old boys. Well done to all students, we are tremendously proud to have you all represent Mount Pritchard East at such a high level in Sports!

A reminder that we are holding a Cross Country Assembly on Friday 28th of June to celebrate the sporting achievements of our students. We look forward to seeing you at 10am!

**Ms Shankar**

**Sports Coordinator**

## SPORT - Season 1 PSSA

Round 4 of PSSA for season 2 is this Friday and hopefully the weather remains dry enough for our soccer boys to play their games against Sadlier and the girls Oztag teams to take on Ashcroft. In round 3 the boys soccer teams had a bye due to the odd number of teams competing this season, so I took the opportunity to give both junior and senior sides a good training run. I must have worked the boys quite hard because some boys commented that it felt like they were in the army. The girl's Oztag teams played Hoxton Park and Ms Stons assures me that both sides played really well. The senior team managed a 3-3 draw and the juniors came away winners with a 4-3 victory! Great work girls! As always a big thank you to Mr Michael for driving our players to games each Friday and to our coaches who give up their personal time to train and mentor our aspiring athletes.

**Mr Clark**

### Round 2 Season 2

PSSA	MPE V TEAM	Most Valuable Player	Junior	Senior
Boys Soccer	Greenway Park	Junior: Sovanaray	1-1	1-3
		Senior: Hendrik		
Girls Oztag	Hinchinbrook	Junior: Tameka	0-12	0-15
		Senior: Olivia		

### Round 3 Season 2

PSSA	MPE V TEAM	Most Valuable Player	Junior	Senior
Boys Soccer	BYE	Junior:		
		Senior:		
Girls Oztag	Hoxton Park	Junior: Shadayna	4-3	3-3
		Senior: Lopa		



## Class chat with Ms Irons and KI

Some days I think our class name should be K Incredible! I am so lucky to get to work with such kind and hardworking kindergarten students. This year is flying by and it's crazy to think that we are almost at the end of term 2 and about to enter our second half of the year.



Last week we celebrated winning the school assembly award for the first time! We were very excited to hold the trophy and high-five each other for our great behaviour.

Kindergarten have taken on even more responsibilities now and are trying to be active learners. Each morning the students come in and get straight to work on their morning routine tasks and I am very proud at how settled and motivated they are. They are responsible for choosing and swapping their home readers and I am so pleased to see most students bringing in their blue folders throughout the week.

This term, KI have thoroughly enjoyed our weekly gymnastics sessions. The students have acquired so many new movement skills and have all improved over the weeks. It is such an engaging learning environment and I'm proud to say that all students have been working safely with the equipment while having a lot of fun.

KI have taken to literacy and numeracy groups so well. It is wonderful to see students excited to start group activities and move around the room to different learning opportunities.

This term, we have been working on improving our fine motor skills. Fine motor skills are improved when children learn to use and coordinate their smaller muscles, like muscles in the hands, fingers and wrists. Our fine motor skill activities help us to strengthen fingers, improve hand eye coordination and assist with precision. KI have been involved in a range of fine motor activities including, writing, drawing, cutting with scissors, picking things up with fingers, plastic tweezers and pegs, completing puzzles, lacing, beading, tracing and so much more!



I look forward to continuing to work with such a lovely group of students. I can't wait to update you with the rest of our learning journey in the near future!

**Miss Irons**  
**Classroom Teacher**

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

Dear MPE community.

I can't believe that here we are in week 8 of term 2 and rapidly approaching the end of semester one. It doesn't seem that long since our last newsletter posting, but the reality is that another whole term has passed. As a group, the students and I have achieved so much in our learning and growth since we came together at the start of the year, and we continue to have a lot of fun along the way.



In literacy the students of 4/5C have been working so hard at developing their ability to write really interesting and exciting persuasive texts. We have been focusing on the structure of our writing and the language we use to try and convince our audience that our arguments are valid, and that they be persuaded to agree with our points of view and opinions. I have tried to ensure I introduce some really engaging topics to stimulate the students, with examples such as *"Video games are bad for children"* and *"Homework should be compulsory"*. Their results have been sensational - well done crew!

