



Term 3 Week 10

19 September 2016

Responsible use of technology

The Internet is a part of day-to-day life for most of us and offers entertainment and learning opportunities we would have only dreamt of a decade ago. Sometimes however the lines can blur between behaviour that is appropriate and that which puts us at risk, particularly children and young adults.

We are renewing our focus at MPS to teach students about the responsibility they have each time they use a computer. They are to login using their own user name and password and not to share their password with others. They must also log-off to ensure others do not use their credentials. Students are taught to use the Internet responsibly and the Department of Education has firewalls to prevent students from accessing inappropriate material at school.

Interestingly, studies show that many parents don't always understand what their children are doing online, so here are some tips that you might find helpful. The Parent Line can also help you with the tools needed to talk openly with your child about cyber-safety. Parent Line is a parenting advice line, run by highly trained and experienced counsellors, their phone number is 1300 1300 52.

- Talk to your child about the consequences of inappropriate use of computers
- Monitor your child's online presence more easily by having the computer in the *living areas* of your home
- Give your child clear rules on what they can and can't do when using the internet and monitor text messages
- Never allow your child to meet up with new online friends without your supervision
- Remind your child that there are key pieces of information they should never share online, including addresses, photos and video footage.



The Big Red Bus will come to school next term to talk to students about cyber safety and there will be more information about this closer to their visit.

Talking of next term, thank you families for another great 10 weeks at MPS and I hope you enjoy a wonderful spring break. Term 4 is always flat-strap, so rest up...

From my desk

Clare Crawford
Principal



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Future Moves representatives talking to our Year 6 students last week

What's Happening

Event	Classes	Activity date	Cost	Notes / Money due
School Spec Muffin Day	All students	Thursday 22 September	\$2 each	
Kite Making Workshops	All students	POSTPONED	Free	
SRC Walkathon	All students	Friday 23 September	Free	
LAST DAY OF TERM 3	All students	FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER		
Staff and students return to school	All students	MONDAY 10 OCTOBER		

Success at Regional Spelling Bee

What an exceptional achievement! Emily Willett and I both travelled to South Wagga Public School to compete in the 2016 Regional Spelling Bee. Unfortunately Emily was eliminated in Round 2, with the word "vertebrae". But as Emily said, "The nerves hit me and I didn't want to compete anymore". I was eliminated in Round 4, getting stuck with the word "critique". I thought it was a bit of both, nerves and a mental blank with the QUE ending. Overall, we must have been exceptional spellers to make it this far!

Samantha Emms

Was it scary? Yes, you could say that! Tristan and I were very nervous once we saw how many people had made it away. There were 50 kids there with their parents. Tristan was eliminated on the second round on the word, 'bereft'. I was out on the sixth round on the word, 'truffle'.

Brody Steele

Congratulations to Samantha Emms, Emily Willett, Brody Steele and Tristan Steele in achieving representation at the Regional Spelling Bee.

Brody Steele achieved second place in the Stage 2 competition. Way to go Brody!

Mrs Dodd



Well done to our students who received home reading certificates this week: Hannah Guy, Brooke-Louise Douglas, Christopher Davis, Lily McGrath, Kendra Tobin, Angus Bosworth, Tayla Rowsell, Nayte Kahaki, Evie Giddings, Katelyn McMillan, Rianna Irving, Paddy Dunstan and Sophie Kirk. A great way to finish the term!

Exploring the world of microorganisms

Year 5 visited Murrumburrah High School last Tuesday to look at the wonderful world of microorganisms! Armed with some mouldy bread from one of our experiments, we were able to use the Science lab's microscopes and binocular scopes to see microorganisms up close and personal. Students looked at some onion skin, pond water and human cheek cells. We were privileged to have expert knowledge on hand from Mrs Young and former MHS Science teacher Mr Ray. It was a great experience to enhance our learning.



Peer Support

Last week was the last session in this module where the children spent time reflecting on what they have learned and how they can apply it to their everyday lives. Your help in asking your children what they have learned, will assist them in making the connection between Peer Support and everyday situations in which they find themselves.

