



Term 2 Week 10

27 June 2016

Building Success

It is well known that students with strong literacy and numeracy skills are more likely to remain at school longer, complete their HSC and continue on to tertiary education. Improving literacy and numeracy standards is a clear priority set out in our school plan, and it was reassuring to hear that our priorities align with the premier's priorities for education in NSW, which is to increase the proportion of students in the top two NAPLAN bands by 8% by 2020.

Just how to achieve this was a focus of discussion during a conference I attended in Albury last week. It is always great to hear what other schools are doing and knowing that we have already put in place innovative practices such as employing a Growth Coach to build the capacity of teachers to use literacy & numeracy continuums and PLAN data: school-wide programs such as Independent Daily Reading and Public Speaking; and implementing programs such as TEN and TOWN. With your support we have achieved close to 100% attendance at three-way interviews where students are able to discuss their own learning goals.

These initiatives focus on teachers having the tools they need to deliver quality learning; students being actively involved in the learning; and parents and carers knowing how they can support their children's learning. When we work together, our students reach their full potential and I am confident this will be reflected in a shift into higher bands in NAPLAN.

And on a much lighter note, I would like to thank every family for their support during semester one, which can only be described as an amazingly successful one. I sincerely hope you have a wonderful winter break. Please remember that Tuesday 19 July is the first day back for students next term.

From my desk

Clare Crawford
Principal



Outstanding attendance

Over 30 students who have outstanding school attendance this semester (zero or one day absent) were presented with certificates at assembly on Friday. Well done to the students pictured below.



What's Happening

Event	Classes	Activity date	Cost	Notes / Money due
Touch Football	Touch Teams	Tuesday 28 June	Free	
Premier's Debating Challenge	Debating students	Thursday 30 June	Free	
PBL Class Reward Day	All students	Friday 1 July	Free	Wear PBL colours
LAST DAY OF TERM 2	All students	FRIDAY 1 JULY		
STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL	All Students	TUESDAY 19 JULY		

What's been happening in Year 4

History:

In history this term we have been learning about First Contacts. We have learnt about the First Fleet and how Captain Arthur Phillips landed in Sydney cove on 26th January 1788. We have also been investigating a range of different convicts and what they did to be sent to Australia and how long for. At assembly Year 4 shared the information that they have learnt on the First Fleet and made props to go with them.

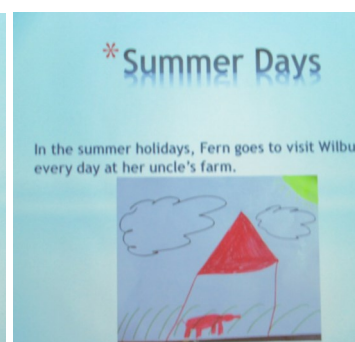
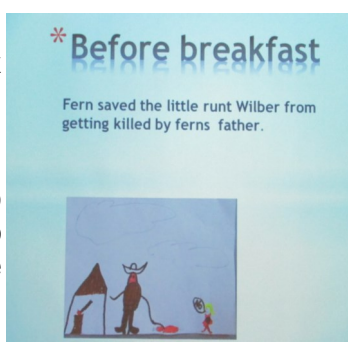


Literacy:

We have been working on one of the super six comprehension strategies, summarising, to retell and illustrate what has been happening in each chapter of our focus text 'Charlotte's Web'. Year 4 were very lucky to be the first class to use the projector for their assembly to show some of their summaries to the whole school.



Miss Menz



Semester 1 reports issued

All students received their semester 1 reports last Friday. For parents wishing to meet with their child's teacher, we have included below a return slip. If you wish to make an appointment with your child's please complete the slip below and return it to the school office. The teacher will contact you to arrange a mutually convenient meeting time.

REQUEST FOR TEACHER INTERVIEW

Student Name: Class/Teacher:

Parent/Carer Name:

Contact Phone Number:

Light Horse Visit

Recently, Mr Wal Bradford came to visit Stage one students to share his knowledge of the Australian Light Horse, in particular his personal connection to our local Light Horse heritage. Mr Bradford's grandfather was a part of the first Australian Light Horse regiment.

