

Newsletter

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Our P & C Association meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.00pm
All parents and community members are welcome to attend
Our School Council meets the 3rd Tuesday at 6.00pm

Skills for Life

Respect

Responsibility

Excellence

Safety

Tuesday, 30 April 2019

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Term 2.

Yesterday the staff of MPS participated in a range of activities for our Staff Development Day. We began the day with a walk up to Glendore Public School as practice for an off-site evacuation, should the need ever arise. This was a great chance for everyone to catch up on holiday stories while enjoying the fresh air and sun on such a beautiful morning. Being active was a terrific way to start the day.

The highlight of the day was the Future Focused Olympiad where teams participated in a variety of challenges designed to develop skills in collaboration, creativity, problem solving and inquiry. What a competitive bunch we are at MPS!

Teams had to create new words to match mock dictionary definitions and in reverse, be creative with definitions for new additions to the Oxford English Dictionary! Who knew that "awesomesauce" is actually a real word?

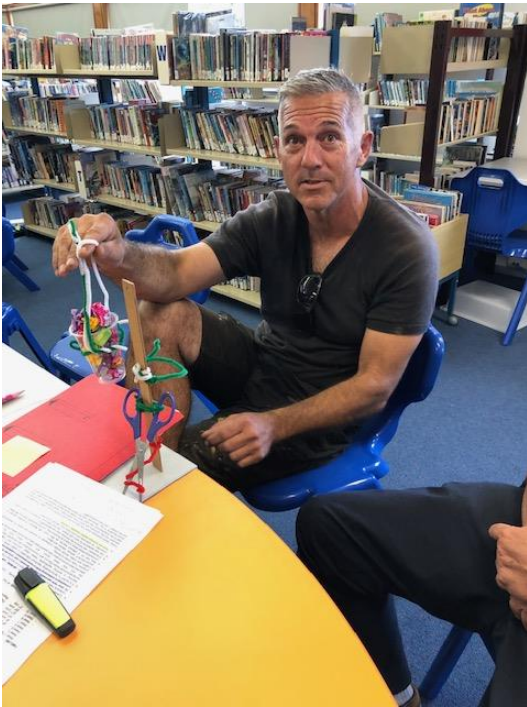
Teams also completed a design challenge using limited equipment and a whole lot of team work. This activity really set the cat amongst the pigeons! The "Red" team were the winners of this challenge.

Possibly the craziest activity was where each team had to be experts about a given topic and prepare a short presentation to deliver to the group. Points were awarded for creativity, quality of explanation and ability to convince the judges. The abilities of our staff in narration, acting, singing and "knowing the topic" are second to none! Our "Pink" team of Mr Wells, Mrs Williams, Mrs Burke and Mrs Willcox won maximum points for their expert knowledge about the teenage brain. Likewise, our "red" team also excelled with their musical delivery explaining how a computer works. Possibly the most creative aspect of this challenge was presented by the "Dark Green" group of Ms Duff, Mrs Wingrove, Mrs Woodcock, Mrs Groth and Mrs Foster for their ingenious representation of the three person Hippogriff!

Congratulations to our winning "Red" team of Miss Ward, Mrs Rochester, Mrs Bone and Mrs Garven who were the Olympiad champs. On the other hand..... the wooden spoon was awarded to our "Yellow" team (they shall remain nameless)!

This was a terrific day of learning, loads of fun and will support our venture into Futures Learning here at MPS this term.





Adopt a Farmer Initiative / Pyjamas for Farmers

The Department of Education is supporting the "Adopt a Farmer" initiative being held across the nation next week.

As you are no doubt aware, farming communities are doing it tough with crippling drought in NSW and Victoria and both drought and flooding rains in Queensland. We have all been touched by the tough conditions farmers, their families, their animals and communities are experiencing.

Many of our learning communities have been enthusiastic supporters of drought relief drives to date. Students continue to lend a hand to help in creative ways.

Continuing this good work, we will support the ambitious goal (to raise \$800,000 nationally) by having a **"Pyjamas for Farmers" day next Tuesday, 7 May.**

So, next Tuesday, children can wear their pyjamas and bring in a gold coin donation so we can support this worthy cause.