Good luck to Samantha Emms who will play as the Riverina goalkeeper at the Football NSW Under 12's State Titles in the school holidays.

Riverina Athletics



Last Friday six students travelled to Albury to compete in the Riverina Athletics Carnival. Lola Martin ran in the Junior girls 800m race, and placed 7th out of 16. Samantha Emms competed in the Senior girls shot put, finishing 6th out of 16. Lily McKinley jumped in the Junior girls high jump, also finishing 6th out of 16. Chloe Wade ran in the 12 Years 100m and 200m sprints, placing 18th in the 100m. Chloe didn't wait to find out the results of her 200m. Ben Hambrook and Jack Sargent both competed in the 13 Years 100m sprint, with Jack placing 2nd and Ben 4th in their heats. Both boys made the final with Jack coming 3rd overall and Ben 6th. Jack (pictured above) is now off to state, well done Jack, we wish you good luck. Well done to everyone who competed, you did our school proud.

By Chloe Wade and Samantha Emms

School Spectacular Muffin Day Thursday 22 September

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER RETURN BY TUESDAY 20 SEPT

For catering purposes please return this order form and payment by Tuesday 20 September.

Name:.....

Class:.....

I would like to pre ordermuffins.

Enclosed is \$.....

Please stick this form to a lunch bag.

It will be delivered to your child's classroom at lunchtime. Please write on a lunch bag if you have more than one child.

Community News

Junior Soccer Presentations

Harden Soccer Club will be holding their presentation afternoon on Thursday 22 September at Roberts Park Murrumburrah commencing at 4.30pm. The Annual General Meeting will follow the presentations. All players and families are invited to attend the presentations and sausage sizzle.

Harden Kite Festival

15 October 2016 11am – 5pm



Featuring FREE live entertainment and FREE activities such as the Sibelco Stunt Jump, a rock climbing wall, face painting, balloon twisting and of course kite flying! Bring your own kite or buy one on the day – there's \$800 in prizes up for grabs! The Roccy FM roadshow will be live with lots of giveaways, interviews and requests. Browse the great range of interesting market stalls, join in on the amusements for the kids or simply sit in the shade and watch the fun. There will be a variety of tasty food and good coffee available, or feel free to bring your own picnic. Entry is by gold coin donation and this is an alcohol free event. Visit www.hardenkitefestival.org or Facebook for more details.

Junior Cricket Registrations

The Harden District Junior Cricket season starts on Saturday 22 October. Age groups are under 10's and 12 Years and under. Registration is \$50 per player which includes a cricket shirt. Online registration via Mycricket opens Monday 26 September. If you are unable to complete online registration please contact Karen Glover or Simon Squire-Wilson on 0438 862 093.

Junior Netball to recommence

Harden Junior Netball will recommence on Friday 14 October for boys and girls from Preschool age to Year 9, and will be held each Friday from 4.00pm to 5.15pm. To register call or text Penny Lucas 0413 603 747 or Treen Brooker 0411 045 630, email penny.k.lucas@gmail.com or message the Harden Junior Netball Facebook page. Names must be in by the end of term.

P&C News

CANTEEN MANAGER NEEDED

We are searching for a new canteen manager for 2017. Sarah Bunt has been our manager for some time, but will not be available next year as her child finishes at MPS. We are very open to suggestions and ideas for our canteen. Please call me on 0411 045 630.

We also need volunteers for canteen next term. Please volunteer if you can, someone will teach you how to do it if you haven't volunteered before. It is only 2 to 3 hours and all profits directly support our children. Please see the accompanying roster.

Treen Brooker
President



Murrumbidgee OOSH will again operate a school holiday program this holidays. All families have today received a copy of the program with details of daily activities. There are a great range of fun and educational activities for children to participate in, so please take a look. For more details or bookings call 0418 581 357.

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'Learn to Live'



Have you got your costume ready for the SRC Alphabet Walkathon this Friday?