In term 2 we have also covered a lot of content in numeracy. One of the areas from the number strand of the syllabus which students have been focusing on, is learning to recognise the inverse nature of multiplication and division. Division always seems to be a subject which many students find a bit daunting, but when they realise it's just the opposite of multiplication, many of them have those light bulb moments and find it far less challenging. To assist their conceptual development in division, students need to have a sound knowledge of their times tables. To help promote this, I have been running the *"Pizza Challenge"* throughout this term. Twice a week we visit our knowledge of the times tables through a timed mini-assessment. When students correctly answer all questions from their 1-3 times tables, they earn their first slice of pizza. Correctly answering problems relating to the 4-6 times tables gets them a second slice and so on. We will be having our pizza party in week 10 and I can see that it's going to be an expensive exercise for Mr. Clark as the students have performed admirably.

Times Tables Pizza Challenge					
Students	1 - 3 (1 Slice)	4 - 6 (2 Slices)	7 - 9 (3 Slices)	10 - 12 (4 Slices)	13 - 15 (? Secret Bonus ?)

We have been very lucky this term to be involved in some really interesting and well-planned activities away from the classroom. The stage 2 (Year 4) students and I went to Taronga Zoo with Miss Taweil's and Miss Strbac's class on an excursion linked with our studies in Science on the *"Living World"*. We managed to squeeze so much fun and learning into our time at the zoo, with visits to the seal show, the flying bird show, a flight simulated trip to Sumatra to visit the tigers and an interactive workshop conducted in a *"living classroom"*.

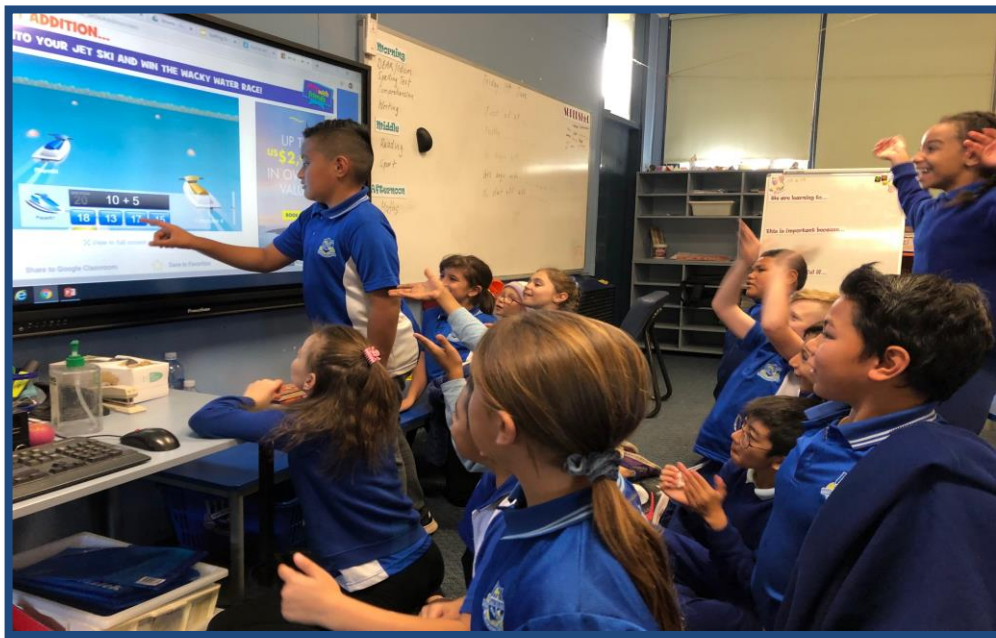




Our stage 3 kids will also be visiting Taronga Zoo next term for their overnight *“Roar and Snore”* trip which I'm sure will be absolutely amazing!



In 4/5C we have been very fortunate to have a state of the art piece of technology installed into our classroom to further assist our teaching and learning. This 70" interactive television has added an extra dimension to our learning, allowing students to draw, write and manipulate images on the screen. The students really enjoy utilising the board and there has been a noticeable improvement in their engagement and motivation levels. It is worth pointing out that these boards have been so well received by the staff and students in the 4 classes that have them already, that Mrs Gosche has decided to install them across the school. Thank you Mrs Gosche!!



I better sign off now before I use up too much of the newsletter space.  
Talk to you again next term.