All proceeds will go to farmers.

Registered charity, Rural Aid will collect the funds. The charity had huge success with the Buy a Bale campaign, which has distributed over \$10 million worth of fodder to farmers around Australia. Rural Aid will put \$100 on 8,000 Visa gift cards and mail them to the farmers already registered with them. The recipients can spend the cash in their local communities. It isn't just farmers struggling but town cafes, barbers and other shops in desperate need of a cash injection to help support jobs and services.



Have a wonderful week everyone,

Mrs Van Egmond ☺



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Calendar

Week 1

Tuesday, 30 April 2019	2020 Year 5 Opportunity Class Online Applications Open
Thursday, 2 May 2019	Gymnastics Program Commences All Schools Newcastle Knights Competition – Opens
Friday, 3 May 2019	Zone Cross Country 2pm Primary Assembly

Week 2

Monday, 6 May 2019	GATS Exam CCWC
Tuesday, 7 May 2019	"Pyjamas for Farmers" Day (Gold Coin Donation)
Wednesday, 8 May 2019	Choralfest
Friday, 10 May 2019	9am – 11am Solar Car Challenge 2pm Infants Assembly 1/2SC Hosting

Important Dates for Your Diary

Monday, 13 May 2019	Make-up date for GATS Exam CCWC
Tuesday, 14 May 2019	NAPLAN
Wednesday, 15 May 2019	NAPLAN
Thursday, 15 May 2019	NAPLAN
Friday, 17 May 2019	9am-11am Solar Car Challenge No Assembly 2020 Year 5 Opportunity Class Online Applications Close
Tuesday, 21 May 2019	6pm P&C Meeting
Friday, 24 May 2019	9am-11am Solar Car Challenge 2pm Infants Assembly 1/2DG Hosting
Wednesday, 29 May 2019	2pm Whole School Assembly
Friday, 31 May 2019	9am-11am Solar Car Challenge
Tuesday, 4 June 2019	All Schools Newcastle Knights Competition – Under 10's
Friday, 7 June 2019	2pm Primary Assembly
Friday, 14 June 2019	Infants Assembly 1/2TC Hosting
Friday, 21 June 2019	2pm Primary Assembly
Friday, 28 June 2019	2pm Infants Assembly 1/2PT Hosting
Wednesday, 3 July 2019	2pm Whole School Assembly
Thursday, 4 July 2019	Stage 2 Touch Football Gala
Friday, 5 July 2019	Last Day of Term 2
Monday, 22 July 2019	Staff & Students resume for Term 3
Wednesday, 31 July 2019	2020 Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement Test
Monday, 19 August 2019	Staff Development Day (Pupil Free)

Student Led Conferences

As part of our assessing and reporting procedure, student led conferences (student / parent / teachers) will be held in Weeks 2-4 Term 2.

The Purpose of student led conferences are for parents / carers, students and teachers to collaboratively discuss each student's learning goals.

Students have identified these in their classes with teachers and are now inviting you to be part of the process.

Teachers will **not** be talking about your child's individual progress in literacy and numeracy and other KLA's, this will be done through half yearly reports and interviews that may follow if needed.

However, if you have any concerns or questions about your child's progress or behaviour you are welcome at any time to contact the school and organise an appointment time with your teacher.

Teachers will also contact you if they have anything they need to share with you at any time throughout the year.

This conference also allows for your child to lead the process. Each class has allocated time for the process and conferences will be **10 minutes duration**.

We look forward to your participation as we work together to enhance the educational experiences of your child.

A note will be coming home soon with your child with their teacher's available times.

Mrs Mackay (Assistant Principal)

STAGE 2 NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2. This term Stage 2 will be working hard in class and out.

Our Gym program will start this Thursday morning. **Due to this program Stage 2 Sport will change to Fridays at 12:10pm.**

Creative Arts Groups continue on a Monday afternoon and we will be continuing our work with Music, Dance and Drama. In History we will be exploring the topic of First Contacts. In English we are moving onto Imaginative Writing as soon as NAPLAN (Weeks 3 & 4) is over. During Maths lessons we will be learning about the 4 operations, fractions and decimals, time, length and angles.