Students were able to look at the equipment that the Light Horse soldiers used in the war, as well as gain a better understanding of how and why the equipment was used. Mr Bradford also brought in his personal photos of his participation in re-enactments and attendance at local ANZAC day ceremonies to share with us.

We felt very fortunate to share our afternoon with Mr Bradford and we would like to extend our thanks to him on behalf of Year 1 and 2.

Mrs Whinam



Year 6: A Class of 21st Century Learners

There is never a dull moment for Year 6 students and this term has been no exception. 6H have been enjoying their daily buddy reading sessions with KS where they have been helping kindergarten students to read and understand a variety of 'good fit' books.

In English, we have been writing our own chapter for the Magic Faraway Tree titled "The Land of Animation". Without giving too much away, there have been some extremely imaginative pieces of writing with characters being chased by Pacman and participating in a real life Mario Kart race. We are looking forward to finishing these stories and sharing them with our family and friends.

Next term we are looking forward to using Google Apps for learning opportunities such as home learning, daily home reading and learning about our big idea of 'heroes'. We truly are a 21st Century classroom.

Mr Humphreys



Students Rewarded for Positive Behaviour Choices

This coming Friday, students will be treated with their first whole school PBL reward where they will get to swap classrooms for a day and take part in some learning activities of their choosing.

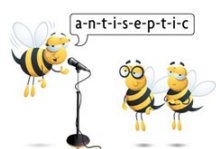
Our Camp Quality 'Go Casual' fundraiser will also be held this day with students invited to wear clothing that reflects our PBL colours of Respect (green), Responsibility (orange) and Empathy (purple). Students are asked to contribute a gold coin donation with all proceeds going to Camp Quality who aim to 'create a better life for children living with cancer'.

With the installation of our new school projector in the hall, students are now eagerly working toward our next whole school reward of a movie night which should be reached early next term.

Mr Humphreys



Premier's Spelling Bee Challenge

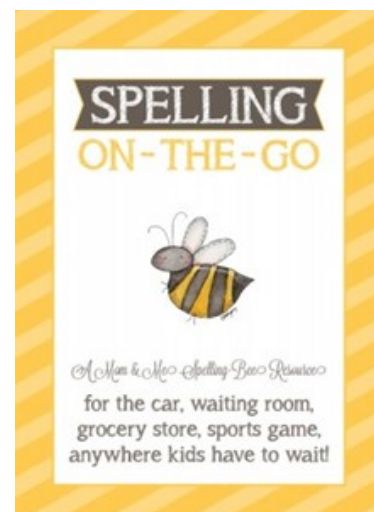


That exciting time of the year has arrived when spelling buffs will challenge their minds by participating in spelling bees. All classes from K- 6 will be involved in spelling quizzes and a show down for two class representatives to partake in the Murrumburrah School Spelling Bee on Friday 19 August. Four students will be chosen from Year 2 to 6 to represent the school at a regional spelling bee competition in mid-September.

By accessing the Premier's Spelling Bee competition site, you will be able to view the full version of junior (K- 4) and senior (5-6) spelling lists. The password is available to children and parents from teachers or the office. All words are derived from the Macquarie dictionary. However, simpler versions will be organised by class teachers for interested children.



