



Our vision is to ensure every child has a sense of belonging to our school and they are confident learners who reach their full potential. We are committed to delivering rich differentiated learning in a nurturing environment.

Preparing for Winter



As the colder weather approaches we are making preparations for the flu season. When teachers are sick we make every effort to replace them with a casual teacher who is able to continue the learning program as usual. However sometimes it is not possible to obtain a casual teacher and the class is split into groups to work with other classes for the day.

To help reduce the spread of germs, every classroom has access to water, a soap dispenser and paper towel and students are reminded to wash their hands during the day. For safety reasons we do not put soap in the toilets as the soap makes the floors very slippery and increases the risks of falls. Student desks, chairs hand rails etc are cleaned every day by our dedicated cleaning staff.

You can help too by reminding children to wash their hands regularly and by securing name tags to school jumpers, jackets and hats. When you do this we are easily able to return lost items to their rightful owner ready to wear the following day.

It is also this time of year that there is an increase in the number of students out of school uniform. Please support our school uniform policy. If you require assistance to obtain the correct clothing we can help you purchase pre-loved uniform items.

Special Public Speaking Assembly

"All speaking is public speaking whether it is one person or a thousand" Roger Love. And it is for this great reason we focus on speaking and listening skills from Kinder to Year 6. During our special Public Speaking assembly two selected students from each class will present their speech. It is important to remember that all students have prepared and presented a speech in class and have gained valuable skills in the process. I hope you are able to join us.

District Cross Country

MPS is hosting the district cross country at the showground on Friday, the P&C will be catering and this will be another great fundraiser, please contact Treen if you can help. Good luck to all our runners.

Information Session for new parents 2019

Please let friends and family know about the information session for prospective parents. Details are included in this newsletter.

From my desk...

Clare Crawford



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

EVENT	CLASSES	ACTIVITY DATE	COST	Notes / Money due
Deadly Australians School Visit	K- 6	Tuesday 29 May	Free	
ICAS Assessment	Participating students	Tuesday 29 May	Refer to note	Closed
Mortimer Shield	Years 5 & 6	Wednesday 30 May @ Young	\$10 if traveling via bus	Overdue
Public Speaking assembly	All welcome	Thursday 31 May 12.30pm in the hall	Free	
District Cross Country	Selected students	Friday 1 June Harden Murrumburrah showground	\$4	Overdue

YEAR 3 ASSEMBLY



Learn the SECRETS of the

DEADLY Australians

An Educational Awareness
Programme for your school!

Tomorrow the team from **Deadly Australians** is heading to MPS to host an educational programme to teach us about the dangers of venomous wildlife that inhabit our backyard, beaches and the bush. The programme uses both live and preserved exhibits with a 'hands on' session. We are looking forward to this experience!!

A day in the life of YEAR 4

It has been a busy and productive start to the term in year 4. Students are settled and focused on their learning in all areas as we approach the middle of the year.

In literacy this term we have been focussing on information reports. Students have been looking into how to structure this text as well as researching topics to create their own information reports on. Topics included lions, llamas and soccer, just to name a few. We have also commenced work on our focus text 'Stellaluna'. Students have been engaged with interesting vocabulary throughout the book, different ways it adds depth to the text as well as how they can utilise it in their own creations.

In mathematics we have been continuing our work on PRIME maths with an increased focus on multiplication and division. TOWN has also continued to be a staple in our class with the students enjoying the various activities as a lead in to the days learning. Table focuses have also been introduced with students exploring a different multiplication table every week. This week it is the 4 times tables.

History has been an engaging prospect this term with our topic being the nature of contact, focusing on the first contact between Aboriginal people and Europeans. Students have created timelines, maps and translations, all centred around our local area of Wiradjuri. And continue to explore the nature of contact.

Year 4 is full steam ahead this term with no signs of slowing down. Learning is at a high and we are looking forward to the remainder of the term.

Mr Jarrod Loiterton
Year 4





State Soccer Success

Congratulations to Bella Paulissen for being selected to play for Football NSW State Goalkeeper side.

Bella is currently training in Wagga every Friday. We look forward to hearing how she progresses. Well done Bella!

Welcome Mrs Katelyn Thornhill

This week we welcomed Mrs Katelyn Thornhill to our school. Mrs Thornhill is the Year 5 teacher and I am sure you will join me in making her feel welcome!



It has been an absolute pleasure to have joined the MPS community. Having recently relocated from Sydney with my husband, I am looking forward to getting to know the Harden-Murrumburrah way of life and sharing a little bit of my city upbringing with my new students.

I am passionate about extending my students and promoting their academic growth. I have a particular interest in teaching English, Mathematics and the Creative Arts, especially drama and music, and look forward to contributing to the school's Creative Arts programs. Thank you to the MPS community for your warm welcome. I am looking forward to the year ahead!

Katelyn Thornhill – Year 5

P&C News

From the Presidents Desk

We are looking forward to hosting the District Cross Country on Friday and I know that Treen is still looking for volunteers to help in the canteen, preparing and selling food. If you are able to assist in any way, it would be greatly appreciated.

I understand that the raffle tickets have gone home and selling is underway. I encourage you, your families and friends to buy a ticket or two and be in the running to win \$2,500! All money raised will be put towards our contribution to making our school great! There are a few capital projects set for funding next year and this money will be put towards getting these completed.

With the Athletics Carnival coming up on the 8th June, we are also looking for volunteers to assist for an hour or so in the canteen, please consider volunteering so that we can all have some time to watch our children participate.

Canteen ~ Thanks to this weeks volunteers

Monday 28 May— Nikki

Wed 30 May — Tamara Bell + volunteer needed

Friday 1 June — Carmel Sommer & Lou Muscat

Baking— Letitia Beal

Monday Special Lunch—4 June

Stuffed baked potato with mince, cheese and sour cream \$4.50

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INFORMATION EVENING FOR 2019 PROSPECTIVE PARENTS Wednesday 6 June | 6pm

Please join us to...

- chat with the principal about the opportunities awaiting your child
- meet our 2018 kinder teachers
- explore our kinder classrooms
- hear from our P&C president
- book a school tour

*Please use Derby St entry,
a senior student will greet you there.*



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'Learn to Live'



Well done to our home readers this week!