As always a great way to help your child at home is to read with them every day and practice those multiplication tables frequently.

Ms Blanch (Assistant Principal)

SPORT NEWS

All Schools Newcastle Knights Competition – Opens

The Open Knights Knockout Gala competition will be played this Thursday. Good luck to the team. Thanks to Mr Blyth for coaching the team.

Cross Country

Good luck to the Cross Country runners as they compete at the Zone Carnival this Friday, 3 May at Federal Park. Competitors will walk the course at 9.45am. The age groups are as follows.

8 / 9 years	2km
10 years	2km.
11 years	3km
12 years	3km

Mr Manners will supervise the team on the day.

Girls' Touch Football KO

Congratulations to the girls for their win against Edgeworth 6 tries to 3. The girls will move onto Round 3.

Boys' Touch Football KO

Well done to the boys' team for their win against Wallsend 18 tries to 0. The boys will move onto Round 2.

Gymnastics

The Gymnastics program will commence this Thursday and run for Term 2. Early Stage 1, Stage 1 and Stage 2 will participate in the program.

Mrs Wingrove (Sports Coordinator)

P&C NEWS

Welcome back to school for another jam packed term of educational activity, learning and engagement. We do hope everyone enjoyed the holiday break and have returned revitalised and refreshed. A huge thank you to all members of the community that supported the P&C committee with The Grandfriends Day / Easter Eggstravaganza. The top 3 prize winners from a total of 48 prizes are listed below;

- 1st Michael Battiste
- 2nd Carol Randolph
- 3rd Bentley T

The next P&C meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 21 May 2019 from 6pm in the school library. Please note that the position of P&C Committee Vice President is still vacant and nominations are very welcome. We look forward to working together with the staff and community to make Maryland Public School the best that it can be.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

As the next meeting is not until Tuesday, 21 May 2019 the following events occur beforehand and we seek your support.

Mother's Day Stall

This will be held on next Friday, 10 May 2019 (Week 2) from 9am until 11am in the school hall. Donations of mugs with chocolates / sweets / coffee stick or a tea bag, shower puffs, scented candles, photo frames, shopping lists, pens, bookmarks.....etc would be graciously accepted. Kindly send in any donations to the school office. Gifts will be priced from \$1 to \$5 and helpers will be needed on the day to ensure that the event is a success and runs smoothly. So, if you are able to put aside some time on the Friday morning to help with the stall, please contact the office and leave your details. The students love to see their mum, dad, grandma, carer or relative involved in these events.

Election Barbecue and Food Stall

The Federal Election has been set for the Saturday, 18 May 2019 and we would like to capitalise on a captive audience. We hope to have enough community support to hold a barbecue / food stall on the day from 8am until 2pm. If you are able to help out on the day please leave your details with the school office.

Deb Groth on behalf of the P&C Committee

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Roster Term 2

Day	Date	Name
Week 1		
Wednesday	1 May	Lesley, Robyn, Dorothy
Thursday	2 May	Kristie, Lyndell
Friday	3 May	Jamie, Amanda S, Esme Kass
Term 2 Week 2		
Monday	6 May	Carmen, Carolyn
Tuesday	7 May	Carmen, Sheree
Wednesday	8 May	Lesley, Robyn, Kass
Thursday	9 May	Janelle, Lesley, Cher
Friday	10 May	Jamie, Sharna, Maryanne

PRELOVED UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Volunteers are needed for the Preloved Uniform Shop. If you are able to help out any afternoon through the week please leave your name at the school office.

Opening Hours

- Tuesday Mornings 8.30am until 9.00am
- Thursday Afternoons 2.15pm until 2.45pm

Carmen ☺☺

NEW UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening Hours

- Tuesday 8.30am - 9.30am
- Thursday 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Visit the website by clicking on the link below to order uniforms online.

<http://www.countryfeelinguniforms.com.au/>