Mrs Dodd



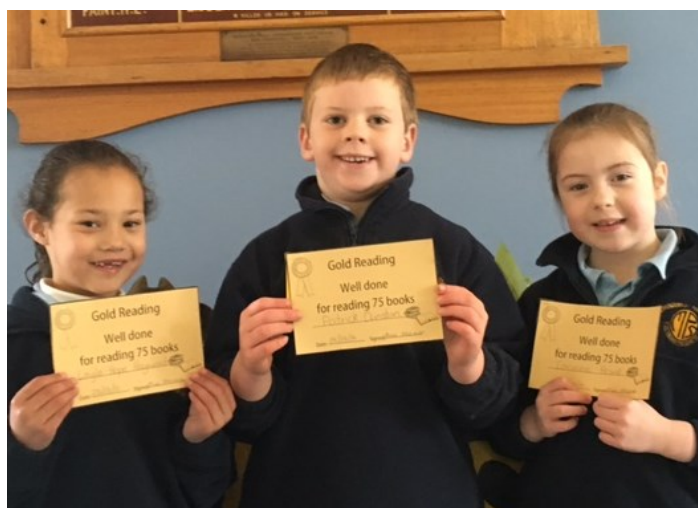
PSSA Soccer success continues

Last Wednesday the PSSA girls soccer knockout team travelled to Cootamundra to play Cootamundra Public School. The girls played exceptionally well with the score 1—0 at halftime. Ruby Woodhead, Hayley Carnell and Amelia Leitner-Ford all got a goal each and Chloe Wade scored twice, making the full time score 5—0. Samantha Emms did exceptionally well playing keeper all game, keeping Cootamundra scoreless. We will now move on to round 3 where we hope to be successful once again. Congratulations to all the girls who played, you should be proud of your efforts.

On 22 June the soccer boys went to Cootamundra to play Cootamundra Public School and we had a 1—all draw. Well done to Harry Bunt for the first goal to put us in the lead. Unfortunately, Cootamundra came back at us very strongly to even the score to 1—all. We played extra time with no result, and then it went to corners. The corners favoured us 6—0, which made us the winners. Good job to those boys who played. Hopefully we play well in round 3.

Reading Awards

Well done to our amazing home readers this week! Pictured are Layla-Hope Hayward, Patrick Dunstan, Corrine Howe, Nayte Kahaki, Sid Weston, Jazmin Drew, Oliver Bongiorno, Jacqlyn Rigg, Marko Djukic and Annie Coulton with their awards for this week.



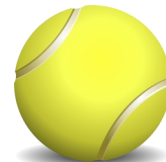
Congratulations Miss Pembroke

Miss Caroline Pembroke has been with us at MPS this term completing her internship with Miss Edwards. We congratulate Miss Pembroke on completing her internship and wish her well in the future.

Tennis Hot Shots

This is our final week of hot shots tennis. Students are to wear their hot shots tennis shirts this Thursday if they have one.

Miss Edwards



P&C News

\$500 Rebel Gift voucher Raffle

Today each family has received a raffle ticket book to sell which is the P&C major raffle for the year. We are giving you the tickets to sell over the holidays so you will have a bit more time to sell to family and friends. Please return tickets next term by Friday 5 August.

We are offering a \$100 Caltex gift voucher to the family that sells the most tickets. (more tickets at office)

Canteen

Thank you **Sarah Bunt** for being our canteen manager for term 2. We would also like to thank Peggy Hocking and Judy Nelder who have volunteered every Friday, Clare Challen who has volunteered most Wednesdays, Michelle Sargent and Tracey Stone for most Mondays and Jules Lenehan, Sandra Weston, Paula Phelan, Angla Leitner and Carmel Sommer for your contribution.

Treen Brooker
President



**WIN A \$500
Rebel Sports Gift Card**



Drawn Wednesday 10 August 2016

At the Trent Barrett Shield Day

**Winner will be contacted by phone*



Money raised will go towards new play equipment for MPS students

Holiday Program

Murrumbidgee OOSH are offering a school holiday program. Please see the accompanying information for details. Please note the mobile number contact for bookings:

0418 581 357

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INVITES YOU TO ROAD TO RIO**

TRIVIA NIGHT!

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23rd JULY**

Begins 6:30pm \$20/person

**MECHANICS
INSTITUTE**

Bring Basket Supper
Drinks At Bar Prices

Book Tables at Harden Pharmacy
Or kelly.martin-dye@hotmail.com

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'Learn to Live'



Year 4 enjoyed using the new projector in the hall during their assembly on Friday