



Term 4 Week 9

5 December 2016



The school is a buzz with end-of-year preparations. Mrs Howe has decorated the front office, the P&C hamper raffle is ready, classrooms are covered in glitter and students have been madly rehearsing for today's Recognition Assembly and for Wednesday's Presentation Night. Teachers and students have paid close attention to detail to ensure we have the best to present to our family and community members, so we hope you can all come along and help us celebrate.

Please remember however, it is the time of the year when lots of photos and videos are taken at these special events. We remind parents and carers that you should not post these on social media sites without the permission of the student's parent/carer. Please respect the

rights of others to make choices for themselves.

I think everyone will agree that students at MPS are very fortunate to have a 2 week, whole school intensive swimming program offered each year. Students made tremendous progress with their water confidence and swimming ability. Thank you Miss Morris and all staff for working so hard to make the program such a success. Thanks also to parents who ensured their children had their swimming gear ready each day.

From my desk

Clare Crawford
Principal



NASA Calling

Last Wednesday Year 6 and selected Year 5 students participated in a virtual excursion with NASA Space Station. A highlight for us was being able to talk with a curator from the space station and we learnt about the solar system. We did a role play of orbiting and rotating, and they explained how planets orbit and rotate around the sun.

A virtual excursion is a good way to learn about things that are a long way away.

By Ruby Woodhead and Ashleigh Bourke

What's Happening

| Event | Classes | Activity date | Cost | Notes / Money due |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| School Presentation Night | All students | Wednesday 7 December 7.00pm | Free | |
| Swimming for Sport | All students | Friday 9 December | \$1 for bus | |
| Year 6 Farewell Dinner | Year 6 | Monday 12 December 5.00pm | \$10 | |
| End of Year Disco | All students | Monday 12 December 7.00pm | | |
| End of Year Pool Party | All students | Friday 16 December | | No bus money needed |
| LAST DAY OF SCHOOL | All students | FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER | | |
| STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY | Staff only | FRIDAY 27 JANUARY | | |
| STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL | YEARS 1 TO 6 | MONDAY 30 JANUARY | | |

Sports presentations

On Friday we held our special sports assembly to present students with PSSA certificates and ribbons.

Awards were presented for representation in many sports including swimming, athletics, cross country, touch football and soccer. MPS has always been a strong sporting school and we thank staff and parents/carers for their commitment in ensuring students are able to take part in these opportunities. Well done to all students who received certificates or ribbons for their representation.



Intensive Swimming 2016

Summer is here. A season where we spend time in and around water, enjoying life. I am very proud that this 2016 swimming season has produced fantastic progress from MPS students in the pool.

Our Intensive Swimming students have developed skills ranging from greater water confidence through to different swimming strokes and greater distances swam. Progress led to the majority of groups spending time in the big pool.

Our Safety Survival students revised and refined their swimming strokes and water safety skills. MPS students should be proud of their accomplishments this swimming season in the pool.

I would like to thank the lifeguards, our community swimming teachers, the community donations over the years, our reliable bus drivers and MPS staff for their contribution to ensuring our Intensive Swimming Scheme was a success.

Thank you and keep being wise in and around water.

Miss Morris



Home Reading Awards

Well done Tara Prosser, Patrick Dunstan, Harper Luke and David Djukic on your continued great reading efforts. Well done and keep up the great reading over the holidays.

Uniform Shop

A reminder the uniform shop will be open on **Friday 27 January 2016**, prior to the students commencing/resuming school. The shop will be open from **9.00am and 3.00pm**, to assist you with all your uniform needs.

Remember: Prices are kept to a minimum and 100% of the profits directly benefit our students.

P&C News

P & C Dinner

Our P&C Christmas Dinner is on Saturday 10 December at 6.00pm. (Venue still to be decided). Everyone is invited (even if you didn't make a meeting). Please call Treen on 0411 045 630 if you would like to come.

Christmas Hamper Raffle



Thank you to all our families who donated items for our Christmas raffle. We have some

great hampers ready to win. It's not too late to get your tickets in, the raffle will be drawn at our school Presentation Night on Wednesday.



The end of year disco is always lots of fun! Join us on Monday evening.

Enrol now for Vacation Care



Bookings now being taken, phone Kirsty on 0418 581 357. Great holiday program on offer!

Kirsty Lee Akers Christmas Party Tour

Live at Hard Rock Gym
17 December commencing at 7.00pm
Tickets \$30 from the gym
Lucky Door Prize
Best Dressed Prizes

Kirsty is a Golden Guitar Country Music winner.

All proceeds to the local "Give A Man A Home".

We invite all parents, carers and community members to our

Annual Presentation Night

Wednesday 7 December

7.00pm

Students to wear full summer school uniform. Casual clothes may be worn to school on Wednesday.

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'Learn to Live'



Mia made great progress during the two week intensive swimming program