



Term 3 Week 1

19 July 2016

Term 3 off to a great start

Dear families

I trust you have had an enjoyable winter break with your children and I welcome you back to school for another semester packed with wonderful learning opportunities. A term calendar is included with this newsletter to help you keep pace with all that is happening at MPS.

An enormous amount of progress was achieved at MPS during the break. The installation of the softfall under the fixed play equipment was completed despite the wet weather, Mr Howe and Mr Wade were able to re-surface the front path and the Uniform Shop has had a face lift too. Mr Brooker welded brackets to the steel posts at the front of the school, which will make flying our colour flags much easier. And for the first time, children in the Harden area have been able to enjoy the vacation care program offered by Murrumbidgee. I would like to extend a huge thank you and congratulate all involved for a job well done.

Professional Learning Day

Our School Learning Support Officers travelled to Wagga Wagga yesterday to update their skills in supporting students with behavioral needs. Teaching and administration staff remained at school. During the day Mrs Ford, Mr Humphreys, Mrs Dodd and myself ran professional learning sessions for all teaching staff.

We also finalised plans for upcoming learning opportunities such as NAIDOC celebrations, Peer Support, Education Week, Book Week, Twilight study sessions and SEAL program.

SEAL (Something Else Awesome to Learn)

This week, Years 2 to 6 students will select a learning activity they would like to take part in each Monday afternoon for the next four weeks. The range of activities will include Aboriginal Art with Mr Levett, Kids in the Kitchen with Mrs



Lenahan and Mr Schlesinger, Pottery with Mrs Corkhill and many more. Make sure you ask your child about this exciting enhancement program on offer at our school!

Book Week

Next week is Book Week and this years, theme is 'Australia! Story Country'. The books will arrive early in the week and students will view the books with their class and create their wish list. They will bring this list home to share with you and then these books will be available for purchase on Friday. We will also host our Book Week parade at 12.30pm on Friday 29 July.

Spelling Bee

We have included with this newsletter a book mark and list of Premier's Spelling Bee words in preparation for our very successful Spelling Bee which will be held in Week 5 this term.

From my desk

Clare Crawford
Principal



**Home learning
commences next Monday**

What's Happening

Event	Classes	Activity date	Cost	Notes / Money due
State Cross Country Carnival	Qualifying students	Friday 22 July		
Book Fair Week	All students	Monday 25 July to Friday 29 July		Students purchase books Friday 29/7
Book Week Parade Australia! Story Country	All students	Friday 29 July 12.30pm	Free	Come along and join us

Toys that look like weapons should be banned!

This was the controversial topic that our Year 6 students successfully debated against Cootamundra Public School at the end of last term. Their success was a result of team collaboration in arguing valid points for the affirmative side. Congratulations to Samantha Emms, Hayley Carnell, Ruby Woodhead and Chloe Wade!

Our Year 5 team debated Stockinbingal Public School on the topic, 'Parents should not give their children pocket money'. An issue of great interest of course! It was a very close contest with the adjudicator giving excellent feedback and letting them know that they just missed out. Again the cooperation among the team is a credit and an important life skill in our 21st Century. Great arguments team, Phoebe Lenahan, Jasmin Chesworth, Annie Brooker and Jayda Kelly!

The students, who organised, timed and chaired the debates, Molly Glover, Chloe Wade, Beau Abnett and Amelia Leitner-Ford were great ambassadors for the school too. The teams were very smart looking and beaming with school pride in the new school blazers.

Our last debate next term, in Week 3 will be at school with our teams debating each other.

Mary Dodd
Debating Coordinator



Good luck Charlie and Phoebe Lenahan at State Cross Country on Friday



Touch success

On the last Tuesday of term both the girls and boys touch teams took on EA Southee in the school touch knockout competition.

The boys started out strong with quick tries to Aiden Hill and Beau Abnett. EA Southee hit back with a late try in the half to make the score 6-1 at half time. The boys went on to win the match 7-1 with tries to Aiden Hill 2, Beau Abnett 2, Jack Sargent 2 and Harry Bunt 1. The boys have a bye next round which means they go straight to the Wagga knockout. Well done boys!

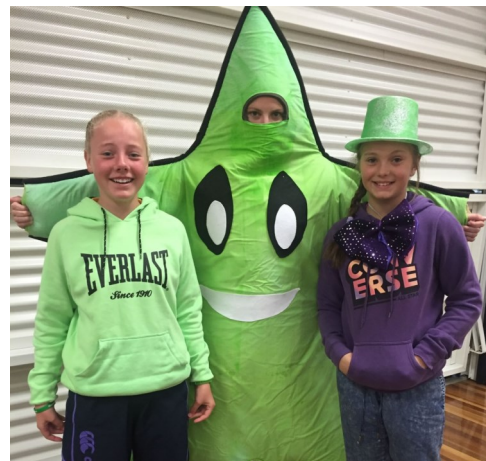
The girls showed that they could work as a team and defended really hard all game keeping EA Southee to nil. A try came late in the first half to the MPS girls with the score at 1 nil at half time. In the second half the girls passed the ball around with two more tries coming late in the second half. Great effort girls! All 3 tries went to Chloe Wade. The girls will take on Junee in the next round early this term.



Miss Menz



When we celebrated our PBL rewards day on the last day of Term 2, students were thrilled to meet our PBL mascots and swap classrooms for a day.



Great home reading

Congratulations Sophie Kirk on being presented with your Gold Reading Award at the end of last term. Keep up the fantastic reading!



**Please remember:
No nuts or nut products at
school**

**Murrumburrah
Public School
P&C Association Raffle**

**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

THE HARDEN EDUCATION FOUNDATION
INVITES YOU TO **ROAD TO RIO**

TRIVIA NIGHT!

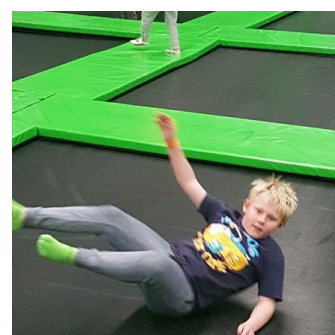
COME AS AN OLYMPIC COUNTRY OR SPORT

SATURDAY
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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Murrunyip Vacation Care

Murrunyip Vacation Care provided local children with some wonderful activities during the holidays. They included a trip to the movies to see 'Finding Dory', an excursion to Flip Out in Canberra and a visit to Chinaman's Dam. There was also plenty of other fun activities for children to enjoy over the two weeks.



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'Learn to Live'



Corinne enjoyed the body painting at Murrunyip Vacation Care