



WINTER IS ON ITS WAY



Dear families,

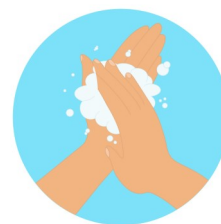
Following an extremely warm autumn, winter is finally on its way. Winter means flu season! Please keep your children at home during the contagious stage of the flu and remember to provide us with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. If you, or your emergency contacts, have a new phone number, please let us know so we can contact you if your child becomes unwell at school.

From time to time, teachers become unwell too and we make every effort to replace them with a casual teacher. However if this is not possible, students are provided with a personalised workbook prepared earlier by their teacher, and placed with other classes for the day.

During cold and wet weather we make every effort to keep the students warm and dry by keeping them indoors during the breaks. Please take advantage of our winter uniform range including our MPS jacket and help us uphold our school uniform code. It is important that your child understands go-home arrangements every day and especially if it is raining. Please use the designated

pick-up zone, as this is the safest place collect and drop off.

Every classroom is fitted with soap dispenser, water and paper towel to assist with regular hand washing. We avoid placing soap in the toilets as this creates a very slippery floor and can lead to falls and injury.



A healthy lunch box, rich in vitamins and minerals can also help to keep our kids fit and well. Fruit and vegetables are great for this and they don't need all that plastic packaging.

Congratulations students, staff and families for your participation and support of our whole school Public Speaking competition, held last Friday. I think you'll agree we are all incredibly proud of our little school.

From my desk...

Clare Crawford



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

EVENT	CLASSES	ACTIVITY DATE	COST	Notes / Money due
Genius Hour at MHS	Participating students	Tuesday 28 May 3.30—4.45pm	Free	
Mortimer Shield	Years 5&6	Wednesday 29 May at Young	Free	
District Cross Country	Selected students	Friday 31 May 9am @ Harden Showground	\$4 PSSA levy	
Athletics Assembly	All welcome	Friday 31 May 2.30pm in the hall	Free	
Information Session for 2020 Parents	All welcome	Wednesday 5 June @ 6pm—Kinder room	Free	

Cinderella & Rockerfella

and staff helping behind the scenes. Each year group will perform keys songs throughout the production so it looks like a great night, make sure you get your tickets when they come on sale mid-way through term 3. At this stage we are aiming for 3 shows, a Thursday for surrounding schools, Friday night and a Saturday matinée. Times and confirmed dates to be announced. Murrumburrah High school has kindly offered the use of their hall and some students to help with sound and lighting. *The Panto Team*

The stage is set and the cast has been chosen. Rehearsals have begun for the Pantomime Cinderella & Rockerfella. There is a buzz in the air as we get ready for MPS's production in September. We have unearthed some great voices and acting skills. There are 55 cast members, plus back stage roadies, not to mention all the students





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Alpacas with Maracas

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NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Wednesday 22 May 2019

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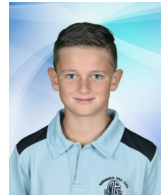
Last Wednesday, MPS joined over 1,085,587 children reading the same book at the same time across Australia for National Simultaneous Storytime. This year the book was *Alpacas with Maracas* written and illustrated by Matt Cosgrove. All our students enjoyed reading, watching various celebrities read, and participating in fun activities based on the book. It was a great success, and we can't wait to join the fun again next year! *Mrs Laura Prosser—Library*

NAPLAN

NAPLAN 2019 has come and gone, and it's been quite a busy process to be part of the team that oversaw the rollout of the digital platform in our school. Years 3 and 5 all sat their tests using computers except for the year 3 writing task. It is with great pride that I witnessed the MPS students who sat for these exams, display the most positive, calm and relaxed approach to this national test. With the introduction of the online NAPLAN, there were a few little glitches that made the days interesting, but the highlight was watching the calm approach of the children all eager to face the challenge with courage, happiness and positive faces that made NAPLAN just another day's work for our children. Well done children, parents and teachers for such a positive atmosphere created here at our school.

Information for parents from the NAP website NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. At the classroom level, it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress. Mrs Anna Glover—NAPLAN team

I found NAPLAN very enjoyable this year. There weren't too many dramas with the computers and everyone behaved themselves. Tuesday we did writing which had a very good writing prompt. Wednesday we did reading which I thought was okay. Then Thursday we did spelling and that was a lot of fun. Lastly, we did numeracy which was my favourite because maths is challenging and fun. At the start I was a bit anxious but as soon as I got stuck into it, it was fine. *By Isaac Brown*



Last Monday year 3 and 5 started NAPLAN, we did writing, spelling, reading and numeracy. We all sat at a desk so we couldn't see each others work. I felt nervous at first but I got used to it, once I knew what to do and follow the instructions. I liked writing the best. *By Katie Paulissen*



Public Speaking Assembly



Congratulations to the selected students who presented their speech at the Public Speaking assembly last Friday. Thank you to our adjudicators Mr Barry Wooldridge and students from Murrumburrah High School Maria Raptis and Abbey Wade. Rory Arabin & Isaac Brown (Stage 3) and Sybella Lenehan & Antonia Raptis (Stage 2) have progressed to the Regional Public Speaking Competition.

KD	Riley Murray Alec Weston
KC	Indey Sommer Jack Mahoney
1D	Darby Abnett Mikayla Howe
1S	Georgia Jones Lachlan Martin-Dye
2M	Zafir Alam Josh Guy
31	David Djukic Kendra Tobin
3/4L	Antonia Raptis Hannah Guy
4/5G	Sybella Lenehan Katie Brooker Isaac Brown
6F/B	Rory Arabin Amber-Jade Leggett



PSSA Rugby Union - Last Friday, 6 students from MPS travelled to Wagga for the PSSA Rugby Union trials. Congratulations to Charlie Lenehan who has been selected in the team. Jack Brooker has also been selected as a shadow player. They will head to Sydney in August for a 3 day carnival. Good luck!



Genius Hour at MHS

Tuesday 28 May & 4, 11 June at Murrumburrah High School for

Participating students, from

3.30pm—4.45pm



P&E News

Uniform Shop

Open every Monday morning
from 8.30—9am.

Cash & card available.

Want to know more about enrolling your child for 2020?

There are lots of things to consider when making this important decision

Murrumburrah Public School Information Session

Wednesday 5 June
at 6pm in the Kinder Room
(enter via Derby St)



View Kindergarten
learning spaces and
resources.

Hear from early
educators about the
best start for school.

Meet other parents.
Chat with the Principal.