**Mr Clark**  
**Classroom teacher**

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Classes	Academic	Quality Work	Sport	Principal	Bronze	Gold
					Silver	
KI (Iluka) Ms Irons	Jett Layla	Kye	Kayla Marcus	Leelah		
KE (Euroka) Mrs Evans	Elijah George	Zylah	Farog Maddison	Kaiden Nate		
1M (Maroni) Ms Moseley	Luke Billy	Jujhar	Simoni Alexis	Moka Nicolas Felicity	Nicolas Emmy Luke Moka	Anna
1/2J (Jirrah) Ms Rnjak	Nathaniel Jonathan	Avyanna	Viliami Jazmyn	Anastasija Milan		
2D (Darreba) Ms Shankar	Ellie Chanpeaktra	Madison	David Timothy			
3G (Gadgerrie) Ms Strbac	Braxton Benjamin Jad	Peaches	Shontayah LaBron	Isaac Jayson		
3/4T (Terrigal) Ms Taweil	May Alyssa	Isobel	Ahmad Sam		Zack	
4/5C (Cabrogal) Mr Clark	Emily Maja	Leighton	Jaeda Madison	Nathan		
5/6N (Ngumbaay- dyil) Ms Stons	Emily Benson	Liuserahi	Ali Panayioti			
5/6I (Illalong) Mr Innes	Shadi Isabelle	Ahmad	Alena Mazen			
Student of the month	<p><b>Brooklyn</b></p>  <p><b>1M</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She is a considerate and caring friend.</li> <li>• Always displays kindness towards others in the classroom and on the playground.</li> <li>• Looks for ways to help others and solve problems.</li> <li>• Displays great focus and determination in all areas of her learning.</li> <li>• Has been working incredibly hard to enhance her reading.</li> </ul>			



### Questions to ask your child with any book:

- Tell me about the book cover. What clues did it give you about the story?
- What is happening on this page?
- How do you think the character is feeling? and why?
- When have you felt like that?
- What do you think will happen next?

Most of all make it a conversation and have FUN!

**Mrs Erin Grassedonio**  
Deputy Principal Instructional Leader

## Parents Cafe

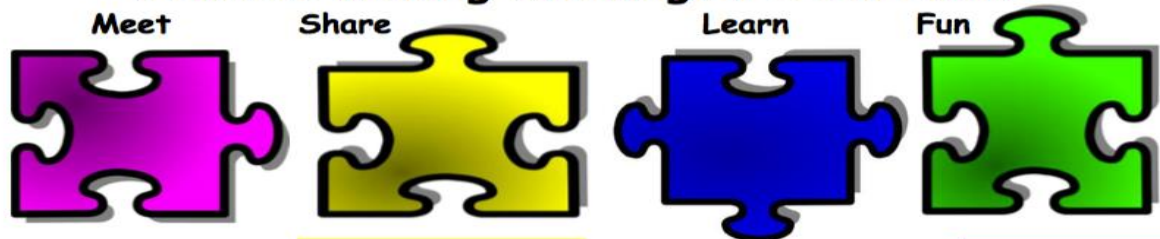


## Parents Cafe

Please join us at 9 - 9:50 am in the hall after Breakfast Club.

### Parent Café:

**Families Making Meaningful Connections**



Everyone is welcome to come along and treat yourselves to a tea/ coffee and something sweet to eat before heading home to start your day.

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: 5<sup>th</sup> August @ 2.10pm.  
(In the staffroom next to the computer lab.)**

### 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. If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to come and find one of us for a chat.

### Breakfast Club

Every Friday Morning from 8:30am-9am outside the Hall. It's free for everyone so come on down and have breakfast. We have toast, cereal, fruit and milk. Everyone is welcome.



### NEWS

P&C has purchased some board games for the classrooms to use on those cold and wet rainy days when kids will be kept inside during recess and lunch. These games will be bundled up and handed out to classroom teachers over the next two weeks.

Breakfast club has purchased some new washable reusable bowls and cups, we purchased around 60 of each.

P&C have been looking into buying new sports equipment for PSSA.

New sports banners have also been purchased to be used at all our sporting event. Our sporting houses are Benjamin (red), Dobell (yellow) and Grainger (green).

### Donations

P&C would like to thank the Tapu Mulitalo Family – Jean KI and Sam 3/4T who donated towards breakfast club. Also thank you to the volunteers who come on a Friday morning.

**Thank you from the P&C Committee.**

