



Term 4 Week 5

7 November 2016

The Very Best Start



Twenty four very excited little people joined us last week for Kinder orientation. As is often the case, the mums and dads were a little nervous about saying goodbye and leaving their cherished little ones at big school. However, once the goodbyes were said it was down to the business of learning new things and making new friends.

Our Year 5 students buddied-up with the new Kinders and did an excellent job of helping little fingers with puzzles and play dough. We were all so excited to have them here and a Year 1 student summed it all up when he excitedly asked 'When are the Bunyips coming again?'

Parent/Carer Survey Results

Over 60% of our parent/carers took the time to complete our recent survey. Overwhelmingly the responses were very positive with 100% of

parents/carers indicating that they value education for their child and they think it is important to come to school every day. 95% indicated that home-school communication is working well, and 98% indicated that the opportunities offered at MPS are ample. We continually seek to improve the education provided at MPS so we will continue to strive to achieve 100%. Many parents chose to write a comment and this one sums them up... 'the school goes above and beyond to accommodate my children. Forever grateful.'

Once again thank you for your support and feedback.

From my desk

Clare Crawford
Principal



Canteen voucher winners

Congratulations to Shelby Abnett and Tameka Jones, the lucky winners of \$5 canteen vouchers. All children of families who returned the parent survey went into a draw to win the vouchers, with Shelby and Tameka having their names drawn out. Enjoy girls!

What's Happening

Event	Classes	Activity date	Cost	Notes / Money due
Year 6 Camp	Year 6	Sunday 6 November to Friday 11 November		
Kinder 2017 Orientation	Kinder 2017	Wednesday 9 November 9.10am to 11.20am	Free	
Swimming for Sport commences	All students	Friday 11 November	See note	

Waiting For Bus 1

Earlier this term we trialled new arrangements for students waiting to catch buses. Our aims were to make waiting for the bus more comfortable for the students and make walking to the buses more orderly. We placed seating in various locations and tried various ways of walking to the buses. We then surveyed students and teachers and came up with fixed seating outside the Year 1 room, extending down towards the infants toilets. It is a big thumbs-up from everyone.

Mia and Rianna are pictured waiting for their bus.



Proud 5F are pictured with Cathy the Caterpillar following last Friday's assembly

Swimming for Sport commences this week

Swimming for sport commences this Friday 11 November, and all students from Kinder to Year 5 have today received a permission note. This note covers three sport sessions and the end of year pool party which will be held on the last day of school, Friday 16 December.

Cost of pool entry is \$3.20 per session which is to be paid to the school office. If your child has a season ticket there is no entry cost, but please write their season ticket number on the note.

Transportation to the pool is \$1.50 per child per session, which students need to bring to school each Friday.

Please note children will be dismissed directly from the pool following each session.

Year 4 visit Questacon

Last Tuesday Year 4 went on an excursion to Questacon. Firstly we had morning tea at the village centre where we got to play on the outdoor play equipment. We then started our Questacon experience in the foyer where there was a robot that could talk and sing. There was also a magnetic ball in some sand and we all loved it.

Then we went to the awesome earth room. In there we saw controlled lightning and thunder and next to it there was a tornado. We also got to go into the earthquake room which shook like we were in a real earthquake, it was cool. Next we went to the lab, where there were videoing microscopes and we enjoyed that. Then we went to the shed where we got to put some cups on the air pressure from the middle of the table. There we also played with cars and got to make little plastic robots.

After that we went to the excite room and in there we went on the free fall slide, which was scary for some, played air hockey with a robot or against our friends. In the weather room we played on two screens and some water.

Lastly we went to the Questacon shop where we all got to purchase something. Before heading home we went and saw the "Collision Show" which is related to the topic that we are learning about in science. It taught us all about force and how different things collide. John and Elyssa were lucky to be volunteers throughout the show.

We had a great day and a big thanks to Miss Menz and Mr Wade for taking us.

By Brody Steele and Hayley Hambrook.



Year 4 had great fun at Questacon!

Great home reading continues

Well done Lily McGrath, Nayte Kahaki and Kendra Tobin on your excellent home reading. Nayte has completed 150 nights and Lily and Kendra 125 nights. Great work.



Assembly award winners



PBL rewarded



Students are rewarded when they adhere to our school values. Pictured are students placing their free-and-frequent tokens into the box. When the tokens touch the line the whole school will celebrate with a tabloids day.

P&C News

General Meeting—Please note the meeting scheduled for this Tuesday has been postponed, and will now be held on Tuesday 15 November. All welcome.

Uniform Shop—A reminder the school uniform shop is open each Thursday afternoon from 3.00pm to 5.00pm.

School hats are now available from the uniform shop.

Community News

Harden Swimming Club Registrations

Swimming Club registrations will be held today, Monday 7 November, outside the Harden Pool from 4.00pm. Cost of registration is \$75 per child, which includes three coaching sessions per week and time trials, (does not include pool entry). For more details contact Sarah Bunt on 0418 868 424.

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Annie enjoyed her time with Tillie-Sue during Kindergarten orientation last week