

School Excellence Achieved

As I mentioned in earlier newsletters, we underwent an external validation last Tuesday. The evidence we had compiled was presented to a panel of principals during a two hour meeting. I am very proud to say, our school has validated as excelling in the provision of Student Wellbeing and Management Practices and Processes. This is a wonderful acknowledgement of the team effort at MPS over the last few years. I would like to congratulate community members and all the staff who have contributed to this success through their commitment to on-going school improvement.

NAPLAN Children in Years 3 and 5 will be bringing home their NAPLAN results today. As you may have heard in the media, some children across the state completed the NAPLAN assessments online which has created a variation in results from school to school.

Overall we are very pleased with our schools results and if you wish to speak to us about the results, please do not hesitate to contact the school. It is important to remember that this is just one test, on one day and does not necessarily reflect your child's overall ability.

From my desk...

Clare Crawford

PBL Update

As we are coming into the pointy end of the year, it is a great time to look back and reflect, and what a year it has been for PBL at MPS. Earlier this year, MPS underwent the Benchmarks of Quality (BOQ) and School-wide Evaluation Tool (SET) assessments, as we do every year. I am proud to say for the third year running that we have achieved 100% in both assessments. This is a testament to the staff and students commitment to the PBL program.

Looking to school wide awards and achievements, our 'Long and Strong' awards are well on track with students recently participating in a movie night. Our next reward, 'Wet and Wild Day', is currently being worked towards with hopes it will be achieved towards mid-term 4.

This year also saw the induction of our PBL tour for new and arriving students. The tour acts as an induction method to communicate our school values, environment and expectations. Lastly, I would just like to thank all the staff and students at MPS for their dedication to upholding the PBL program and our school values. We are looking forward to the road ahead.

Jarrod Loiterton - PBL Coordinator





FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE for all students & guests after the assembly

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WHAT'S HAPPENING...

EVENT	CLASSES	ACTIVITY DATE	COST	Notes / Money due
All Stars Assembly	All welcome	Friday 21 September 12.30pm in the hall	Free	Free sausage sizzle for students and guests
Jeans for Genes Day	All students	Friday 28 September	Gold coin donation	
Footy Colours Day	All students	Friday 28 September	Gold coin donation	

Paddock to Plate at MHS

What a wonderful day at Paddock to Plate. Thank you Murrumburrah High School for having us!





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Term 3 has come and nearly gone, but in the midst of all this, year 4 have continued to produce quality learning. Students have been consistently thriving in various aspects of life at MPS and have continued to grow in key learning areas.

In literacy this term, year 4 have rekindled their love of narrative writing. We have delved deeper into the writing process and have utilised these skills in ongoing tasks. Students entered a cycle in week 1 which saw them create a story every two weeks. Time is dedicated every day to add to the story, edit, as well as writing conferences to iron out crucial techniques. We have seen improvements in writing structure, creativity, spelling as well as expressive reading when students share their pieces. Look out Aaron Blabey, year 4 is coming for you!

Speaking of Aaron Blabey, the mastermind behind the Pig the Pug series, year 4 have been focusing on several of his stories in an author focus we have undertaken throughout term 3. We have explored various themes throughout his books as well as the rich vocabulary. The stories have also been utilised to explore other literacy endeavours such as research tasks, persuasive and expressive writing, summarising and dialogue. Books we have engaged with include; The Pig the Pug series, Piranhas Don't Eat Bananas, Pearl Barley, Charlie Parsley and most recently, Don't Call Me Bear.

In numeracy, we have been consolidating our knowledge of various mathematical areas including addition, subtraction, multiplication, graphs, money and a particular focus on division. This has been achieved through our PRIME math books and our Taking off with Numeracy (TOWN) program. In preparation for this, we have been exploring some of the more difficult maths concepts such as fractions. Students are enjoying the challenge and continue to push themselves to learn all they can about various concepts.

Geography has seen the implementation of a unit centred on the great southern land, Australia. Together we have been exploring the states and territories, learning more and more crucial information about all the facets that make up our country. Students have been creating atlases full of facts and landmark profiles of all the states, gaining important knowledge along the way. Local knowledge if you will.

All students (and their teacher) are immensely excited for the upcoming All Stars assembly this Friday. The class has been tirelessly working to perfect our item so as to showcase the talent of our students. We look forward to seeing you there.

If the year so far is any indication, we are in for a productive, exciting and enjoyable term 4.

Jarrod Loiterton



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At our last meeting we heard from Clare following the external validation of MPS, we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all those involved, your dedication and passion towards education and our school is world class!

We have been lucky enough to secure a spot at the Kite Festival to showcase our school and sell our \$20 raffle tickets. We would love some volunteers to assist with this. We will be there from 10am; please let Carrie Giddings know if you are able to spare some time to assist! We will need two parents for each time slot.

We would like to see a really big community push in regards to this raffle. This is our only raffle this year and our aim is to raise \$10,000 which will go towards the upgrading of our STEM resources, so we keep relevant in today's world of science and technology.

Our Facebook Auction will also commence in week 2 of Term 4. Thanks to Carrie Giddings and Alison Guy for again stepping forward to run this!

The canteen has been running extremely well under the guidance of Nicki! The Term 4 roster is out and there are still a number of days that need to be filled, please can our class volunteers rally some parents from each of the classes to fill these spots!

Canteen

Monday 24 Sept— Nicki & Treen Brooker Wed 26 Sept — Nicki + VOLUNTEER NEEDED Friday 28 Sept — Carmel Sommer & Brianna Bramman Next weeks baking— Julie Dunstan

Special Monday Lunch—24 Sept

Noodle cups \$2.50

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P&C President





PREMIER'S SPELLING

BEE We are all very proud of the four students who competed in the Spelling Bee at Gundagai last week. We are extra proud of Malachi Whittington who was placed 4th in the regional final.

What is Cyber Bullying? Bullying is defined as the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. There

another person or group where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. There are lots of different ways that someone can experience bullying through the internet or cell phones. Some of them are really subtle, so it might be difficult to realize what is happening.



Text Messages

Sending abusive, nasty or threatening text messages to someone is a type of bullying. This could include sharing those texts with other people who might join in the bullying.

Sexting

Sexting is when someone takes a sexually explicit picture or video of themselves and then sends it to someone else. Sometimes people who are trying to bully someone may ask for these kinds of images so they can send them on to other people.

Email

Sending abusive emails is a type of bullying. Sometimes those emails might be shared with other people wha could join in the bullying. Sending computer viruses or hurtful videos and pictures by email is also online bullying.

Instant Messaging (IM) and Chat Rooms

Sometimes people might get nasty messages when they are using instant messaging or chat rooms. Sending those types of messages using someone else's account without their permission is also online bullying.

Online Gaming

Being abusive towards someone or harassing them on an online multi-player gaming site is also a kind of online bullying.

Abusing Personal Information

Sometimes people involved in bullying might post someone else's photos or personal information without that person's permission. This could include pretending to be someone else and writing fake comments or blogs.

Social Networking Sites

Social networks can be used in lots of different ways to bully someone. There are a number of different social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Tumbir, Instagram and many more. Children shouldn't have access to these sites as they are age-restricted, but many children do have profiles, sometimes without their parents being aware.



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