



Reaching New Heights



The 2016 school year finished with a bang! We had a number of whole school assemblies, events and activities and the general feeling amongst the staff, students and community was that the level of student behaviour had reached new heights.

School welfare data has shown a significant reduction in the number of student referrals relating to high level or ongoing minor behaviours, and is again down from this time last year. This tells us two things. Firstly, it indicates that students are showing a higher level of respect for our school values and expectations. Secondly, and most pleasingly, it tells us that students are monitoring and adjusting their behaviour through positive choice making. Self-regulated students, what a powerful concept. We are certainly on the right path.

These successes can be very much attributed to a whole school shift in thinking about welfare. The incorporation of a weekly PBL behaviour focus coupled with consistent teacher feedback to reinforce these behaviours has had an enormous impact and continues to do so as we enter into the 2017 school year.

One of our biggest welfare initiatives is the school Start Up Program. The concept is to help staff and students get off on the right foot by reminding them of our core values and expectations.

This year students participated in a number of engaging and interactive activities throughout the first two days of school and were given the opportunity to demonstrate and share their learning at a number of small assemblies.

All students participated with the utmost respect and picked up right where they left off last year. MPS is poised for another huge PBL year!

From Clare's desk...

Brett Humphreys



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

EVENT	CLASSES	ACTIVITY DATE	COST	Notes / Money due
Gecko Sport	All	Thursday for PE	Free	
Swimming for Sport	All	Friday 24 February	Pool entry / \$1.50 bus	Overdue Bus to be paid on the day
School Photos	All	Wednesday 1 March	See form	28 Feb
District Swimming Carnival ~ Temora	Selected Students	NEW DATE ~ 23 February	\$4 PSSA levy	Overdue

News from the 1H classroom...

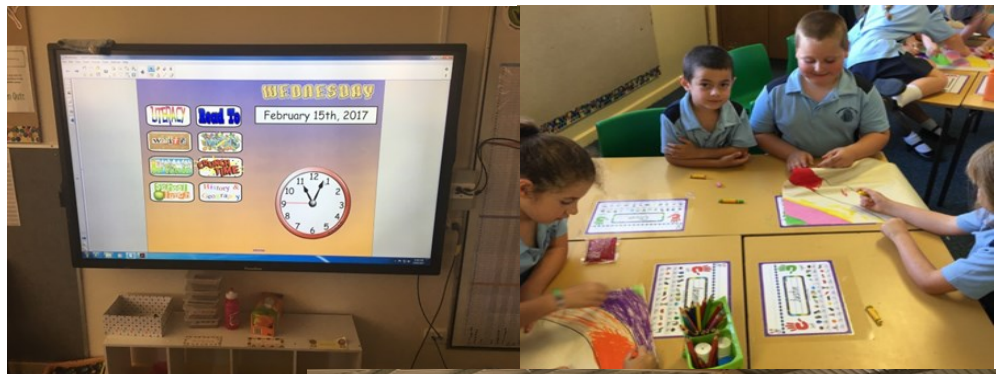
1H has had an extremely productive start to the term with plenty going on already. Students have been engaging in daily learning centre activities and are quickly adjusting to the independent learning opportunities available in year 1.

Our class was fortunate enough to receive our new interactive smart panel earlier than expected and we are absolutely loving all the amazing things we can use it for. Some examples are Class Dojo, daily visual timetables, calendar work, and learning centre must dos and can dos.

Gecko sports has been a huge hit with 1H. Coach Geoff has been helping us learn to throw, catch and field so we can develop the skills needed to play a range of sports.

Most of all we have enjoyed getting to know one another as we enter the new school year. We are well positioned to engage in some fun, engaging and interactive learning in 2017!

On behalf of all the students in 1H we'd like to thank all the parents, caregivers and friends for the support and care you have shown toward our class and the school already.



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Swimming Carnival Awards Assembly

CONGRATULATIONS

Swimming Carnival Champions

- Senior Boy ~ Aiden Hill
- Senior Girl ~ Annie Brooker
- Senior Girl Runner Up
Jasmin Chesworth & Taleah Manwaring
- 11 Years Boy ~ Angus Wohead
- 11 Years Boy Runner Up ~ John Drew
- 11 Years Girl ~ Phoebe Lenehan
- 11 Years Girl Runner Up ~ Lola Martin
- Junior Boy ~ Charlie Lenehan
- Junior Boy Runner Up ~ Jack Brooker
- Junior Girl ~ Brooke Emms
- Junior Girl Runner Up ~ Sybella Lenehan



WINNING HOUSE ~ MOKERA
Mokera House Captains
Bianca Burns & Jade Emms, proudly
holding the winning shield!



CARNIVAL RECORD
Jack Brooker broke the 50m
Freestyle record with a time of 43.69



ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS
Katie Brooker & Talai Vasquez



Well done Kindergarten students on completing your first Swimming Carnival

P&C News

Thank you to this weeks canteen volunteers

Monday 20 Feb

Nicki Danassis

Wednesday 22 Feb

Clare Challen + (volunteer needed)

Friday 24 Feb

Peggy Hocking & Judy Nelder

Monday 27 Feb

Michelle Sargent & Tracey Stone

Treen Brooker

President



Uniform Shop

Open **Thursdays** from **3.00pm to 5.00pm**, to assist you with all your uniform needs.



Before & After School Care

Please contact Kirsty on 0418 581 357 for bookings

Creative Work shop for Young People

Harden Murrumburrah Arts Council

We acknowledge the Hilltops Council

Small fee \$5.00 / Limited classes – 15 people

The Court House—2 Sessions

Juniors / Kindergarten to year 4 - 9am to Midday

Seniors - Year 5 & 6 & High School - 1pm to 4pm

Bookings — Michelle Kennett - 0429 862 066

Please bring drink & water bottle & snacks

Sunday 19 March 2017 - Ceramic 2 Glazing

General enquires please call Nina Horton 0413 266 300

Murrumburrah Public School Community News

Harden Murrumburrah Junior League Registrations 2017

Calling for all age groups for Mini, Mod & International League - Ages Under 6's to Under 15's.

Girls League Tag - Under 9's, 11's, 13's, & 15's.

We are holding an information & sign up afternoon on **Wednesday 22nd Feb** from 4 - 6pm at the Harden Country Club. New players will need to bring their birth certificate. You can pay on the day or organise to pay at a later date. Registration fee is \$65 and includes shorts, socks & insurance.

Find us on facebook - **Harden Murrumburrah Junior League** & click the link on the registration post. Alternatively contact Kai Steele 0428246881 or Karen Steele 0400415337 for more information.

Harden Soccer Registrations 2017

To register for the 2017 outdoor season, players or parents/carers need to go to the my football club website to register online. The address is www.myfootballclub.com.au

Our registration fee is again \$60.00 per player.

If registering for the first time a Birth Certificate will need to be cited by a committee member after registering online. The club looks forward to seeing many new and current players take the field this year.

Further information can be found on the Harden Soccer Club's Facebook page, or enquiries can be made to club president Greg Brown on 0408 229 450 or registrar Allison Manwaring on 0429 193 453.

Mobile Playgroup

Held at MPS every second Thursday afternoon 1.30—3pm. For more information, please contact the school.

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Voluntary School Contributions

Contributions gratefully accepted
\$30 per child or \$50 per family

